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## Bucks fend off Trail Blazers

Portland falls one game back of final playoff spot in West

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PORTLAND — Khris Middleton scored 26 points, and the Milwaukee Bucks held off the Portland Trail Blazers for a 93-90 victory on Tuesday night.

Giannis Antetokounmpo added 22 points for the Bucks (35-35), who have won nine of 11 as they jostle for playoff position in the Eastern Conference. They are a half-game ahead of Miami for the seventh spot.



Milwaukee  
93



Portland  
90

Portland (32-38) had won three in a row and eight of 10. It dropped to a full game back of idle Denver for the final postseason berth in the West.

Damian Lillard led Portland with 31 points, and CJ McCollum added 21. Jusuf Nurkic had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Portland trailed by as many as 15 points in the third quarter, but closed to 70-68 early in the fourth on a pair of free throws from Allen Crabbe. McCollum's consecutive layups gave the Blazers an 88-85 lead with 3:46 left.

The Bucks retook the lead on Middleton's hook shot, and John Henson's putback made it 93-90 with 1:39 to go.

As the clock wound down, Lillard missed a 3-pointer and McCollum missed a layup. Middleton also missed on the other end.

Portland got the ball with 6.4 seconds left, but Lillard's 3-pointer at the buzzer bounced off the backboard.

Portland was coming off a 115-104 victory at Miami on Sunday. Lillard had a season-best 49 points with nine 3-pointers, which matched a franchise high. The win capped a 4-1 road trip.

Milwaukee was coming off a 117-92 loss at Golden State on Saturday.

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Portland Trail Blazers forward Noah Vonleh, right, shoots over Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland on Tuesday.

AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/Edyer

Prep Roundup

## Knights topple Rockets

Rice's big day leads Irrigon past Pilot Rock

East Oregonian

IRRIGON — For the second time this season, the Irrigon Knights and Pilot Rock Rockets met on the baseball field on Tuesday,

and for the second time the Knights came away victorious.

Irrigon got the bats going late and kept Pilot Rock's quiet as the Knights defended their home field with an 8-3 victory. Austin Rice had a solid day for the Knights (2-0) as he started the game on the mound and allowed just one unearned run and one hit with seven strikeouts over 3 innings, and then added a 1-for-3 day at the plate with one run and two RBI.

Pilot Rock (1-2) scored the first run of the game in the second inning, as Braydon Postma first reached base on an error and then scored from third on an error by the Irrigon catcher to put the Rockets up 1-0.

Then Rice tied the game for Irrigon in the bottom of the third with a two-out RBI single into left to bring home Lino Covarrubia (2-for-3, run, 2 RBI) to knot it at 1-1. Pilot Rock then again took a lead at 2-1 in the fourth as a balk by pitcher Johnny Philips brought in Logan Weinke.

In the bottom of the fourth Irrigon took the lead for good as it struck for three runs in the

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Baseball



Pilot Rock  
3



Irrigon  
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Women's College Basketball

## Warriors come up short in first-ever national title game

Hermiston's Edmiston caps freshman season

LCSC Athletics

BILLINGS, Mont. — Oklahoma City Stars did something no team has done all season against the Lewis-Clark State women's basketball team — shoot over 50 percent from the field.

The Stars defeated the Warriors 73-66 in the NAIA National Championship game shooting 52 percent from the floor.

The previous high this season the Warriors allowed was when Montana Western shot 48 percent back in early January.

Caelyn Orlandi ended the season with a career-high 13 assists to go along with 15 points. Lauren Johnson scored 13 points for the



Edmiston  
6 points, 6 reb.,  
11 minutes

NAIA DI



Oklahoma City  
73



Lewis-Clark  
66

only two Warriors in double figures. All eight players who entered the game scored at least two points.

Jansen Edmiston, a freshman from Hermiston, played 11 minutes and scored six points on 2-of-2 shooting from three-point range. She also had six rebounds (four on offense) and one steal.

