BURNS: Averaging 13.8 points per game in career as a four-year varsity starter

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three years.

Burns' freshman year in 2014-15 was her first as the starting point guard for the Knights and it was also Royer's first year at the helm of the program. That year, Irrigon finished 7-13 overall and Burns earned first team all-Columbia Basin Conference honors after she scored 258 points, an average of 12.9 per game.

following The again with Burns leading the team on the court and Royer calling plays from the sideline, the team added two wins to its total, ending 11-13 overall. This was Irrigon's final year competing in Class 2A and Burns output drastically increased and turned in 360 points as a sophomore, or 15 per game, once again earning herself first team all-Columbia Basin Conference honors and third team all-state honors.

And last season in Irrigon's first go in Class



Irrigon's Jada Burns shoots during Saturday's non-conference game against La Grande in Hermiston.

3A, Burns met the tougher night out. She scored 345 competition head on and kept producing night in and

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points, an average of 15.7 per game, and led the Knights

to a winning record (12-10) and was the only junior to earn first team all-Eastern Oregon League honors.

Burns has opened this season with 115 points so far, and is one pace to add at least 150 more to her total by season's end.

Her early success has been a catalyst for the team, which started the year undefeated before heading into Saturday's matchup. a 44-39 loss to the Tigers stained the Knights' record.

Burns' accomplishment wasn't overshadowed by the loss, but it was a hard pill to swallow. The defeat could have turned out to be another tally in the win column, but with Burns suffering from an illness this past week she was not at her best.

"I honestly think if Jada would have been healthy Saturday we might have had a shot at beating them because honestly, shouldn't have even played," Royer said.

But playing through pain

just comes with the territory. "You just have to say it's for the team and fight through it," Burns said. "I mean, it was hard to go out there and feel like you couldn't move and couldn't breathe but I did what was best for the team."

As an all-league shortstop in softball, the junior varsity quarterback and varsity backup as a senior, and an all-league volleyball player, Burns has spent many years on the court, on the field and in the dirt.

Each experience building on one another, giving Burns confidence and increasing her athletic ability and smarts.

"It just took a lot of confidence," Burns said on reaching the milestone. "You start at the beginning and you have to work your way up and you just realize you want to win and you'll do anything to win and if it wasn't for my teammates I definitely would never have gotten where I've gotten. We build as a team."

Burns' success elevated the level of play across the Knights' 11-player roster. Now, in her senior year instead of racking up the buckets she's looking more to dish out assists to her teammates than she has in the past, and still more often than not is leading the team in points after its all said and done.

"This year (Jada) has been a leader for us in assists and just getting us set up and handling pressure," Royer said. "We always look to Jada and as a coach, it's been really nice having someone like her as a point guard the past four years.

"I mean, she knows how to score," he added. "She's a good scoring threat, and she just knows basketball. She's a smart basketball player, and is going to have a good senior year too."

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PREP ROUNDUP: Weston-McEwen boys play at Moda Center, fall to Toledo the TigerScots came up

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into its Christmas break with a two-game win streak and feeling a whole lot better about the rest of the season than it did two weeks ago.

'It's nice to start jelling together and it's good to have kids excited again," Porter said. "They're finally starting to feel eachother out on the floor and it's a good way to go into Christmas break.' **UP NEXT**

Pendleton next hits the floor in the Les Schwab Holiday Oregon Hoopfest against Mountain View at Mountain View High on Dec. 28.

Wednesday
PHS 13 12 14 18 — 57
RP 12 13 11 2 — 41
PENDLETON — K. McGlothan 33, M.
Davies 14, J. Lemberger 6, C. Cooley 2, H.
Kile 2, S. Spriet 1, R. Gentner 1.
REX PEUTNAM — S. Rope 14, A. Paul 12,
M. Evans 7, M. Weimer 4, M. Provost 2,
M. Booth 2.
3-pointers — PHS 0. RP 2. Free throws —

PHS 13 20 9 18 — 60 SA 13 14 11 10 — 48 PENDLETON — K. McGlothan 23, M. Davies 12, J. Lemberger 11, H. Porter 7, R. Gentner 7.

