

WESTERN OREGON ROUNDUP

Men's basketball improves to 10-0

Itemizer-Observer staff report
MONMOUTH — The Western Oregon men's basketball team improved to 10-0 after beating previously unbeaten University of California, San Diego, 67-63 on Monday.

Jordan Wiley had 15 points, while Alex Roth added 11 points and seven rebounds.

Wiley scored 11 of his 15 points in the second half, including the go-ahead bucket with under a minute left in the second half, giving WOU a 64-61 lead with 20 seconds left.

Monday's win came after a 90-65 victory over Corban on Friday.

Freshman guard Kadeem Strickland scored a career-high 17 points to lead Western Oregon.

Strickland led five Wolves players in double figures in scoring, including Roth (13 points), Tanner Omlid (13), Andy Avgi (10) and Devon Alexander (10).

The team's win streak of 10 is the longest since joining NCAA Division II and the longest streak to begin a season in school history since 1981-82.

WOU hosts Willamette Sunday at 2 p.m.



WOU ATHLETICS/for the Itemizer-Observer
Tanner Omlid scored 13 points during Western Oregon's win over Corban.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO CAL BAPTIST: Western Oregon's women's basketball team lost to California Baptist University 78-55 on Saturday. Freshman center Natalie DeLonge led the

Wolves with 14 points. Jordan Mottershaw added 13 points in the losing effort. "Cal Baptist is a very talented team and a tough matchup for just about any team," Wolves coach Holli Howard-Carpenter said. "Their guards can shoot it well even with a hand in their face, and their 3-pointers add up quickly."

Western Oregon (1-8 overall, 0-2 GNAC) plays at Humboldt State Saturday at 2 p.m.



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
Perrydale junior Haylen Janesofsky drives to the hoop against South Wasco County on Saturday.

Force: Junior key for Pirates

Continued from Page 10A

"It's something that plagued us over the summer and the start of this season," Lowry said. "When the intensity goes up, it takes us some time to get adjusted. We have brain farts, for lack of a better word. We had a couple turnovers and all of a sudden we're trying to figure out how to play from behind."

Janesofsky will play a major part in keeping the Pirates' composure.

"We just need to get a win under our belt," Janesofsky said. "Once we get that, it

will bring our team together. We'll start with one and get on a roll, hopefully. Then we'll win the games we should and steal a few we shouldn't."

Perrydale earned its first victory on Monday with a 58-53 double overtime win over Willamette Valley Christian. Janesofsky had a game-high 16 points.

"They know how to win," Lowry said. "This is a group of guys who aren't happy because they don't like losing. That mentality is something that carries over from sport to sport."

PERRYDALE GIRLS BASKETBALL

Pirates show growth in victory

Perrydale earns first win of the season against C.S. Lewis

Itemizer-Observer staff report
PERRYDALE — Perrydale's girls basketball team earned its first two victories of the season.

The Pirates defeated C.S. Lewis 22-14 on Thursday and Willamette Valley Chris-

tian 27-23 on Monday. Perrydale lost to South Wasco County 37-35 on Saturday, but showed significant improvement from the Pirates' first contest — a 75-14 loss to Willamina. "We played a heck of a lot

better," Perrydale coach Terry Newton said. "We have some kids who are new. We're running sets and working things out. It's part of the process."

The Pirates (2-2 overall) host Livingstone Adventist

Wednesday (today) at 5:30 p.m. and Country Christian Saturday at 3 p.m. Perrydale will compete at the St. Paul Holiday Tournament on Monday and Tuesday against Vernonia and Monroe.

Names: Crow, Negrete to battle

Continued from Page 10A
 "We were kind of messing around and it turned into an actual match," Crow said. "He hit my jaw and slammed it shut and I chipped a tooth, but I won."

It may have been his competitive fire that got him into wrestling, but the sport also had an unintended effect.

"I was a pretty small kid and I felt small," Crow said. "Now, out in the real world I feel more confident. If someone is bigger than me, I'm not intimidated anymore."

If Central's first tournament is any indication, Crow will be a state contender.

"Sam has worked very hard the last few years and

I'm happy to see him have some success at the varsity level," Panthers coach Van Holstad said. "But it is just the start of the season and he needs to keep pushing himself to get better every day."

Crow will get another chance to show what he can do Friday at the Central Invitational where his focus will once again be on Negrete, but he also knows these are just the first steps to his ultimate goal — to be the only one in his weight class left standing at districts and state.

"I'm planning to win districts, go to state and hopefully place," Crow said. "I'm ready to keep conditioning and to push myself harder."

FALLS CITY ROUNDUP

Mountaineers drop two of three

Itemizer-Observer staff report
FALLS CITY — Falls City's girls basketball team dropped two of three games, both to Casco League opponents.

The Mountaineers lost to Willamette Valley Christian 38-33 on Dec. 8 and Country Christian 64-35 on Monday. Falls City defeated Eddyville Charter 42-10 on Friday.

Brittany Varney scored 12



Varney

shut out Eddyville during the first half.

