

# Chambers: Dark horse emerges from the shadows

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## From dogs to dentist

He has worked incredibly hard. He doesn't miss anything. He's one of those boys who makes coaching worthwhile."

Chambers wrestled at 132 pounds most of the season, but with the weight class stocked with a ton of talented guys, the decision was made to move him up to 138.

"At the beginning of the season, making 132 was a rough cut," Chambers said. "As the season goes on, it gets easier to cut weight. It was stacked at 132. If I would have been there, I don't know if I would have made it to state."

Chambers will wrestle Jackson Godsey of Hillsboro in his first match at state, and he feels good about his side of the bracket.

"I definitely have a solid shot at placing at state," Chambers said. "We have been breaking the bracket down. I can see myself on the podium at state."

Phillips doesn't doubt it.

"We are so excited for him," Phillips said. "Look what he's done so far."

Chambers has logged untold hours volunteering with the PAWS animal shelter in Pendleton. When it came time to complete the work for his Eagle Scout badge, he knew it would be something to benefit the animals.

He designed and created about 50 reusable kennel tags, which are used to list the animal's name and health history.

"They are weather resistant and can be used over and over," Chambers said.

Chambers said college wrestling is not part of his future plans. He knows he will serve a mission for his church, but isn't sure if he will go right out of high school, or if he will attend BYU-Idaho for a year first.

When he returns from his mission, he will complete his undergraduate work before hopefully attending the University of Washington dental program.

"The one thing I have liked about wrestling, is it teaches good work ethic," Chambers said. "When I move on, I will know how to work hard."

# Echo falls to SW Christian in 1A playoffs

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Wednesday's 1A state playoff game was one played in brief bursts.

The Echo girls (13-14, 10-4 BSL), fresh off last week's Big Sky League championship loss to South Wasco County, couldn't manage a recovery as they were handed a 37-22 defeat to end their season against the visiting Southwest Christian Wildcats.

"I wouldn't say we came out and played our game tonight," said coach Heather Madison. "But I saw some flashes of how we play when we're on top of things."

The Wildcats, who are No. 3 in the Valley 10 league, held Echo to under 10 points until the third quarter, when they would put together nine points to come within 12 of the lead, but not enough to keep their season alive.

Cougars junior Tylene Skillman scored two at the line to give Echo their only lead with 5:18 left in the first quarter, but a 3-pointer from Wildcats sophomore Rachel Haas flipped the switch and set the tempo for the rest of the game.

Junior Rachel McCarty knocked down three straight



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

**Echo's Tylene Skillman attempts to pass to a teammate while being triple-teamed during Wednesday's game against the Southwest Christian Wildcats.**

points in the second quarter to come within two points of the lead, but the Wildcats returned with a nine-point run after four scoreless minutes to round out the half with a 20-9 advantage.

If Southwest Christian had one thing over the Cougars, it was their height.

Sophomores Kayla Morgan and Emily Turner, both 6-foot-1 posts, nabbed eight and seven rebounds, respectively, and did their best to beat the Cougars out of the paint.

"We've never played a team that tall before," said Cougars freshman point

guard Faith McCarty. "It took a lot of getting used to, but we put up a really good fight. I'm proud of how we handled them."

McCarty finally got her team into double digits with a basket two minutes into quarter three. And after three unanswered Cougars points in the final quarter, four scoreless minutes ticked away until the Wildcats finished the game with a seven-point streak.

Only four Cougars scored during the game, with Rachel McCarty's nine points leading the pack. Skillman chipped in seven, and Faith McCarty five.

"This was a good way to end our season," Madison said. "We made it further than I ever expected us to. We made milestones from our season's beginning until now. This is just the beginning for us. We'll have a really strong girls basketball team next year. This season was a great foundation."

Echo finished the year at No. 2 in the Big Sky League standings.

