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## COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

## Oregon State sues to block disclosure

Oregon State University leaders are suing to block disclosure of details about an investigation of abuse allegations in their volleyball program, even as they tout a refreshed mission for transparency following their president's resignation over the handling of sexual-misconduct cases at another school.

The school's trustees accepted F. King Alexander's resignation this week after details came to light about the way his former school, LSU, mishandled sexual-misconduct cases during his tenure.

The Associated Press sought records after its own reporting uncovered complaints from more than a dozen people close to or formerly part of current Oregon State volleyball coach Mark Barnard's program. Three players have considered suicide during his time there.

During open meetings to discuss Alexander's future, Oregon State's trustees apologized to their community and promised a new push for transparency and accountability when it came to protecting students on campus.

Meanwhile, in the volleyball case, the school is pressing forward with a lawsuit against The AP to prevent disclosing details about an internal investigation of the team and Barnard, who critics say has been running an emotionally exploitative program. At least a dozen players have quit or transferred over the span of the last five years.

The coach was accused of threatening not to renew scholarships as a way of motivating players.

The university, through spokesman Steve Clark, has disputed that a harsh environment led team members to contemplate suicide. He said Oregon State clearly communicates its scholarship offers and honors its commitments to athletes.

—Associated Press

## NFL DRAFT

## 49ers acquire 3rd pick from Dolphins

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The San Francisco 49ers have made a big move to grab their quarterback of the future by trading up with Miami to acquire the No. 3 pick in next month's draft.

The Niners announced Friday they are trading their No. 12 pick along with first-round picks in 2022 and 2023 and their compensatory third-rounder in 2022 to get the third overall pick. ESPN first reported the deal.

The Dolphins then immediately traded the 12th pick, the 123rd pick and their own 2022 first-rounder to Philadelphia for the No. 6 and No. 156 picks in the draft, the Eagles announced.

The trade by the Niners puts them in position to draft a quarterback with Zach Wilson, Justin Fields and Trey Lance all possibilities.

Drafting a quarterback would likely lead to the end of Jimmy Garoppolo's tenure in San Francisco either in a trade this season or after a year if the Niners opt to keep a veteran to help ease the transition for a rookie QB.

San Francisco acquired Garoppolo midway through the 2017 season from New England.

—Associated Press

## PREP SPORTS

## The victories are piling up for Sisters volleyball

## Postseason run possible for the Outlaws

BY BRIAN RATHBONE  
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The wins keep on rolling in for Sisters volleyball. And not just on the court.

Sandwiched between last week's upset over Summit High School and Thursday's three-set sweep over Philomath, Class 4A athletic programs were notified by the classification's representatives on how the final week of the season will pan out. In short, there will be a postseason to determine a state champion.

"When they made the announcement we were super

excited," said Sisters coach Rory Rush of the eight-team state volleyball bracket. "Before the whole COVID thing, two years ago we were setting our goals for this group of seniors. And making it back to the state tournament was our goal. Knowing that we have the opportunity to have a good showing this postseason, it is a huge motivating factor."

Volleyball is not the only 4A sport to have an organized postseason during the state's "culminating week." Soccer will have a similar format to volleyball where six confer-

ence champions will make the bracket along with six other second-place teams — the top two will be determined by a committee to make the bracket with the other four as backups.

There will be a four-team tournament for football where a committee will determine the final four teams, similar to the BCS rankings in college football. And there will also be a 4A only cross-country state meet, currently set to be held in Tillamook on April 10.

Entering the final week of the shortened regular season, Sisters finds itself in an advantageous position to make the eight-team postseason field.

A win over Sweet Home in

*"Even though we are the small school, we aren't seen as a small school here. Some of the bigger schools (around the state) don't want to play smaller schools, but not here."*

—Rory Rush,  
Sisters volleyball coach

the regular season finale on the final day of March will secure a spot in the postseason while a loss would earn a share of the Oregon West Conference title

and then would have been selected by a committee for one of the two at-large postseason bids.

Still, few, if any, 4A teams can boast the resume that Sisters has built the past month.

Of Sisters 10 matches played this spring, five have come against Central Oregon schools; with wins over 6A programs Mountain View and Summit, and 5A Crook County and Ridgeview. All four teams were playoff teams last season with Summit and Crook County reaching the state tournament and Ridgeview bringing home the 5A state title.

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## MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | NCAA TOURNAMENT

## Family matters

## Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle looks to daughter for Sweet 16 advice

BY DAVE SKRETTA  
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INDIANAPOLIS —

Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle has never been to this point in the NCAA Tournament before, not as a player for Montana in the 1980s, as an assistant and head coach of the Grizzlies in the 2000s.

He hasn't had to look far for some Sweet 16 advice, though: His daughter, Joslyn, went to three of them with Stanford.

The two of them talk regularly, and dad was recently on Joslyn's podcast called "Talkin' Beavers" discuss the remarkable run by his No. 12 seed team. The Beavers are set to face eighth-seeded Loyola Chicago on Saturday.

