

PREP SPORTS

Summit volleyball storms past MV

In the first match of the season for both teams, the more experienced squad prevailed between Summit and Mountain View on Wednesday night at Mountain View High School.

The Storm won in straight sets, holding the Cougars to less than 12 points in two of the three sets — 25-12, 25-21, 25-6.

"I thought we played with good energy and we were aggressive," said Summit coach Jill Waskom. "We were a solid serving team. I was impressed with ball control. The kids are working hard and grateful to be back at it."

Waskom pointed to the strong play at the net by senior Harper Justema, who led the team in kills and blocks, junior Kate Doorn, who set the ball well and ran a fast offense, and Hannah Kendall for her serving.

Wednesday's match was a learning experience for the Cougars, who have only four upperclassmen and several freshmen on their varsity roster.

Mountain View coach Kate Hunter says that there is "nowhere to go but up."

"They are going to learn how to be leaders really quick — they have to," Hunter said. "I'm excited to see where they go, and where our youth grows in such a short season. A lot can happen in the next four weeks."

Defending 5A state champion Ridgeview picked up where it left off Wednesday with a resounding sweep of The Dalles to start the season (25-12, 25-14, 25-8).

Also on Wednesday, Central Christian split a pair of matches in Klamath Falls, sweeping Hosanna-Triad (25-21, 25-18, 25-2) before falling to defending Mountain Valley League champion Rogue Valley Adventist 3-1 (25-21, 26-28, 25-16, 26-24).

On the soccer field, a day after tying Molalla 2-2, the Madras girls soccer team fell to the Indians 5-0 Wednesday evening. In its first match of the season, the La Pine boys fell at home to Creswell, 2-1.

— Bulletin staff report

NBA

LeBron, KD draft all-star teams

LeBron James has faced Giannis Antetokounmpo as an opponent in the last three All-Star Games.

The Los Angeles Lakers' star got him as a teammate this year.

James used the No. 1 overall pick on Antetokounmpo — the NBA's two-time reigning MVP from Milwaukee — in the draft for Sunday's All-Star Game in Atlanta. Kevin Durant, who will not play in the All-Star Game because of injury but still is the captain for Team Durant, took Brooklyn teammate Kyrie Irving with his first pick.

The other starters for Team LeBron will be Stephen Curry of Golden State, Luka Dončić of Dallas and Nikola Jokić of Denver. The other starters for Team Durant will be Joel Embiid of Philadelphia, Kawhi Leonard of the Los Angeles Clippers, Bradley Beal of Washington and Jayson Tatum of Boston.

Portland's Damian Lillard was James' first reserve selection.

— Associated Press

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | PAC-12 TOURNAMENT

Ascending OSU has high tourney title hopes

Beavers upend Ducks 71-64 in quarterfinals, will face top-seeded Stanford Friday in semifinals

BY NICK DASCHEL

The Oregonian

If ever there was a game putting Oregon State's 2020-21 season into a nutshell, it was Thursday's 71-64 win over Oregon in the Pac-12 tournament quarterfinals in Las Vegas.

To quickly recap this season: bad start, no hope, then a little life, momentum, catch fire and now one of the country's hottest teams.

To recap Thursday: bad start, lucky to be in the game, a second-quarter spark, catch fire in the third, second win in five days over rival Oregon.

The numbers speak loudly. During the course of Thursday's game, Oregon State had its worst scoring quarter of the season, a five-point first quarter. The Beavers had their best scoring quarter of the season, a 31-point third.

Next up

Oregon St. vs. No. 4 Stanford

When: 5 p.m. Friday

TV: Pac-12



"It's the season of 'Twilight Zone,'" OSU coach Scott Rueck said.

Descriptive phrases similar to that have been assigned to Oregon State's pandemic-impacted season. Strange. Weird.

And now ... rewarding. How else to describe a season that had a dozen game cancellations, a four-week pause due to a COVID-19 outbreak and a five-game losing streak, only to find Oregon State in the Pac-12 tournament semifinals for the first time since 2017?

"Did we see ourselves in the Pac-12 semifinal a month ago? The obvious

answer would have been no," Rueck said. "It was hard to envision what the potential of this team could be, because we hadn't had a chance to experience it."

Oh, the Beavers dreamed. Dreamed big, even after Oregon stomped the Beavers 79-59 on Dec. 13 in Corvallis. Just like getting to the Pac-12 semifinals, who could have guessed OSU beating Oregon twice within five days later in the season?

