

RUNNING

Locals excel in Salmon Run

The Salmon Run half-marathon, 10-kilometer and 5K races were staged at Pronghorn Resort northeast of Bend on Saturday.

The half-marathon and 10K courses included paved trails and dirt roads around the resort, while the 5K was all on paved trails. The event is typically staged in Bend but was moved to Pronghorn due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of 884 runners finished the races on Saturday, including 278 in the half-marathon, 337 in the 10K, and 269 in the 5K. Runners started spaced out in waves and were required to wear masks at the start and after finishing.

Nate Letavec, of Seattle, won the half-marathon in 1 hour, 17 minutes, 23 seconds. Brandon Brasher, of Prineville, finished second in 1:19:50, followed by Bend's Ian Sharman (1:19:57).

Melissa Hand, of Tualatin, won the women's division of the half-marathon in 1:24:58, followed by Bend's Suzanne Daley (1:29:22) and Elizabeth Broadbent (1:32:49).

Grant Grafentin, of Bend, won the 10K in 34:11, followed by Bend's Brian Lindensmith (37:17) and Liam Marley (37:58).

Bend's Courtney Witherspoon won the women's division of the 10K in 42:08. Donna Baldetti (43:48), of Houston, took second, and Bend's Amy Jaggard (44:19) claimed third.

Bend's Mason Morical won the 5K in 18:14. Nicolas Losee, of Wallsburg, Utah, was second in 18:21 and Bend's Sawyer Stolz finished third (18:51).

In the women's division of the 5K, Bend's Krista Morical won in 18:53, followed by Bend's Meg Lentz (19:48) and Jaide Downs (21:39), of Fields.

—Bulletin staff report

POLICE SHOOTING

Minnesota teams postpone games

The Minnesota Twins, Minnesota Wild and Minnesota Timberwolves postponed games scheduled for Monday because of safety concerns following the fatal police shooting of a Black man and the potential for unrest in the area.

Major League Baseball's Twins and Boston Red Sox were scheduled to begin a four-game series Monday afternoon at Target Field. The Twins said their decision was made in consultation with Major League Baseball and state and local officials "out of respect for the tragic events that occurred yesterday."

The NHL's Wild were supposed to host the St. Louis Blues on Monday, a game the team said was postponed "out of respect for the community." That game was rescheduled for May 12.

The NBA also announced that Monday's scheduled game between the Timberwolves and Brooklyn Nets was postponed "in light of the tragic events in the Minneapolis area."

The shooting of 20-year-old Daunte Wright occurred Sunday after a traffic stop in Brooklyn Center, a suburb adjacent to Minneapolis.

—Associated Press

SNOW SPORTS

Bend skiers, boarders soar at regional event

Bulletin staff report

Several youth skiers and snowboarders from Bend posted top results in the USA Snowboard and Freeski Association Pacific Northwest Regional Championships at Mt. Hood Meadows ski resort Thursday through Sunday.

The Pacific Northwest Regional Championship was a first-ever event, held in lieu of USASA Nationals, which typically takes place at the same time of year in Copper Mountain, Colorado, but was canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Leslee Schader, co-director of the USASA Mt. Hood Series, the goal of the event was to create a capstone competition for North-

west-based athletes, ages 7 to 18, who participated in often-limited competitions this past winter season. USASA competitions in Central Oregon were somewhat restricted due to the pandemic.

Disciplines at the USASA Pacific Northwest Regional included boardercross, ski cross, slopestyle, halfpipe and rail jam. Nearly 130 athletes from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana participated in the three-day competition.

Standout competitors from Bend included Aida Brown, a 13-year-old snowboarder, who won gold medals in girls boardercross, slopestyle and rail jam.

Tatym Smith, also a 13-year-



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Bend's Aida Brown competes in the rail jam at the USASA Northwest Regional Championships at Mt. Hood Meadows ski resort this past weekend.

old from Bend, claimed gold medals in freeski girls slopestyle, halfpipe and rail jam.

