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Oregon State head coach Wayne Tinkle watches against Oklahoma State during the second round of the NCAA tournament at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

OSU coach forgoes \$450,000 in contract bonuses

Cutbacks meant to offset pandemic budgetary losses

By NICK DASCHIEL
The Oregonian

CORVALLIS — Oregon State coaches gave up their contractual bonuses this year as part of the cutbacks within athletics in order to offset pandemic budgetary losses.

For most, the financial loss was minimal. Most are tied to extraordinary postseason performance and season awards.

For men's basketball coach Wayne Tinkle, it stings a little.

One of the largest incentives in his contract are NCAA Tournament appearances and success within the tournament.

In the end, Tinkle gave up \$450,000 in bonuses.

Tinkle's deal calls for a \$150,000 bonus if the Beavers participate in the NCAA Tournament. In addition, each win is worth \$100,000.

Oregon State won three games and advanced to the Elite Eight, losing to Houston 67-61 in the Monday, March 29, Midwest Regional final.

There is no bonus in Tinkle's contract for winning the Pac-12 tournament championship. Winning the conference's regular season title triggers a bonus of \$100,000.

Tinkle, who earned \$2.2 million this season, didn't go empty-handed in the bonus department, however.

Because the Beavers earned an NCAA Tournament berth, Tinkle automatically has a year added to his contract. With the additional year, Tinkle now has three years remaining on his current deal.



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Pendleton's Zaanan Bane (3) runs the ball during the second half against the Ridgeview Ravens. The Pendleton Buckaroos defeated the Ridgeview Ravens 20-12 at the Pendleton Round-Up Arena in Pendleton on March 12, 2021.

SHIFTING GEARS

Canceled games lead to Baker-Pendleton matchup

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — In the world of ever-changing schedules, the Pendleton football team is not immune.

The Bucks were scheduled to host Putnam on Friday, April 2, in a Special District 1 game, but because of injuries, the Kingsmen are short on players.

Instead, Pendleton will host Baker in a nonleague game. The Bulldogs were scheduled to play Milwaukie in a nonleague game at 4 p.m. on April 2 at Round-Up Stadium prior to the Pendleton-Putnam game. Milwaukie also is short on players because of injuries.

"We got a hold of Baker and asked if they wanted to play," Pendleton coach Erik Davis said. "Baker was ecstatic to get a game, and so were we. It's a way better scenario, and a way better game for us. It's senior night, and I was worried they wouldn't

get a sendoff."

The Bucks and Bulldogs have a history of playing each other, and Baker has come out on top more than once.

"The year they won the (4A) state title (2012), we played a heck

limited because of injuries.

One player who was injured was running back Zaanan Bane, who took a helmet to the thigh. Davis said Bane would be ready for Baker.

"Any time you play a collision

Like with most teams, the Bucks have a next man up mentality.

"Our kids are resilient," Davis said. "They are ready at any time. They have rolled with the punches. We had a great practice (Tuesday, March 30) and that shows their character."

Baker, which has allowed 83 points in four games, is coming off a 41-8 victory over Ontario.

Senior Carlos Delarosa had five catches for 91 yards and two touchdowns, while senior quarterback Gabe Gambleton threw for 169 yards, and ran for 89 yards and two touchdowns.

Davis said the outcome of the game doesn't mean as much as the players being able to have a season.

"These kids have gone through something no one ever thought they would," Davis said. "I really do appreciate the effort they have put in. Whether we finish 5-1 or 3-3, this season was a success. For as much as they have lost, they are still grinding."

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of a game. We ended up losing to them, but it was a great game. We took it to them the next couple of years. I'm excited Baker agreed to take on a 5A team when they didn't have to. It should be a heck of a game," Davis said.

The Bucks (3-1) are coming off a 28-0 loss to Redmond, a game that saw three Pendleton players

sport you can get hurt," Davis said. "Without another tailback, when you lost that extra body in the backfield, my play sheet shrunk considerably. They knew if we couldn't throw the ball with efficiency that they could stop the run. I put the onus on me — I don't feel I called a very good game."

