

**BRIEFLY**

**Portland State's efforts were no match for Duke**

PORTLAND (AP)—No. 1 Duke pulled away for a 99-81 victory over the surprisingly tenacious Vikings on Thursday to open the Phil Knight Invitational.

Duke trailed by as many as eight points but took control midway through the second half when Wendell Carter Jr.'s dunk put the Blue Devils in front 67-62. They would go on to lead by as many as 21 points.

It was coach Mike Krzyzewski's 200th victory as coach of a No. 1-ranked team. He's 200-29 when the Blue Devils sit atop the poll.

Deontae North led the Vikings (4-1) with 24 points, including 20 in the first half, but fouled out with 8:39 left in the game.

It was the first time in program history that the Vikings had faced a top-ranked team. Portland State's last win over a ranked opponent was an 86-82 victory over then-No. 25 Portland in December 2009.

Portland State was coming off an 83-79 victory over Utah State at the Memorial Coliseum on Monday. The Vikings are playing the first season under coach Barret Peery.

The five-time NCAA champion Blue Devils were coming off a 92-63 victory over Furman on Monday night, and the Blue Devils (6-0) will face the winner of the Thursday game between Butler and Texas.



AP Photo/Troy Wayrynen  
**Oregon guard Payton Pritchard, center, drives between Connecticut forward Josh Carlton, left, and guard Jalen Adams, right, during the first half at the Phil Knight Invitational in Portland.**

**Men's College Basketball**

**UConn pulls away late to knock off Oregon**

By **TIM BOOTH**  
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Terry Larrier scored 18 points, Alterique Gilbert and Jalen Adams both added 16 points each, and Connecticut knocked off Oregon 71-63 in the opening round of the PK80 Invitational on Thursday night.

The Huskies (4-0) overcame an awful night of shooting to knock off the Ducks playing essentially a home game a couple hours north of their campus in Eugene. Most of the lower bowl at Moda Center was clad in green and yellow but went home disappointed at Oregon's first loss of the season.

The tight matchup saw 17 lead changes, the final one coming with 2:24 left when Antwoine Anderson cut baseline and dunked off a perfect pass from Gilbert to give the Huskies a 64-62 lead. UConn led 68-62 in the closing seconds and could finally celebrate the victory when Payton Pritchard missed a deep 3-pointer with 11 seconds left.

Pritchard led the Ducks (4-1) with 14 points, but Oregon missed all 10 of its 3-point attempts in the second half. Oregon was 5 of 24 overall on 3s.

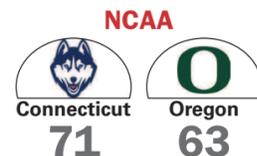
Oregon had 18 second-half points at the free-throw line and just 14 points on made baskets.

Paul White added 12 points for Oregon, but Elijah Brown, averaging 12 points per game, fouled out after scoring just five. White had a fantastic sequence with about 10 minutes to go, scoring a tough driving layup on one end to give Oregon a 51-48 lead then recovering on defense to swat the driving attempt of Gilbert. He added two free throws and Oregon led 53-48, its largest lead of the game.

But UConn outscored the Ducks 23-10 over the final eight minutes. A pair of free throws from Anderson put UConn up 60-58 with 4:10 remaining, but Mikyle McIntosh answered with a driving basket and added two free throws with 3:25 left to put the Ducks in front.

The lead didn't last long. Christian Vital hit a pair of free throws and Anderson's dunk gave UConn the lead for good. Anderson finished with 10 points.

**UP NEXT**  
Oregon: The Ducks will face either DePaul or Michigan State on Friday.



**North Carolina defeats Portland 102-78**

PORTLAND (AP) — No. 9 North Carolina had five players in double figures in overwhelming Portland 102-78 on Thursday to open the PK80 Invitational.

The Tar Heels (4-0) continued their offensive outburst to open the season, topping the century mark for the first time this season against the Pilots from the West Coast Conference.

Franklin Porter led the Pilots with 19 points and Marcus Shaver Jr. added 17, but the Pilots shot just 40 percent and lacked the offensive spark to keep up with the Tar Heels.

The Pilots (2-2) hung around through most of the first half before a late run by the Tar Heels gave them a 48-35 halftime lead. The Tar Heels have scored at least 45 points in the first half of every game this season. North Carolina quickly turned the game into the expected blowout in the opening moments of the second half, scoring the first 12 points of the half and hitting nine straight shots before finally missing.

It was a major upgrade in competition for the Pilots from anything they had seen or may see this season. Portland opened the season with a five-point loss to crosstown rival Portland State, then knocked off a pair of NAIA schools — Walla Walla and Oregon Tech — for its first two victories.

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good plays this season. However, Blackburn's success in the pocket will be disrupted if Hermiston can throw off the junior's timing.

He hasn't made many mistakes this season but Blackburn has thrown eight of Churchill's 12 interceptions with four of the eight coming in the postseason.

