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Adebayo has 22 points, Heat down Blazers 107-98

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Associated Press

PORTLAND — Bam Adebayo scored 22 points and Jimmy Butler added 20 to lead the Miami Heat to a 107-98 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday night, April 11.

The Heat, who have won six of their last seven games, led by as many as 20 points early in the fourth quarter.

CJ McCollum and Norman

Powell each finished with 17 points for the Blazers, who were hurt by 17 turnovers. Miami's aggressive defense held Damian Lillard to just 12 points on an off night when he made just three shots from the field, all 3-pointers.

Adebayo said it was important to set a tone to start a four-game road trip.

"We were just trying to really hone in on defense. We just really felt with this team that's how you win,"

Adebayo said. "We were able to get stops and get into transition and get a few dunks. That's why we won by a lot."

The Heat were without Victor Oladipo indefinitely because of right knee soreness. Oladipo, acquired by the Heat on March 25 in a trade with Houston, was injured in the fourth quarter of Miami's victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday, April 8.

Kendrick Nunn started in Olad-

ipo's place. Nunn, who didn't play in six straight games after injuring his ankle early in a March 26 game against Charlotte, finished with 15 points.

"We know on the road we have to be able to defend at a high level," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "Our defense has to travel. It's a key to our success."

The Blazers started Jusuf Nurkic, who sat out of the Saturday night, April 10, victory over the Detroit

Pistons due to injury management of knee inflammation. In his place, Enes Kanter set a franchise record with 30 rebounds in the game, which the Blazers dominated 118-103.

Blazers coach Terry Stotts said he was hesitant to blame Portland's lackluster performance on the back-to-back. The Heat hadn't played since April 8.

"To be honest, I thought we

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Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian, File

Sisay Hurty, a Stanfield High School senior, finished first in the 2A/1A state cross-country championships at Cheadle Lake Park in Lebanon on Saturday, April 10, 2021.

Bringing home the title

Stanfield's Sisay Hurty wins 2A/1A state cross-country title by nearly 2 seconds

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

LEBANON — There is a perk to being a state champion — you get to pick where the team will eat its post-race meal.

Sisay Hurty chose Red Robin and its bottomless basket of fries after winning the 2A/1A state cross-country title on Saturday,

April 10, at Cheadle Lake Park.

The Stanfield senior crossed the finish line in a personal best 16 minutes, 25.99 seconds over the 5,000-meter course, surprising even himself.

"I was just trying to get into the top 10 and beat Trevor (Nichols of Heppner)," Hurty said. "Then I beat everyone. I wasn't expecting to win."

Hurty beat second-place Brandon Williams of East Linn Christian by nearly 2 seconds, and the Stanfield/Echo boys team finished seventh in the team standings with 191 points. Union (48) won the team title.

Hurty started out the race in the top pack of runners. Midway through the first of two laps around the park, Hurty and two other runners had separated themselves from the pack.

"When we started the second lap, I thought I would just stick with them until I died," Hurty said. "I'm not sure what happened. We were on the second lap, I passed them and got a little ahead of them. I thought I would die and they would pass me. It never happened."

Hurty is the first Stanfield runner

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EOU headed back to national tournament

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The NAIA announced Monday, April 12, its qualifying teams and opening round pairings for the 2020 NAIA Women's Volleyball National Championship presented by Marriott South Sioux City Riverfront.

No. 8 ranked Eastern Oregon University made the final cut and will host an opening-round match, appearing in its seventh consecutive NAIA National Tournament.

The 48-team event will get underway with 24 National Championship Opening Round matches at campus locations on Saturday, April 17.

The Mountaineers will play

host to the University of California, Merced, in the opening round. EOU earned an automatic qualifying bid to this year's national tournament after finishing the regular season undefeated at 15-0 overall and going 14-0 in Cascade Collegiate Conference play. Entering the NAIA post-season, EOU currently boasts a 16-1 overall record.

The Bobcats feature an overall record of 7-6 and 5-6 in California Pacific Conference play. UC Merced made this year's national tournament by winning the 2020 Cal Pac Tournament Championship match over University of Saint Katherine. The Mountaineers and Bobcats will square off on April 17 with first

serve set for 5 p.m. inside Quinn Coliseum.

The Cascade Collegiate Conference had two other teams reach the national tournament, tournament champion No. 13 ranked Corban and an at-large choice of Bushnell University, making its first appearance in the tournament.