Stanfield looking to extend two-game win streak

Heppner takes on Toledo on April 3 in Redmond

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

STANFIELD — Davie Salas has no doubt his 12-man football team will give all it has every game.

The Stanfield coach saw that last week when the Tigers dismantled 4A McLoughlin 46-19.

On Friday, April 2, the Tigers (2-2) will look to run their win streak to three games when they hit the road to take on Riverside in a Blue Mountain Conference showdown.

The Pirates (0-2) have asked that the game be played in a 9-man format, which Salas agreed to, but doesn't like.

"We are going to play, but we don't want to play 9-on-9," he said. "We have to spend this week

at practice coaching something we will never play again. We are going to put our best foot forward and honor what we set out to do."

The Tigers got a big game from senior running back Enrique Arellano last week, and others like Gator Goodrich and Ryan Elizares also stepped up.

"We are getting better every week," Salas said. "No one is transferring in to save us. We are playing good old-fashioned football. We are having to be creative every

day. We are keeping it simple and the kids are buying in. There are no excuses — you have to fight for what you want."

HEPPNER VS. TOLEDO — In what should be a highly anticipated game, the Boomers may have their hands full with the Mustangs (4-0), who have outscored opponents 157-16.

The game will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 3, at

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SPORTS SHORT

Detectives find cause of Tiger Woods crash but won't reveal

By STEFANIE DAZIO
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LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles County sheriff says detectives have determined what caused Tiger Woods to crash his SUV last month in Southern California but would not release details Wednesday, March 31, citing unspecified privacy concerns for the golf star.

Woods suffered serious injuries in the Feb. 23 crash when he struck a raised median around 7 a.m. in Rolling Hills Estates, just outside Los Angeles. The Genesis SUV he was driving crossed through two

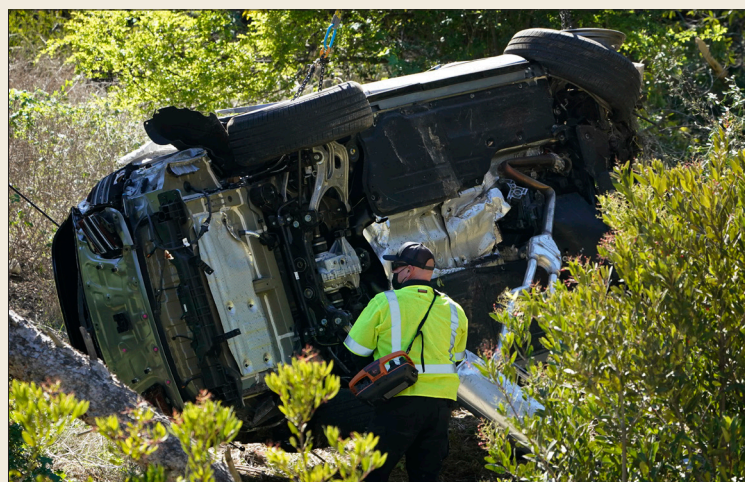
oncoming lanes and uprooted a tree on a downhill stretch that police said is known for wrecks. Woods is in Florida recovering from multiple surgeries.

Sheriff Alex Villanueva has been criticized for his comments about the crash, calling it "purely an accident" and saying there was no evidence of impairment. Woods told deputies he did not know how the crash occurred and didn't remember driving. He was unconscious when a witness first approached the mangled SUV. But a sheriff's deputy said the athlete later appeared to be in shock, but

was conscious and able to answer basic questions.

Investigators did not seek a search warrant for Woods' blood samples, which could be screened for drugs and alcohol. In 2017, Woods checked himself into a clinic for help in dealing with prescription drug medication after a DUI charge in his home state of Florida.

Detectives, however, did obtain a search warrant for the data recorder of the 2021 Genesis GV80 SUV, known as a black box. Villanueva would not say on March 31 what data had been found in the black box.



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A vehicle rests on its side after a rollover accident involving golfer Tiger Woods, in Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., a suburb of Los Angeles, on Feb. 23, 2021.