"We're going to have to contain an opponent passing offense game on defense, and we're going to have to compete against one of the tougher defensive fronts we've seen in awhile," Faaeteete said. "We've got to take care of the football, execute that game plan and contain their offense."

Hermiston's semifinal appearance highlighted what the defense is capable of against a high-powered, streaking offense.

"It just showed us that stats aren't a big deal," junior quarterback Andrew James said. "The stars, whatever you want to say, it's not a big deal. It's about you against the other guy right in front of you and who is going to be who."

In the semifinal game, Hermiston shined in the first half by scoring more points than Wilsonville has allowed in an entire game all season, and holding the Wildcats to a lone touchdown before the break.



Photo courtesy of Chase Allgood/The Oregonian  
**Hermiston's Dayshawn Neal celebrates during the Bulldogs' 35-27 win over Wilsonville in the 5A semifinal on Saturday in Hillsboro.**

James led the offensive efforts and the Bulldogs had another 300-plus yard performance. James, along with senior running back Jonathan Hinkle, will be essential in winning the first-down battle on both sides of the ball, something Faaeteete says is a key to a victory.

"Hold them to negative yards on first down or one or two and for us (on offense) it's capitalizing on two to three to five yards on first down and make our second down series easier," he said, "our third down series easier and taking care

of the football."

James has the third most passing yards for any quarterback in Class 5A during the playoffs (603) and has completed 36-of-60 passes in the postseason. James has thrown eight passing touchdowns to get to the finals with help from seniors Joey Gutierrez, who is good for three, and Dayshawn Neal, who has two touchdown receptions in the postseason.

Although James' arm is sharp, and getting sharper, the running game is where the Bulldogs offense truly excels. James, a

**GameDay Guide**

- Ticket booths and gates open at 10 a.m.
- Admission for adults will be \$10, and students with a valid student ID will be \$5
- No personal checks, American Express or Discover cards accepted. Cash, VISA/MasterCard is accepted.
- Can't make it to the game? Listen on AM 1360 KOHU or watch at NFHSNetwork.com

true dual-threat quarterback has racked up 217 of his 1,091 yards in the three games leading up to Saturday, and Hinkle continues to dominate, 504 yards on just 49 carries in the postseason.

"It's really just the guys around me," James said. "I do my part, I work hard. I work hard at practice, I worked hard all summer. But these guys around me (their hard work) shows ... you've got leaders everywhere and when you have that that's how you win and that's what we've been doing."

Kickoff is at 6 p.m. at Hillsboro Stadium.

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**SCOREBOARD**

**Local slate**

**PREP FOOTBALL**

**Saturday**  
No. 3 Hermiston vs. No. 4 Churchill (5A championship at Hillsboro Stadium), 6 p.m.

**COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Friday**  
EOU vs. Lewis-Clark State (at Caldwell, ID), 5 p.m.

**Saturday**  
EQU vs. Montana Western (at Caldwell, ID), 3 p.m.

**Prep Football**

**OSAA Playoffs**

**Friday's Games**

**6A Semifinals**  
No. 1 Lake Oswego (11-1) vs. No. 5 South Medford (11-1), 5 p.m. (at Hillsboro Stadium)

No. 2 Clackamas (12-0) vs. No. 6 Tigard (10-2), Noon (at Hillsboro Stadium)

**Saturday's Games**

**5A Championship**  
No. 3 Hermiston (10-2) vs. No. 4 Churchill (12-0) (at Hillsboro Stadium), 6 p.m.

**4A Championship**

No. 1 Cottage Grove (11-0) vs. No. 3 Marshfield (11-0) (at Hillsboro Stadium), 2:30 p.m.

**3A Championship**

No. 2 Santiam Christian (10-2) vs. No. 4 Cascade Christian (11-1) (at Cottage Grove HS), 4 p.m.

**2A Championship**

No. 2 Monroe (10-1) vs. No. 5 Santiam (11-1) (at Hillsboro Stadium), 11 a.m.

**1A Championship**

No. 2 Dufur (11-0) vs. No. 5 Hosanna Christian (11-1) (at Cottage Grove HS), Noon

**Football**

**NFL**

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

**East**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	2	0.800	290	203
Buffalo	5	5	0.500	208	250
Miami	4	6	0.400	157	254
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0.400	201	222

**South**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	7	3	0.700	245	141
Tennessee	4	4	0.600	222	253
Houston	6	6	0.400	267	262
Indianapolis	3	7	0.300	179	290

**North**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	2	0.800	227	165
Pittsburgh	5	5	0.500	213	171
Cincinnati	4	6	0.400	169	199
Cleveland	0	10	0.000	150	259

**West**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	4	0.600	262	220
L.A. Chargers	5	6	0.455	249	202
Oakland	4	6	0.400	204	247
Denver	3	7	0.300	183	259

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**East**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	1	0.900	320	188
Dallas	5	6	0.455	248	270
Washington	5	6	0.455	258	276
N.Y. Giants	2	10	0.182	172	267

