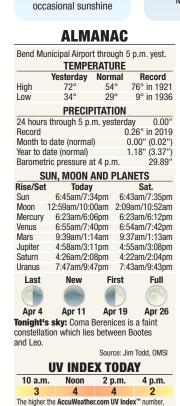
Clouds and sun

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Chance for a couple of showers



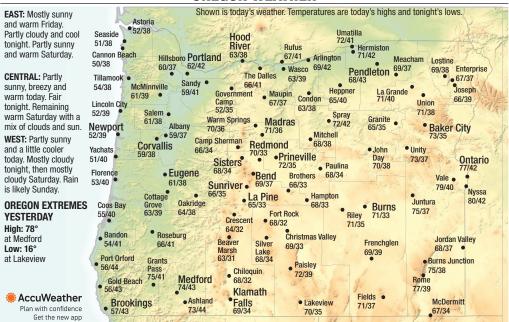
the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low. **3-5** Moderate; **6-7** High; **8-10** Very High; **11+** Extreme. **ROAD CONDITONS** For web cameras of our passes, go to www.bendbulletin.com/webcams I-84 at Cabbage Hill: Mild today with clouds and sun. Rather cloudy tonight. US 20 at Santiam Pass: Clouds and sun today. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. US 26 at Gov't Camp: A mix of clouds and sun today. Mostly cloudy tonight. US 26 at Ochoco Divide: Mild today: mostly

**ORE 58 at Willamette Pass:** Mild today with clouds limiting sun. Partly cloudy tonight. **ORE 138 at Diamond Lake:** A mix of clouds and sun today. Fair weather tonight.

## **SKI REPORT**

III IIIC	nes as or 5 p.n	i. yesterday
Ski resort	New snow	Base
Anthony Lakes Mtn	0	80-80
Hoodoo Ski Area	0	0-97
Mt. Ashland	0	63-77
Mt. Bachelor	0	105-116
Mt. Hood Meadows	1	0-222
Mt. Hood Ski Bowl	0	73-97
Timberline Lodge	0	0-189
Willamette Pass	0	0-45
Aspen / Snowmass, CC	0 (	57-79
Mammoth Mtn. Ski, CA	. 0	64-110
Squaw Valley, CA	0	0-118
Park City Mountain, UT	0	54-69
Sun Valley, ID	0	48-74
	O OTh	-0
	Source: OnTh	HOUW.COM

#### **OREGON WEATHER**



	Yesterday	Today	Saturday		Yesterday	Today	Saturday		Yesterday	Today	Saturday
City	Hi/Lo/Prec.	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/Prec.	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/Prec.	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	52/38/0.00	52/38/pc	55/41/c	La Grande	68/43/0.00	71/40/pc	67/41/c	Portland	68/47/0.00	62/42/pc	65/46/c
Baker City	71/35/0.00	73/35/pc	72/37/c	La Pine	67/24/0.00	65/33/pc	64/33/c	Prineville	70/25/0.00	72/35/c	64/34/c
Brookings	64/45/0.00	57/43/pc	54/44/c	Medford	78/40/Tr	74/43/pc	73/43/c	Redmond	73/30/0.00	70/33/c	69/32/c
Burns	73/17/0.00	71/33/pc	71/35/c	Newport	50/37/0.00	52/39/pc	54/42/c	Roseburg	77/41/0.00	66/41/c	68/41/c
Eugene	73/37/0.00	61/38/pc	64/41/c	North Bend	56/39/0.00	54/41/pc	57/43/c	Salem	70/40/0.00	61/38/c	64/41/c
Klamath Falls	69/24/0.00	69/34/pc	70/31/pc	Ontario	75/27/0.00	77/42/pc	77/47/pc	Sisters	67/25/0.00	68/34/pc	68/36/c
Lakeview	68/16/0.00	70/35/pc	69/35/pc	Pendleton	70/37/0.00	68/43/pc	65/46/c	The Dalles	74/33/0.00	66/41/pc	68/44/c
Weather(W): s-s	unny, <b>pc</b> -partl	y cloudy, c-	cloudy, <b>sh</b> -sho	wers, <b>t</b> -thundersto	orms, <b>r</b> -rain, <b>sf</b>	-snow flurr	ies, <b>sn</b> -snow	, i-ice, Tr-trace, Yes	erday data as	of 5 p.m. ye	sterday



