

OREGON SPRING
FOOTBALL GAME

Shough
puts on
a show

By Anne E. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

EUGENE — While Justin Herbert was his usual steady self at quarterback for Oregon, the Ducks’ spring game gave redshirt freshman Tyler Shough a chance to show off his growth. Herbert, playing Saturday for the Mighty Oregon side, completed 17 of 32 passes for 219 yards and two touchdowns. Shough, starter for the Fighting Ducks, completed 18 of 31 passes for 178 yards and a score. Clad in green, the Mighty Oregon side prevailed in the end 20-13. But Shough stood out. “Just major improvements. A lot of maturity, definitely, since last season,” running back Cyrus Habibi-Likio said about Shough. “Just seems confident out there and he’s ripping it. ... He’s grown a lot, even under Justin, and he’s kind of stepped outside of that shadow and he’s kind of added his own flavor to the offense.” Former Oregon QB Dan Fouts was honorary captain for the Mighty Oregon team, while former offensive tackle Gary Zimmerman was captain of the yellow-clad Fighting Ducks team. Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota and numerous other alums, as well as a large group of potential recruits, were among the 35,111 at Autzen Stadium for the game. Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said that things started to click for Shough in the offseason. Herbert’s backup last year, Braxton Burmeister, left Oregon for Virginia Tech in February. “It definitely felt good,” Shough said about his performance Saturday. “It definitely felt more real than practice. Obviously I love playing football and being out there in front of everybody with our guys, was pretty special. It was super fun. Obviously there’s things that you want back, some scenarios, but overall I felt like the offense did a pretty good job.”

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BAKER BASEBALL



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Spencer Shirtcliff stretches at first base for the last-out throw from third baseman Connor Lay. The Bulldogs won the first of a doubleheader, 3-2, against Ontario Friday at the Baker Sports Complex.

Bulldogs split GOL pair with Ontario

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Baker and Ontario split a Greater Oregon League baseball doubleheader Friday at the Baker Sports Complex. Baker won the first game 3-2 before losing the nightcap 12-7. Baker left 16 runners on base in the two games. “We’ve got to get the timely hit, and do a better job of

picking up our baserunners,” said Baker coach Tim Smith. In Game 1, Baker rallied from behind twice to earn the win. Sam McCauley pitched a three-hitter, striking out 10. In the second game, Ontario outhit the Bulldogs 15-8. “They swung the bats pretty well,” Smith said of the Tigers. “They swung the bats bet-

ter than we did.” McCauley led Baker’s offense with a home run and two RBIs. Baker (3-3 in the GOL) travels to Homedale for a nonleague game Tuesday. The Bulldogs then travel to Mac-Hi Saturday for a GOL twinbill. The Mac-Hi games were originally scheduled as Baker home games, but due to earlier weather conditions

the games were switched.

First game										
Ontario	0	1	0	0	1	0	—	2		
Baker	0	0	0	1	2	x	—	3		
McCauley and Van Arsdall. WP — McCauley. Baker hits — Bennett, McCauley, Van Arsdall, Lay, Shirtcliff, Smith, Miller. Baker RBI — Van Arsdall, Miller. 2B — McCauley.										
Second game										
Ontario	3	1	0	0	1	4	3	—	12	
Baker	0	0	2	0	2	0	3	—	7	
Lay, Curry (6), Shirtcliff (7) and Van Arsdall. LP — Lay. Baker hits — Linscott, McCauley, Van Arsdall 3, Lay, Shirtcliff, Smith. Baker RBI — McCauley 2, Shirtcliff 2. 2B — Lay. HR — McCauley.										

NBA PLAYOFFS

Blazers 1 win from clinching series

By Cliff Brunt
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook went cold just when Dame Time hit in the third quarter again. Now time’s almost up for the Oklahoma City Thunder. Damian Lillard scored 15 of his 24 points in the third quarter, and the Portland Trail Blazers held Westbrook without a basket in the second half in beating the Thunder 111-98 on Sunday night to take a 3-1 lead in their series. Lillard had another big third quarter after scoring 25 points in the period in a Game 3 loss Friday. In this game, the All-Star point guard was 5 of 7 in the third to help Portland take control for good. “I didn’t feel the need to get overly aggressive in the first half, once I saw how the game was going,” he said. “But then in the third, I felt like that was the time when we needed to hit the

gas.” Lillard made his first basket with 1:14 left in the first half after missing his first six shots, but he had seven assists before the break. “We’ve kind of come to expect it,” Portland coach Terry Stotts said. “He manages the game. He senses the moment when we need him to do different things. He’s an ultimate competitor. He is going to give it his all.” C.J. McCollum scored 27 points, Al-Farouq Aminu had 19 points and nine rebounds, and Maurice Harkless added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Trail Blazers. Portland can close out the series Tuesday at home. Paul George had 32 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City. Dennis Schroder added 17 points. Westbrook scored 14 points on 5-for-21 shooting. He missed his final 10 shots and was 0 for 7 with one point in

