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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Broncos nip Colorado St.

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Justin J Jessup topped in 20 points on 8-of-13 shooting and Boise State held off Colorado State 70-68 on Tuesday night. Jessup added six assists, five rebounds and two blocked shots for the Broncos (10-11, 5-3 Mountain West Conference), who beat the Rams (8-13, 3-5) for a fifth straight time, including three straight on CSU's home floor. Alex Hobbs added 17 points and four assists. Derrick Alston and Marcus Dickinson scored 14

and 12, respectively. Boise State scored the last five points of the first half on a Zach Haney jumper and a Jessup 3-pointer with five seconds left to send the Broncos into intermission with a 35-30 lead. J.D. Paige's basket with 17:28 left to play pulled the Rams within 39-38, but Hobbs and Jessup accounted for all the scoring in a 9-0 run and Boise State stayed comfortably in front until the final minute. Anthony Masinton-Bonner's 3-point pull led CSU within 68-66 with 20

seconds to go. The Broncos added two free throws to stretch their lead to four, but Jessup fouled Paige on a 3-point try with two seconds remaining. Paige made the first two foul shots, intentionally missed the third, but Nico Carvacho's tip-in try was off target. Carvacho picked up his conference-leading 13th double-double for the Rams, finishing with 12 points, 16 rebounds and six assists. Kris Martin and Paige scored 12 apiece.

Nevada romps over Rebels

By W.G. Ramirez
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LAS VEGAS — Nevada has dropped one game all season, and it didn't take that setback too well. Since losing at New Mexico on Jan. 5, the eighth-ranked Wolf Pack have won six straight — five by double digits — after Caleb Martin had 26 points and six rebounds Tuesday night in an 87-70 victory over UNLV. Nevada (20-1, 7-1 Mountain West) has outscored opponents by an average of 20.3 points during the streak. "We were really disappointed with the one loss that we've had this year," coach Eric Musselman said. "It's hard to play really well every night and we had a game that we stunk, but I think it refocused us for sure."

Jordan Caroline added 18 points and 10 rebounds for Nevada, his 12th double-double of the season. Cody Martin chipped in with 10 points, seven assists and six rebounds. "There was added pressure on this game because it means so much to this state, the big rivalry game, so we knew it would have a lot more influence on how they would play and how they would come out and the energy in this building alone," Caroline said. "We were so locked in and keyed in defensively. We knew what we needed to do going into this, and we really were just locked in all week at the task at hand." The Runnin' Rebels (11-9, 5-3) lost their second in a row and third in five games. They shot 36.8 percent (25 of 68) from the floor.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NCAA might try to limit length of overtime games

By Ralph D. Russo
AP College Football Writer

Marathon overtime games in college football, such as the one LSU and Texas A&M played last season, are already rare. The NCAA would like them to become extinct. Concerned about increased injury risk to players, the football rules committee later this month will consider tweaks to the overtime format. The goal is to make it less likely for games to go beyond two possessions for each team. Among the more radical ideas set to be discussed is going to a 2-point-conversion shootout after teams have played two OT possessions. "The overtime process is really not broken," said Steve Shaw, the national coordinator of football officials. "It's just when you go beyond two (overtime possessions), it's too much." The committee meets the last week of February in Indianapolis and will also — again — discuss targeting. The American Football Coaches Association wants

to make targeting a two-tiered foul, with a 15-yard penalty for some helmet hits and 15 yards for more malicious hits. Currently, all targeting fouls result in ejection. A similar change was considered last year, but shot down and the same seems likely this year. However, other changes will be discussed that could lead to fewer ejections. The current overtime format, implemented in 1996, gives each team possession at the opponent's 25-yard line, and repeats the process until one team has outscored the other. After two possessions by each team, the offense must try a 2-point conversion instead of kicking an extra point after a touchdown. On average, 37 Bowl Sub-division games have gone to overtime over the past four seasons. Most end after one round of possessions. Only six games per season have gone past two overtimes. LSU and Texas A&M tied a record by playing seven overtime periods in November. The Aggies won 74-72 and the teams ran 207 offensive plays; an average regulation

game features 140. "Obviously that's a lot of exertion on the student-athletes," said Virginia athletic director Shane Lyons, who is in his first year as the chairman of the NCAA's football oversight committee. There is no support to allow games to end in ties, which were part of college football for decades. Shaw said he has received dozens of ideas about how to tweak overtime. The most common have to do with offenses operating more efficiently than ever, moving the starting line back 10 or 15 yards could make scoring more difficult. The rules committee will also consider eliminating extra point tries, forcing teams to go for 2 from the very first possession. Since the 2-point play often decides the longer overtime games — Texas A&M-LSU finally ended on the Aggies' made conversion after LSU tried one and failed — why not go straight to 2-point plays from the 2-yard line after each team has had the ball twice?

MEASLES OUTBREAK IN CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Person suspected of having measles visited Bend earlier this month

By Markian Hawryluk
WesCom News Service

A person suspected of having measles visited Bend on Jan. 19-20, potentially exposing residents to the virus. Deschutes County health officials said the person is connected with the measles outbreak in Clark County, Washington, but the Oregon Health Authority is still waiting for test results to confirm whether that person is infected.

The potential exposures occurred in Bend on Saturday, Jan. 19, at Mountain Park from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and on Sunday, Jan. 20, at the Juniper Swim & Fitness Center at unknown hours. Deschutes County health officials are urging anybody who is unvaccinated and was at those locations at those times to contact the health department. Both locations are now considered safe.

