

CYCLING

BEA cycling programs open

Bend Endurance Academy youth cycling programs are now open for enrollment, according to a Monday news release.

BEA has a variety of programs that are available for all ages, including cyclocross, enduro, downhill and mountain biking teams.

The academy is planning to open up additional programs in the summer targeted toward younger athletes (ages 4-8), and specifically female riders.

According to the release, BEA's goals are centered around developing well rounded cyclists and mountain bikers who respect the community, trails and the outdoors in general.

BEA will also offer the "She Can" Scholarship, which is designed to remove financial barriers that prevent middle school and high school aged girls from pursuing cycling and climbing. Through the scholarship, any girl aged 10 to 18 can receive tuition assistance, event registration or team travel expenses for any of BEA's programs. Applicants must reside in Central Oregon and actively participate in one of BEA's sports within the last 12 months.

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—Bulletin staff report

OREGON BASKETBALL

Omoruyi among seniors turning pro

INDIANAPOLIS — Eugene Omoruyi's college career ended with a double-double in the Sweet 16.

The senior forward led No. 7 seed Oregon with 28 points and 10 rebounds in an 82-68 loss to No. 6 seed USC Sunday night at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. It was the fourth double-double of the season and 11th in 121 career games for Omoruyi, who confirmed after the game that he was moving on to begin a professional career.

"The goal is to just go home," Omoruyi said. "My family is here. Go home with them and just take a week off and just get back in the lab and get ready for the next level."

Omoruyi, who spent three years at Rutgers, averaged 17.1 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.3 assists and shot 47.3% from the field while starting all 28 games for Oregon this season. The coaches' first team all-Pac-12 honoree also dramatically improved his perimeter shooting to 37.6% and set new career highs in almost every statistic other than rebounds per game.

Oregon coach Dana Altman said Omoruyi and Chris Duarte are both moving on and though he didn't mention LJ Figueroa and Amauri Hardy by name, they too are not expected to return and utilize the additional year of eligibility granted by the NCAA.

"(Omoruyi) is a graduate," Altman said. "He's older, because he sat out last year and had the surgery. He'll move on. Chris is going to get drafted. I think he should go in the first round. So he'll move on."

"I'll talk to the rest of the guys. Right now the (transfer) portal is going nuts and everybody's looking for something. I'll have individual conversations with everybody. I'll tell them to take a week or two and think about what direction everybody wants to go."

—The Oregonian

SPORTS

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Houston guard Quentin Grimes shoots over Oregon State guard Ethan Thompson in an Elite 8 game on Monday at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Michael Conroy/AP

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL: ELITE 8  No. 2 Houston 67, No. 12 Oregon State 61

OUT OF REACH

Beavs' furious 2nd-half rally not enough; deepest postseason run in 39 years comes to end

BY NICK DASCHEL

The Oregonian

INDIANAPOLIS — Oregon State's incredible spellbinding men's basketball ride that went for more than a month and included wins in six consecutive season-elimination games came to an end Monday night in Lucas Oil Stadium.

It wasn't without a fight, with OSU erasing a 17-point second-half deficit before falling short, as Houston pulled out a 67-61 win in the Midwest Regional final.

Houston hit 11 three-pointers, including Quentin Grimes' go-ahead three with 3:21 remaining. The Beavers' undoing was a first half where they scored a season-low 17 points.

Houston (28-3) advances to the Final Four, where the Cougars play the Baylor-Arkansas winner Saturday in Lucas Oil Stadium. Game time is either 2 or 5:30 p.m. The national championship game is Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m.

Ethan Thompson had 11 points and seven rebounds, and Maurice Calloo scored 10 points to lead Oregon State (20-13).

Marcus Sasser hit five three pointers and scored 20 points for Houston.

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Michael Conroy/AP

Oregon State forward Warith Alatishe (10) blocks a shot by Houston guard Marcus Sasser (0) during an Elite 8 game on Monday at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

MLB | COMMENTARY

Mariners' future is still more exciting than their present

BY MATT CALKINS

The Seattle Times

It was about the most spirited spring one could imagine for the Mariners. This is what happens when (now former) team president Kevin Mather insults a good chunk of the team on camera in front of a Rotary club.

T-shirts were made. Rallying cries were had. Unity appeared to be near an all-time high.

But things such as motivation and togetherness seem a lot more significant in the Cactus League than they do in the majors. Up in The Show, it's all about talent.

So do the Mariners have enough of it?

This is the big question as the franchise tries to prevent its play-off drought from dragging into its 20th consecutive year. This is what people are wondering as the M's enter Season 3 of the so-called "step-back" plan.

The way Seattle general manager Jerry Dipoto sold it three offseasons ago, 2021 seemed like the year the Mariners would see an ROI on their (near) teardown of the roster. But is there any indication that that's happened — or is this postseason skid about to celebrate its two-decade



Elaine Thompson/AP file

Seattle Mariners' Kyle Lewis, left, is the reigning AL Rookie of the Year.

anniversary?

If you look to the stat geeks — and they've certainly become a reputable source — the answer is no. Analytics site fangraphs.com estimates the M's will go 74-88 and finish with the eighth-worst record in MLB and fourth-worst record in the American League West.

This is obviously just a projection, which can be outperformed. But it's a humbling reminder that — despite their impressive prospects

and emerging stars — the Mariners' future is more exciting than their present.

It's not as though there aren't established standouts. Reigning AL Rookie of the Year Kyle Lewis will return to the M's outfield after hitting 11 home runs in 58 games last year. Starting pitcher Marco Gonzales comes back to the mound after posting a 3.10 ERA and a .947 WHIP in 11 starts last season.

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NFL

Owners to meet about 2021 season

BY BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

What's ahead for the NFL in 2021? Not even the teams know.

They'll begin finding out this week when the 32 team owners hold virtual meetings Tuesday and Wednesday.



Goodell

Two items top the agenda: increasing the regular season to 17 games and decreasing preseason games to three per team. Both are nearly certain to be approved after a pandemic-stressed season that severely cut into the league's revenue stream.

Many players, however, aren't thrilled with the idea.

"We really let this happen," tweeted safety Adrian Amos of Green Bay.

Saints star running back Alvin Kamara called the increase to 17 games "dumb."

Regardless, it's about to happen. The owners want it and don't need the union's permission. The media partners who just spent about \$10 billion annually for NFL rights fees will get more content that counts, and fewer exhibition games.

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