

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

Baseball: Central at North Marion, 3 p.m. Lewis-Clark State at Western Oregon, 2 p.m.

Men's basketball: NCAA Division II Elite Eight: Western Oregon vs. Saginaw Valley State (at Frisco, Texas), 6:30 p.m.

Track and field: Perrydale at All-Comers (at Oregon City High School), noon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24

Baseball: Dallas vs. Bishop Kelly (at Bucks Bags Tournament), 6 p.m.

Men's basketball: NCAA Division II Final Four: Western Oregon vs. TBA (at Frisco, Texas), TBA.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25

Baseball: Dallas vs. Emmett, 10:30 a.m. Dallas vs. Idaho Falls (at Bucks Bags Tournament), 3:30 p.m. Western Oregon at Montana State Billings (DH), noon.

Softball: Central Washington at Western Oregon (DH), 3 p.m.

Track and field: Central at Summit, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

Baseball: Dallas vs. Madison (at Bucks Bags Tournament), 10:30 a.m. Western Oregon at Montana State Billings (DH), noon.

Men's basketball: NCAA Division II Championship Game: Western Oregon vs. TBA (at Frisco, Texas), TBA.

Softball: Central at Sandy, 10 a.m. Saint Martin's at Western Oregon (DH), noon.

Track and field: Western Oregon at Willamette Invitational, all day.

MONDAY, MARCH 28

Boys golf: Dallas at Tukwila (Woodburn), 10 a.m.

Boys tennis: Dallas at McMinnville, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

Baseball: Woodburn at Central, 4:30 p.m. Lebanon at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis: South Albany at Central, 4 p.m. Dallas at Woodburn, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: Central at South Albany, 4 p.m. Woodburn at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Softball: South Albany at Central, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at Woodburn, 4:30 p.m. Scio (JV) at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

Baseball: Central at Woodburn, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at Lebanon, 4:30 p.m. Sheridan at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

Girls golf: Dallas at Malard Creek (Lebanon), noon.

Softball: Sheridan at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m. Western Oregon at California State, Monterey Bay (DH), 11 a.m.

Track and field: Silverton at Central, TBA. Dallas at Lebanon, 3:45 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Avgi named All-American

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon senior Andy Avgi was named third-team Division II Conference Commissioner's Association All-American. Avgi averaged 20 points and 5.6 rebounds per game to lead the men's basketball squad.

Avgi is the first WOU player since 2000 to earn All-American honors.

2015-16 ITEMIZER-OBSERVER ALL-REGION BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Slam Dunk

Junior leads Pirates to state playoffs

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

PERRYDALE — Junior Haylen Janesofsky has been a basketball fan for nearly as long as he can remember. There was one player in particular that inspired him.

"I always loved to watch Brandon Roy from the Portland Trailblazers," Janesofsky said. "He was a very good player and showed a lot of heart while playing through knee and other injuries. He was the Blazers' franchise centerpiece for a long time."

Janesofsky has become Perrydale's centerpiece, leading the team in points, steals and assists. Janesofsky's ability to spark the Pirates makes him the *Itemizer-Observer's* All-Region Player of the Year.

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By The Numbers

14.5	5.2	3.4
The number of points per game Janesofsky averaged. The junior led the Pirates in scoring.	The number of rebounds per game Janesofsky grabbed during the 2015-16 campaign.	The number of steals per game Janesofsky averaged for the Pirates during the season.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Former coach becomes Western's 'biggest fan'

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

REGIS — Of all the fans rooting for Western Oregon's men's basketball team during its run in the NCAA Division II tournament, one has a special relationship to many of the current players — one who played a major role in helping WOU get to where it is now.

Brady Bergeson coached the Wolves from 2011-2015. Despite leaving the team to become head coach at Regis University in Colorado, there's no sign of hard feelings or regret.

When Bergeson arrived in Monmouth, WOU was far from the national power it was this season. The team had never won a regular season or conference tournament title, but Bergeson had a grand vision for the program.

"The building process for us was about the types of people we wanted to bring in," Bergeson said. "One is

The March continues ...

What: NCAA Division II Elite Eight.
Who: No. 6 Saginaw Valley State (25-7 overall) vs. No. 3 Western Oregon (30-3 overall).
When: Wednesday (today), 6:30 p.m.
Where: Dr. Pepper Arena, Frisco, Texas.
What's at stake: The winner advances to the Final Four on Thursday. The semifinal winners will meet on Saturday in the NCAA Division II championship game.
How to watch: Independence Cinema will host a watch party of the game on Wednesday (today). There is no cost to attend. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Seating is limited. To reserve seats: 503-838-8710. Follow the *Itemizer-Observer* on Facebook and Twitter for results.



Bergeson



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Brady Bergeson coached the Wolves from 2011 to 2015.

we wanted to make sure we had guys who were gym rats. A lot of guys talk about lov-

ing to be in the gym. Others really live it."

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PREP SOFTBALL

Jackson's first game turns into a family affair

Dragons fall to Roseburg 11-2

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Dallas' 11-2 nonleague loss to 6A school Roseburg on Friday won't mean much in the grand scheme of the season.

For Dallas coach Brandi Jackson, the game will go down as one to remember. The matchup was her first as a varsity head coach, but the game took on an even bigger moment. Jackson's father is the head coach for Roseburg.

"It was emotional," Jackson said. "It's the first time I've gone against my dad. I've played for him my whole life, so it was exciting."

The Dragons gave up eight runs over the first two innings before settling down.

"I'm hoping we're more relaxed now," Jackson said. "We had some jitters and made some mistakes that we typically don't make and haven't made (those mistakes) in practice."

The first few innings

were defined by multiple errors. Jackson wants to see her experienced players start to become more vocal leaders in the dugout.

"We need our seniors to step up and take those younger kids under their wings," Jackson said. "We need to try and pick each other up after errors and stuff. I think they saw how quiet it got after an error and how intimidating how it can be for an underclassmen to try and pick herself up."

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Up next

- Dallas competed at the Medford Spring Break Tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

- The Dragons defeated La Salle 13-1 and Eagle Point 9-6 on Monday afternoon.

- Dallas played Sheldon and Marshfield Tuesday after press time.

- The Dragons open Mid-Willamette Conference play on Tuesday at Woodburn. First pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

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