

Men's College Basketball

No. 1 Virginia edges Louisville on Hunter's buzzer-beater

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — De'Andre Hunter's 3-point shot as time expired gave No. 1 Virginia a 67-66 victory over Louisville on Thursday night in a wild finish that made the Cavaliers the first Atlantic Coast Conference team to go 9-0 on the road in league play.

Needing everything to overcome an energized Cardinals squad desperate for a statement victory, the Cavaliers (27-2, 16-1) tied the game at 58 with 2 minutes left and overcame another five-point deficit in the final minute. Louisville led 66-64 and tried to inbound with .9 seconds left, but Virginia got the ball after Deng Adel was called for traveling on the baseline.

After a timeout, Hunter got the ball and sank a long 3 that banked in at the horn, sparking



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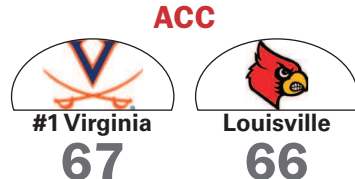
Teammates swarm Virginia guard De'Andre Hunter (12) following his winning three-point basket over Louisville in an NCAA college basketball game on Thursday in Louisville, Ky.

a wild dog pile of Cavaliers celebrating in front of Louisville bench.

Ty Jerome scored 21 points while Devon Hall and Kyle Guy each had 10 and Hunter seven as Virginia became the first ACC

team with perfect road league record since Duke (8-0) in the 2011-12 season.

Adel had 18 points for Louisville (19-11, 9-8). **BIG PICTURE** Virginia: The Cavaliers didn't



flinch or fade despite trailing, and stuck with their game plan until getting a final chance that went through. Shooting 56 percent in the second half helped along with holding Louisville to 36 percent after halftime. They also outrebounded the Cardinals 34-27.

Louisville: Facing a tall order against a Cavaliers squad that had beaten them five straight times, the Cardinals had their chances to seal it but missed free throws late before Adel's turnover gave Virginia a final chance. With it went a golden opportunity to get the signature win they needed, one that they let slip away.

PREPS: No. 5 Nixyaawii falls to No. 4 Triad

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NO. 4 TRIAD 40, NO. 5 NIXYAAWII 38 — In the Class 1A quarterfinals, No. 4 Triad hit a buzzer-beater to keep its run at a title alive while sending the No. 5 Nixyaawii Golden Eagles into the consolation bracket.

The lay up at the buzzer by the Timberwolves (22-6) ended a close 32 minutes of play.

At halftime, the game was tied, 18-18, and by the end of third quarter, Triad was up 28-25.

The Golden Eagles (24-4) still had a lot of fight left and with two minutes on the clock, knotted the score up once again at 36 points apiece. But Triad's late efforts were enough to send the Timberwolves through to face No. 1 Pacific in the semifinals.

Nixyaawii will play No. 9 Hosanna Christian in the consolation semifinals. Tipoff is at 8 a.m.

PLAYOFF PREVIEW: Pendleton, Hermiston boys on the road to face top-three seeds

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to the finals in 2016, and are looking for their first taste at the playoffs since then.

Silverton has held its opponents to as many as 52 points and as few as seven throughout its 21 wins.

The Bulldogs have finally found their rhythm late in the season, winning 10 of their last 12 games including four consecutive wins that was capped off by a 67-40 play-in victory over St. Helens.

Hermiston was booted out of the playoffs last year by a narrow 46-45 loss to Bend.

Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

After winning the Columbia River Conference for the first time in four years, the Hermiston Bulldogs were essentially waiting to see who they would host for Round 1 of the 5A OSAA playoffs.

More often than not, the winners of each conference

will get home-court advantage unless that team falls outside of the top 16, which is what happened to Hermiston when the brackets were released Wednesday.

So now, the No. 15 seeded Bulldogs (12-11 overall) hit the road to face No. 2 Crater at 6 p.m. Friday.