SOUTH ALBANY — K. Mayhue 18, B. Barbee 10, A. Flores 6, A. Sadowsky 6, C. Angel 2, M. Maynard 2, V. Vargas 2, B. Mitchell 2.

3-pointers — PHS 2, SA 2. Free throws — PHS 20-32, SA 2-10. Fouls — PHS 13,

IMBLER 15 streaking Nixyaawii Eagles Now Pendleton heads continued to shut down their competition while putting big numbers on the board. Their 77-15 win was highlighted by 20-point performance

> Stewart, along with seniors Milan Schimmel and Kaitlynn Melton, led the team in its seventh straight win. Schimmel pitched in 12 points, and had a teambest nine assists and eight rebounds. Melton added 11 points of her own.

from senior Mary Stewart.

Imbler (2-5) had minimal success against Nixyaawii (7-0) on Wednesday night. After scoring only 13 points through the first three quarters, the Panthers only knocked down one field goal in the fourth quarter.

were efforts Their squashed thanks to a stellar defensive performance. Nixyaawii created turnovers, 15 of which were steals en route to the 60-plus point victory.

"(I'm) very pleased with our defense and unselfish play," Eagles head coach Jeremy Maddern said.



Photo courtesy of Brian Pickard

The Weston-McEwen TigerScots boys basketball team poses on the floor of Moda Center, home of the NBA's Portland TrailBlazers in Portland on Wednesday. The TigerScots played Toledo at Moda Center on Wednesday.

Nixyaawii hosts Umatilla on Friďay for a 6 p.m. tipoff before competing in the Boucnin' Cancer basketball event held at Helix High School.

. Patrick 2. 3-pointers — IHS 0. NCS 4. Free throws

— IHS 3-8, NCS 3-11. Fouls — IHS 8, NCS 9.

BOYS BASKETBALL TOLEDO WESTON-MCEWEN 36

- At Portland, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots got the chance to play like the pros on Wednesday afternoon, playing a non-league game against Toledo at Moda Center, the home of the Portland Trail Blazers. But when all was said and done,

short to Toledo 56-36. From the start, the

Boomers took control and jdumped to an early 17-8 lead after one quarter. It was a lead they would never relinquish as they claimed a 56-36 victory after 32 minutes of play.

Weston-McEwen (2-7) has struggled as of late, and were only to pick up one win during a six-game stretch. Senior Brett Speed continues as the TigerScots top performer and led the team with 18 points.

For Toledo (4-5), sophomore Conner Marchant finished with a game-best 21 points.

The TigerScots have a quick turnaround and will host Waitsburg (WA) on Thursday. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

NIXYAAWII IMBLER 36 — After a close two-point loss nearly two weeks ago, the Eagles have been doing nothing but winning and they continued their streak with a 59-36 victory over Imbler on Wednesday. Sophomore

Shimmel led Nixyaawii with 18 points, while sophomore Jayce Burnette was Imbler's top point getter with 10. It was one of the Eagles more physical

matchups, as the Panthers (1-6) brought their own toughness to the matchup. "It wasn't out cleanest game," Nixyaawii head

coach Shane Rivera said, 'but we won.'

UP NEXT

The doubleheaders will continue as the Eagles will also face the Umatilla Vikings on Friday.

 IHS
 6
 8
 14
 8
 — 36

 NCS
 18
 13
 11
 15
 — 59

 IMBLER
 — J. Burnette
 10, G. Slater 7, C
 Gorham 6, C. Goodman 5, R. Patterson 4,
 W. McDonald 4. W. McDonald 4.

NIXYAAWII — M. Schimmel 18, Q. Picard
11, D. Barkley 9, N. Enright 8, T. Burns 5,
Ma. Moses 2, W. Oatman 2.

3-pointers — IHS 2, NCS 3, Free throws

— IHS 2-5, NCS 13-21. Fouls — IHS 18,

Coaches can report scores by calling 541-966-0839 or emailing sports@eastoregonianc.om

LAZERS: Trailed by eight at halftime, used 17-4 run to take 64-61 lead in third remaining at 86-85 on a The Spurs withstood a Spurs: San Antonio points in three games against taken to Oregon Health an

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Lillard and C.J. McCollum struggled offensively, as the two combined to shoot 11 of 39. McCollum, who was 5 of 22, had 13 points.