Central Oregon health officials have been keeping close watch on the measles outbreak in Vancouver and Portland, knowing the disease could easily make the jump to the region. "There is always a concern when its measles, because of the side effects and because of how contagious it is," said Muriel DeLaVergne-Brown, health and human services director for Crook County. "Part of it is just reminding people that this is still a concern."

County officials in Clark County, Washington, have now confirmed 35 cases of the measles in the ongoing outbreak, and on Friday, the Multnomah County Health Department confirmed one of the cases occurred in Oregon. Officials have listed a number of public sites in Vancouver and Portland where people may have been exposed to the virus. Because of the lag time between infection and the first symptoms, people are often out in public while they are contagious.

"When one gets measles, one is contagious for a period of about eight days, including four days before you get the rash, before you even know you have measles," said Dr. Paul Cieslak, medical director of Communicable Diseases and Immunizations at the Oregon Health Authority's Public Health Division.

County health departments in Clark County, Washington, he said, are tracking unvaccinated people who have been exposed to the measles virus, calling them regularly to ensure they haven't developed symptoms. Those people are being encouraged to stay at home until they are past the incubation period for the disease. Of the 35 Clark County cases, 31 cases occurred in

unvaccinated patients, while the immunization status for the remaining four has not been confirmed. All but one of the cases are in children, including 25 in children under age 10. One person was hospitalized, and other nine are suspected of having the measles. Cieslak said most Oregonians are well-protected: After two doses, the measles vaccine has an effectiveness rate in the high 90s. Measles was once so common that nearly everybody was born to it, so people before 1957 are considered immune. School vaccination rates in Oregon are above 96 percent, with vaccination rates among adults even higher.

As recently as 2010, only 1 percent of Oregonian school kids claimed exemptions. But in recent years, myths about the safety of measles vaccines took hold and rates dipped. Once those rates dip below 95 percent in a given community, the herd immunity effect that prevents the transmission of the disease is lost. "I worry about those pockets that have a lot of unvaccinated people," Cieslak said. Measles transmission has stopped in the U.S. thanks to the vaccine, but sporadic outbreaks occur when travelers bring the virus from other countries. A current outbreak in New York City among Orthodox Jews has been linked to a traveler coming from Israel. Officials in Clark County have not disclosed whether they have found the original source of the Vancouver outbreak, although there are signs that outbreak is affecting Russian-speaking immigrants. Clark County officials have released measles information sheets from the state health department in English, Spanish, Russian and Ukrainian. Officials have also chronicled locations where infected people had gone before they were diagnosed. Those include two Russian-language churches in Vancouver and one in Portland.

According to a 2012 report from the Washington State Department of Health, Russian-speaking communities in the state have the lowest childhood immunization rates of any population. The report found many families that immigrated to Washington, Oregon and California from Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet republics had negative beliefs or misperceptions about the safety, efficacy and cost of vaccines, in addition to cultural and language barriers in accessing care. Those immigrant populations are less common in Central Oregon. "But we are also very concerned with the overall

increase in individuals opting out of immunizations for non-medical reasons throughout Central Oregon," Jefferson County Health Director Michael Baker said. "Historically, Jefferson County has had very high rates for on-time and up-to-date immunizations. We have started to see those numbers decline throughout the region." In the 2017-18 school year, Jefferson County schoolchildren had the highest rate of measles vaccination in Central Oregon at greater than 98 percent. Crook County had a 97 percent rate, while Deschutes County had 94 percent.

The three counties are now cooperating in their communicable disease work under a federal grant. Baker said that has helped relieve pressure on his health department, which relies on a single nurse for immunization work. "When a situation like this arises, she is near the breaking point," he said.

The cooperative efforts includes tracking the measles outbreak and keeping area health care providers informed about proper protocols when it comes to diagnosing and treating measles. Many local providers have never seen a patient with measles. "I've been a bug doctor for 25 years and I've never seen a case," said Dr. John Lutz, an infectious disease specialist with Summit Medical Group Oregon-Bend Memorial Clinic. "We did such a good job stamping it out in this country."

Immunization is recommended starting with a first dose at 12 to 15 months old, and a second dose between age 4 and 6. Those who have missed doses can get caught up at any time. Health officials are also warning parents that if they suspect their child has developed the measles to call ahead rather than showing up in the waiting room of the doctor's office. Clinics can then make arrangements to see the child without exposing others. "Measles is actually one of the most, if not the most, contagious viruses that we know about," said Dr. John Lynch, medical director of the Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. "If you take an unimmunized group of people and you expose them, 9 out of 10 of them will become infected."



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76ers roll past Lakers

By Joe Reedy
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Philadelphia 76ers coach Brett Brown decided to experiment with his lineup during Tuesday night's game against the Los Angeles Lakers. If one game is any indication, Brown can consider it a success. The Sixers led throughout and were up by 24 in the second quarter as they rolled to a 121-105 victory over the short-handed Lakers. Joel Embiid scored 28 points and grabbed 11 rebounds from his usual spot in the middle, but Jimmy Butler and Ben Simmons thrived in new roles. Butler had 20 points and six assists in his first game at point guard, and Simmons scored 19 while playing the stretch 4 — power forward with the range of a shooting guard. Ingram had a career-high 36 points for the Lakers, who were missing Kyle Kuzma, LeBron James and Lonzo Ball. The Lakers got to 80-71 midway through the third quarter on a pair of free throws by Ivan Zubac, but Shamet and Embiid hit 3s to put Philadelphia's lead back in double digits.

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