

# Sports

## BRIEFING

### Powder Valley boys slip past Imbler

NORTH POWDER — Powder Valley edged Imbler 38-33 in an Old Oregon League boys basketball game Friday. Moziss Nesser led Powder Valley with 12 points. Reece Dixon added 11.

### Cove tops Powder boys in double OT

NORTH POWDER — Cove defeated Powder Valley 60-53 in double overtime Saturday in an Old Oregon League boys basketball game. Reece Dixon and Roper Bingham each scored 13 points to lead Powder Valley. Omar Benites added 12 points, and Dominick Grende 10.

### Boley's career high leads Duck women

SEATTLE (AP) — Erin Boley scored a career-high 31 points, hitting nine 3-pointers, to lead No. 5 Oregon to a 76-57 victory over the Washington Huskies on Sunday. Oregon (19-1, 8-0) has won 12 consecutive games and is the only team left with an unbeaten conference record in the Pac-12. It's the best conference start ever for the Ducks. No. 6 Stanford suffered its first Pac-12 loss Sunday at Utah.

Washington (8-13, 1-8) lost in fifth straight game. Sophomore guard Missy Peterson led the Huskies 13 points. Boley, a 6-foot-2 sophomore forward, has been at her best this season in the two games against Washington. Boley had 28 points and made eight 3-pointers in the 84-71 victory over the Huskies on Jan. 4 at Eugene, Ore. The Ducks built a 12-4 lead with five minutes to go in the first quarter before the Huskies went on an 11-0 run to take a 15-12 lead after a 3-pointer by Montana Hagstrom, the first points of her college career.

After making only 4 of 33 shots from the 3-point arc in the 86-39 loss to Oregon State Friday, the Huskies made 4 of 8 shots from 3-point range in the first quarter Sunday and led 18-16 after the first 10 minutes.

The Huskies led 27-25 after a 3-pointer by Peterson with 4:40 to go in the second quarter before Oregon went on an 11-0 run, led by three consecutive 3-pointers by Boley, who had 19 points in the first half and made 5 of 6 shots from beyond the 3-point arc. The Ducks led 36-29 at the half.

### Oregon St. women top Washington St.

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — The bricks piled up for both No. 9 Oregon State and Washington State, but the Beavers shot and defended a bit better.

Mikayla Pivec had 19 points and nine rebounds, and Oregon State beat Washington State 52-35 for its ninth win in 10 games.

Destiny Slocum scored nine points for Oregon State (17-3, 7-1 Pac-12), which has won its past 11 games against Washington State.

The game was a defensive battle as both teams had off-days from the field. Oregon State shot 37 percent while the Cougars shot just 25 percent.

"I was really happy for the team that they got to experience a defensive, grind-it-out type of win," Oregon State coach Scott Rueck said. "The ball didn't fall but fortunately we got looks and then in the second half we settled in a little bit."

"I thought our defensive effort and energy was outstanding today and all weekend," Rueck added. "Our defense carried us."

Chanelle Molina scored 12 for Washington State (7-13, 2-7), which lost its fourth straight. Borislava Hristova, who is averaging 21 points per game, finished with just nine along with 12 rebounds. It was the first game of the season in which she failed to score in double digits.

"I'm really disappointed in our effort," Washington State coach Kamie Ethridge said. "We were really emotionally flat."

Along with the subpar game from Hristova, Alexys Swedlund was held scoreless for the Cougars.

"We got exposed in our lack of execution," Ethridge said. "Points were hard to come by."

Oregon State scored the last four baskets to take a 16-7 lead after the first quarter. Washington State was scoreless for the final 4:22 of the period.

### Osaka wins Australian Open women's title

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — So close to victory, Naomi Osaka suddenly was letting the Australian Open final slip away. Three championship points? Gone. A sizable lead? Soon all gone, too.

She was playing poorly. She yelled at herself. Slammed a ball. Tugged at her visor's pink brim. Trudged to the locker room between sets with a towel draped over her head.

And then, after returning to the court, Osaka turned it all around just as quickly as she had dropped 23 of 27 points. Refocusing and reasserting herself, Osaka edged Petra Kvitova 7-6 (2), 5-7, 6-4 on Saturday night to win the Australian Open for a second consecutive Grand Slam title.

"I felt like I didn't want to have any regrets," Osaka said. "I think if I didn't regroup after the second set, then I would have looked back on this match and probably cried or something."

On top of that, Osaka will rise to No. 1 in the rankings. "Amazing achievement," two-time Wimbledon champion Kvitova said. "Definitely she is a great one. We'll see what the future will bring."

### Boatwright's three-pointer lifts USC

LOS ANGELES (AP) — USC's Bennie Boatwright wasn't about to miss another game-winning 3-point attempt.

The senior forward gave the Trojans their third straight win on a jumper from the top of the key as they rallied for a 69-67 victory over Arizona State on Saturday.

Boatwright scored 18 points as USC (12-8, 5-2 Pac-12) moved into a tie for second in the conference going into a Wednesday showdown against league-leading Washington.

