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## Prep Roundup

### McGlothan helps Bucks win second straight

Pendleton senior forward scores double-double in win over Putnam

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MILWAUKIE — Pendleton senior Kalan McGlothan scored a season-high 33 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and recorded five steals to lead her Buckaroos to a 57-41 road victory over the Rex Putnam Kingsmen on Wednesday afternoon.

#### Girls Basketball



Pendleton  
57



Rex Putnam  
41

It's the second consecutive win for the Buckaroos (3-5), who are fresh off of a 60-48 win over South Albany one night ago where McGlothan again led the team with 23 points and 18 rebounds. After missing the first four games with a hamstring injury, McGlothan and fellow senior post Maureen Davies has made Pendleton a tough team to guard inside. Davies netted 14 points, four rebounds, three blocks against Putnam and had 12 points and nine rebounds against South Albany.

"It's no secret our strength comes from our post play," Pendleton coach Kevin Porter said.

Against the Kingsmen (1-5) Pendleton's defense turned up their play when they needed it the most to help earn the win. At the end of the third quarter with the Bucks and Kingsmen tied at 39-39, Porter recalled telling the team "you got eight minutes left, we're better than them so you just have to go out there and out-work them," and the team listened well. The Buckaroos defense held the Kingsmen to a mere two points in the final quarter and tallied 22 steals on the game.

And while McGlothan and Davies got the headlines, Porter emphasized the importance of other players' contributions outside of the scoring department. Rylee Gentner had just one point, but grabbed six rebounds, had two steals and two assists, Hallie Porter did not score though she led the team with seven assists with four steals, and Jaiden Lemberger had six points with five steals and three assists.

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## IRRIGON

# The greatest Knight



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Jada Burns concentrates before launching a free throw during Saturday's non-conference game against La Grande in Hermiston. In the game Burns became the first Irrigon girl's player to reach the 1,000 career points milestone.

## Burns the first Irrigon girl to reach 1,000 career points

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ  
East Oregonian

IRRIGON — During Irrigon girls basketball head coach Mike Royer's extensive career, he has coached only a handful of players who reached the 1,000-point milestone — all of whom, until Saturday, where from his years at Hermiston.

There's a certain kind of

player how can accomplish this feat, Royer explained.

"It takes just consistency and you don't see that very often," he said.

It also takes years on the court at the varsity level to aid in the process. All of which are components of Irrigon senior Jada Burns' game.

The three-sport star athlete recently became the first Knight

in the girls basketball program to notch 1,000 career points, and for Burns it was just like any other game.

"I was just wanting to win and it happened," Burns said of Saturday's game against La Grande, where her 10-point performance helped eclipse a career milestone that she had been working towards the past

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"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."

— Jada Burns



San Antonio Spurs guard Dejounte Murray drives to the basket past Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard during the first half of Wednesday's game in Portland.

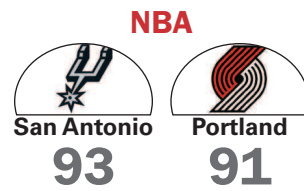
## Pro Basketball

### Aldridge helps Spurs take down Trail Blazers

By NICK DASCHIEL  
Associated Press

PORTLAND — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 22 points, Pau Gasol had 20 points and a season-high 17 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Portland Trail Blazers 93-91 on Wednesday night.

Aldridge hit 10 of 17 shots against his former team. Gasol and Aldridge



each scored 16 points during the first half to help the Spurs (22-10) win their third consecutive game.

The short-handed Spurs were without Kawhi Leonard

and Tony Parker. Both were rested as part of San Antonio's injury management program, as this was the first game of a back-to-back for the Spurs. Leonard and Parker are recovering from quadriceps injuries.

Patty Mills and Manu Ginobili came off the bench to score 10 points apiece for San Antonio.

Portland, coming off a 3-2 road trip, lost its fifth

consecutive home game. The Blazers (16-15) are the only NBA team with a winning overall record but a losing mark at home.

Damian Lillard led Portland with 17 points, while Jusuf Nurkic had 15. Evan Turner and Shabazz Napier scored 14 each for the Blazers.

Portland's backcourt of

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## Sports shorts

### Mariners bolster bullpen, sign RHP Nicasio to 2-year deal

SEATTLE (AP) — The Mariners have signed reliever Juan Nicasio to a two-year contract, giving Seattle another hard-throwing arm out of its bullpen.

Seattle announced the signing on Tuesday after Nicasio completed a physical. The deal was agreed upon during the winter meetings last week in Florida. Seattle's 40-man roster is now at 39.

Nicasio, 31, spent the 2017 season with three teams in the National League, posting a 2.61 ERA in 76 appearances. The appearances were a career high and tied for the most in the NL. The right-hander spent most of the season with Pittsburgh before stints with Philadelphia (two games) and St. Louis (nine games). He was 2-0 with a 1.64 ERA and four saves in his nine appearances with the Cardinals.



Nicasio

"I had zero pressure. All I worried about was the ball getting on the tee and me making the right contact with it. I do my job. I know the snapper and my holder do their jobs. They do those jobs very well, and I trust them."

— K-Lani Nava

The Strawn School (Texas) senior kicker made history by becoming the first female to score points in a University Interscholastic League (UIL) state championship game with nine extra points on Wednesday at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium. Strawn won the Class 1A Division II Six-Man title 78-42 over Balmorhea.

### Gulich's double-double helps No. 17 Beavers beat UC Davis

CORVALLIS (AP) — Marie Gulich had a double-double and No. 17 Oregon State used an 11-2 run in the third quarter to defeat UC Davis 61-47 on Wednesday night, the Beavers' sixth straight win.

Gulich had 12 points and 12 rebounds plus four assists and two blocks. Mikayla Pivec led the Beavers (9-2) with 14 points with nine rebounds and Taya Corosdale added 12 points.

Morgan Bertsch led the Aggies (9-2), who lost their second straight, with 20 points but that was on 8-of-23 shooting.

Oregon State led 34-30 at the half and opened the third quarter with a Corosdale 3-pointer. After a Bertsch basket the Beavers put together the key run with Pivec scoring four points. When Taylor Kalmer hit a 3-pointer, OSU led 48-34.

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2008 — Detroit becomes the first 0-15 team when it's routed 42-7 by the New Orleans Saints. The Lions also break NFL records by being outscored by a combined 176 points at home and by an average of 22 points.

2010 — The No. 1-ranked Connecticut women's basketball team tops the 88-game winning streak by John Wooden's UCLA men's team from 1971-74, beating No. 22 Florida State 93-62. Maya Moore has a double-double with a career-high 41 points and 10 rebounds and Bria Hartley adds 21 points for the Huskies, who hold the record for the longest winning streak in all of college basketball history.

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