

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Former Ducks' QB going to Texas Tech

There is a chance Tyler Shough could play against the Ducks if the former Oregon starting quarterback exhausts his collegiate eligibility.

Shough, who entered the NCAA transfer portal on Feb. 12 as a graduate transfer, announced Monday that he is headed to Texas Tech.

After completing 63.5% of his passes for 1,559 yards with 13 touchdowns and six interceptions in 2020, Shough will still be classified as a redshirt sophomore in 2021 with the NCAA granting an extra year of eligibility due to the pandemic.

Oregon is scheduled to play Texas Tech on Sept. 9, 2023, in Lubbock, Texas, when Shough could be a sixth-year senior.

"Let's go to work," Shough posted on Twitter. "I'll be continuing my athletic career and obtaining a Masters at Texas Tech! #GunsUp."

According to Rivals, Shough spoke with coaches from Arizona, Auburn, Illinois, Nebraska, Oregon State, Penn State and Washington State before choosing to Red Raiders.

During last season's 4-6 finish, Texas Tech used two quarterbacks, sophomore Alan Bowman and junior Henry Colombi, who combined for 2,667 yards, 18 touchdowns and 11 interceptions.

Shough's quarterback efficiency rating of 160.4 led the Pac-12, but after a shaky finish to the regular season the 6-foot-5, 221-pound former four-star recruit split snaps with Anthony Brown in the Pac-12 championship game and Fiesta Bowl.

—Register-Guard

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Freshman hits 2 slams in 1 inning

Caleb Pendleton didn't play in Florida Atlantic's season opener and didn't know he would be in the lineup for the next night's game until he arrived at the ballpark.

Less than 48 hours later, he was the toast of college baseball while working his way through a list of a dozen interview requests before heading to practice.

"It's been crazy," Pendleton said. "I never thought on Friday night going into this weekend I would be sitting here on Monday with all this going on. It's been very surreal."

Surreal is what Pendleton did Saturday in Boca Raton, Florida. The freshman catcher became the eighth Division I player to hit two grand slams in one inning and first to do it in the first two plate appearances of his career.

Batting in the eighth spot against Central Florida, Pendleton came up with none out and bases loaded in the second inning and launched Hunter Pateson's 1-2 hanging curveball over the left-field fence.

About 15 minutes later, Pendleton was at bat again facing reliever Zack Bennett with two outs and the bases loaded.

Bennett served up a first-pitch, belt-high fastball that Pendleton turned on and sent out to left for another slam in the 12-run inning.

—Associated Press

Central Oregon Prep Sports

BACK IN ACTION, AFTER LONG LAYOFF



Summit boys soccer coach Ron Kidder talks with his team during practice Monday at Summit High School.

Dean Guernsey/Bulletin

High school cross-country, volleyball and soccer all begin official practices

BY BRIAN RATHBONE
The Bulletin

The Oregon School Activities Association sent out a simple, two-word post on its social media pages Monday. "We're baaaack."

Nearly a year has passed since high school sports were played in Oregon, and on Monday official practices started for cross-country, volleyball, and boys and girls soccer. Football teams began practicing the second week of February.

It was a day of excitement and thrill for those in the high school sports world who have been patiently waiting.

"Obviously it has been highly anticipated," said Ridgeview volleyball coach

Randi Viggiano. "We have remained hopeful. I think that is what has been hard — (the kids) are tired of getting their hopes up and having one more thing taken away from them. This was a big step knowing that we were going to be able to start."

After a marathon of an offseason, the race to return to competition turns into a sprint. Next Monday, contests begin in Central Oregon, which leaves less time to prepare than in years past — especially for volleyball.

Replicating volleyball matches has been a challenge throughout the pandemic. With indoor restrictions, there were a lot of 3 vs. 3 matches, but preparing for 6 vs. 6 matches, which can last up to five sets, is a

different ball game conditioning-wise.

Typically leading into the fall season there is a week of daily-doubles, followed by sorting out teams, before a couple of weeks of preparing for games. Now there is one week and some change for all of it.

"We have to get tryouts done, teams made and get them ready to compete against another team," Viggiano said. "That is tough on players."

Last week, the OSAA voted to not have a statewide postseason, rather allowing for regional districts to determine how to handle the final week of the season. With no playoffs, state tournaments or state meets in place, the 2021 sports season has a different end goal than in years past.

See **Preps** / A6

ALPINE SKIING

When medals are on the line Mikaela Shiffrin doesn't miss

She won 4 medals in 4 events at the worlds

BY ANDREW DAMPF
Associated Press

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — If Mikaela Shiffrin were a baseball player, her numbers would make her a post-season MVP.

Every year. The American skier won four medals in her four events at the recently concluded world championships and improved her career record at the next-biggest event in skiing after the Olympics to 11 medals in 13 races.

Her Olympic record? Three medals in five events.

That's a combined 14 for 18 at major championships — worlds and Olympics.

To put those numbers in perspective, consider Lindsey Vonn's career results at major championships. While the retired Vonn remains the most successful female



United States' Mikaela Shiffrin shows her bronze medal of the women's slalom at the alpine ski World Championships in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy, on Saturday.

Giovanni Auletta/AP

skier in World Cup history with a record 82 victories (the 25-year-old Shiffrin has 68 World Cup wins and counting), her haul of 11 medals in 39 races already pales in comparison to Shiffrin's performance.

So how does Shiffrin do it? Well, beyond her extraordinary skiing skills and years and years of training, it's all about her mental approach.

See **Shiffrin** / A7

MLB

Mariners CEO resigns after video comments

BY TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

Seattle Mariners CEO Kevin Mather resigned Monday after video surfaced over the weekend of him expressing his views of the club's organizational strategy and opinions about some players.

Mariners Chairman John Stanton said Mather's comments were inappropriate and do not represent the views of the franchise.

Mather's resignation is effective immediately. Stanton will take on the roles of CEO and team president on an interim basis.

"There is no excuse for what was said, and I won't try to make one," Stanton said in a statement. "I offer my sincere apology on behalf of the club and my partners to our players and fans. We must be, and do, better."

See **Mariners** / A7



Mather