"We just had to play some games, get in a rhythm," said senior guard Aleah Goodman, who had 13 points, one of four Beavers to score in double figures against Oregon. "When that first game happened, was I worried? Not really, just because it was our third game of the season in the Pac-12. I knew what this team and this group was capable of."

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John Locher/AP
Oregon State's Talia Von Oelhoffen (22) shoots over Oregon's Jaz Shelley (4) during the second round of the Pac-12 tournament on Thursday in Las Vegas.

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Old foes meet again

The traditional Bend-Redmond rivalry highlights the first week of football

BY BRIAN RATHBONE

The Bulletin

Matt Craven knows when he is speaking with Bend High alumni from the 1960s or '70s

because they care most about beating their rival.

And they are not talking about beating crosstown rival Summit, or winning the Civil War against Mountain View.

"For the old time Bendites, they always point to Redmond," said Craven, the Bend High coach who has both played and coached in the football rivalry game for the Lava Bears.

Saturday at 1 p.m. at Redmond High School will mark the first time that the programs have met on the gridiron since September 2017, a 33-0 win for Bend when both teams were part of the Class 5A Intermountain Conference.

After that season, along with Summit and Mountain View, Bend High moved up to Class 6A.

Redmond football coach Seth Womack is no stranger to playing in rivalry games. When he was coaching at Eagle Point High School, Ashland and Crater were two rivalry games he likened to the Bend-Redmond rivalry.

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Dean Guernsey/The Bulletin

The Redmond High School football team runs plays during practice Tuesday in Redmond.

This week in Central Oregon high school football

FRIDAY GAMES

Crook County starts its 2021 season on the road against North Marion, a Class 4A quarterfinal team a year ago. North Marion eked out a win last season against the Cowboys, 17-14. (7 p.m.)

After a playoff appearance in 2019, Madras hosts a Molalla team that has not made the postseason since 2016. (7 p.m.)

La Pine welcomes Siuslaw, hoping to avenge last season's 32-0 loss. (7 p.m.)

In its first season playing a 3A schedule, Sisters hosts Pleasant Hill. (7 p.m.)

In a matchup of 2019 playoff teams, Culver hosts league opponent Santiam, which beat the Bulldogs 23-14 a season ago. (6 p.m.)

In six-man football, Gilchrist hosts Triangle Lake, a team the Grizzlies beat by 76 points in 2018 but lost to by 21 in 2019. (7 p.m.)

SATURDAY GAMES

Ridgeview will host Putnam, with both teams looking to start the season on the right foot after each finished with two wins in 2019. (3 p.m.)

Capping off the first week of football will be a Class 6A Special District 6 matchup between Summit and Mountain View. Neither team made the playoffs in 2019, and Summit will try to beat Mountain View for the first time since 2016. (7:15 p.m.)



Charlie Riedel/AP

San Diego Padres' Fernando Tatis Jr. during spring training practice on Saturday in Peoria, Arizona.

MLB | SPRING TRAINING

Padres' Tatis Jr. among early standouts

BY DAVID BRANDT

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Diamondbacks left-hander Caleb Smith was reflecting on Tuesday's first spring training start when he talked about a valuable lesson he learned when facing the San Diego Padres.

"Don't throw Tatis a fastball," he said with a chuckle.

After Smith grooved a fastball, Fernando Tatis Jr. hit a grand slam deep over the left-center wall for his first homer of the spring. The 22-year-old hit the ball so hard that Arizona's outfielders barely moved and the ball landed

among the fans sitting on blankets at Salt River Fields.

Tatis is among baseball's best young stars and he finished fourth in the NL MVP voting during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, when he hit .277 with 17 homers and 11 stolen bases.

The Padres beefed up their roster in the offseason, adding pitchers like Yu Darvish and Blake Snell to try to snap the Dodgers' streak of eight straight NL West titles. The lineup is expected to revolve around Tatis, who has a .301 average and 39 homers over his first 143 big league games.

Here are a few other players who were impressive during the first week of exhibition action.

RHP Merrill Kelly, Diamondbacks: Kelly gave up two runs in two innings during his first outing but his stuff looked good, and five of the six outs he recorded were strikeouts. It was an encouraging sign for the 32-year-old, who looked like one of the better pitchers in the National League early in 2020 before a blood clot was found in his shoulder and his season ended. Kelly had thoracic outlet surgery to dissolve the clot.

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