The Comets (23-1) are nearly perfect on the season with their lone loss nearly two months behind them. Crater opened league play on Jan. 5 with against Springfield,

where the Millers handed the Comets a 19-point loss, 64-45.

Of Craters 23 wins, only four have been decided by less than 10 points.

Hermiston enters the matchup on a five-game win streak — its longest of the season.

NO. 14 PENDLETON AT NO. 3 THURSTON — On Saturday, No. 14 Pendleton will play for its ticket into the quarterfinals. After

the Buckaroos' 60-39 victory over Putnam in a play-in game Wednesday, they just have to get through the next 32 minutes.

That's the message head coach Kyle Tedder is sharing with his team in preparation for their postseason run.

"Our guys have been there, they know what it takes, they know what it feels like to be there and now it's a matter of making it happen," Tedder said after Wednesday's game. "The

end goal is to get to the tournament because anything can happen once you're, and I think we're good enough to beat any team."

The Buckaroos (15-10 overall) will have their work cut out for them against the No. 3 Thurston Colts.

Their roster has the experience of six seniors, who are looking for redemption after getting bumped out of the playoffs with a Round 1 loss to Wilsonville last year.

Tipoff is slated for 7 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate	Boys OSAA Playoffs	NBA	NCAA Women's Basketball	NCAA Men's Basketball	Pac-12 Tournament	Hockey	Baseball
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Friday No. 5 Nixyaawii vs. No. 9 Hosanna Christian (1A Consolation, at Baker), 8 a.m. No. 8 Irrigon vs. No. 5 Horizon Christian (3A consolation, at North Bend), 9 a.m. No. 15 Hermiston at No. 2 Crater (5A first round), 6 p.m. Saturday No. 14 Pendleton at No. 3 Thurston, 7 p.m.	Friday No. 8 Heppner vs. No. 4 Grant Union (2A consolation, at Pendleton), 9 a.m. No. 2 Nixyaawii vs. No. 3 Powder Valley (1A semifinals, at Baker), 1:45 p.m. No. 9 Crescent Valley at No. 8 Pendleton (5A first round), 6 p.m. No. 12 Hermiston at No. 5 Silverton (5A first round), 6 p.m.	No. 6 St. Paul 39, No. 3 Oakland 36 No. 2 Monroe 74, No. 7 Gold Beach 31 Class 1A Tournament (at Baker City) Consolation Bracket No. 9 Joseph 54, No. 12 Jordan Valley 32 No. 11 Hosanna Christian 33, No. 10 Damascus Christian 28	Friday's Games Wisconsin vs. No. 2 Michigan St, 9 a.m. Penn St vs. No. 13 Ohio St, 3:30 p.m. No. 17 URI at Davidson, 5 p.m. (CBSSN) Rutgers vs. No. 8 Purdue, 5:55 p.m.	Thursday's Games L.A. Lakers 131, Miami 113 Philadelphia 108, Cleveland 97 Sacramento 116, Brooklyn 111, OT Portland 108, Minnesota 99	Thursday's Games No. 9 Colorado 66, No. 8 Utah 58 No. 12 Washington 71, No. 5 Cal 68 No. 7 USC 47, No. 10 Washington St. 44 No. 6 Arizona St. 76, No. 11 Arizona 47 Friday's Games No. 1 Oregon vs. No. 9 Colorado, 11:30 a.m. No. 2 Stanford vs. No. 7 USC, 6 p.m. No. 3 Oregon St vs. Arizona St, 8:30 p.m. No. 4 UCLA vs. No. 12 Washington, 2 p.m.	Friday's Games San Jose 7, Chicago 2 Los Angeles 5, Columbus 2 Friday's Games Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m. New Jersey at Carolina, 4:30 p.m. Buffalo at Florida, 4:30 p.m. Detroit at Winnipeg, 5 p.m. Minnesota at Colorado, 6 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Calgary, 6 p.m. Ottawa at Vegas, 7 p.m. Nashville at Vancouver, 7 p.m. Columbus at Anaheim, 7 p.m.	

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