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Prep Basketball

Eight teams set to begin playoff journey

Class 3A-1A playoffs get going this weekend

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Last year, the Umatilla boys basketball team put together a dream season as the Vikings captured both the regular-season and district championships in the Eastern Oregon League. It earned the Vikings a home first round playoff game and big dreams about a playoff run.



However, that run ended earlier than the Vikings wanted. Umatilla drew the No. 8 seed and hosted No. 9 Horizon Christian — a matchup the Vikings were frustrated with since Horizon Christian finished the regular season No. 6 in the OSAA rankings — and the Hawks handed the Vikings a 66-40 defeat.

As luck would have it, the two teams are set to face off in the first round again this season, except in a different gym. The No. 12 Vikings are the road team this time, traveling to No. 5 Horizon Christian looking to return an upset to the Hawks.

The Hawks (18-8 overall) are fresh off of a 61-55 victory over No. 2 Dayton in the West Valley League championship and have won four straight. The Hawks returns 6-foot-7 center Anthony Sprauer, who put up a game-high 28 points against the Vikings in the previous meeting, as well as 6-foot-1 guard Travis Schiele who went for 10 points last year.

The Vikings (20-6) won the Eastern Oregon League regular-season championship, but most recently lost a heart-breaker to Irrigon in the district title game. It could be the final go around for seniors Kaden Webb and Seth Cranston, who have helped transform the Vikings program in recent years.

Tipoff is scheduled for 4 p.m. in Tualatin.

NO. 9 CATLIN GABEL AT NO. 8 IRRIGON — On Saturday afternoon, the Irrigon Knights will start their second postseason in Class 3A as the Catlin Gabel Eagles in the first round of the 2018 playoffs.

The Eagles (22-5) finished third in the Lewis & Clark League behind No. 1 De La Salle North Catholic and No. 10 Oregon Episcopal. Catlin Gabel played a tough preseason schedule, including No. 6 Cascade Christian (won 55-48) and Class 2A No. 2 Columbia Christian (lost 52-49).

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HERMISTON



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston junior Alice Todryk is one of two girls on the school's wrestling team. On Saturday, at the OSAA State Wrestling Tournament, she was the only Bulldog to finish first and bring home a state championship. Todryk defeated Samantha Dara of Grant Pass to win the girls 100-pound exhibition class.

Alice in Wrestle-land

Hermiston's Alice Todryk part of the growing rate of girl participation in wrestling

By **ALEXIS MANSANAREZ**
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — Before Hermiston's Alice Todryk and Samantha Dara of Grant Pass faced off in the girls 100-pound championship wrestling match at the OSAA State Championships in Portland on Saturday, the two talked, joked and warmed up together.

They had previously met on the Oregon prep wrestling scene, which Todryk has now been a part of for two years, and quickly became friends. The pair wrestled each other just a month prior in the girls state qualifying tournament, where Todryk beat Dara in the second round by fall in the first period of their bout.

"You really don't have to be that strong or that athletic to be a wrestler. Wrestling is for everyone. You can be tall and lanky or you can be short like me. Wrestling is just a sport that everyone can do."

— **Alice Todryk**
Hermiston junior wrestler

So, at the state tournament Dara gave Todryk somewhat of a warning before their rematch.

"You're not going to get me in a cradle," Todryk recalls Dara saying.

But just 3:38 minutes into the match, Todryk put Dara in a cradle for a pin to cap of her junior season as Oregon's 100-pound state champion.

The match, however, was an exhibition event overseen by the Oregon Wrestling Association and not the OSAA, as girls wrestling on its own was not yet sanctioned by the OSAA.

Despite the formalities, Todryk was the only Bulldog who made the trip to Portland that stood atop the podium, which was hard to believe

at first.

"Once we got to the awards podium I was pretty excited but during the match I was like, 'Is this real?,' Todryk thought at the time. "It didn't seem (real), everything was just all happening at once and it was all kind of a blur."

The blur of a bout made Todryk the second-winningest female wrestler of any weight class in the entire state. Her 22-6 record was behind Hood River Valley 135-pound junior Elena Kroll, who finished the season 36-11.

"I was really happy," Todryk said of her championship season. "Everyone has kind of been doubting me this year and not giving me as much respect as I need and See **WRESTLING/3B**

Men's College Basketball

No. 14 Arizona beats Oregon State 75-65 in OT

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Deandre Ayton had 19 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks, and No. 14 Arizona, minus one of its star players, beat Oregon State 75-65 in overtime on Thursday night.

Rawle Alkins added clutch scoring with 16 points and eight rebounds, and Dusan Ristic had 14 points for the Wildcats (22-6, 12-3 Pac-12), who were without guard Allonzo Trier.

Trier was declared ineligible by the NCAA after a trace amount of a banned substance was found during a late January drug screening, according to a university statement released Thursday.

Alkins made two free throws with 14 seconds left to send the game

into overtime, and then made two 3-pointers as part of a 10-0 surge that put the Wildcats up 73-64 with 1:11 left in the extra period.

Ethan Thompson had 20 points and eight rebounds for the Beavers (13-14, 5-10). Tres Tinkle added 14 points, six rebounds and six assists.

Oregon State didn't attempt a free throw in the first half, but shot 14 for 17 from the line for the rest of the game.

Arizona went on an 11-0 run, fueled by six points from Ristic, to go ahead 27-15 with 7:15 left in the first half. Oregon State went more than six minutes without scoring.

The Wildcats went to the break up 37-29.

The Beavers responded after

See **PAC-12/2B**



Oregon State's Drew Eubanks (12) shoots over Arizona's Dusan Ristic in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Corvallis on Thursday.

AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzales

Sports shorts

Pendleton's Bower selected to play in Les Schwab Tires Bowl

PENDLETON — Nick Bower and Shaw Jerome have played football together since middle school, and this June they will get one more chance to play on the same football field together.



Bower

Bower, a senior at Pendleton High, was selected this week to participate in the 71st annual Les Schwab Tires Bowl this summer. The game features the top Class 6A and 5A football senior stars from across the state, which are split into North and South teams to battle for bragging rights.

The game is set to kick off at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 16th, at Hillsboro Stadium.

Bower, a quarterback, joins his friend Jerome on the roster, who was selected last week for the game.

"My hands were shaking, but my body was doing everything I'd trained to do. I can't believe I am the champion."

— **Alina Zagitova**

The 15-year-old Russian figure skater said after a rare tie in the free skate earned her the top spot, and an eventual gold medal after beating teammate Evgenia Medvedeva in the short program.

Seahawks QB Russell Wilson to join Yankees' camp Monday

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson is set to join the New York Yankees' spring training camp on Monday. The Yankees acquired the one-time minor league infielder from the Texas Rangers on Feb. 7 for future considerations.



Wilson

Wilson will spend a few days with the Yankees but won't play in any games. He was assigned No. 73; his football jersey is No. 3, long retired by the Yankees for Babe Ruth.

Wilson was selected by the Colorado Rockies in the fourth round of the 2010 amateur draft, and was acquired by Texas in the minor league phase of the 2013 winter meeting draft.

He participated in Rangers' spring training workouts in 2014 and '15

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1939 — Lou Thesz beats Everett Marshall in St Louis, to win National Boxing Association world heavyweight title for second time.

1968 — Wilt Chamberlain becomes 1st NBAer to score 25,000 points.

1986 — Mary Beth Zimmerman wins LPGA Standard Register/Samaritan Golf Classic.

1988 — Chicago gives Cubs right to install lights and play up to 18 night games

1993 — Sacramento Gold Miners admitted as CFL's 9th franchise, the first U.S. team.

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