

Beavers:

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“Coaches would come out and watch him throw and I’d be able to throw a couple balls with him,” Gulbranson said.

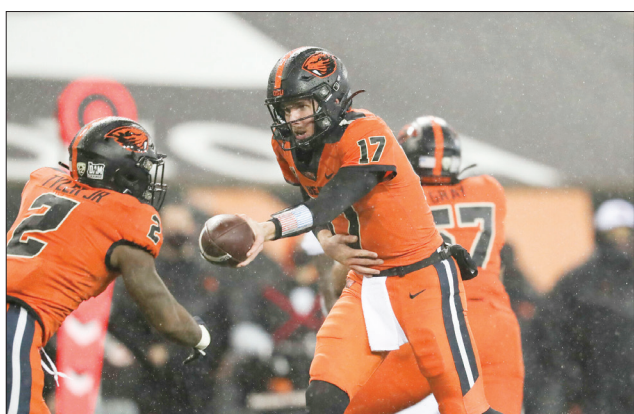
Gulbranson initially committed to California following his junior season at Newbury Park. But it was short-lived, as the Bears made a change at offensive coordinator to Bill Musgrave. The two parties decided they weren’t a good fit, and Gulbranson’s name was back on the college mark in the spring.

Oregon State quickly moved into the picture. Gulbranson said he had a good feeling about the coaches, and particularly Lindgren. “They’re really genuine people that can maximize a player’s ability. I felt like I could come in here and develop under them,” Gulbranson said.

Lindgren said he first watched Gulbranson during a camp at Cal Lutheran prior to his commitment to California. Once the Bears dropped out of the picture, Lindgren and coach Jonathan Smith went hard after Gulbranson. The relationship grew when Lindgren and Smith visited the family home, and they ended up playing the basketball game of Horse in the driveway.

“It was a pretty good time,” Lindgren said. “I think I won.”

Gulbranson ultimately picked Oregon State over



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Oregon State quarterback Ben Gulbranson (17) hands off to running back Calvin Tyler Jr. (2) during a game against Arizona State in Corvallis in December 2020.

Kansas State. Gulbranson quickly wrapped up his senior year academics and graduated in time to enroll at Oregon State for 2020 winter quarter. Then life hit. The pandemic struck in early March, and what was going to be a bonus spring practice for Gulbranson turned out to be a trip home for the rest of the school year.

Summer came and the Pac-12 initially held firm and said it wouldn’t play football in the fall. Gulbranson said at no time did he think he made a premature move in giving up six months of high school.

“I was really bummed out about it, of course, but just any opportunity to go and practice with the guys ... it was awesome,” Gulbranson said.

Eventually a shortened season and practice time emerged. Gulbranson said he approached his freshman year in a two-fold manner: to learn everything that he could, with the idea of earn-

ing a starting berth. “I always think I have a shot to play,” Gulbranson said.

Gulbranson describes his game as a “gritty, pro-style player. I can make any throw on the field. I have enough mobility to make plays when needed.”

With 2 minutes, 46 seconds left in the season, Gulbranson got his chance to publicly show those skills. Arizona State was clearly in command of the game with seven minutes left when Smith asked Gulbranson if he wanted to see his first college action.

Gulbranson excitedly got ready, but the Sun Devils were on the verge of taking away his opportunity. The Sun Devils, leading by 19, began running the ball and the clock. The clock ticked under three minutes when, on fourth-and-4 at the OSU 29, the Beavers defense stopped ASU and gave the ball back to the offense.

LOCAL STANDINGS

Through games played April 25

MEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Corban	8-2	13-3
Oregon Tech	6-2	7-2
Southern Oregon	5-3	5-4
Bushnell	5-5	6-6
Warner Pacific	3-5	5-8
Eastern Oregon	3-7	7-9
Multnomah	0-6	1-22
#-Lewis-Clark State	0-0	22-2
#-Northwest	0-0	4-3
#-College of Idaho	0-0	8-9

Note: Due to COVID-19 concerns, Evergreen and Walla Walla have elected to opt out of the 2020-21 season.
#-Teams that have opted out of spring conference schedule

NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
North Idaho	3-0	3-0
Columbia Basin	3-1	4-1
Wenatchee Valley	3-1	3-1
Walla Walla	2-1	2-1
Treasure Valley	2-2	2-2
Big Bend	1-2	1-3
Spokane	1-3	1-3
Yakima Valley	0-2	0-2
Blue Mountain	0-3	0-3

WOMEN’S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
z-Bushnell	9-1	11-2
Eastern Oregon	8-2	14-4
Corban	4-6	7-6
Warner Pacific	3-5	7-8
Oregon Tech	4-4	4-4
Multnomah	0-10	0-17
#-Lewis-Clark State	0-0	14-6
#-Northwest	0-0	6-3
#-College of Idaho	0-0	4-14

Note: Due to COVID-19 concerns, Evergreen, Southern Oregon and Walla Walla have elected to opt out of the 2020-21 season.
z-spring season champions
#-Teams that have opted out of spring conference schedule

NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Big Bend	4-0	4-0
Walla Walla	3-1	3-1
Treasure Valley	2-1	2-1
Wenatchee Valley	2-1	2-1
Columbia Basin	2-2	2-2
Spokane	1-2	1-2
Yakima Valley	0-3	0-3
Blue Mountain	0-4	0-4
North Idaho	0-0	0-0

COLLEGE BASEBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
z-Lewis-Clark State	27-1	35-3
x-Oregon Tech	17-12	22-21
x-Corban	14-14	19-25
College of Idaho	11-21	19-28
Eastern Oregon	4-25	4-29

z-clinched CCC regular-season championship, tournament host
X-clinched playoff berth

NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Columbia Basin	7-1	11-5

Spokane	6-1	13-4	Hermiston	3-8	3-8
Yakima Valley	8-3	8-3	Pasco	0-10	0-10
Big Bend	5-3	6-6	3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 5		
Treasure Valley	4-6	4-6	Team	League	Overall
Walla Walla	1-3	1-3	Burns	3-1	4-1
Wenatchee Valley	1-7	1-7	Vale	2-1	3-3
Blue Mountain	1-9	1-11	Umatilla	0-0	4-3
			Wallowa Valley	0-0	3-1
			Irrigon	0-0	2-1
			Riverside	0-0	2-4
			Nyssa	0-3	0-5

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
x-Southern Oregon	23-1	41-3
x-College of Idaho	19-5	32-14
x-Oregon Tech	18-6	34-8
x-Corban	16-8	25-17
Warner Pacific	10-14	19-20
Eastern Oregon	10-14	16-26
Carroll	7-17	13-29
Bushnell	7-17	10-32
Northwest	6-18	7-27
Providence	4-27	
z-clinched CCC regular-season championship, tournament host		
x-clinched playoff berth		

NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Big Bend	2-0	2-4
North Idaho	9-1	10-1
Walla Walla	11-3	11-3
Columbia Basin	4-4	4-4
Treasure Valley	4-8	6-12
Wenatchee Valley	4-8	4-8
Yakima Valley	2-4	5-5
Spokane	0-8	1-12
Blue Mountain	0-0	0-0

COLLEGE MEN’S SOCCER

NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Blue Mountain	4-0-1	4-0-1
Wenatchee Valley	2-1-1	2-1-1
North Idaho	2-2-0	2-3-0
Spokane	1-1-1	1-1-1
Columbia Basin	1-3-1	2-3-1
Treasure Valley	0-3-0	0-3-0
Walla Walla	0-0-0	0-0-0

COLLEGE WOMEN’S SOCCER

NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Walla Walla	3-1-2	3-1-2
Spokane	3-0-1	3-0-1
Columbia Basin	3-2-1	3-2-1
Blue Mountain	3-3-0	3-3-0
Yakima Valley	2-2-1	2-2-1
North Idaho	1-3-1	1-3-1
Treasure Valley	0-4-0	0-4-0
Wenatchee Valley	0-0-0	0-0-0

PREP BASEBALL

5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Pendleton	4-0	5-1
The Dalles	2-0	2-3
Hood River Valley	2-2	3-3
Ridgeview	2-2	2-4
Redmond	0-2	0-3
Crook County	0-4	0-6

4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

Team	League	Overall
Richland	8-1	8-1
Kamiakin	8-3	8-3
Walla Walla	6-3	6-3
Chiawana	5-4	5-4
Kennewick	5-4	5-4
Hanford	4-5	4-5
Southridge	4-5	4-5

