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COLLEGE HOOPS



Oregon State guard Ethan Thompson, left, fights for control of a rebound with Colorado guard Tyler Bey in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game on Thursday in Boulder, Colo.

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BEAVERS PULL AWAY LATE TO BEAT COLORADO, 76-74

By MICHAEL KELLY
Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Oregon State was dominated down low in the first half. The Beavers turned it around in the second half and came away with a big road win.

Oregon State attacked the basket after a fiery halftime talk, hitting eight layups and a dunk in a 76-74 win over Colorado on Thursday night. The Beavers were out-scored in the paint 26-16 in the first 20 minutes but had a 22-12 advantage after halftime.

“We were pretty upset at halftime when we looked at the disparity of points in the paint,” Oregon State head coach



Oregon State forward Tres Tinkle, left, goes up for a basket past Colorado guard D'Shawn Schwartz in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Thursday in Boulder, Colo.

AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Wayne Tinkle said. “They manhandled us, whether it was on post-ups or drives, so we got after our guys pretty good. We needed to flip that in the second half. Our guys pinned their ears back coming out of the locker room.”

Stephen Thompson Jr. scored 21 points, Tres Tinkle had 19 points and eight rebounds and Ethan Thompson had 14 points, including a dunk that ignited an 8-4 run late to help the Beavers (13-7, 5-3 Pac-12) to the win.

“It was a close game, we just kept battling, we made plays for each other,” Tres Tinkle said. “We missed some free throws, but we made them when it counted.”

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Richardson’s 19 points, Oregon’s defense break Utah 78-72

By MATTHEW COLES
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Oregon teammates and coaches constantly push Will Richardson to be more aggressive.

The message seemed to finally hit home.

The 6-foot-5 guard seemed to be everywhere and scored a career-high 19 points as the Ducks (13-8, 4-4 Pac-12 Conference) turned an early deficit into a commanding lead en route to a 78-72 win over Utah on Thursday night.

“That was huge for us,” said Ehab Amin, who scored all of his 13 points in the second half. “Everybody is embracing

him taking charge and having the ball in his hands, scoring and making plays for the rest of us.”

Richardson had only scored eight total points over the previous four games before the scoring explosion against the Utes (11-9, 5-3). He also had three blocks and two steals.

“He was just really aggressive. He got in the paint and really looked to drive through the zone to the hole,” Oregon coach Dana Altman said.

Paul White added 14 to compliment the Ducks’ suffocating defense that caused 19 turnovers and frustrated the Utes.

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Oregon guard Will Richardson (0) dribbles the ball past Utah guard Sedrick Barefield (2) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Thursday in Salt Lake City.

AP Photo/Chris Nicolli

SPORTS SHORTS

AP sources: Knicks agree to trade Porzingis to Mavericks

NEW YORK (AP) — People with knowledge of the deal tell The Associated Press that the New York Knicks have agreed to trade Kristaps Porzingis to the Dallas Mavericks, parting with their young All-Star forward as he recovers from a torn knee ligament.

The Knicks would acquire guard

Dennis Smith Jr. and center DeAndre Jordan while also sending Tim Hardaway Jr. to Dallas. Other players would be added to the deal Thursday to make the salaries work.

The people spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the trade was still being completed. It was first reported by ESPN.com.



In this Nov. 22, 2017, file photo, Toronto Raptors forward Norman Powell (24) tries to strip the ball from New York Knicks forward Kristaps Porzingis (6) during the third quarter of an NBA basketball game in New York.
AP Photo/Julie Jacobson, File

PREP ROUNDUP

Nixyaawii boys blow out Pine Eagle for OOL win

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It didn’t take long for the Nixyaawii boys to show their stuff on Thursday night.

The Golden Eagles shot past their Pine Eagle hosts for an 82-23 Old Oregon League win.

“The kids were ready to go,” said coach Shane Rivera. “The effort was really there tonight.”

Nixyaawii outscored Pine Eagle 22-4 in the first quarter and never looked back. They held the Spartans to under 10 points per quarter.

“(Pine Eagle is) inexperienced, I think,” Rivera said. “It’s been a bit of a struggle for them all season.”

All 10 Nixyaawii players got time on the court and points on the board during the game. Mick Schimmel led with 17 points, Moses Moses added 15, and Dazon Sigo 13.

With a healthy lead, Rivera took his startling line out of the game for good with two minutes to go in the third quarter to give the rest of his team some varsity experience.

The Golden Eagles (18-2, 8-0 OOL) return home to face Helix on Friday.

Girls hoops

NIXYAAWII 46, PINE EAGLE 31 — Lark Moses knocked down 15 points to lead Nixyaawii to an Old Oregon League win over Pine Eagle on Thursday.

“We did a great job of rebounding tonight,” said coach Jeremy Maddern. “Our solid team defense was the key to our win.”

Ermia Butler chipped in eight points for Nixyaawii (10-9, 3-5 OOL), and Tristalynn Melton had seven. They’ll host Helix on Friday.

Wrestling

LA GRANDE 66, MAC-HI/WESTON-MCEWEN/HELIX 9 — La Grande registered six pins and took advantage of three forfeits en route to a 66-9 home victory over Mac-Hi/Weston-McEwen/Griswold on Thursday in a Greater Oregon League match.

Mac-Hi’s Isaac Wood won one of two matches for his team, earning a 7-1 decision over Coby Hibbert at 113 pounds.

Jakob Henshaw picked up the second win at 132, pinning Logan Stubblefield in a time of 2 minutes, 46 seconds.

Both teams will compete in the 4A Special District 4 Tournament on Feb. 8-9 at Madras High School.

WRESTLING BOX SCORE

La Grande 66, Mac-Hi/Weston-McEwen/Griswold 9.
Results: 106 — Belle Gulzow (L) on by forfeit. 113 — Isaac Wood (M/W/G) d. Coby Hibbert, 7-1. 120 — Ezra McIntosh (L) p. Donnie Birdwell, 4:50. 126 — Braden Carson (L) p. Kiez White, 4:28. 132 — Jakob Henshaw (M/W/G) p. Logan Stubblefield, 2:46. 138 — Casey McCall (L) won by injury default over Jesse Barry. 145 — Brody MacMillan (L) d. Isaac Rosales, 5-2. 152 — Keith Oswald (L) p. Zachary MacPherson, 3:18. 160 — Hayden Shafer (L) won by forfeit. 170 — Parker Robinson (L) won by forfeit. 182 — Grayson Livingston (L) p. Rafael Pereyda, :54. 195 — Christopher Woodworth (L) p. Patton Wright, 2:50. 220 — Spencer Gerst (L) p. Tanner Wells, 5:02. 285 — Colton Chase (L) d. Alex Doherty, 5-3.