

## COLLEGE SPORTS

## OSU board to meet to discuss president

The Oregon State board of trustees will meet this week to discuss president F. King Alexander's role in the mishandling of sexual misconduct cases at his former school, LSU.

Board chair Rani Borkar wrote an open letter to the Oregon State community saying the board would meet Wednesday to review a report by an outside law firm commissioned by LSU to look into how the school handled the cases. The report concluded the school suffered "a serious institutional failure" in its handling of physical and gender violence.

After six years at LSU, from 2013-19, King arrived at Oregon State, which has endured issues of its own inside the athletic department. An Associated Press investigation uncovered an abusive environment inside the school's volleyball program. Three players have told the AP of contemplating suicide over the past five years, while at least a dozen have transferred from or quit coach Mark Barnard's program.

Barnard has been investigated, but remains the team's coach, and Oregon State is suing the AP to block the news organization's open-records requests for information about investigations into Barnard and the program.

The school turned down requests to speak to King during the investigation and, through a spokesman, disputed characterizations made by players and others close to the program of the volleyball team as engendering an abusive environment. In an open letter to the school community last week, Alexander said he regretted not taking stronger action against football coach Les Miles, who was a central figure in the 2012 investigation at LSU. Miles was fired earlier this month from his job at Kansas.

— Associated Press

## MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

## 6 officials out due to COVID-19

INDIANAPOLIS — Six officials won't be working the NCAA Tournament because one tested positive for COVID-19 and five others were deemed close contacts after arriving in Indianapolis.

NCAA senior vice president of basketball Dan Gavitt confirmed the details Tuesday. CBS Sports first reported that the officials received permission to leave for dinner together when their rooms weren't ready and no food was available as they arrived at their hotel.

They later returned to the hotel and one of the officials tested positive. The amount of time they would have to quarantine meant they wouldn't be available for the entirety of the tournament, which begins Thursday with four games before 16 more on Friday.

Gavitt didn't name the six officials who were removed. He noted that when the pool of 60 officials was selected for the tournament, another 17 alternates continued to test in case they were needed. Four of those alternates have arrived in Indianapolis to replace the six who were removed.

— Associated Press

## PREP VOLLEYBALL

## A change in perspective



Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin photos

Summit volleyball coach Jill Waskom, right, runs through drills with her players during practice last week at Summit High School.

*With no state tournament this season, Summit volleyball switches goal from championship to enjoyment*

BY BRIAN RATHBONE  
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**Y**ear after year, Jill Waskom has been coaching talented volleyball teams that are some of the best in the state. Six times since 2007, Summit has reached the state championship match, and has twice brought a state volleyball title to Central Oregon.

Looking at the team she had returning for the 2021 season, the pieces were in place for Summit to add to that total. The Storm had one of the state's top players in Harper Justema, multiple all-conference players and state tournament experience.

"We would have been making a really good run at the state championship," Waskom said. "It is not often that you have depth."

But due to the effects of COVID-19, there will be no state championships this season.

"It sucks of course to not have the same opportunity to have a chance to make the state title this year," said junior Hannah Kendall. "But it is nice to be back in the gym and I think we are making the most of what we have."

The past year has been all about continuously making adjustments and finding the positives when

all high school sports in Oregon were canceled for nearly an entire year.

Still, it is only natural for a team to think of what could have been for a group that had been playing together since grade school.

"It is bitter sweet not to go back to the state tournament for one more time," said senior Hannah Sauer. "It is always so different from other tournaments and the season because it is so competitive and all the best teams are there. It is sad that I won't get to experience that again."

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Harper Justema hits the ball over the net during practice last week at Summit High School.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL | AP ALL-AMERICA TEAMS

## Gonzaga, Baylor dominate

BY DAVE SKRETTA  
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Gonzaga and Baylor spent almost the entire season holding down the top two spots in the Top 25. Makes sense they'd hold down a bunch of spots on The Associated Press All-America teams.

The Bulldogs' Corey Kispert and the Bears' Jared Butler led the way with first-team nods Tuesday from the national panel of 63 media members that vote each week in the AP Top 25 poll. They were joined by unanimous pick Luka Garza of Iowa, a two-time selection, along with Ayo Dosunmu of Illinois and Cade Cunningham of Oklahoma State.

Kispert and Butler had plenty of company, though. The Bulldogs also landed



Young Kwak/AP file

Gonzaga forward Corey Kispert dunks against BYU in Spokane, Washington, in January.

big man Drew Timme and freshman sensation Jalen Suggs on the second team while Joel Ayayi was an honorable mention pick. The

Bears had Davion Mitchell on the third team and MaCio Teague as an honorable mention.

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## MOTOR SPORTS

## Suarez makes a historic mark for himself, NASCAR

BY JENNA FRYER  
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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bubba Wallace is the face of NASCAR diversity. Daniel Suarez plays an equally important role.

His road to NASCAR first stopped in upstate New York in the dead of winter. His English was limited and most of Suarez's racing had been at lower levels in Mexico. But a K&N Pro Series team owner had offered to mentor him, so here Suarez was in Buffalo. In January.

He was back home in Mexico in a matter of months. Suarez returned to the United States the next year only this time he headed di-

rectly to North Carolina, the hub of NASCAR. His English was still a struggle, but the Nicolas Cage movie "Gone with the Wind" with subtitles helped him with both the language and American culture.

Roughly nine years after he left Mexico determined to make it racing stock cars in America, Suarez last weekend became the first Mexican in the Fox Sports broadcast booth for a national NASCAR race. To signify the occasion, Suarez called a lap in Spanish — a well-meaning crossover cut short by an untimely caution.

"Tenemos una bandera amarilla!" Suarez called. "Caution is out, amigos!"

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