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## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Beavers fall short against Buffaloes

CORVALLIS — McKinley Wright IV scored 21 points and moved to No. 7 on Colorado's career scoring list as the Buffaloes beat Oregon State 61-57 on Saturday night.

Colorado won its fifth conference road game of the season, its most since the 1961-62 season.

Wright passed Josh Scott (1,709 points, 2012-16) and Stevie Wise (1,717, 1987-91), finishing the night at 1,718 career points.

Evan Battey added 10 points for the Buffaloes (17-7, 11-6 Pac-12), who never trailed in the second half.

The Beavers (11-11, 7-9) tied it at 35 early in the second half and closed the deficit back to 44-43 before Colorado pulled away with an 11-2 run to lead by 10 with 4:19 left. Oregon State got no closer than the final score.

Ethan Thompson had 18 points and seven assists for the Beavers, moving past Deandra Tanner (457 assists, 1998-01) and Darryl Flowers (457, 1983-86) to No. 3 on Oregon State's career assists list at 462. Warith Alatishe added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Beavers, who had their five-game home winning streak snapped.

Colorado hosts No. 17 Southern California and Oregon State travels to Cal on Thursday.

—Associated Press

## NHL

## Sun, poor ice delay outdoor game

The setting was spectacular but the ice conditions were far from it, leading to an extended delay between the first and second period of the outdoor game between the Vegas Golden Knights and Colorado Avalanche at Lake Tahoe.

The NHL decided to halt the game for more than eight hours Saturday after bright sun and temperatures hovering around freezing led to poor ice conditions that had players and officials repeatedly falling because of holes on the ice.

"We've done over 30 outdoor games," Commissioner Gary Bettman told broadcaster NBC. "This has been the most difficult weather circumstance we've had, and it's a beautiful day. But if you look up at the sun, the cloud cover is everywhere but where the sun is, and it did a number on the ice."

The game was halted after the first period at 12:55 p.m. but was expected to restart Saturday night.

Bettman said some players had wanted to keep playing while others didn't, but the final decision was made in consultation with the union because of safety.

The ice issues took away from the spectacular setting for the game, which is being played on a makeshift rink on the 18th fairway of a golf course on the shore of Lake Tahoe, with snow-covered mountains in the background.

It snowed overnight and into the morning before the sun came out. While the pristine conditions made for perfect views, it proved detrimental to the ice.

The NHL announced that Sunday's game between Boston and Philadelphia will be moved back by more than five hours.

—Associated Press

## COMMUNITY SPORTS

## ROCKING THROUGH 2020



Route-setter Joey Janssen, left, and owner Jim Stone stand in the Bend Rock Gym together on Thursday.

Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin photos

*In a challenging year, Bend Rock Gym wins prestigious awards from USA Climbing*

BY MARK MORICAL

The Bulletin

It was no doubt a challenge to be in the business of sports during a year that crushed both businesses and sports.

But Jim Stone, owner of the Bend Rock Gym, can take a sliver of positivity away from 2020. The gym was recently named climbing gym of the year for 2020 by USA Climbing.

"I think the reward is reflective of Bend and the climbing community in Bend, Oregon," Stone said. "It's kind of just what Central Oregon is all about. We're welcoming and we want to do a good job at presenting ourselves. The gym award goes to the community of Bend."

Stone added that the award was partly based on Bend Rock Gym's history with USA Climbing over the past few years. The gym has stepped in to offer USA Climbing youth events and competitions when other venues have closed or canceled.

Bend Rock Gym also played a role in helping the Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center in Redmond host the USA Climbing Bouldering National Championship in 2019 and February 2020.

"We basically roll out the red carpet and try to give them (USA Climbing) every asset that we have," Stone said.

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Visitors climb at the Bend Rock Gym on Thursday.

## MLB | MARINERS

## Manager Scott Servais shows faith in roster

BY LARRY STONE

The Seattle Times

Before the first Mariners' workout of the spring Thursday in Peoria, Arizona, manager Scott Servais began his Zoom news conference by exclaiming, "I love this team! I really do."

The task for the Mariners now is to get their fans to love it, too, which has been a two-year work in progress. And it could still go either way. It is one thing to have a bunch of quality, dedicated, stand-up guys, as Servais asserted. It's quite another to have a winning team to rally behind.

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Scott Servais in 2019.

## TENNIS | AUSSIE OPEN

## Already a star, on court and off, Osaka eyes more

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

Naomi Osaka already is a star at age 23. She has the four Grand Slam titles, the record-breaking endorsement deals and the willingness to speak her mind to prove it.

Now the question is: Where does she go from here?

It was telling that the second question posed to Osaka at the news conference following her 6-4, 6-3 victory over Jennifer Brady in the Australian Open final Saturday — after she took a sip of celebratory bubbly that she said made her "feel a little bit funny" — was about turning in better performances at Wimbledon and the French Open.

After all, each of her major championships so far came on hard courts at Melbourne Park (2019, 2020) or the U.S. Open (2018, 2021).

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## WORLD CUP SKIING | WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

## A 'huge, resounding' success: Shiffrin medals in all 4 events

BY ANDREW DAMPF

Associated Press

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — An ear-to-ear smile. No regrets. And another medal wrapped around her neck.

What a refreshing sight it was to see Mikaela Shiffrin basking in the afternoon sunlight after another successful day in the Italian Dolomites. Make that a successful world championships.

After collecting her fourth

medal in as many races Saturday by taking bronze in the concluding slalom, the American skier was asked if she was content with how everything went over these two weeks of competition.

"Yes. That's a huge, resounding yes," Shiffrin replied.

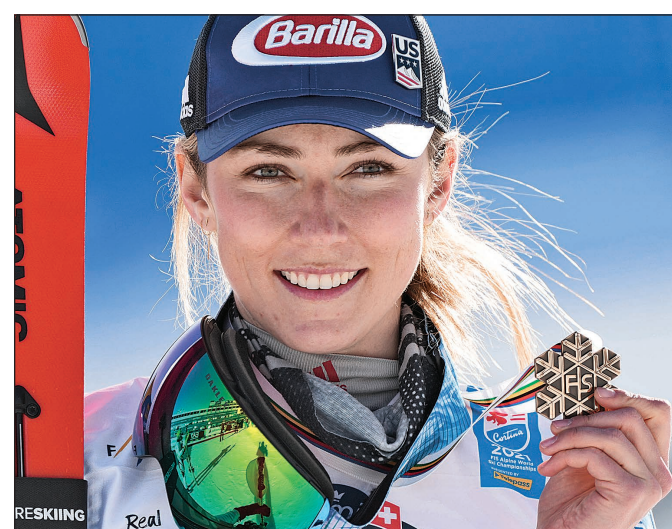
"I mean that's incredible. I had planned for four races and I thought, 'OK, that's four chances for a medal. Hopefully somewhere in these two weeks I can do some good

skiing.' And I'm really proud of so much of the skiing I did."

It wasn't just the skiing, though.

Seemingly weighed down by her own expectations and outside pressure at past worlds and Olympics, Shiffrin never seemed the least bit disturbed in Cortina.

"Every day had something really special, and it's something to smile about," she said.

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Giovanni Auletta/AP

Mikaela Shiffrin shows her bronze medal on the podium after the women's slalom at the World Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, on Saturday.