#### TRAVEL WEATHER

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Cooler with a couple of

showers possible

	Yesterday	Today	Saturday		Yesterday	Today	Saturda
City	Hi/Lo/Prec.	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W	City	Hi/Lo/Prec.	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/V
Abilene	69/38/0.00	69/51/pc	68/54/c	Juneau	38/32/0.30	40/25/c	40/30/p
Akron	34/30/0.09	41/25/s	56/43/pc	Kansas City	53/26/0.00	67/47/s	72/51/
Albany	40/33/0.66	38/23/c	50/32/s	Lansing	38/23/Tr	47/31/s	60/38/p
Albuquerque	67/35/0.00	73/48/s	77/51/s	Las Vegas	77/51/0.00	87/63/pc	91/62/p
Anchorage	27/18/0.00	25/17/pc	33/31/sn	Lexington	41/28/0.00	48/28/s	59/38/
Atlanta	53/40/0.00	57/35/s	64/40/s	Lincoln	59/17/0.00	73/44/s	76/47/
Atlantic City	51/46/0.43	42/32/pc	53/44/s	Little Rock	61/37/0.00	59/37/s	65/45/
Austin	69/35/0.00	72/49/pc	69/53/c	Los Angeles	88/61/0.00	79/55/s	76/54/p
Baltimore	48/40/0.30	47/29/pc	56/40/s	Louisville	47/32/0.00	52/32/s	64/42/
Billings	73/37/0.00	72/44/s	75/45/pc	Madison, WI	40/19/0.00	51/38/pc	67/42/
Birmingham	54/37/0.00	58/32/s	65/39/s	Memphis	53/39/0.00	57/37/s	65/46/
Bismarck	67/17/0.00	72/34/pc	75/38/pc	Miami	89/73/0.03	76/63/pc	73/65/
Boise	75/36/0.00			Milwaukee	37/24/0.00	50/40/s	64/43/
		75/48/pc	76/51/pc				
Boston	49/44/1.12	43/29/pc	49/34/s	Minneapolis	44/20/0.00	59/41/s	68/47/
Bridgeport, CT	50/43/0.36	43/30/pc	52/38/s	Nashville	49/35/0.00	54/30/s	65/39/
Buffalo	37/31/0.01	40/25/pc	48/37/pc	New Orleans	66/55/Tr	63/50/s	70/57/p
Burlington, VT	36/33/0.38	36/24/c	49/31/s	New York City	51/43/0.29	43/31/pc	54/42
Caribou, ME	40/37/0.88	35/17/pc	40/20/pc	Newark, NJ	52/42/0.18	44/30/pc	56/41
Charleston, SC	64/56/0.17	55/34/s	62/38/s	Norfolk, VA	55/46/0.11	48/38/pc	55/43
Charlotte	54/42/0.03	54/30/s	60/36/s	Oklahoma City	64/37/0.00	67/47/pc	70/51
Chattanooga	52/38/0.01	55/31/s	64/37/s	Omaha	53/20/0.00	71/44/s	75/47
Cheyenne	62/24/0.00	69/38/s	73/43/pc	Orlando	77/65/0.89	65/48/s	70/51/p
Chicago	40/24/0.00	52/39/s	66/46/s	Palm Springs	92/65/0.00	98/68/s	99/69
Cincinnati	38/30/0.02	49/29/s	61/42/s	Peoria	44/24/0.00	52/37/pc	67/45
Cleveland	32/28/0.24	40/29/s	58/45/pc	Philadelphia	52/42/0.06	43/30/pc	54/41
Colorado Springs	65/21/0.00	74/44/s	75/48/s	Phoenix	95/63/0.00	92/65/s	96/66
Columbia, MO	49/26/0.00	60/40/s	68/49/s	Pittsburgh	33/30/0.12	41/23/s	53/41/
Columbia, SC	59/48/Tr	55/29/s	61/36/s	Portland, ME	48/42/0.83	41/25/s 41/25/c	47/28
			65/39/s		50/45/1.14		
Columbus, GA	58/44/0.02 36/30/Tr	59/34/s 46/26/s	00/39/S	Providence	50/45/1.14 54/47/Tr	44/28/s 50/29/s	50/32 59/38
Columbus, OH			59/43/pc	Raleigh			
Concord, NH	44/39/0.35	41/20/pc	51/22/s	Rapid City	72/20/0.00	74/40/s	77/44/p
Corpus Christi	69/59/0.00	71/60/c	75/64/c	Reno	75/34/0.00	76/45/pc	76/45/p
Dallas	70/42/0.00	69/51/s	68/56/pc	Richmond	53/42/0.20	49/29/s	57/38
Dayton	37/29/Tr	47/28/s	61/43/pc	Rochester, NY	35/31/0.18	38/23/pc	49/37/
Denver	70/26/0.00	73/41/s	75/46/pc	Sacramento	85/46/0.00	81/45/pc	73/45/
Des Moines	47/20/0.00	63/45/s	71/45/s	St. Louis	48/30/0.00	57/39/s	70/50