**South**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	2	0.800	302	196
Carolina	7	3	0.700	213	180

Atlanta	6	4	0.600	231	210
Tampa Bay	4	6	0.400	203	228

**North**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	9	2	0.818	271	195
Detroit	6	5	0.545	294	264
Green Bay	5	5	0.500	204	230
Chicago	3	7	0.300	174	221

**West**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	7	3	0.700	303	186
Seattle	6	4	0.600	242	199
Arizona	4	6	0.400	176	254
San Francisco	1	9	0.100	174	260

**Week 12 Schedule**

**Thursday's Games**  
Minnesota 30, Detroit 23  
L.A. Chargers 28, Dallas 6  
Washington 20, N.Y. Giants 10

**Sunday's Games**

Tennessee at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.  
Carolina at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m.  
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.  
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 10 a.m.  
Miami at New England, 10 a.m.  
Buffalo at Kansas City, 10 a.m.  
Chicago at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.  
Seattle at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Arizona, 1:25 p.m.  
Denver at Oakland, 1:25 p.m.  
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 1:25 p.m.  
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 5:30 p.m.

**Monday's Game**

Houston at Baltimore, 5:30 p.m.

**NCAA**

**APT Top 25 Poll**  
**Week 14**  
1. Alabama (58) 11-01, 522 1  
2. Miami (3) 10-01, 433 2  
3. Oklahoma 10-11, 370 3  
4. Clemson 10-11, 355 4  
5. Wisconsin 11-01, 328 5  
6. Auburn 9-21, 203 6  
7. Georgia 10-11, 157 7  
8. Ohio State 9-21, 064 8  
9. Notre Dame 9-21, 023 9  
10. TCU 9-2, 906 11  
11. USC 10-2, 891 12  
12. Penn State 9-2, 888 13  
13. UCF 10-0, 833 14  
14. Washington State 9-2, 697 15  
15. Washington 9-2, 613 16  
16. Mississippi State 8-35, 173 17  
17. Memphis 9-1, 496 18  
18. Oklahoma State 8-34, 22 10  
19. LSU 8-3, 415 21  
20. Stanford 8-3, 407 20  
21. Michigan State 8-3, 366 22  
22. South Florida 9-1, 247 23  
23. Northwestern 8-3, 232 -  
24. Virginia Tech 8-3, 136 -  
25. Boise State 9-2, 96 -

Others receiving votes: Michigan 49, Iowa 16, South Carolina 30, NC State 9, San Diego St. 8, Wake Forest 7, Texas A&M 1, Fresno St. 1

**Top 25 Schedule**

**Thursday**  
Ole Miss 31, No. 14 Mississippi State 28  
No. 2 Miami at Pittsburgh, 9 a.m. (ABC)  
Baylor at No. 12 TCU, 9 a.m. (FS1)  
South Florida at No. 15 UCF, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

No. 25 Virginia Tech at Virginia, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

**Saturday**

No. 7 Georgia at Georgia Tech, 9 a.m. (ABC)  
No. 9 Ohio State at Michigan, 9 a.m. (FOX)

Kansas at No. 19 Oklahoma State, 9 a.m. (FS1)

East Carolina at No. 20 Memphis, 9 a.m. (ESPN)

No. 1 Alabama vs. No. 6 Auburn, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

No. 5 Wisconsin at Minnesota, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

No. 10 Penn State at Maryland, 12:30 p.m.

No. 23 Boise State at Fresno State, 12:30 p.m. (CBSN)

West Virginia at No. 4 Oklahoma, 12:45 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 16 Michigan State at Rutgers, 1 p.m. (FOX)

No. 22 Northwestern at Illinois, 1 p.m. (FS1)

No. 3 Clemson at No. 24 South Carolina, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Texas A&M at No. 18 LSU, 4:30 p.m.

No. 8 Notre Dame at No. 21 Stanford (ABC)

No. 13 Washington State at No. 17 Washington, 5 p.m. (FOX)

**Pac-12 Schedule**

**Friday**  
Cal at UCLA, 7:30 p.m. (FS1)

**Saturday**

Oregon State at Oregon, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)  
Arizona at Arizona State, 1:30 p.m.

No. 8 Notre Dame at No. 21 Stanford, 5 p.m. (ABC)

No. 13 Washington State at No. 17 Washington, 5 p.m. (FOX)

Colorado at Utah, 7 p.m. (FS1)

**Hockey**

**NHL**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	21	16	3	2	34	53
Toronto	23	14	8	1	29	61
Detroit	22	10	9	3	23	65
Boston	20	9	7	4	22	54
Ottawa	20	8	6	2	24	67
Montreal	23	8	12	3	19	54
Florida	21	8	11	2	18	63
Buffalo	22	5	13	4	14	52

**Metropolitan Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	22	14	7	1	29	63
New Jersey	21	12	5	4	28	69
N.Y. Islanders	21	12	7	2	26	77
Washington	23	11	10	1	25	67
Pittsburgh	23	11	9	3	25	61
N.Y. Rangers	22	11	9	2	24	72
Carolina	20	9	7	4	22	58
Philadelphia	22	8	9	5		