LCSC ended the season with a school-record 35 wins and just two losses. The Stars win their ninth

title and improved to 34-2.

Johnson started the scoring of the night with three of her 13 points 20 seconds into the contest. The Stars would take the lead shortly after and extend it to 14-7. Orlandi made a jumper to kick-start an 8-0 run as the Warriors reclaimed the lead. Oklahoma City would answer in the next possession to retake the lead for good the rest of the way. The Stars ended the first quarter up 20-15 over the Warriors.

The Stars opened the second with a bang, a triple by Daniela Galindo for an 8-point Oklahoma City lead. Consecutive treys from Johnson and Orlandi brought the deficit back down to two points. But again after the Warriors closed in, the Stars would find separation heading to the locker room with a 38-29 halftime lead.

After Oklahoma City would increase their lead to double-digits,



Lewis-Clark State's Lauren Johnson (21) looks to pass against an Oklahoma City University defender in the NAIA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship on Wednesday in Billings, Mont.

Photo courtesy of Lewis-Clark State Athletics

the Warriors would respond right after. Trailing by 10 with 4:28 left in the third, LCSC went on a 9-3 run to close the score within four. Risinger scored five of the nine points. She ended with those five points on the night with six rebounds.

Trailing 59-53, Hailey Turner scored the first points of the fourth for the Warriors to trim the deficit to four. The Stars again grew their lead

by as much as eight points. With their backs to the wall, the Warriors made one last effort to overtake the Stars, but it wasn't enough.

Orlandi was named to the All-Championship First-Team with her performance throughout the tournament. The Warriors graduate four seniors, including Orlandi, Risinger, Litalien and Natahnee Spencer.

Sports shorts

### Former Bulls GM Krause dies

CHICAGO (AP) — Respected and reviled in his hometown, this much can't be argued when it comes to Jerry Krause: He helped take the Chicago Bulls to heights few teams have reached.

Krause, the general manager of the Bulls during a 1990s dynasty that included six NBA championships with Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen leading the way, has died. He was 77.

The Bulls confirmed his death on Tuesday. A Chicago native, Krause spent 18 seasons leading the Bulls' front office and was a two-time NBA executive of the year. He helped put together a year that ranks among the most successful in NBA history and made the franchise a worldwide brand.

"Jerry was one of the hardest working guys I have ever been around, and he was one of the best talent evaluators ever," chairman Jerry Reinsdorf said. "He truly was the architect of all our great teams in the '90s."



Krause

"I wouldn't be opposed to it, even at the expense to my own salary, but it's something that everyone would have to agree to."

— Steve Kerr

Golden State Warriors head coach on shortening the NBA season. The league is looking for ways to avoid situations like last week's Warriors-Spurs game where Kerr sat his stars to give them some rest during a grueling portion of the schedule.

### Brazil club signs goalkeeper convicted in girlfriend's death

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A Brazilian soccer club on Tuesday presented its newest member, a goalie convicted in the killing of an ex-girlfriend, prompting outrage from many nationwide and promises by sponsors to drop out.

Boa Esporte's contract for Bruno Fernandes de Souza ignored mounting criticism in recent days after the team expressed plans to sign the former star player.

Souza was recently released from prison while he appeals a 22-year sentence in the 2010 killing of a former girlfriend, Eliza Samudio. A Supreme Court justice ordered his release on the grounds that his appeal to a higher court was languishing.

At least five sponsors have said they'll drop the team in protest.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1932 — The blue lines are eliminated with the center red line used to determine offsides in an experiment by the NHL. With both teams out of playoff contention, the league tries it in the New York Americans' 8-6 victory over Boston.

1969 — West Chester State beats Western Carolina 65-39 to win the first-ever women's collegiate national championship. The game is played using the six player format.

1994 — The NFL announces the addition of the 2-point conversion, the league's first scoring change in 75 seasons.

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