Detroit	37/25/Tr	48/30/s	60/41/pc	Salt Lake City	66/33/0.00	74/48/s	78/55
Duluth	40/12/0.00	52/36/pc	61/39/s	San Antonio	72/51/0.00	72/52/pc	71/57
El Paso	72/46/0.00	85/55/s	84/55/pc	San Diego	88/57/0.00	71/54/s	71/54/
Fairbanks	12/2/0.07	14/14/sn	33/29/sn	San Francisco	84/54/0.00	65/49/pc	61/51
Fargo	53/14/0.00	69/30/pc	70/36/s	San Jose	85/49/0.00	74/47/pc	67/46/1
Flagstaff	68/19/0.00	63/37/pc	70/37/s	Santa Fe	66/26/0.00	73/41/pc	75/43
Grand Rapids	40/24/Tr	47/32/s	59/39/pc	Savannah	64/51/Tr	59/34/s	65/39
Green Bay	41/21/0.00	49/37/s	64/38/s	Seattle	58/42/0.00	55/41/c	57/43
							74/45
Greensboro	49/41/Tr	50/29/s	58/36/s 56/39/s	Sioux Falls	56/16/0.00 63/34/0.00	68/37/s 62/39/c	61/42
Harrisburg	46/38/0.20	47/29/pc		Spokane			
Hartford, CT	48/43/0.30	42/27/pc	53/33/s	Springfield, MO	51/26/0.00	60/39/s	65/46
Helena	73/30/0.00	68/40/s	70/41/pc	Tampa	76/71/0.18	69/48/s	74/55
Honolulu	83/71/0.06	82/69/pc	82/69/pc	Tucson	90/63/0.00	89/58/s	91/61/
Houston	72/46/0.00	69/46/s	70/54/c	Tulsa	61/34/0.00	68/48/s	71/51
Huntsville	52/35/0.00	55/31/s	64/38/s	Washington, DC	51/41/0.19	48/33/s	57/42
Indianapolis	40/26/Tr	49/32/s	62/43/s	Wichita	61/28/0.00	68/46/s	75/50
Jackson, MS	61/41/0.00	61/35/s	67/43/pc	Yakima	72/29/0.00	68/37/c	68/42
Jacksonville	66/57/0.00	58/38/s	65/41/s	Yuma	93/62/0.00	94/58/s	97/59
			INTERN	ATIONAL			
Amsterdam	54/46/0.00	50/39/pc		Mecca	95/72/0.00	92/64/s	95/66/9
Athens	57/46/0.04	66/53/s	68/56/s	Mexico City	70/53/0.11	69/47/s	76/47/
Auckland	65/59/0.14	70/56/pc	70/56/s	Montreal	37/30/0.26	38/24/pc	47/32/
Baghdad	84/63/0.00	84/56/pc	72/52/pc	Moscow	48/41/0.15	45/29/sn	46/31/
Bangkok	99/84/0.00	98/81/pc	98/81/pc	Nairobi	80/59/0.14	81/61/t	81/62/t
Beijing	66/53/0.00	64/53/c	62/39/c	Nassau	81/73/0.04	77/63/sh	75/63/
Beirut	64/54/0.06	60/56/sh	65/53/sh	New Delhi	93/64/0.00	91/62/pc	93/64/
Berlin	61/48/0.02	54/36/s	48/30/pc	0saka	75/48/0.00	74/57/pc	71/57/p
Bogota	68/52/0.04	65/51/t	62/50/t	Oslo	48/28/0.00	49/27/pc	48/32/
Budapest	75/39/0.00	65/41/sh	55/38/pc	Ottawa	32/30/0.03	38/21/s	48/32/
Buenos Aires	72/65/0.00	73/66/s	74/66/s	Paris	75/48/0.00	60/40/s	55/38/9
Cabo San Lucas	90/68/0.00	83/67/pc	85/67/s	Rio de Janeiro	86/72/0.05	83/72/pc	83/73/
Cairo	70/52/0.00	70/50/pc	75/57/s	Rome	67/48/0.00	66/47/pc	65/46/
Calgary	61/36/0.00	53/29/pc	55/33/pc	Santiago	72/51/0.04	77/50/pc	83/52/9
	86/68/0.04	77/73/t	80/73/sh		75/61/0.00	72/61/pc	76/62/
Cancun	51/45/0.00	50/36/s	52/37/pc	Sao Paulo	55/39/0.00	73/61/pc 53/39/pc	50/36/0
Dublin				Sapporo			
Edinburgh	46/40/0.00	53/33/pc	56/38/pc	Seoul	75/43/0.00	74/57/pc	
Geneva	73/45/0.00	71/44/pc	56/36/s	Shanghai	65/60/0.19	71/60/r	71/51/0
Harare	78/54/0.00	78/55/s	80/58/s	Singapore	93/79/0.00	91/78/t	89/77/t
Hong Kong	86/76/0.11	84/75/pc	84/74/s	Stockholm	48/30/0.00	46/30/pc	45/33/
Istanbul	52/41/0.00	56/49/pc	62/53/pc	Sydney	77/60/0.00	75/60/pc	76/64/9
Jerusalem	58/44/0.00	53/49/pc	57/44/pc	Taipei City	87/72/0.00	87/72/pc	83/71/
Johannesburg	75/54/0.00	78/59/s	79/54/s	Tel Aviv	66/51/0.02	63/59/sh	66/53/
Lima	75/66/0.00	74/65/s	74/68/pc	Tokyo	66/59/0.00	66/54/pc	67/58/p