the second half. “Sometimes you have nights like that,” he said. “That happens sometimes. But it just wasn’t good enough for us to get the win.” George missed most of the second quarter with three fouls, but the Thunder hung tough and led for much of the period. Lillard hit a 3-pointer in the final minute to give Portland the lead, then Aminu hit a 3 with 3.9 seconds left as the Trail Blazers took a 50-46 edge into the break. Lillard hit deep back-to-back 3s 27 seconds apart to give Portland a 66-54 lead. The Trail Blazers stretched the lead to 19 in the third before the Thunder closed the gap. George hit a 3-pointer from the corner in the closing seconds to cut Portland’s lead to 79-68. A 3-pointer by Schroder pulled Oklahoma City within 97-87 with 3:35 remaining, but the Trail Blazers maintained control.

OREGON STATE SPRING FOOTBALL GAME

OSU QB job still up for grabs

By Gary Horowitz
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Oregon State senior quarterback Jake Luton smiled when he was informed that second-year head coach Jonathan Smith did not name a starting quarterback after Saturday’s annual spring game at Reser Stadium. Luton passed for a team-high 1,660 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. “It’s my sixth year and all six years I’ve been in a quarterback competition until like the last week until the games, so it’s kind of just what I’m used to,” said Luton, who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA in the offseason. Luton would certainly be

considered the frontrunner heading into preseason camp in late July. He was 6 of 9 for 94 yards Saturday, leading the Orange team to a 27-7 victory over the Black. The Beavers, who were 2-10 overall last season and 1-8 in the Pac-12, return to the field in late July to begin preseason camp. Luton’s primary competition is expected to come from sophomore Tristan Gebbia, a transfer from Nebraska who was the Beavers’ scout team quarterback last season. He was 7 of 14 for 67 yards and a touchdown Saturday. “As a team we make sure we go as hard as we can every day and make sure we have a championship mindset,” Gebbia said. “The sky’s

WEEK AHEAD IN
HIGH SCHOOL
SPORTS

MONDAY, APRIL 22
■ **Tennis:** Nyssa at Baker, 3 p.m.
■ **Golf:** Baker girls invitational, noon

TUESDAY, APRIL 23
■ **Tennis:** Vale at Baker, 3 p.m.
■ **Baseball:** Baker at Homedale, 4 p.m.; Homedale JV at Baker, 4 p.m.; La Grande JV2 at Baker, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24
■ **Tennis:** Baker at Skyview, 3 p.m.
■ **Golf:** Baker boys and girls at Wine Valley, tba

THURSDAY, APRIL 25
■ **Softball:** Notus at Baker, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
■ **Tennis:** Ontario at Baker, 2 p.m.
■ **Track:** Baker, Powder Valley at Nyssa, noon
■ **Softball:** Baker at Weiser, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
■ **Softball:** Baker at Mac-Hi (2), noon; Baker JV at Mac-Hi (2), noon
■ **Baseball:** Baker at Mac-Hi (2), noon; Baker JV at Mac-Hi (2), noon
■ **Track:** Baker, Powder Valley at Ontario, 10 a.m.

AT A GLANCE

Homedale games were canceled
Baker’s nonleague softball games and tennis match against Homedale scheduled Saturday were canceled. No makeup dates were announced.

Duke women place third
GREENSBORO, N.C. — Duke finished third at the ACC Women’s Golf Championship Saturday. The Blue Devils, coached by Baker graduate Dan Brooks, shot 868 to trail Wake Forest (850) and Florida State (858). Duke now awaits the NCAA regional selection show April 24.

Andersen wins women’s 10,000
EUGENE — Anika Andersen, a former Baker runner, won the women’s 10,000 Saturday at the Lane Community College Titan Twilight track and field meet. Andersen, a senior at OIT, finished the race in 38:54.75.

Timbers finally get first win
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Larrys Mabiala and Jeremy Ebobisse scored in the first half and the Portland Timbers snapped a five-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory over the Columbus Crew on Saturday night.

Mabiala headed home Diego Valeri’s free kick to open the scoring for the Timbers (1-5-1) in the 31st minute. Crew goalkeeper Zack Steffen got his hands on the shot but not enough to deny the goal. Ebobisse doubled Portland’s lead four minutes later, finding an open space at the top of the 6-yard box to finish Sebastián Blanco’s cross. Jorge Moreira capped the scoring in second-half stoppage time with a right-footed shot from close range for the Timbers. Pedro Santos pulled the Crew (4-3-1) to 2-1 in the 69th minute.