**BOX SCORE**

SWest Christian	9	11	10	7	—	37
Echo	6	3	9	4	—	22

SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN — Haas 15, Morgan 12, McGuire 4, Turner 4, Arzie 2  
ECHO — McCarty 9, Skillman 7, McCarty 5, Harwood 1

# Blazers: Play Nets today

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Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "He's a proven NBA player. He can score, he can rebound. He's played in big games. So it shouldn't be too difficult."

Kanter will join a second unit that, as it stands, includes Jake Layman, Seth Curry, Evan Turner and another newcomer, Rodney Hood.

Acquired at the trade deadline in a deal with Cleveland, Hood has played in four games with the Blazers, averaging 9.72 points a game.

The moves give Portland better depth as the team heads into the critical part of the season. The Blazers are 34-23 and in fourth place in the Western Conference. They're seven games back of first-place Golden State, the team they bested by 22 points last week.

"To go into the All-Star break and be confident knowing that we beat one of the best teams, if not the best team in the NBA,

it's huge for us," forward Zach Collins said.

There are still 25 games left, but for the past two years the Blazers have mounted post-break rallies.

Last year at this time, Portland was 32-26, sitting in sixth place in the West, and also coming off a victory over the Warriors. The win touched off a 13-game winning streak that helped the team secure the West's third seed for a fifth straight playoff appearance. The team's streak matched the franchise record.

The previous season, Portland lost three straight games to go into the break at 23-33, and an overtime loss at Detroit shortly thereafter put the Blazers 11 games under .500. But Portland caught fire from there and went 13-3 in March. Damian Lillard was named the conference's Player of the Month, averaging 29.1 points in 16 games, and Stotts was named Coach of the Month.

## SCOREBOARD

### LOCAL SLATE

**THURSDAY, FEB. 21**  
**Girls Basketball**  
Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 22**  
**Men's Basketball**  
Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 7:30 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**  
Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 5:30 p.m.

**Boys Basketball**  
Umatilla at Sutherlin, 5:30 p.m.  
Kennedy at Heppner, 6 p.m.

Nixyaawii vs. St. Paul (at Pendleton High School), 6 p.m.

**Boys Wrestling**  
Pendleton, Irrigon, Heppner/Lone, Echo/Stanfield, Riverside at State Wrestling (Portland), 9 a.m.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 23**  
**Boys Basketball**  
Pendleton vs. Ridgeview/The Dalles winner (at BMCC)

**Boys Wrestling**  
Pendleton, Irrigon, Heppner/Lone, Echo/Stanfield, Riverside at State Wrestling (Portland), 9 a.m.

**Girls Basketball**  
Santiam at Heppner, 2 p.m.

### NBA

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	43	16	.729	—
Boston	37	21	.638	5½
Philadelphia	37	21	.638	5½
Brooklyn	30	29	.508	13
New York	11	47	.190	31½

**Southeast**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Charlotte	27	30	.474	—
Miami	26	30	.464	½
Orlando	27	32	.458	1
Washington	24	34	.414	3½
Atlanta	19	39	.328	8½

**Central**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	43	14	.754	—
Indiana	38	20	.655	5½
Detroit	26	30	.464	16½
Chicago	14	44	.241	29½

Cleveland 12 46 .207 31½

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**Southwest**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	33	24	.579	—
San Antonio	33	26	.559	1
Dallas	26	31	.456	7
New Orleans	26	33	.441	8
Memphis	23	36	.390	11

**Northwest**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Denver	39	18	.684	—
Oklahoma City	37	20	.649	2
Portland	34	23	.596	5
Utah	32	25	.561	7
Minnesota	27	30	.474	12

**Pacific**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	41	16	.719	—
L.A. Clippers	32	27	.542	10
Sacramento	30	27	.526	11
L.A. Lakers	28	29	.491	13
Phoenix	11	48	.186	31

**Tuesday's Games**  
No games scheduled.

**Wednesday's Games**  
No games scheduled.

**Thursday's Games**  
Miami at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.  
Phoenix at Cleveland, 4 p.m.

Portland at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.  
Boston at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.  
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday's Games**  
Chicago at Orlando, 4 p.m.  
New Orleans at Indiana, 4 p.m.

