

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducks fall out of AP top 10

Oregon's run in the top 10 of The Associated Press women's college basketball poll is over after 64 consecutive appearances.

The Ducks fell to No. 11 in the AP Top 25 released a day after the team's 27-game winning streak ended with a two-point loss to then-No. 11 UCLA.

Oregon entered the Top 25 at No. 11 in the 2017-18 preseason poll and moved up a spot in the first regular-season poll that year. The Ducks hadn't fallen below 10th until Monday, climbing as high No. 1 for a few weeks last year.

It was the fourth longest active streak behind UConn, Baylor and Louisville. The Huskies have been in the top 10 of every poll since March 7, 2005. The Lady Bears have done it since Dec. 8, 2014, and Louisville started its run in the pre-season poll of 2017-18.

It doesn't get much easier for Oregon, with a trip to No. 1 Stanford on Friday. The Cardinal remained the top choice in the poll this week after sweeping a road trip in Arizona, with victories over the Wildcats and Sun Devils. The Cardinal were followed by Louisville, UConn, North Carolina State and South Carolina in the poll. The Huskies and Wolfpack were tied for third.

Stanford, which received 27 of 30 first-place votes from a national media panel, has not played a home game since its season opener on Nov. 25.

—Associated Press

NFL

Chargers fire Lynn after four seasons

The Los Angeles Chargers have fired coach Anthony Lynn less than two seasons after he led the franchise to the AFC divisional round.

Lynn is the fifth NFL coach fired this season, joining Houston's Bill O'Brien, Atlanta's Dan Quinn, Detroit's Matt Patricia and Adam Gase of the New York Jets.

Los Angeles won its final four games to finish 7-9, but it wasn't enough to save Lynn's job.

"I'm not sure there is another person in this league more respected as a human being than Anthony," owner Dean Spanos said in a statement. "This is a results-driven business, and simply put, the results of the past two years have fallen short of expectations."

Hired by the Chargers in January 2017, Lynn was the first Black head coach in franchise history. He went 34-32 with Los Angeles, but just 12-20 over the last two seasons. He had one year remaining on his contract.

Quarterback Justin Herbert is favored for Offensive Rookie of the Year after setting a rookie record with 31 touchdown passes.

The Los Angeles opening could be one of the more intriguing ones of the offseason. The franchise moved into SoFi Stadium this season, but also has a talented nucleus with Herbert, running back Austin Ekeler, wide receivers Keenan Allen and Mike Williams, defensive end Joey Bosa and safety Derwin James.

—Associated Press



OUTDOORS

BEAVER STATE VALUES

▲ Fly-fishing in a wild cutthroat stream with evidence of a beaver's industry all around.

Gary Lewis/ For The Bulletin

Trappers are a minority in hunting, fishing community but provide an important function in management

I think about my grandfathers quite a bit these days. It's because I am the same age they were in my earliest memories. Both of them lived in what used to be called Oregon Territory. Both of them lived in and worked in the woods.

My grandpa on the Lewis side of the family had 100 acres of good river bottom and timber and much of it he kept like a park.

He approved of us hunting, as he had when he was young, but he did not allow us to hunt rabbits or squirrels. As a youngster, starting from the age of 10, he fed his mother and father, brothers and

sisters, on rabbits and squirrels. Every day he carried a Stevens Favorite single-shot 22 rifle into the woods and along the edges of the fields, and he was good enough to keep the family fed through the Great Depression. But after he joined the army in December 1941 he did not hunt rabbits or squirrels again. And he would not allow us to hunt them either.

Beavers too were safe on his place. It was funny because he was a logger for part of his life and the beaver was sometimes competition. But there was a day Grandpa said he was calling in a trapper. The beavers, he said, were destroying the salmon and steelhead spawning areas along the creek, and he could not allow that. I didn't think about any of that until recently.

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GARY LEWIS



◀ Releasing a cutthroat trout. Note the beaver-trimmed willow shoots on the river bottom. Beavers can provide needed structure in trout streams, but an overabundance can lead to damaged waterways.

Photo courtesy Samuel Pyke



◀ A beaver dam on a trout stream.

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NFL ANALYSIS

Seahawks head into playoffs confident but with questions

BY MATT CALKINS

The Seattle Times

We'll start with the good, because there is a whole lot of it.

The Seahawks beat the 49ers, 26-23, on Sunday to earn their fourth straight victory and finish the season 12-4. They had two receivers set franchise single-season records — Tyler Lockett for receptions (100) and DK Metcalf for receiving yards (1,303).

Their defense had another fine day, reeling off three sacks and forcing a key fourth-quarter fumble. And for the second straight week, Seattle didn't turn the ball over.

No, the win didn't improve the Seahawks' playoff seeding, as the Packers and Saints each won Sunday, too. But that Week 17 victory did provide a pleasant punctuation to a tumultuous season.

"This season, just of life, has been a journey. It's been crazy in so many



Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Tyler Lockett (16) celebrates his touchdown against the San Francisco 49ers with wide receiver David Moore (83) Sunday in Glendale, Arizona.

different ways," Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson said. "We cannot take for granted having 12 wins, and finding ways to win."

Nine times this season, the Sea-

hawks have won by one score or less. Those wins included touchdown passes in the final seconds and defensive stands on fourth-and-inches.

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PAC-12 FOOTBALL

Fiesta Bowl loss adds 'fuel to the fire' for Ducks

BY RYAN THORBURN

The (Eugene) Register-Guard

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Iowa State coach Matt Campbell carefully removed the gold football adorning the top of the Fiesta Bowl championship trophy and held it up in the air for everyone to behold like Simba from "The Lion King."

With the roof still open at State Farm Stadium, the Cyclones posed for selfies and danced under the cool, starless desert sky in celebration of the greatest season in its program's history.

Meanwhile, Mario Cristobal made a somber stroll into the losing locker room to express his disappointment in the outcome, his appreciation for the sacrifices players made to compete during a pandemic and his optimism about Oregon's future.

Then the moderator of his postgame press conference introduced Cristobal as the "Oregon State coach" before a quick correction.

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