

WOMEN'S
COLLEGE HOOPSBeavs, Ducks make
all-Pac-12 team

Oregon State's Aleah Goodman and Taylor Jones were named to the Pac-12's all-conference first team in women's basketball Monday.

In addition, Sasha Go-forth earned all-freshman team honors, while several other Beavers were honorable mention selections on the all-defensive and freshmen teams.

Goodman, a senior guard, and Jones, a sophomore post, earned first-team honors for the first time of their careers.

Goodman led the Beavers in scoring (16.8 points per game), assists (5.0) and 3-point shooting (40-76, .526). It's the fourth consecutive year Goodman has landed on the all-conference team in some manner.

Jones led the Pac-12 in rebounds with 8.7 per game, and she was third on the team in scoring at 12.1 per game.

For Oregon, Te-Hina Paopao and Nyara Sabally were also named to the all-Pac-12 team.

Paopao, a true freshman point guard, and Sabally, a redshirt sophomore forward who sat out the past two seasons due to knee injuries, were the only first-year players selected by the Pac-12 coaches for the 15-player all-conference team.

Oregon senior forward Erin Boley earned honorable mention honors. Paopao is also on the all-freshman team, and Sabally received honorable mention for the all-defensive team.

No. 19 Oregon finished fourth in the regular season standings and will play the Oregon State vs. California winner in the quarterfinals of the Pac-12 Tournament on Thursday in Las Vegas.

— Bulletin wire reports

OREGON
FOOTBALLCristobal expects
QB competition

EUGENE — Oregon lost starting quarterback Tyler Shough to a transfer last month, but with Anthony Brown, Jay Butterfield and Robby Ashford returning and a highly touted freshman Ty Thompson joining the mix Mario Cristobal is anticipating a major competition this offseason.

"Like we view everything else, let it eat," Cristobal said on Pac-12 radio and Pac-12 Network Tuesday. "Certainly very fired up about the young guys that we have and extremely fired up about Anthony Brown, the way he came on towards the end of the year and the fact that he has a chance now during spring ball to be meeting with coach (Joe) Moorhead an entire spring. Then you look at our young guys that have been here. You've got a guy who's walking in the door right now, Ty Thompson, extremely talented."

"We have a very strong quarterback room and we expect it to be as competitive as any of these other position battles that are going on."

Brown was 15 of 23 for 164 yards and two touchdowns and had seven carries for 40 yards and two scores while appearing in the Pac-12 Championship game against USC and Fiesta Bowl against Iowa State.

— The Oregonian

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Pac-12 Conference releases 2021 schedule

Ducks' slate features rivalry games at Washington and at home against Oregon State

BY RYAN THORBURN

The (Eugene) Register-Guard

Oregon football has at least 12 dates officially lined up.

The Pac-12 released its composite schedule for the 2021 season on Tuesday with the two-time reigning champion Ducks opening conference play on Sept. 25 against Arizona at Autzen Stadium.

The Ducks' slate features rivalry games against Washington (Nov. 6 at Husky Stadium) and Oregon State

(Nov. 27 at Autzen).

The Huskies had to cancel their 2020 trip to Eugene due to COVID-19 issues and were also unavailable for the Pac-12 championship game, which led to Oregon representing the North Division.

The Beavers defeated the Ducks 41-38 at Reser Stadium during the abbreviated season.

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Beavers kick off an all-Saturday football schedule Sept. 4 at Purdue

BY NICK DASCHEL

The Oregonian

Oregon State opens the 2021 football season Sept. 4 at Purdue and closes a 12-game slate on Nov. 27 at Oregon, as the Pac-12 released its conference schedules Tuesday.

The Beavers play each of their 12 games this upcoming season on Saturday. OSU plays six home and six road games in

2021.

Oregon State plays a traditional schedule, with its three non-conference games coming first, followed by Pac-12 play. The Beavers face Hawaii on Sept. 11 and Idaho on Sept. 18 at home.