## BAKER SWIMMING



S. John Collins / Baker City Herald file photo

Brianna Stadler, swimming the 100 backstroke at a Jan. 19 meet at Baker, broke the meet record in the event Saturday at the La Grande Invitational.

# Stadler breaks record at La Grande

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Baker completed its regular-season swimming season Saturday by placing third at the annual La Grande Invitational.

The Bulldogs finished with 465.5 points. La Grande was first with 867.

Baker's Brianna Stadler set a new record in the girls 100 backstroke. She won the event in a time of 59.49.

Baker's girls 400 freestyle relay team of Corrina Stadler, Salena Bott, Hollie Mays and Brianna Stadler also placed first.

Baker is off this week before returning to La Grande in two weeks for the district meet.

**La Grande Invitational (Baker results)**  
Team standings — La Grande 867, Pendleton 802, Baker 465.5, The Dalles 465.5, Nyssa 37.  
Girls 200 medley relay — 2. Baker (B. Stadler, Mays,

C. Stadler, Bott), 2:03.72. Boys 200 freestyle — 2. Ju. Miller, 1:55.39. Girls 200 IM — 2. B. Stadler, 2:16.06. Girls 50 freestyle — 3. Mays, 26.65. 8. Bott, 30.55. 12. Wise, 31.94.  
Boys 50 freestyle — 3. Barnes, 25.27. 8. Ja. Miller, 25.95. 10. Nemeec, 27.22. 12. Stone, 27.88. Girls 100 butterfly — 2. C. Stadler, 1:03.82. 4. Zickgraf, 1:27.89. Girls 100 freestyle — 2. Mays, 59.99. 8. Wise, 1:11.39.  
Boys 100 freestyle — 5. Wise, 1:00.82. 6. Nemeec, 1:01.68. 12. Huntington, 1:13.92. Girls 200 freestyle relay — 4. Baker (Huntington, Wise, Zickgraf, Bailey), 2:11.67. Boys 200 freestyle relay — 3. Baker (Ja. Miller, Nemeec, Barnes, Ju. Miller), 1:44.63.  
Girls 100 backstroke — 1. B. Stadler, 59.49. 3. C. Stadler, 1:09.53. 9. Bailey, 1:24.34. Boys 100 backstroke — 2. Ju. Miller, 58.92. 7. Stone, 1:11.94. 8. Huntington, 1:24.30. Girls 100 breaststroke — 6. Bott, 1:27.96. Boys 100 breaststroke — 2. Ja. Miller, 1:13.96. 7. Wise, 1:22.73. Girls 400 freestyle relay — 1. Baker (C. Stadler, Bott, Mays, B. Stadler), 4:05.15.

## OREGON STATE BASKETBALL

# Washington beats Beavers to go 7-0

By Kyle Odegard  
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Nahziah Carter saw the nation's leading shot-blocker moving to protect the rim, but he still drove the lane and elevated.

"I just feel like nobody could block my dunk, so I went up," said the sophomore forward, who acknowledged he was eager to see replays of the slam.

Carter had highlight-reel dunks and 18 points with three steals as Washington used suffocating defense to beat Oregon State 79-69 on Saturday.

Jaylen Nowell scored 19 points with three 3-pointers and David Crisp had 14 points for the Huskies (16-4, 7-0 Pac-12).

Washington coach Mike Hopkins said it was his team's most complete game of the season.

Stephen Thompson Jr. had 30 points with a career-

high six 3-pointers and Tres Tinkle added 18 points and nine rebounds for the Beavers (12-7, 4-3 Pac-12).

"Give credit to Washington for coming out and being the aggressor, knocking us back on our heels," said Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle, who added that the Huskies were the more physical team.

The Huskies' zone stifled Oregon State, forcing the Beavers into 44 percent shooting and 15 turnovers. Washington scored 25 points off those turnovers, shot 58 percent from the field and had 12 turnovers.

Washington forced five early turnovers and took an 11-0 lead after a Matisse Thybulle steal and break-away dunk at the 17:01 mark.

"We were setting the tone, just letting them know. It's not going to let up for the whole game. It's going to be a

long 40 minutes," Crisp said.

A 7-0 run — including a ferocious dunk and-one by Carter over rim protector Kylor Kelley, then a Carter steal and dunk on the next possession — put the Huskies up 22-7 with 11:38 remaining in the first half.

Washington led 40-27 at the break.

The Huskies led by as many as 21 in the second half, and late Thompson 3-pointers made the score seem more respectable.

Thybulle, the reigning Pac-12 defensive player of the year, finished with 11 points and five steals.

### BIG PICTURE

Washington: The Huskies last started 7-0 in league play in 1952-53, when they went 14-0 to begin conference action and advanced to the Final Four. Washington is receiving votes in The AP poll. Three of the Huskies'

losses are to ranked teams, and a road performance like Saturday's could help perception about the squad.

OSU: There was no "Stevie" miracle this time. The last two games against the Huskies at Gill, Thompson hit game-winning 3-pointers, including a dagger in double overtime last season.

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