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BOYS CLASS 1A STATE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Nixyaawii races past Horizon Christian

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Nixyaawii spotted Horizon Christian a 3-0 lead in the first quarter, then stormed away to a 66-44 win in the Class 1A state boys basketball quarterfinals at Baker High School.

Nixyaawii built a 9-point lead in the first quarter, and increased the margin to as many as 24 points in the second half.

The Golden Eagles' bench outscored Horizon Christian's reserves, 37-0.

Moses led Nixyaawii

with 25 points. He was 7-of-9 from three-point range. Magi Moses added 12 points, and Mick Schimmel and Tyasin Burns 11 each.

Derek Johnston led Horizon Christian with 12 points.

Nixyaawii plays Prairie City in Friday's semifinals.

NIXYAAWII (66)
Mo. Moses 9-0-25, Ma. Moses 6-0-12, Burns 5-0-11, Schimmel 5-1-11, Picard 2-0-0, Sigo 1-0-0, Bronson, Ortega, Barkley, Ashley, Totals 28 1-2 66.

HORIZON CHRISTIAN (44)
Johnston 4-2-12, Petshow 3-2-11, B. Holste 3-2-8, Lingel 3-1-7, Brown 3-0-0, Leeson, Whitaker, Rogers, Williams, J. Holste, Totals 16 7-7 44.

Nixyaawii 21 18 12 15 — 66
Horizon Christian 12 13 13 6 — 44

Three-point baskets — Mo. Moses 7, Burns, Sigo, Petshow 3, Johnston 2. **Fouled out** — none.

PAC-12 MEN'S BASKETBALL

Arizona stuns Beavers with buzzer-beater

By Kyle Odegard
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Devonaire Doutrive didn't think he had ever hit a game-winning buzzer beater before at any level.

"It feels good. It feels great," the Arizona freshman said. "The last play, coach drew up a play, they told me to rebound."

Doutrive grabbed an offensive rebound and scored on a midair putback just before the final buzzer as Arizona defeated Oregon State 74-72 on Thursday night.

"That's what everybody dreams of," said Arizona guard Brandon Randolph.

Randolph scored 15 points, and Ira Lee and Justin Coleman each scored 10 points for the Wildcats (17-12, 8-8 Pac-12). Doutrive finished with nine points and five rebounds.

Tres Tinkle had 24 points and five rebounds and Ethan Thompson added 18 points and five assists for the Beavers (17-10, 9-6), who lost for the seventh time in a row to Arizona.

"We need to play with a lot more tenacity," Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said.

The Wildcats outrebounded the Beavers 35-19, and 12 offensive rebounds led to 20 second-chance points for Arizona.

Days Creek rallies past Damascus

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Days Creek rallied in the second half Wednesday to hand Damascus Christian a 60-47 defeat in the Class 1A state boys basketball quarterfinals at Baker High School.

Days Creek trailed 23-22 at halftime then outscored Damascus Christian 38-24 in the second half.

Blake Ellis led Days Creek with 17 points.

Jacob Zakharyuk topped

Damascus Christian with 14 points.

Days Creek will play Trinity Lutheran in today's semifinals.

DAYS CREEK (60)
Ellis 6-2-27, Muir 4-0-0, DeGroot 5-1-12, Krucic 4-2-3, Whetzel 1-1-4, Martin 1-1-2, Totals 21 7-12 60.

DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN (47)
Zakharyuk 5-2-14, Budey 4-2-3, Shields 4-0-1, Titchenal 3-0-0, Powers 1-2-2, Bogdan 1-1-2, Nelson, Totals 18 7-12 47.

Days Creek 12 10 24 14 — 60
Damascus Christian 9 14 15 9 — 47

Three-point baskets — Muir 4, Ellis 3, Krucic, DeGroot, Martin, Whetzel, Zakharyuk 2, Shields, Titchenal. **Fouled out** — none. **Total fouls** — Days Creek 11, Damascus Christian 19. **Technical** — none.

Trinity Lutheran debuts with win

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Trinity Lutheran, making its first trip to the Class 1A state boys basketball tournament, defeated Triad 52-41 in quarterfinal action Wednesday at Baker High School.

Trinity Lutheran, from Bend, led from start to finish to advance to today's semifinals against Days Creek.

Matt Eidler led Trinity Lutheran with 16 points and nine rebounds.

Ethan Roe topped Triad with 11 points.

TRINITY LUTHERAN (52)
Eidler 4-9-16, Gilbert 6-2-6, Niemeyer 4-2-4, Valentine 2-3-5, Utu 1-3-3, Cliff 1-0-1, Schippers, Dover, Totals 18 14-26 52.

TRIAD (41)
Roe 5-0-11, W. Heryford 4-1-2, Moritz 2-2-6, Smith 2-1-3, Young 2-1-2, Alexander 2-0-0, C. Heryford, Sparks, Morene, Totals 17 5-9 41.

Trinity Lutheran 13 17 8 14 — 52
Triad 8 15 8 10 — 41

Three-point baskets — Gilbert, Niemeyer, Roe, Alexander. **Fouled out** — Roe.

Prairie City nips Sherman with late run

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Prairie City broke a 48-48 tie with 2:02 left in the game Wednesday and went on to edge Sherman 52-48 in the Class 1A state boys basketball quarterfinals at Baker High School.

Lucas McKinley scored with 2:02 left in the game to give Prairie City a 50-48 lead.

