



Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins gets sacked by Washington linebacker Ryan Bowman during the first half of the Rose Bowl NCAA college football game on Tuesday in Pasadena, Calif.

Buckeyes top Huskies

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PASADENA, Calif. — Dwayne Haskins passed for 251 yards and three touchdowns, and Urban Meyer finished his coaching career at Ohio State with a 28-23 victory after the Buckeyes held off Washington’s thrilling fourth-quarter comeback in the 105th Rose Bowl on Tuesday.

Parris Campbell, Johnnie Dixon and Rashod Berry caught TD passes in the first half for the fifth-ranked Buckeyes (13-1), who took a 25-point lead into the fourth.

But Myles Gaskin threw a touchdown pass and rushed for two more scores for the No. 9 Huskies (10-4), scoring from 2 yards out with 42 seconds left.

The Buckeyes intercepted Jake Browning’s pass on the 2-point conversion attempt and then recovered the Huskies’ onside kick to wrap up the final game of Meyer’s seven-year tenure.

“I’m a very blessed man,” Meyer said. “I’m blessed because of my family, (but) this team, this year, I love this group



Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer watches during warm ups before the Rose Bowl NCAA college football game against Washington on Tuesday in Pasadena, Calif.

as much as any I’ve ever had.”

The 54-year-old coach is walking away after going 83-9 at Ohio State with one national championship, three Big Ten titles and this Rose Bowl victory, the Buckeyes’ eighth overall in the Granddaddy of Them All.

Meyer cited his health last month in his decision to step

down. A cyst in Meyer’s brain causes severe headaches that are even worse in a high-stress job.

After this nail-biting finish in Pasadena, it’s easy to see why anyone might need a break from the madness of college football.

And after Southern California’s epic win over Penn State and Georgia’s double-overtime thriller over Oklahoma over the

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past two years in Pasadena, the Rose Bowl got another matchup full of late-game fireworks.

Browning passed for 313 yards and Gaskin rushed for 121 in the final game of the four-year starters’ landmark careers at Washington, which has lost three straight New Year’s Day bowl games.

But after three poor offensive quarters, the Pac-12 champions made it awfully interesting late. The Huskies racked up 266 yards of offense in the fourth, but they had fallen too far behind in their first Rose Bowl game appearance in 18 years.

Coach Chris Petersen dropped to 1-4 in bowls during his otherwise remarkable tenure at Washington, including

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AuCoin, Americans cash in on New Year’s Eve

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

Traditions are fun, and on New Year’s Eve the Tri-City Americans and Spokane Chiefs know how to throw a party.

For the 29th consecutive year, the teams put on a show at Toyota Center, with Parker AuCoin scoring two short-handed goals, and adding an assist, to lead the Americans to a 6-1 victory over the Chiefs.

Tri-City goalie Beck Warm finished with 21 saves for his 18th win of the season.

“This is the most packed I have seen this building, and we put on a show for the fans,” AuCoin said. “They are our biggest rival, and we really brought it.”

The Americans lead the series 18-9-0-1 with one tie.

The holiday game was the first for coach Kelly Buchberger.

“It’s exciting for everybody,” he said. “It’s New Year’s Eve, the fans are jacked and they are feeling it. They were our seventh man, and they helped us tonight. It’s a big win for us.”

The Americans wasted no time in taking control of the game, scoring three times in the first period.

On a line change, Connor Bouchard flew off the Tri-City bench, went after Spokane’s Mike Layman and knocked the puck free. Bouchard fed the puck out front to Paycen Bjorklund, who scored his first goal of the season



Tri-City’s Parker AuCoin celebrates one of his two short-handed goals on Monday night against Spokane. The Americans beat the Chiefs 6-1.

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PENDLETON

Newsom has record day as Bucks top Ridgeview

Senior sinks nine 3-pointers for school record

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Senior Tyler Newsom poured in a career-high 44 points — including a school record nine 3-pointers — to lead Pendleton to an 82-63 win Saturday over Ridgeview on the final day of the Summit Holiday Tournament.

“Today, they played with confidence and shot the ball well,” Bucks coach Zach Dong said. “I was pretty proud of the guys.”

Newsom scored 17 points in the first quarter for Pendleton (6-4), then added 15 in the second.

“He did most of his damage in the first half,” Dong said. “He was real hot. They didn’t have an answer for him. The basket was an ocean for him.”

Ryan Sams had the single-game 3-point record for the Bucks with eight before Newsom’s record performance.

Cooper Roberts added 12 points and Kason Broncheau 11 for the Bucks, who will host La Grande on Jan. 8.

Pendleton will open Inter-mountain Conference play Jan. 11 at Hood River Valley.

Girls

HOCKINSON (Wash.) 52, PENDLETON 40 — The Bucks (3-8) closed out their weekend at the Summit Holiday Tournament with a loss to the Hawks (5-4).

We did not play our best when we were down here,” Pendleton coach Kevin Porter said. “We were missing our starting point guard (Muriel Hoisington) the whole tournament, which doesn’t help much and throws the chemistry off.”

The Bucks led by eight at the half, but struggled in the third quarter.

“These games matter to build our foundation for league,” Porter said.

Natalie Neveau had 10 points and six rebounds for the Bucks, while Katie Bradt had 12 rebounds.

“The positives are, the girls never gave in and they never quit trying,” Porter said. “We play for 32 minutes and we play hard. As long as you can walk off the court and not have any regrets, we have done our job.”

Jasmine Shigeno had 27 points for Hockinson on a school record nine 3-pointers.

Trail Blazers beat Kings in OT

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Damian Lillard shook off a sluggish night shooting to score five of his 25 points in overtime, and the Portland Trail Blazers rallied after blowing a 14-point halftime lead to beat the Sacramento Kings 113-108 on Tuesday night.

Jusuf Nurkic had 24 points

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