San Antonio at Toronto, 4 p.m.  
Washington at Charlotte, 4 p.m.  
Detroit at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.

Minnesota at New York, 4:30 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 5 p.m.  
Denver at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Utah at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Portland at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.  
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 4 p.m.

Indiana at Washington, 4 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 4 p.m.  
Memphis at Cleveland, 4 p.m.

Phoenix at Atlanta, 4 p.m.  
Detroit at Miami, 4:30 p.m.

Boston at Chicago, 5 p.m.  
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.

Houston at Golden State, 5:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Utah, 7 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
Orlando at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.  
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 2 p.m.  
San Antonio at New York, 4:30 p.m.

### NHL

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	61	46	11	4	96	242	162
Boston	60	35	17	8	78	181	155
Toronto	59	36	19	4	76	208	167
Montreal	60	32	21	7	71	179	176
Buffalo	59	28	24	7	63	170	185
Florida	58	26	24	8	60	181	199
Detroit	61	23	29	9	55	172	204
Ottawa	59	22	32	5	49	186	219

**Metropolitan**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Islanders	59	35	18	6	76	171	142
Washington	60	33	20	7	73	202	191
Pittsburgh	60	32	21	7	71	210	187
Columbus	59	33	23	3	69	188	180
Carolina	60	31	23	6	68	174	167
Philadelphia	60	28	25	7	63	178	201
N.Y. Rangers	59	26	25	8	60	172	195
New Jersey	60	23	29	8	54	176	208

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	60	36	20	4	76	203	178
Nashville	62	35	22	5	75	191	163
St. Louis	59	32	22	5	69	177	164
Dallas	59	29	25	5	63	148	154
Colorado	60	25	24	11	61	196	193
Chicago	61	26	26	9	61	205	227
Minnesota	60	27	27	6	60	164	180

**Pacific**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	60	37	16	7	81	221	178
San Jose	60	35	17	8	78	219	190
Vegas	61	32	25	4	68	180	172
Arizona	60	27	28	5	59	157	174
Vancouver	60	26	27	7	59	170	188
Anaheim	60	24	27	9	57	137	187
Edmonton	59	24	29	6	54	165	198
Los Angeles	59	23	30	6	52	143	182

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

**Tuesday's Games**  
Florida 4, Buffalo 2  
Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 2

Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 3  
N.Y. Rangers 2, Carolina 1  
Montreal 3, Columbus 2  
St. Louis 3, Toronto 2, OT

Anaheim 4, Minnesota 0  
Nashville 5, Dallas 3  
Arizona 3, Edmonton 2, 50

**Wednesday's Games**  
Chicago 5, Detroit 4, OT  
Colorado 7, Winnipeg 1  
Calgary 4, N.Y. Islanders 2  
Boston at Vegas, 7 p.m.

**Thursday's Games**  
Washington at Toronto, 4 p.m.  
Ottawa at New Jersey, 4 p.m.  
Carolina at Florida, 4 p.m.

San Jose at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.  
Minnesota at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.  
Buffalo at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.

Los Angeles at Nashville, 5 p.m.  
St. Louis at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Edmonton, 6 p.m.  
Arizona at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

**Friday's Games**  
Columbus at Ottawa, 4 p.m.  
Minnesota at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.  
Colorado at Chicago, 4:30 p.m.  
Anaheim at Calgary, 6 p.m.

Winnipeg at Vegas, 7 p.m.  
**Saturday's Games**  
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 10 a.m.  
Washington at Buffalo, 10 a.m.  
Boston at St. Louis, 1 p.m.

Carolina at Dallas, 2 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Florida, 2 p.m.  
San Jose at Columbus, 2 p.m.  
Colorado at Nashville, 2:30 p.m.

Montreal at Toronto, 4 p.m.  
Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia at Philadelphia, Pa., 5 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, 7 p.m.  
Anaheim at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

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