San Antonio outrebounded Portland 53-38.

for good with five minutes

The Spurs took the lead

layup by Ginobili. But the win wasn't secure until the end. when McCollum's 3-point shot glanced off the rim as time expired.

San Antonio led 54-46 at halftime after a torrid first half from Aldridge and Gasol, who combined to shoot 15 of 20 from the floor.

3-pointer.

TIP-INS

attempted only one free throw in the first half. Neither team shot a free throw during the first quarter. ... Anderson (left MCL sprain) returned to action for the first time in nine games. Also back after missing two games was Danny Green (groin). ... Leonard averaged 28.3

bin lost control while driving down a steep road in South-Portland, plunging west Turner's swimming into pool Wednesday morning. Turner was home in bed at

taken to Oregon Health and Science University Medical the third quarter.

Trail Blazers: Friday at

Local slate PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday Mac-Hi at Riverside, 5:30 p.m. Stanfield at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m. Waitsburg (WA) at Weston-McEwen,

7:00 p.m. Klickitat (WA) at Helix, 3:30 p.m. Horizon Christian at Echo, 5:30 p.m. Condon/Wheeler at Bickleton (WA), 3:30

Umatilla at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 7:30 p.m. Condon/Wheeler vs. TBD (at Helix), TBD Helix vs. TBD, TBD

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday McLoughlin at Riverside, 4:00 p.m. Stanfield at Irrigon, 6:00 p.m. Condon/Wheeler at Griswold, 2:00 p.m. **Friday** Hermiston at West Valley (WA), 5:45 p.m.

Umatilla at Nixyaawii, 6:00 p.m. Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 6:00 p.m. Klickitat (WA) at Condon/Wheeler, 2:00

PREP WRESTLING Thursday

Echo at Tim Fine Memorial Tournament (at Oakridge HS)
Pendleton at Cleveland Duals, 10 a.m. Hermiston at Best of The West (Pasco,

Hermiston at Best of the West (Pasco,

Saturday

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Thursday EOU at Idaho, 5 p.m. MST

Prep Scores Boys Basketball Wednesday
Mapleton vs. Yoncalla, ccd.
Portland Adventist 83, Colton 58
South Medford 58, Hillsboro 40

Taft 70, Culver 53 Toledo 56, Weston-McEwen 36 Bandon Dunes Tournament
Glide 42, Scio 15
Myrtle Point 52, Camas Valley 40
Santiam 48, Bandon 36

Battle of the Bluegrass
West Linn 71, Miami Palmetto, Fla. 69
Bill Gabel Invitational
Westview 51, Sheldon 42
Capitol City Classic Clackamas 83, Crook County 24 Corvallis 50. Stayton 45 Lincoln 62, North Salem 37 Mesa Red Mountain, Ariz. 61, Springfield

Skyview, Wash. 46, Wilsonville 45, OT Emerald Cup Grants Pass 59, Lebanon 54, OT Willamette 75, Roosevelt 73 Lakeside Holiday Classic

North Medford 58, Wilson 55 South Albany Rebel Basketball Classic Marist 58, Jefferson 39 North Eugene 60, South Albany 59 Thurston 71, Benson 57 Tarkanian Classic Del Sol, Nev. 42, Canby 37

Price, Calif. 67, La Salle 58 Girls Basketball

Wednesday Amity 59, Warrenton 55 Culver 45, Taft 29 Culver 45, laft 29 Mapleton vs. Yoncalla, ccd. Oakland 51, Western Mennonite 45 Pendleton 57, Putnam 41 Portland Adventist 52, Colton 48 Sunset 70, Reynolds 29 **Bandon Dunes Tournament**

Bandon Dunes tournament
Bonanza 44, Santiam 27
Myrtle Point 38, Camas Valley 23
Rogue Valley Adventist 48, Alsea 25
Emerald Cup
Lebanon 44, Grants Pass 37
Sprague 45, Willamette 36

Mike Tournament of Champions
La Salle 51, St. Mary's, N.Y. 46
Salem Academy 61, Avondale Westview,

Tarkanian classic Springfield 48, Democracy Prep, Nev. 4

Basketball

NBA

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11	21 .344	61/2
7	24 .226	10
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L Pct GB 6 .806 —

Pacific Division

Golden State

rough stretch during the third quarter, when Nurkic scored 11 points during a 17-4 run that gave the Blazers a 64-61 lead. But the Spurs recovered, grabbing a 74-72 lead after three quarters on Kyle Anderson's buzzer-beating

Portland last season.

the time. The driver was

Spurs: Thursday at Utah.