Another 13-year-old skier from Bend, Kainoa Pyle, won

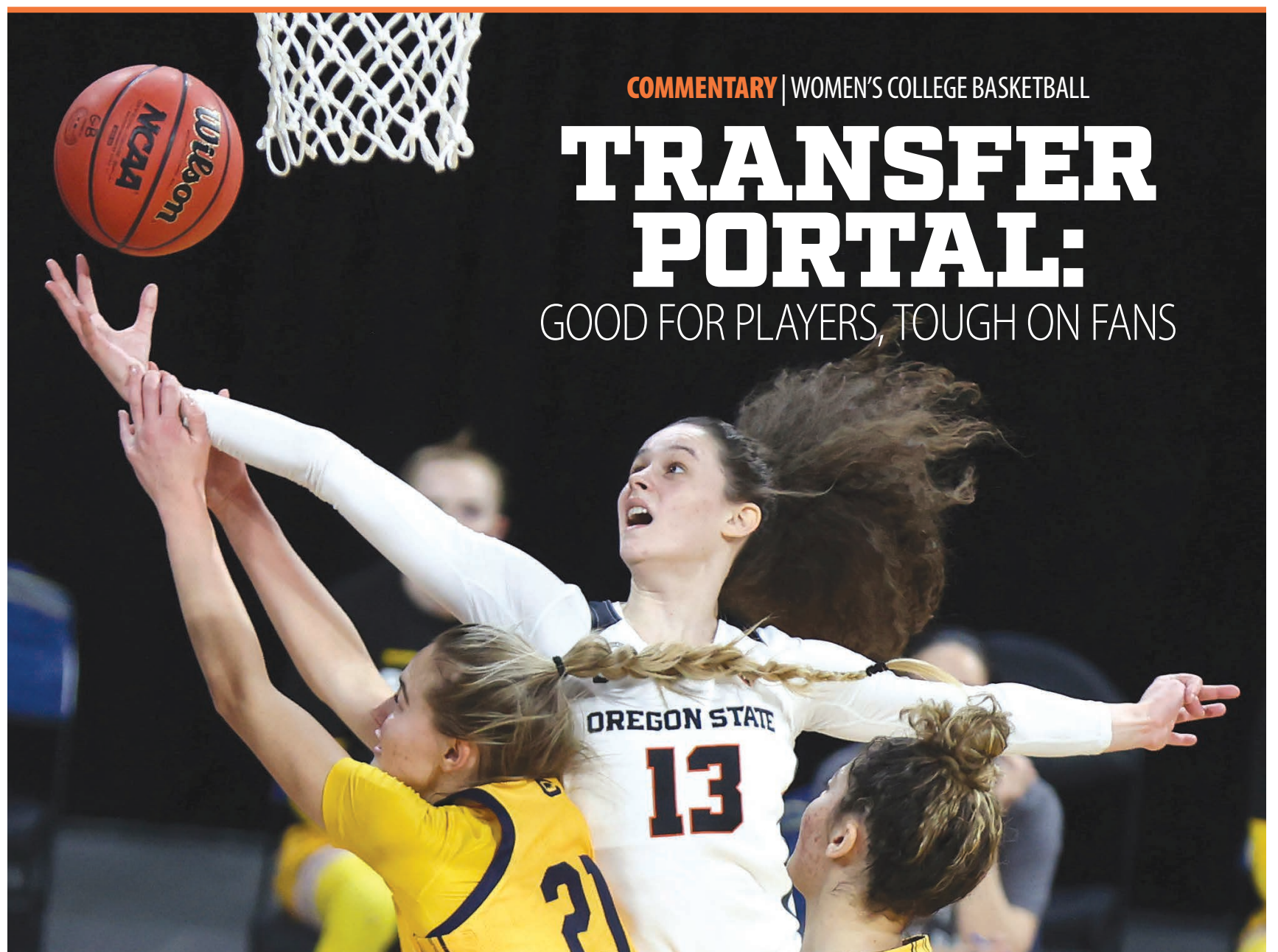
a gold medal in the boys halfpipe. Bend snowboarder Jaden Freitas, 16, won gold in men's slopestyle.