After opening rounds, the action inside the Tyson Events Center starts with two days of pool play on April 27-28. The top team in each pool will advance to the elimination bracket on April 29. The semifinals will be played on April 30 and the national champion will be crowned on May 1 with the first serve set for 7 p.m. CST on ESPN3.

EOU sweeps player of the week honors

Mountaineers finish season ranked No. 20

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LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon football team ended its season with a road win, a top 25 ranking and a sweep of the Frontier Conference players of the week selections.

The Mountaineers finished the spring season ranked No. 20 in the final regular season NAIA Football FirstDown PlayBook Top-25 Poll, which was released Sunday, April 11. Eastern posted an overall record of 3-1 with the same mark in conference play. For EOU, the team ended the year with a 21-6 road win over Montana State University-Northern

Taking home Frontier Conference Player of the Week honors for Eastern Oregon were John Lesser for offense, Sage DeLong for defense and Zachary Cahill for special teams.

Lesser rushed for 172 yards in

the win for EOU and one touchdown on 29 carries. His touchdown was the first of the game en route to a 15-point win for the Mountaineers.

DeLong recorded eight solo tackles, six assisted tackles, five tackles for loss (-19 yards) and 2½ quarterback sacks.

Cahill once again handled all of the kicking duties for EOU. He was 3-for-3 on PATs for the Mountaineers in the season finale. As a punter, he had five punts for 200 yards, including a 64-yard boot.



Cahill



DeLong



Lesser

Three Mountaineers named CCC athletes of the week

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LA GRANDE — The Cascade Collegiate Conference announced its Embrace Health-Santiam Hospital Athletes of the Week on Monday, April 12, and once again Eastern Oregon University had multiple athletes make the weekly list.

A trio of athletes — Max McCullough for men's basketball, Kiley McMurtrey for volleyball and Cody Milmine for men's outdoor track — brought home the weekly awards for EOU.

For McCullough, this is his second weekly award for the 2020-21 season. Last weekend, he had a pair of 20-point games as the Mountaineers split their conference home opening series against Oregon Tech. On Friday, April 9, he had 22 points on 9-for-16 shooting and grabbed five rebounds. In the Saturday, April 10, contest, McCullough scored 28 points, including the game-winning 3-pointer that lifted EOU past OIT at the buzzer for the 90-87 win. He shot 11-for-19 in the win to go along with seven boards and seven assists.

McMurtrey picks up her fourth CCC Volleyball Defender of the Week honor for the spring season.

She once again anchored the back row for the EOU defense last weekend, as they earned a runner-up finish in the CCC volleyball tournament. On April 9, she posted 12 digs in the Mountaineers' sweep of Bushnell in the semifinals.

In the championship match against Corban, she tallied 26 digs and had a service ace.

Milmine picks up his second CCC weekly honor for the year and his first for the outdoor season. He was named Outdoor Track Athlete of the Week after posting a top five finish in the 100-meter dash at the War XIV Invitational. He placed fifth running a time of 10.84 seconds. His time is the fifth fastest in program history for the outdoor season.



McCullough



McMurtrey



Milmine

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Matsuyama becomes first Japanese in Masters green jacket

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The pressure was even more than Hideki Matsuyama could have imagined when he stood on the first tee on Sunday, April 11, at Augusta National. So was the emotion when he walked off the 18th green as the first Masters champion from golf-mad Japan.

His arms securely inside the sleeves of the green jacket, he thrust them in the air.

Ten years after he made a sterling debut as the best amateur at the Masters, the 29-year-old

Matsuyama claimed the ultimate prize and took his place in history.

Whether he's Japan's greatest player is not his concern.

"However, I'm the first to win a major," he said through his interpreter. "And if that's the bar, then I've set it."

Staked to a four-shot lead, the nerves stayed with Matsuyama from the time he hit his opening tee shot into the trees to back-to-back birdies that led to a six-shot lead to a few nervous moments at the end when Xander Schauffele made a late run at him.

Only when he belted his drive down the 18th fairway and twirled

the club in his hands could he feel this victory was in hand. He played so well for so long that three bogeys over the last four holes made this Masters look closer than it was.

He closed with a 1-over 73 for a one-shot victory over Masters rookie Will Zalatoris (70).

Schauffele ran off four straight birdies to get within two shots with three holes to play, only to hit 8-iron into the water on the par-3 16th for a triple bogey that ended his hopes. He shot a 72 with a triple bogey and a double bogey on his card and tied for third with Jordan Spieth (70).



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Hideki Matsuyama, of Japan, waves his cap after winning the Masters golf tournament on Sunday, April 11, 2021, in Augusta, Ga.