2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 7

Team	League	Overall
Sherman/Arlington/Condon	3-1	3-1
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah	3-2	3-2
Weston-McEwen	2-0	2-1
Heppner/Ione	1-0	5-1
Dufur/South Wasco Co.	0-0	2-0
Grant Union/Prairie City	0-0	0-1
Stanfield/Echo	0-2	2-4
Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat/Trout Lake	0-2	1-5
Union/Cove	0-2	0-5
Adrian	0-0	0-0
Glenwood	0-0	0-0

PREP SOFTBALL

5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Ridgeview	4-0	6-0
Pendleton	3-0	5-1
The Dalles/Dufur/Sherman/Wasco Co.	2-2	4-2
Crook County	1-3	2-4
Hood River Valley	1-3	2-4
Redmond	0-3	0-4

4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

Team	League	Overall
Walla Walla	8-1	8-1
Kennewick	8-3	8-3
Kamiakin	7-3	7-3
Chiawana	5-4	5-4
Richland	5-5	5-5
Southridge	4-5	4-5
Hanford	3-6	3-6
Hermiston	3-8	3-8
Pasco	0-9	0-9

3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 2

Team	League	Overall
Burns	3-0	5-0
Wallowa Valley	1-1	2-1
Nyssa	1-1	1-4
Riverside	0-0	1-5
Umatilla	0-0	0-5
Vale	0-3	0-6
Crane	0-0	0-0
Irrigon	0-0	0-0

2A/1A-SD6 SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

Team	League	Overall
Union/Cove	6-0	6-0
Heppner/Ione	0-0	2-4
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii	0-2	4-2
Weston-McEwen	0-2	4-3
Stanfield/Echo	0-2	3-2
Adrian	0-0	0-0
Elgin	0-0	0-0
Grant Union/Prairie City	0-0	0-0

PREP BOYS SOCCER

4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

Team	League	Overall
Richland	7-0-0	8-0-0
Pasco	6-0-0	7-1-0
Chiawana	6-2-0	6-2-0
Kamiakin	4-3-0	5-3-0
Hermiston	5-4-0	5-4-0
Southridge	2-4-0	2-6-0
Kennewick	2-6-0	3-6-0
Hanford	1-7-0	1-8-0
Walla Walla	0-7-0	0-8-0

ON THE SLATE

Blue Mountain at Walla Walla, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Prep softball
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Grant Union/Prairie City (2), 2 p.m.
Prep boys tennis
Richland at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Crook County, 3 p.m.
Prep girls tennis
Richland at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
Crook County at Pendleton, 2 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Prep boys tennis
Southridge at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
Prep girls tennis
Southridge at Hermiston, 4 p.m.

Prep track and field

Hermiston, Kamiakin at Chiawana, 3:30 p.m.
McLoughlin at Baker, 2:30 p.m.
Ione at Burns Invitational, 4 p.m.

Prep boys golf

Hermiston at MCC match, Columbia Point Golf Course, Richland, noon
Echo, Dufur, Enterprise, Hood River, Wallowa at Heppner, 2 p.m.

Prep girls golf

Hermiston at MCC match, Columbia Point Golf Course, Richland, noon
Echo, Dufur, Enterprise, Hood River, Wallowa at Heppner, 2 p.m.

College baseball

Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain (2), 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Prep baseball
Pendleton at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.
McLoughlin at La Grande, 4 p.m.
Umatilla at Heppner/Ione, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Stanfield/Echo, 4 p.m.
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Grant Union/Prairie City (2), 3 p.m.
Prep softball
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 3 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.
Echo/Stamfield at Umatilla, 4 p.m.
McLoughlin at Heppner/Ione (2), 2 p.m.
College volleyball
Big Bend at Blue Mountain 5 p.m.
Big Bend at Blue Mountain 6:30 p.m.
College women’s basketball

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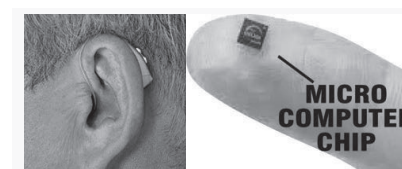


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