The halfpipe competition

was scheduled for Saturday, but winds gusting as high as 70 mph buffeted the Cascade Mountains and prevented Meadows from opening. The halfpipe event was rescheduled for Sunday and athletes competed under calm, sunny skies, according to Schader.

The USASA Mt. Hood series hosted eight competitions this winter. A typical competition hosts up to 70 athletes. The top three in each age group from each discipline and each series qualified for regionals.

USASA has a CDC-approved "Return to Play" protocol, which was adhered to during the regional competition: face coverings, physical distancing and all activities outside.



COMMENTARY | WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

TRANSFER PORTAL:

GOOD FOR PLAYERS, TOUGH ON FANS

Isaac Brekken/AP

Oregon State guard Sasha Goforth (13) during the first round of the Pac-12 women's tournament on March 3 in Las Vegas. After the end of the season, Goforth entered the transfer portal.

Beavers and Ducks both lose players to the transfer portal

BY STEVE GRESS
Corvallis Gazette-Times

Early last week a social media post stated there are more than 1,200 women's basketball players across the three NCAA divisions who have put their names in the transfer portal.

Of those, some 900-plus came from Division I.

So it really shouldn't be a surprise that Oregon and Oregon State have lost two players each to the obviously popular portal.

First it was Oregon State's Sasha Goforth, a

five-star guard who started all 20 games during her COVID-freshman season for the Beavers, announcing she was leaving to be closer to her home of Fayetteville, Arkansas.

It was, no doubt, a blow to the Beavers and a shock to the fan base. How could someone who had such tremendous success leave after just one season?

Soon after, fellow freshman Savannah Samuel opted to find a new home and entered the portal.

Goforth certainly will play closer to home as she signed almost immediately with Arkansas, located in her hometown. Of course, that did not sit well with many in Beaver Nation with the memory of Destiny Slocum leaving Oregon State for the Razorbacks a year ago still fresh in their minds.

Some thought there were some shady shenanigans with how quickly she signed with Arkansas, but as her father stated on Twitter, there really was no other school she wanted to play for.

Samuel, from Georgia, will continue her playing career at West Virginia as the Mountaineers made that announcement Friday.

Oregon lost two veteran guards as junior Taylor Chavez and sophomore Jaz Shelley opted to enter the transfer portal. The Ducks have plenty of young talent but both players will be missed, no doubt.

There are any number of reasons players choose to leave. In the case of Goforth it was to play closer to home. Samuel did not make an announcement about her decision.

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SOCCER

Judge approves partial deal between women, U.S. Soccer

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A federal judge approved a partial deal between players on the women's national team and the U.S. Soccer Federation over unequal working conditions.

U.S. District Judge R. Gary Klausner approved the Dec. 1 settlement during a hearing Monday. The deal calls for charter flights, hotel accommodations, venue selection

and professional staff support equitable to that of the men's national team.

Players sued the USSF in March 2019, contending they have not been paid equitably under their collective bargaining agreement that runs through December 2021, compared to what the men's team receives under its agreement that expired in December 2018. The women asked

for more than \$66 million in damages under the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Klausner dismissed the pay claim last May, ruling the women rejected a pay-to-play structure similar to the one in the men's agreement and accepted greater base salaries and benefits than the men, who failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup.

"We are pleased that the court has approved the equal working conditions that the USWNT players have fought for many years to achieve," players spokeswoman Molly Levinson said in a statement. "Finally, giving these athletes access to facilities, training, care and professional support is the next step needed in the long and hard work to grow the game of women's football."

Klausner's approval of the settlement allows the players to ask the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn his decision on unequal pay.

"We intend to appeal the court's equal pay decision, which does not account for the fact that women players have been paid at lesser rates than men who do the same job," Levinson said.

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