#### **WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL** | FINAL FOUR

# McDonald, Bueckers propel Arizona, UConn

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**BY JIM VERTUNO** 

**Associated Press** SAN ANTONIO — One is a freshman who stepped into the job of leading the most successful program in women's basketball. The other is a senior who accepted the call to build one of the worst into one of this season's best.

Together, UConn's Paige Bueckers and Arizona's Aari McDonald are two of the most dynamic scorers in the country heading into their Friday night clash in the women's NCAA Tournament Final Four.

UConn won the River Walk region and rides into its 13th consecutive Final Four as Bueckers this week became the first freshman to win The Associated Press national player of the year award.

The challenge for Bueckers this season was learning how to lead a program that had already produced some of the game's greatest players — including Rebecca Lobo, Sue Bird, Diana Taurasi, Maya Moore and Breanna Stewart — in the Huskies' charge for a potential 12th national championship.

Before the season began, UConn coach Geno Auriemma considered bringing her off the bench just to ease her into the role. Two weeks of watching Bueckers in practice tossed that idea "out the window," he said.

Bueckers led the Huskies (28-1) in scoring, assists and steals this season and scored 28 points in their 69-67 regional final win over Baylor. Auriemma this week called Bueckers "dominant" in "the biggest games we played."

But she's still a freshman playing in her first Final Four at a program where winning it all is the annual demand. UConn hasn't made it to the championship game since 2016.

"She's still a young kid who was playing against high school girls last year, so yeah, this is big. Nothing that I say is gonna change the bigness of



Morry Gash/AP photos

UConn's Paige Bueckers drives past Baylor's DiJonai Carrington during the Elite Eight round of the women's NCAA Tournament on Monday at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

it," Auriemma said. "I'm sure there's a part of her that, you know, is anxious, nervous, all the things that you would be if you were her in a game like this. ... But somehow, some way, she finds what all great players do. She finds that thing that she has inside of her that very few people have, that allows to her to function in those big moments."

McDonald's burden was to build a winner at a program stuck in a basketball desert. Coach Adia Barnes put that job on her as soon as McDonald transferred from Washington in 2017 when the Wildcats



Arizona's Aari McDonald reacts after making a basket against Indiana in the Elite Eight round of the women's NCAA Tournament on Monday in San Antonio.

were living at the bottom of the Pac-12.

McDonald sat out the 2017-2018 season and watched as Arizona won just six games. Now she is the conference player of the year and has the Wildcats on level ground with the Huskies for at least one more day.

"It's crazy. We really started at the bottom," McDonald said. "Coach (Adia) Barnes and the other coaches. They do a great job recruiting. They changed the culture since I've been here. My teammates have put in so much work and it's exciting to see it all pay off."