Varney also scored a game-high 20 points

points and against Country Christian on Monday evening and had 14 points against Willamette Valley Christian on Dec. 8.

Falls City (1-4 overall, 0-2 Casco League) plays at Mohawk Wednesday (today) at 5:30 p.m. before hosting St. John Bosco on Friday and Livingstone Adventist on Tuesday.

Both games are scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

EARNs FIRST WIN: Falls City's men's basketball team earned its first win of the season by defeating Eddyville Charter 37-35 on Friday. The Mountaineers lost to Willamette Valley Christian 57-30 on Dec. 8 and Country Christian 54-33 on Monday. Falls City (1-4 overall) plays at Mohawk Wednesday (today) before hosting St. John Bosco Friday at 7 p.m. and Livingstone Adventist Tuesday at 7 p.m.

DALLAS ROUNDUP

Wrestling wins holiday classic

Itemizer-Observer staff report
SALEM — The Dallas wrestling team took first out of eight teams at the Herrin Holiday Classic at McKay High School on Saturday.

Dawson Barcroft (106 pounds), Noah Sickles (132), Joseph English (145), Tanner Earhart (160), Treve Eahart (170), Clay Coxen (182) and Marcos Molina (220) took first to lead the Dragons to the team title.

"Treve didn't have the trophy handed to him," Dallas coach Tony Olliff said. "He faced some tough kids."

The Dragons will compete at the Oregon National Guard Tournament at Liberty High School on Saturday as Dallas looks to build off a successful tournament.

"Overall, a pretty good team effort," Olliff said. "We have quite a few things to work on and some people

to get healthy, but we're off to a good start."

GIRLS BASKETBALL SEES GAMES CANCELED: Dallas' girls basketball squad saw its games against Mountain View on Friday and Redmond on Saturday canceled because of weather conditions. The Dragons played Jesuit Tuesday after press time. Dallas hosts Beaverton Tuesday at 7 p.m.

SWIMMING LOSES TO SOUTH ALBANY: Dallas' boys and girls swim teams fell to

South Albany on Dec. 8. The boys lost 112-54, while the girls fell 110-57. Elizabeth Dressel won the 200-yard freestyle, finishing with a time of 2 minutes, 12.73 seconds. Dressel also won the 100 butterfly (1:08.10) and Jolie-Rae Ford took first in the 500 freestyle (5:39.69) for the girls. Ryan Kennedy placed first in the boys 500 freestyle (5:51.49). Parker Ford took first in the 100 freestyle (1:03.15).

CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Boys basketball loses two

Itemizer-Observer staff report
INDEPENDENCE — Central's boys basketball team dropped a pair of nonleague matchups last weekend. The Panthers fell to David Douglas 54-44 on Friday and Putnam 70-55 on Saturday.

Peter Cable had 17 points against Putnam.

"Putnam is a very athletic team that came out strong and fast," Panthers coach Tim Kreta said. "I was very pleased with our rebound-



Barba

ing and limiting their second-chance points, but we sent them to the line too many times and gave them 30 points off free throws."

Central opened the week with a 45-38 win over Cascade on Dec. 8.

"Cascade came out with a

lot of energy," Kreta said. "Our guys weathered the rush and were able to settle down by the second half and take back the lead in the fourth quarter with a (3-pointer) from Barba."

Alec Barba scored a team-high 18 points during the win.

Central (3-2 overall) played Glencoe Tuesday after press time and will play at Stayton Tuesday at 7 p.m.

SWIMMING SINKS AGAINST LEBANON: Central's

boys and girls swim teams lost a dual meet to Lebanon on Dec. 8. The boys fell 109 to 55, while the girls lost 93-62. Sophia Henke won the 200-yard individual medley in 3 minutes, 4.65 seconds, and Annie Taylor placed first in the 100 freestyle (1:05.30) to lead the girls. Daniel Glade placed second in the 200 freestyle (2:09.16); Orion Waight took second in the 100 freestyle (57.14); and August Thornton finished second in the 100 breaststroke (1:22.70) to lead the boys.

Itemizer-Observer

Athlete of the Week



Jordan Wiley
 Western Oregon

Wiley, a senior guard, came up big when it mattered the most for Western Oregon's men's basketball team. Facing previously unbeaten University of California, San Diego, Wiley scored 11 of his 15 points in the second half. His biggest basket came when he hit a 3-pointer to put WOU up 64-61 with less than 20 seconds left in the game. The Wolves won 67-63 to improve to 10-0 this season.



Elizabeth Dressel
 Dallas High

Dressel, a senior swimmer, started her 2015-16 season with a big splash against South Albany. Dressel finished first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2 minutes, 12.73 seconds, and the 100 butterfly in 1:08.10. She was also part of the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams, both of which took second. Dressel's time in the 200 freestyle was a new personal record for the senior.

To submit nominations for the Itemizer-Observer Athlete of the Week, contact Sports Editor Lukas Eggen at 503-623-2373 or leggen@polkio.com by 9 a.m. on Monday.