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BOYS TENNISRedmond wins
IMC championship

Redmond boys tennis capped off an undefeated season as a team, winning the Intermountain Conference championships on Saturday at Sam Johnson Park in Redmond.

The Panthers, the 2019 Class 5A state champions, finished 10-0 as a team on the season. There are no tennis state championships this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's a great group of kids, and a solid group of seniors," said Redmond boys tennis coach Nathan Saito. "This was nice to get something in considering the challenges of the last year and a half. I'm just grateful we got a season in and we were able to conclude with a district tournament."

Redmond finished with 43 points to take the IMC team title over second-place Hood River Valley (20) and third-place Ridgeview (17).

Redmond's Skyler Jones won the singles championship, defeating Hood River Valley's Matthew Vaughn Reardon in three sets and winning the third-set tiebreaker 10-8.

"It was one of the best singles matches I've seen in years," Saito said. "Very entertaining and very high-level tennis."

Yoshi Saito, also of Redmond, finished third in singles.

The Panthers' team of Charlie Rawlins and Austin Osborne won the IMC doubles championship, defeating fellow Redmond players Tanner Jones and Xavier McCorchuk in the doubles final.

—Bulletin staff report

NBA

Blazers plan area
for vaccinated fans

The Portland Trail Blazers are increasing capacity at the Moda Center for the NBA playoffs with special sections for fans who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19, according to a new announcement between the Blazers, the Oregon Health Authority and the office of Gov. Kate Brown. The move is pending the final approval of Multnomah County's vaccination equity plan.

The Blazers are preparing to host their first home playoff game in their first-round series against the Denver Nuggets. Portland will play Denver at home for game three on May 27 at 7:30 p.m. and game four on May 29 at 1 p.m. in the best-of-seven series.

If necessary, game five of the series would return to Denver, game six returns to the Moda Center and game seven is back in Denver.

After going the majority of the season without fans, the Blazers received permission from the state to allow 10% fan capacity at the Moda Center for their four remaining regular-season home games at the beginning of the month.

Vaccinated sections will be available to fully vaccinated fans ages 16 and over who are at least two weeks past their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Fans will be required to provide proof of full vaccination.

—The Oregonian

MLB COMMENTARY

Oakland A's set to scope out Portland

Team's fact-finding mission takes owner to Las Vegas this week in search for new home

BY JOHN CANZANO
The Oregonian

The Oakland A's are visiting Las Vegas this week. A four-person travel party led by owner John Fisher will make the trip. They'll talk about relocating the Major League Baseball franchise. I expect 82-year-

old Mayor Carolyn Goodman will greet the baseball contingent at a private airstrip wearing a hard hat and holding a blank check.

This is a recruiting mission now.

The A's contingent will also make an official visit to Port-

land next month. An MLB source confirmed that Fisher along with team president Dave Kaval, vice president Billy Beane and executive Sandy Dean are planning to come to Oregon to do some fact finding.

The Portland Diamond Project confirmed it all on Monday. Founder Craig Cheek and managing partner Mike Barrett issued a statement to The Oregonian that

said, "PDP can confirm that we have engaged in talks with the Athletics, and plans for a visit by team officials are underway."

"PDP will have no further comment at this time."

This is an encouraging development. One that begs a comparison between the efforts in Las Vegas and Portland.

Vegas comes to play. Nobody is fooled by the lack of an

organized effort there.

The city doesn't have an MLB-to-LAS group. No headquarters. No websites, bumper stickers or signatures. No stadium renderings, MLB rallies or Russell Wilson and Ciara, either.

But Las Vegas has Mayor Goodman, who often gets her way. She's the wife of former longtime Vegas mayor Oscar Goodman.

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GOLF | PGA CHAMPIONSHIP



Matt York/AP photo

Phil Mickelson hits out of the rough on the 17th hole during the final round at Sunday's PGA Championship golf tournament on the Ocean Course in Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Champ at 50
looks ahead for more

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. —

Phil Mickelson has an imagination few in golf have possessed, along with a skill set that allows him to see shots no one else can.

One year at The Players Championship, he was in a bunker blocked by trees with no way forward except to go around them.

Mickelson hit 7-iron through a gap so small he didn't tell his caddie what he was doing so no one could talk him out of it. He hit it on the green and wound up winning that week.



Chris Carlson/AP photo

Phil Mickelson, right, hugs his brother and caddie Tim after winning the PGA Championship.

Self-belief has never been an issue. It's why Mickelson, even at age 50, always thought he could win another major. That moment came Sunday at Kiawah Island with a victory in the PGA Championship

that made him the oldest major champion.

Even so, the vision of doing what no one else had in 161 years of the majors was getting blurry.

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NBA

Young
superstars
show their
time is now
in playoffs

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Trae Young didn't look like a postseason rookie in silencing a rocking road crowd in New York.

"The moment wasn't too big for him," Atlanta teammate Lou Williams said.

Nor for Ja Morant or Devin Booker, who were just as impressive in their debuts. Throw in Luka Doncic picking up where he left off last year, and the opening weekend of the playoffs may have proven that the time is now for some of the NBA's best young guards.

"The great players, in every era, that's what they do," Knicks coach Tom Thibodeau said. "They pose problems."

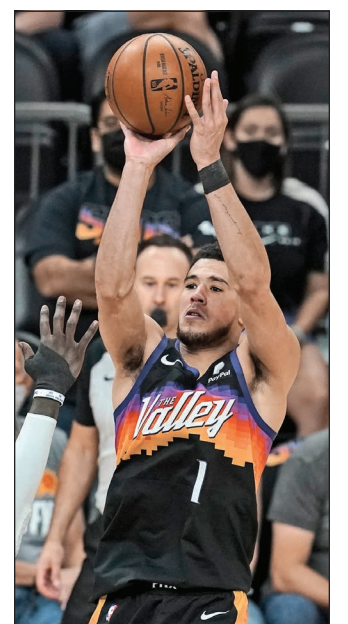
Booker and Doncic will be back in action Tuesday, hoping to send the two Los Angeles teams into 2-0 holes.

Phoenix beat the Lakers 99-90 on Sunday behind 34 points from Booker. In his sixth season, he's got much more NBA experience than Young, Morant or Doncic. But he's still only 24 years old, and no amount of regular-season games is preparation for LeBron James and the defending champions in the postseason.

Phoenix coach Monty Williams said Booker has worked on his game to be in this position.

"He trusts the work. I've always said this about Devin, he's not afraid of the moment. He's not afraid of these games," Williams said. "He actually wants to be in these games. That's what I attribute it to — his ability to focus and play the same way no matter the stage."

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Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker (1) shoots during Game 1 of their first-round playoff series Sunday in Phoenix. The Suns defeated the Lakers 99-90.