McKinley added a pair of insurance free throws in the final 2 seconds.

The final margin was Prairie City's largest lead of the game. Sherman held a 9-point lead in the third period.

Levi Burke led Prairie City scoring with 15 points. McKinley added 12, and Cole Deiter 11.

Keenan Coles led Sherman with 13 points.

Prairie City will play Nixyaawii in today's semifinals.

PRAIRIE CITY (52)
Burke 7-1-2, McKinley 4-2-3, Deiter 4-3-4, Holman 2-4-4, Field 2-0-0, Zweygardt 1-0-0, Judd, Totals 20 10-13 52.

SHERMAN (48)
Coles 6-1-2, Fields 5-0-1, Martin 4-2-2, Fritts 3-1-2, Jones 2-2-3, Christiansen, Riggs, Totals 20 6-10 48.

Prairie City 11 11 12 18 — 52
Sherman 16 10 17 5 — 48

Three-point baskets — McKinley 2, Fields 2. **Fouled out** — none. **Total fouls** — Prairie City 12, Sherman 11. **Technical** — none.

Ducks dominate Sun Devils, 79-51

EUGENE (AP) — Francis Okoro earned his way into Oregon's eighth different starting lineup two games ago with sheer effort.

The freshman from Nigeria has since showed off what the Ducks have been seeing on the practice court.

Louis King scored 19 points and Payton Pritchard had 18 as Oregon raced past Arizona State 79-51 on Thursday night.

Okoro's season-high 10 rebounds helped the Ducks dominate the Sun Devils 44-26 on the glass. ASU came into the game as the Pac-12's top rebounding team.

"Francis has been practicing so well," Oregon coach Dana Altman said, "and it's given him some confidence because he knows he's working his tail off. I'm really happy. Ten rebounds is a really great effort."

The 6-foot-9 Okoro had eight rebounds in the second half as the Ducks muscled the bigger Sun Devils inside for a 26-8 edge in points in the paint and a 25-11 margin in rebounds. Oregon also outscored ASU 45-25 over the final 20 minutes.

"We're not really a very physical team and we've got a lot of work to do in the offseason to get our guys bigger," Altman said. "We're a little on the skinny side, but Francis gives us a little physicality in there."

Ehab Amin added 11 points off the bench for the Ducks (16-12, 7-8 Pac-12), who snapped a three-game losing streak.

Sherman, Damascus win consolation games

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Sherman and Damascus Christian advanced to Saturday's Class 1A state boys basketball fourth-place game with consolation wins Thursday at Baker High School.

Sherman eliminated Horizon Christian 59-28, and Damascus Christian stopped Triad 65-52.

Keenan Coles led Sherman with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Bailey Holste topped Horizon Christian with seven points.

HORIZON CHRISTIAN (28)
B. Holste 3-1-7, Whitaker 3-0-0, Brown 2-0-0, Lingel 2-0-0, Petshow 1-1-2, Johnston 1-0-0, Rogers 1-0-0, Leeson, Williams, Totals 13 2-6 28.

SHERMAN (59)
Coles 8-2-18, Martin 6-4-6, Fields 4-1-21,

Jacob Zakharyuk led Damascus Christian with 15 points. Spencer Powers added 14.

Ethan Roe led Triad with 17 points.

DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN (65)
Zakharyuk 5-4-6, Powers 4-5-8, Titchenal 4-0-0, Shields 4-3-4, Budey 2-6-8, Nelson 0-2-2, Bogdan 0-1-2, Atkins, Je. deLambert, Ja. deLambert, Brandon, Nelson, Totals 19 21-32 65.

Triad 12 13 17 10 — 52
Damascus Christian 14 12 16 23 — 65

Three-point baskets — E. Roe, Titchenal, Powers, Zakharyuk, Budey. **Fouled out** — W. Heryford. **Total fouls** — Triad 24, Damascus Christian 14. **Technical** — none.

Blazers top Celtics for 5th straight win

By Doug Alden
Associated Press

BOSTON — The Portland Trail Blazers have come to the other side of the country and beat up some of the Eastern Conference's best teams.

Of course, at the moment, it's not clear where in that hierarchy the Boston Celtics belong.

The Trail Blazers beat Boston 97-92 on Wednesday night for the Celtics' fourth straight loss. It was the fifth consecutive win overall for Portland, and the fourth dur-

ing a five-game swing that has also included victories over playoff hopefuls Philadelphia and Brooklyn.

Damian Lillard scored 33 points, Maurice Harkless had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Portland improved to 18-4 against the East this season.

"We're playing together offensively. Defensively, we've been sharp," Lillard said. "We're getting it from everybody on both ends of the floor and just being consistent. When you get that

type of consistent effort from multiple guys — everybody in the rotation — this is what it looks like."

Jusef Nurkic scored 16 points, and CJ McCollum finished with 14 points for the Blazers.

"There's a lot to like about that game," coach Terry Stotts said.

The struggling Celtics are winless since the All-Star break. Kyrie Irving scored 31 points to lead Boston, which was coming off a 118-95 rout at Toronto and didn't

lead after the first quarter Wednesday.

Jaylen Brown had 10 points and 10 rebounds for the Celtics, Jayson Tatum had 14 points, and Marcus Smart and Al Horford scored 13 each.

Irving gave Boston a chance with a 3-pointer with 28 seconds left, cutting Portland's lead to 95-92, but the Celtics were forced to foul, and Lillard sealed it with two free throws with 12 seconds left.

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