

PAC-12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  OREGON STATE 88, NO. 14 OREGON 77

## Goodman scores 20, Beavs upset ranked rivals

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EUGENE — Aleah Goodman scored 20 points, leading six into double figures as a deep and balanced Oregon State offense knocked off No. 14 Oregon 88-77 in the annual rivalry game on Sunday.

The game was a regular-season finale for both teams, who await

seeding into the conference tournament March 3-7 in Las Vegas.

Goodman scored on break-aways, on stepbacks and added a pair of 3-pointers for good measure. Sasha Goforth added 17 points for Oregon State (9-6, 7-6 Pac-12), making 9 of 9 free throws. Ellie Mack and Taya Corosdale each scored 14; Coros-

dale hitting 4 of 5 from beyond the arc. Taylor Jones scored 11 and Talia von Oelhoffen 10 for the Beavers, who shot 50% for the game (27 of 54) with 11 3-pointers.

Sedona Prince paced the Ducks (13-7, 10-7) with 22 points on 9 of 15 shooting, but scored only four in nine minutes after halftime.

Taylor Mikesell and Erin Boley each added 16 points and Nyara Sabally 13 with 10 rebounds for Oregon. It was Sabally's fourth double-double of the season.

After a 6-2 spurt to begin the contest, the Beavers led for all but the final 1:41 of the opening quarter. A pair of Goforth free throws followed by a Corosdale

3 put Oregon State on top 31-27. Oregon tied it at 31 but never regained the lead.

The Beavers broke away with a 14-4 run over the last 5:04 of the third quarter, holding Oregon to four free throws, to lead by 11 going into the final period. The Ducks never came closer than eight.

### MLB | Spring training

# Welcome back

*Optimism abounds as spring baseball includes fans*



Brynn Anderson/AP

Fans sit in social distance squares during a spring training baseball game with the Minnesota Twins and Boston Red Sox on Sunday in Fort Myers, Florida.

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Brian Delaney checked his ticket, found his seats and then sat down for a minute in the sunshine. It wasn't a typical late February day in Arizona — a little cool, a little breezy — but Delaney didn't complain a bit.

"You ever been through a Colorado winter?" the Colorado Rockies fan said with a grin.

The good humor and smiles were easy to find as baseball fans streamed into Sunday afternoon's spring training opener between the Rockies and Arizona Diamondbacks. A downward trend in COVID-19 cases throughout most of the country has meant that a limited amount of fans are allowed back in spring training facilities throughout Arizona and Florida.

At Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, the crowd was capped at about 2,200 fans, which is 16% of the usual capacity. Delaney said he never hesitated to get tickets for himself and Debra Mierzwa once they went on sale a few weeks ago.

"Oh yeah," Delaney said. "We were never worried. This is great."

The happy and halfway-normal scene on Sunday was a far cry



Jae C. Hong/AP

A young fan wears a face mask while watching a spring game between the San Francisco Giants and the Los Angeles Angels in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Sunday.

from 353 days ago, when incredulous fans stood outside Salt River Fields and digested the news that baseball — and pretty much the rest of the world — was being shutdown because of the spreading coronavirus pandemic.

Nearly a year later, things are very different.

"It seemed like forever," said Brandon Ramsey, who lives in the Phoenix area and went to the Reds-Indians game in Goodyear on Sunday. "Last year got cut a little short. To come out here for

opening day is just fantastic. They did a great job in socially distancing. They made sure we were safe."

Aside from the World Series and NL Championship Series held last October at a neutral-site park in Arlington, Texas, this marked the first time fans were allowed at big league baseball games since March 12.

By now the safety protocols for sports events have become familiar. Fans in Scottsdale are spread out in small pods of two, four or

six people. Masks are worn except when eating and drinking. People sitting on blankets in the grass beyond the outfield wall were given spray-painted squares to stay separate. Cleaning crews are ubiquitous.

But spring baseball appears to have considerable safety advantage over its NBA, NHL and college basketball counterparts: It's played outdoors where studies have shown the virus is less effective at spreading.

"We feel really good about our ability to host spring training in the safest possible way," Cactus League executive director Bridget Binsbacher said.

All 30 teams in Major League Baseball are allowing fans at their spring training facilities in Arizona and Florida, though capacity will be severely limited. The Chicago Cubs are welcoming the most fans (3,630 per game) while the San Francisco Giants will have the fewest (1,000 per game).

The Yankees and Twins have the largest percentage of seats available, with the potential to reach 28% of capacity.

Fans certainly seem excited about getting back to the park. The players have missed them, too.

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### PGA TOUR

#### Morikawa steady, thanks Tiger

PGA champion Collin Morikawa shook off an early mistake and played a steady hand on a Concession golf course known for calamity, closing with a 3-under 69 for a three-shot victory in the Workday Championship.

Morikawa picked up a few short-game tips from major champions — Mark O'Meara on his putting, Concession member Paul Azinger on the chipping — and he says it carried him to another big win.

And there was a tribute to Tiger Woods, his golf idol growing up.

"We don't say 'Thank you' enough," Morikawa said, referring to how much Woods has raised the profile and prize money in golf. He also mentioned his grandfather dying a month ago and began to get emotional.

Morikawa won by three over Brooks Koepka (70), Viktor Hovland (67) and Billy Horschel (70).

He finished at 18-under 270 and became the 24th player to win a major and a World Golf Championship title since this series began in 1999. He joined Woods as the only players to win both before turning 25.

There were red numbers on the board and on the golf course, with several players wearing red shirts and black pants — the Sunday colors of Woods — as a show of support as Woods recovers from career-threatening leg injuries from his car crash in Los Angeles last Tuesday.

### NASCAR

#### Byron is another surprise winner

After years of seeing a handful of drivers — the same guys, really — dominate NASCAR's top level nearly every week, the Cup Series is experiencing a little parity to start this season.

It's a welcome sight for some. Others hope it's a fleeting moment.

William Byron was the third surprise winner through three races this season with his victory Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Byron joined Michael McDowell and Christopher Bell as unlikely winners to start this season.

Byron controlled most of the final two stages at Homestead to win for the second time in 111 Cup starts. His first one came at Daytona last August and landed him one of the final spots in the playoffs.

No one saw that one coming.

Byron entered the weekend as a 28-1 shot to win a race many expected would provide a return to normal for the racing series.

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