SCOREBOARD

11 18 .379 12½ 11 18 .379 12½ 11 20 .355 13½ 11 21 .344 14 18 .379 121/2 L.A. Clippers L.A. Lakers Sacramento Phoenix

Wednesday's Games
Toronto 129, Charlotte 111
Indiana 105, Atlanta 95
Miami 90, Boston 89
Sacramento 104, Brooklyn 99
Chicago 112, Orlando 94
L.A. Lakers 122, Houston 116
Oklaboma City 107 Litah 79 L.A. Lakers 122, Houston 116 Oklahoma City 107, Utah 79 Dallas 110, Detroit 93 Minnesota 112, Denver 104 San Antonio 93, Portland 91 L.A. Clippers 108, Phoenix 95 Golden State 97, Memphis 84

Thursday's Games Chicago at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Boston at New York, 5 p.m.
Memphis at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA Men's College Basketball

. Wednesday's Games No. 4 Duke 104, Evansville 40 No. 10 West Virginia 77, Coppin State 38 No. 10 West Virginia 7, Coppin State No. 23 Seton Hall 89, Wagner 68 No. 18 Baylor 80, Southern 60 No. 21 Tennessee 66, Furman 61 No. 25 Creighton 116, SC Upstate 62 Wofford 79, No. 5 North Carolina 75

Southern Miss at No. 24 Flordia State, 11 a.m.
Tennessee St at No. 16 Purdue, 3 p.m. Long Beach St at No. 2 Michigan State, Cleveland State at No. 20 Cincinnati, 4 Buffalo at No. 8 Texas A&M, 6 p.m. UConn at No. 18 Arizona, 6 p.m. (ESPN No. 12 Gonzaga at San Diego State, 7 p.m. (CBSSN)

Thursday's Games

Wednesday's Games Utah 84, Northwestern State 62 Oregon 96, Cent. Arkansas 82 Kansas State 68, Washington St. 65 Thursday's Games
Oregon State at Kent State, 4 p.m.
Portland State at Cal, 8 p.m. (PAC12)

No. 14 Kansas at Stanford, 8 p.m.

Women's College Basketball Top 25 Wednesday's Games No. 2 Notre Dame 91, Marquette 85, OT No. 3 Louisville 62, Air Force 50 No. 5 Miss. State 103, UNLV 63 No. 11 UCLA 67, Fordham 30

No. 19 Texas A&M 103, Hawaii 59
No. 20 Villanova 76, La Salle 49
No. 15 Maryland 115, Coppin State 49
No. 17 Oregon State 61, UC Davis 47
No. 22 South Florida 93, Dayton 87, OT Thursday's Games No. 24 Cal at Kentucky, 9 a.m. No. 19 Texas A&M at No. 10 Oregon

Delaware State at No. 23 Michigan, 12:30 p.m.
Syracuse at No. 5 Miss St., 2:30 p.m.
No. 4 South Carolina at Temple, 4 p.m.
Morehead State at No. 9 West Virginia,

Wyoming at No. 14 Duke, 4 p.m. wyorning at no. 14 Duke, 4 p.m. No. 13 FSU at Creighton, 4 p.m. Drake at No. 25 Iowa, 5 p.m. Michigan State at No. 22 USF, 5:30 p.m. No. 7 Tennessee at No. 18 Stanford, 6 p.m. (PAC12)

Pac-12
Wednesday's Games
Oregon State 61, UC Davis 47
UCLA 67, Fordham 30
USC 71, UT Rio Grande Valley 64
Arizona 76, Southern Utah 74, 2OT
Washington 84, Seattle 76, OT
Thursday's Games Thursday's Games
Oral Roberts at Utah, 12 p.m.
Arkansas at Arizona State, 1 p.m. (PAC12)

Hockey

Fulton at Colorado, 6 p.m.