OSU opens conference play on the road against USC, a team it hasn't faced since 2018.

The Beavers' conference road games other than USC are Washington State (Oct. 9), California (Oct. 30), Colorado (Nov. 6) and Oregon.

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NBA

Finding
a groove

Portland Trail Blazers' Robert Covington is growing his confidence and carving an important role on the team

BY AARON FENTRESS

The Oregonian

Portland Trail Blazers forward Robert Covington had reason to smile all day Monday.

It was his mother, Teresa Bryant's birthday, and he got to spend time with family.

"I woke up in a great mood today,"

Covington said.

Later he capped off the day by scoring a season-high 21 points to help lead the Blazers to a 123-111 win over Charlotte and in the process snap a four-game losing streak.

"And to top it off with a victory and come out and play well, I'm just thankful that we were able to do enough to get a victory tonight," Covington said.

The Blazers (19-14) might want to find permanent housing in Portland for Covington's family if Robert is going to play this well.

Covington has had an uneven season when it comes to his shooting. Some nights he is woefully bad. But then there are nights like Monday when his shot is on. He made 8 of 11 field goal attempts and 5 of 7 threes on a night when the Blazers set a franchise record with 24 made threes on 46 attempts.

While consistency on offense has eluded Covington, he usually makes his presence felt on defense. On nights when he excels at both ends of the floor, the Blazers are pretty difficult to defeat. Covington



Portland Trail Blazers forward Robert Covington, left, drives to the basket on Charlotte Hornets forward Cody Martin, right, during a game in Portland on Monday night. The Blazers won 123-111.

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— Robert Covington

on Monday also had 10 rebounds, two assists, two steals and two blocked shots.

"Robert was player of the game," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "He did a little bit of everything. ... I'm pretty sure this was his best game as a Blazer. He was just terrific."

Covington agreed. "Overall, yeah," he said. "But I've got to keep building. I've got to kind of keep putting these types

of games together. I can't have the drop offs."

Covington said he had been working on gaining and maintaining a rhythm and a routine. Entering Monday, he was shooting a career-low 37.3% from the field while making 33.8% of his threes.

He's had some hot stretches this season. In fact, from Feb. 12 through Feb. 22, Covington made 13 of 24 threes (54.2%). Then he went 0 of 9 from three and 1 of 13 overall during losses at Denver and the Los Angeles last week. Earlier this season, Covington had a stretch where he went 4 of 26 on threes.

Seeing familiar faces seemed to certainly help Covington on Monday. As did making shots early. Covington made 4 of 4 threes in the first half and had 16 points at halftime.

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MLB

A feel-good start to a feel-good season

BY TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnist

Trey Mancini stepped up to the plate for the first time since discovering a cancer that could have killed him.

Tommy Pham got a couple of at-bats in after a stabbing that nearly did kill him.

Feel-good stories weren't hard to find as major league spring training games opened in Arizona and Florida. Mancini's comeback after a year off to treat his colon cancer left some of us on the verge of tears, while Pham's return to the Padres' lineup after being stabbed outside a strip club was reason

for a smile.

And, as always, more players were feeling better about their bank accounts, including third baseman Hunter Dozier, who agreed to a \$25 million, four-year contract with the Royals just as the exhibition games began.

The best feeling of all? That would be looking into the stands in both states and seeing fans there to watch the games.

Actual fans, to be clear, not the cardboard variety that were cute to begin with but now thankfully need to find new homes in closets across the country. There weren't a ton

of fans because of coronavirus restrictions, but there were enough to make a difference and give us hope that this year will be very different from the last.

"I hit a ground ball but just hearing the fans kind of spark up," Yankees slugger Aaron Judge said.

"You hear that instant crowd reaction. Kind of had little butterflies getting back to your first at-bat."

That was pretty much the reaction from players around both the Cactus and Grapefruit leagues.

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Baseball fans watch the Atlanta Braves and the Boston Red Sox play during a spring training game on Monday in Fort Myers, Florida.

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