The Wildcats (20-5) won the Mercado region as a No. 3 seed. McDonald has scored at least 31 points in each of the Wildcats previous two games. Against Indiana in the regional final, she twisted her left ankle with 2:35 left, but limped back on to put the exclamation on the win with a 3-point play. She said the ankle should be fine Friday

night.
"Nobody thinks we can win. We're the underdogs. We're going to play loose and

free," McDonald said. The UConn-Arizona winner advances to Sunday's final against the winner of Friday's other semifinal matchup between Stanford and South Carolina.

#### Back to the future

Auriemma and Barnes met in the 1998 women's NCAA Tournament when Barnes the point guard led Arizona to the Sweet 16, in what had been the school's deepest tour ney run. UConn won 74-57, but Auriemma remembers Barnes, who was the conference player of the year that season, as an "impossible matchup."

"You couldn't guard her with a guard, you couldn't guard her with a forward," Auriemma said. "(Now) she has made women's basketball at Arizona supremely important. She's just, I think, a coach for the future who's having tremendous success in the present."

#### **Tough draw**

UConn's Christyn Williams has the difficult job of defending McDonald, who uses the quick bursts in her 5-foot-6 frame to blow by defenders on drives into the lane or sneak through traffic for wide-open 3-pointers. McDonald made five of six from long range against Indiana. She also grabbed 11 rebounds.

"She's a great player, very quick, she can get to the basket, she can create space for herself," Williams said. "She's a handful."

Williams drew a similar assignment in the Sweet 16 and was able to contain Iowa's Caitlin Clark, the nation's leading scorer, holding her to 21 points, six below her average.

#### **History made**

Arizona is the first women's team to make the Final Four after missing the previous 10 NCAA Tournaments. They likely would have made the tournament last season but it was canceled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Barnes is the sixth coach to lead their alma mater to the Final Four. She also joins South Carolina's Dawn Staley in the first time two Black women head coaches have made it to the national semifinals.



77/45/0.03

61/42/sh

48/34/c

Toronto

Vancouver

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley cuts down the net after the team's win over Texas in the Elite Eight round of the women's NCAA Tournament at the Alamodome in San Antonio on Tuesday.

### **Final Four**

**Continued from B3** 

Lisbon

Madrid

73/48/0.03

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71/41/t

Staley is "someone who is super competitive, whatever Dawn decided to go into she was going to be at the top of whatever career she decided," VanDerveer said. "In law, politics, she has it, she's a very special person. I cheer for her every game except for the game tomorrow."

This isn't the first meeting between the two on the big stage. They played in the 2017 Final Four and South Carolina rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to win en route to the NCAA championship.

"I asked our team why can't you execute what you want to execute?" Staley said. "One player raises their hand and was like 'because we're millennials.' Really? That's the answer you have.

"We all kind of laughed. Broke it down, huddled it up and got into their lead and eventually ended up winning the game."

Some other things to look for in Friday night's matchup between South Carolina and Stanford:

#### Brink's health

Stanford freshman Cameron Brink injured her leg in the Cardinal's come-from-behind victory over Louisville in the Elite Eight. VanDerveer is expecting her to play Friday

night.
"She's doing well so hopefully she'll be ready to play," VanDerveer said before practice Thursday. "Don't know

100% the answer right now. She tweaked her leg a little bit. Hopefully it's minor. We'll see."

In her place, Ashten Prechtel scored all 16 of her points in the second half to help the Cardinal rally to beat Louisville in the Elite Eight.

#### Offense vs. defense

Stanford has been making 3-pointers at an impressive rate, connecting on 50 of them in the first four games of the tournament. The Cardinal are fifth in the country in made 3s and sixth in percentage at 38.3%.

South Carolina has been playing stellar defense, including shutting out Texas in the fourth quarter in their Elite Eight matchup. The Game-cocks blocked 14 shots in that game and held the Longhorns to just 23% shooting. South Carolina has been giving up just 74 points per 100 possessions in the women's NCAA Tournament so far, which only five teams have done over the past five years.

#### Longevity

VanDerveer has been coaching for 43 years, winning two national championships. Staley doesn't see herself sticking

around the game that long.
"For Tara and all the coaches who have dedicated their lives to growing the game and impacting young people as they have they're doing it for all the right reasons," Staley said. "There's no way a coach would stay in a profession they didn't reap some inner satisfaction from."