"She just said, 'Your guys looked so relaxed and confident. Keep them that way,'" Wayne Tinkle said. "Obviously that's a big reason they're playing the way they are. Their minds are freed up and they're just out there hooping."

Tinkle's family knows a thing or two about hooping. Dad spent a dozen years playing professionally all



Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle cheers for a 3-point basket against Tennessee in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on March 19 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

Jack Dempsey/NCAA Photos via Getty Images

around the world. His son, Tres, played for him at Oregon State and is now in the G League. Joslyn was a McDonald's All-American who led Stanford to 137 wins over four seasons, then played for the Seattle Storm in the WNBA and several clubs abroad. Their sister, Elle, played her college ball at Gonzaga.

## Polo match

The coronavirus pandemic has led to a change in wardrobe for college basketball coaches. All those suits and ties? Gone, replaced by polo shirts. Yet count Arkansas coach Eric Musselman ahead of the game in that regard.

The former NBA coach wore a suit his first year at Nevada, but he's gone with the polo look the past five years.

"If I never have to put a tie on the rest of my life, I will be extremely happy," Musselman said. "Where I grew up in San Diego, suits, hard shoes and ties are not cool. I'm all for the polo game. If we advance, if we were ever fortunate enough to continue to play, you will not see me in a suit."

Musselman's first polo foray in the NCAA Tournament came with a bit of trepidation. He wore a polo shirt all through the 2016-17 season with Nevada, but wasn't sure if it was allowed when the Wolf Pack reached the NCAA Tournament.

"The first time I wore a polo in an NCAA game, I actually asked the NCAA representative prior to the game if it was OK if I did that in this tournament," he said "I got the thumbs up, so I never looked back."

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## SPORTS COMMENTARY

## Trans athletes a non-issue but discrimination real

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
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All around the country, states are rushing to approve laws to address a supposed problem that, in reality, doesn't actually exist.

Has there even been a case where a transgender athlete actually stole a college scholarship or gained an unfair competitive advantage?

That sound you hear is crickets.

Seriously, if folks are so concerned about the state of women's athletics, there are no shortage of inequities they could turn their attention to.

For starters, the NCAA basketball tournaments.

Instead, states like Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee prefer to focus on transgender athletes, demonizing them as

some sort of spurious group plotting the downfall of women's sports.

What a bunch of nonsense. And dangerous nonsense, at that.

Transgender people already face a barrage of discrimination, incessant bullying and ridicule, and even occasional acts of violence for simply trying to be true to themselves.

A few years ago, it was those ridiculous, demeaning bathroom laws — another case of a solution in search of a problem that was merely floating around in the minds of bigots. Now, they've taken up a new cause — stopping those glory-seeking transgender athletes.

Other than an oft-cited pair of transgender runners in Connecticut, who combined to win 15 championships and sparked

a lawsuit, we couldn't find even the hint of a threat to the integrity of women's sports.

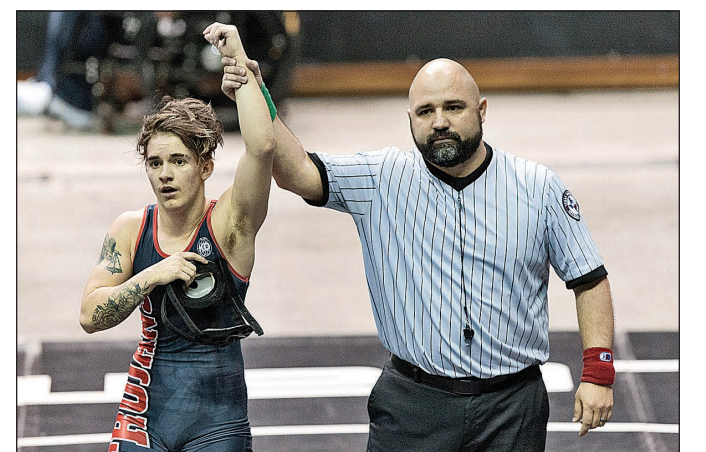
But, judging from what's happening in at least 20 states around the country, transgender athletes are roughly akin to a giant meteor hurtling toward Earth, threatening to destroy our very way of life.

First, let's check in on Arkansas, which you might remember from its attempts in the 1950s to keep black kids from attending white schools.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson signed a law Thursday banning trans women and girls from competing on school sports teams that match their gender identity.

"This will help promote and maintain fairness in women's sporting events," Hutchinson said in an eye-rolling statement.

Next, let's move to Missis-



A referee raises the arm of Mack Beggs, a transgender athlete, of Eules Trinity after he defeated Chelsea Sanchez of Morton Ranch to defend the Class 6A girls 110-pound title during the UIL State Wrestling Championships at the Berry Center in Cypress, Texas, in 2018.

Jason Fochtman/Houston Chronicle via AP file

sippi, another state that's never been known as a citadel of social justice.

It took the Magnolia State more than a century to purge the racist Confederate battle emblem from its official flag, but it moved much more quickly to keep transgender

athletes from taking part in female sports.

Gov. Tate Reeves said the state was merely reacting to — this might sound familiar to those who lived through the civil rights movement — the overreach of the federal government.

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