FASTERN CONFERENCE

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for

Wednesday's Games Columbus 4, Toronto 2 Philadelphia 4, Detroit 3

Trail Blazers: A semitruck hauling a large trash

Center with serious injuries. McCollum missed his first 11 shots before finally hitting a 12-footer midway through UP NEXT

home against Denver.

Atlanta at New Orleans, 10 a.m.

Atlanta at New Orleans, 10 a.m. Denver at Washington, 10 a.m. Tampa Bay at Carolina, 10 a.m. Miami at Kansas City, 10 a.m. L.A. Rams at Tennessee, 10 a.m. L.A. Chargers at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m. Detroit at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.

Buffalo at New England, 10 a.m. Buffalo at New England, 10 a.m. Jacksonville at San Francisco, 1:0 N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 1:25 p.m. Seattle at Dallas, 1:25 p.m. Monday's Games

Pittsburgh at Houston, 1:30 p.m. Oakland at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Gasparilla Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Temple (6-6) vs. FIU (8-4), 5 p.m. (ESPN)
FRIDAY

Nassau Ohio (8-4) vs. UAB (8-4), 9:30 a.m. (ESPN) Famous Idaho Potato Bowl

Central Michigan (8-4) vs. Wyoming (7-5),

Ski Report

OREGON
Anthony Lakes — Plan to Open 12/23
Hoodoo — Plan to Open 12/22
Mt Bachelor — Wed 5:40 am 11 new
powder machine groomed 40-50 base 20
of 101 trails 1000 acres, 5 of 11 lifts, 20%
open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
Mt Hood Meadows — Wed 5:10 am 13
new powder machine groomed 34-50 base
35 of 87 trails 7 of 12 lifts, 40% open, Mor
Tue: 9a-4p Wed-Fri: 9a-9p Sat/Sun: 9a-9p
Timberline — Tue 7:13 pm packed
powder 30-30 base 5 of 9 lifts, 56% open
Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p
WASHINGTON
49 Degrees North — Wed 5:18 am 7

NCAA Bowl Schedule WEDNESDAY

Frisco (Texas) Bowl Louisiana Tech 51, SMU 10 THURSDAY

Bahamas Bowl

1 p.m. (ESPN)

OREGON

Outdoors

, 1:05 p.m

Calgary 2, St. Louis 1 Thursday's Games Columbus at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 4 p.m. Anaheim at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m. Winnipeg at Boston, 4 p.m. Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m. Ottawa at lampa Bay, 4:30 p.m. Carolina at Nashville, 5 p.m. Chicago at Dallas, 5:30 p.m. St. Louis at Edmonton, 6 p.m. Colorado at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m. Vancouver at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

Calgary 2, St. Louis 1

Football

Oakland

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Saturday's games Indianapolis at Baltimore, 1:30 p.m. Minnesota at Green Bay, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games Cleveland at Chicago, 10 a.m.

Week 16

WASHINGTON
49 Degrees North — Wed 5:18 am 7
new machine groomed 28-57 base 32 of
82 trails 3 of 7 lifts, 39% open, Mon-Fri:
9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p
Crystal Mountain — Tue 7:00 pm powder machine groomed 24-47 base 19 of 57
trails 4 of 11 lifts, 33% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-49
Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Holidays Select Weekends:
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Loup Loup Ski Bowl — Plan to Open 12/22

Mission Ridge — Tue 6:55 pm machine groomed 6-18 base 5 of 43 trails 3 of 6 lifts, 12% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Mt Baker — Wed 5:10 am 22 new powder machine groomed 100-115 base 37 of 38 trails 980 acres, 8 of 8 lifts, 97% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p

Mt Spokane — Wed 7:00 am 12 new powder machine groomed 16-40 base 50 of 51 trails 5 of 5 lifts, 98% open, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p Dec 22,23 27-30: 9a-9:30p Dec 24-26: 9a-4p JDec 31: 9a-4p

Stevens Pass — Wed 10:49 am 12 new packed powder machine groomed 52-71 base 39 of 52 trails 10 of 10 lifts, 75% open, Mon-Thu: 9a-4p Fri: 9a-10p Sat: 9a-10p Sun: 9a-6p