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NCAA BASEBALL REGIONALS

Dernedde's big day lifts Beavs

The Oregon State Beavers entered the weekend on life support.

Kyle Dernedde made sure they still have a pulse.

The unheralded freshman had the best game of his young career to keep the Beavers' season alive, slugging them to a 10-5 victory over McNeese State in the NCAA baseball tournament at Lupton Stadium.

Making just his sixth career start in a do-or-die game, Dernedde was undaunted by the moment, clubbing a pair of bases-loaded doubles en route to a career-high six RBIs as the second-seeded Beavers staved off elimination in Fort Worth, Texas.

The six RBIs tied the OSU school record for a postseason game, equaling Bill Rowe's performance against Hawaii 15 years ago.

"I've grown up an Oregon State baseball fan and watched teams before us come through ... and go down the first game and battle back and do amazing things," Dernedde, a Tualatin native, said. "So, for me, it's pretty special to be a part of it now. It's hard to fathom, but it's exciting and we have a long ways to go."

The win advances the Beavers (35-23) to the Sunday round of the losers' bracket, where they will play the loser of a Friday night game between No. 1 seed TCU and No. 3 seed Dallas Baptist at 11 a.m. Pacific. The Beavers will have to win that game and then another on Sunday evening to force a winner-take-all final on Monday.

Dernedde went 2 for 3 and produced the two biggest swings of the season. In the fourth inning, with the game tied 2-2, he crushed a three-run double to left-center field with two outs, giving the flatlining Beavers' offense a jolt. And then, with the Beavers clinging to a 7-5 lead in the eighth, Dernedde broke the game open, ripping a three-run double to the left field corner.

Dernedde said he thought it was the first time in his life he's finished with a six-RBI game.

"He's just consistent with his work ethic," teammate Ryan Ober said. "Kyle is out there every single day taking extra stuff, just waiting for his name to be called."

In addition to Dernedde's memorable performance, Oregon State received solid pitching, particularly from its bullpen, and contributions from players up and down the lineup to keep the season alive.

Ober (2 for 5, two RBIs, two runs scored) and Garret Forrester (2 for 3, two runs scored, one RBI) continued their strong regional play.

Starting pitcher Cooper Hjerpe was solid in his postseason debut, striking out nine and allowing four runs in 4.1 innings. And the OSU bullpen was even better, as three relievers combined to allow just one unearned run and two hits over the final 4.2 innings. Chase Watkins earned the win, giving up one run and striking out three in three innings.

The Oregon Ducks faced off against the Gonzaga Bulldogs in the Eugene Regional Saturday night in a game that ended past The Bulletin's press deadline.

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sticking around

Mountain View seniors stay with team post-graduation

BY BRIAN RATHBONE • The Bulletin

REDMOND —

Kailynn Bowles' quads were so sunburned they blended in with her bright red Mountain View basketball jersey. To a slightly lesser extent, it was apparent that Liliana Overcash had spent the day before baking in the sun.

Friday afternoon was spent outside at the rehearsal for Saturday's afternoon graduation at Mountain View High. Later that evening, the four seniors on the Mountain View basketball team were back on the hardwood taking home a 51-29 win over Redmond.

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Saturday, Mountain View students will walk across a stage and receive their high school diplomas capping off a week of high school graduations across the state. But Bowles, Overcash and the rest of the senior athletes won't be done with high school. A couple days after wearing their cap and gowns and snagging their diplomas, they will put on their team's uniforms to continue a season that will last few more weeks.

"It makes it feel not real, like we aren't graduating yet," said Bowles. "We still have to be at school for a couple more weeks. It just hasn't settled in that we have graduated."

It's just one more surreal moment in a school year full of them.

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Mountain View High School's Kailynn Bowles (12) shoots over a Redmond High School defender during the first half Friday night in Redmond.

NFL



Michael Ainsworth/AP

Dallas Cowboys' cornerback Trevon Diggs, left, celebrates with Micah Parsons, right, after Parsons made an interception during practice in Frisco, Texas, on Thursday.

Minicamps are mostly proceeding amid debate about offseason

BY SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

Detroit players joined a coordinated effort by the NFLPA to say they were going to stay away from the team's voluntary offseason program before most of them showed up for practices.

Conversations with first-year coach Dan Campbell found enough middle ground for some players to think twice about skipping. Around the league, mandatory minicamps starting next week are going on mostly as planned.

Emphasis on "mandatory," which means players can be fined for no-showing.

"I personally don't have the funds to hand back to the or-

ganization, so I will 100% be here," Miami tight end Mike Gesicki said.

"They also give out free food in the facility, so I'll be coming for breakfast, lunch, dinner," Gesicki said, prompting laughter from reporters. "It's really a special place. We've got waters and Gatorade in the fridge, snacks in the weight room. It's a nice place to be. Happy to be here."

Joking aside, a brewing standoff between players and coaches or their bosses seems to have faded, and there is a sense around the league that conversations could lead to foundational changes in the structure of the offseason.

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NBA COMMENTARY

Trail Blazers search for next coach turns into power play amid Lillard's demands

BY JOHN CANZANO

The Oregonian

Hand it to Aaron Goodwin today. The kingpin of Goodwin Sports Management and Damian Lillard's agent may be engineering one of the most deft power plays in Trail Blazers' history.

Terry Stotts and the organization parted ways on Friday.

Camp Lillard wasted no time in making it clear it wants the keys to the empire. I'll leave out the — "or else" — part for now. But in the wake of Stotts' departure Lillard told Yahoo! Sports, "Jason Kidd is the guy I want."

Goodwin was Kidd's agent at the beginning of his NBA career. The Lakers' assistant is now with Jeff Schwartz, best I can tell. But still, I couldn't help but wonder what Goodwin and Lillard are up to here and where it might go next. Chauncey Billups, a well-known Neil Olshey confidante, was also mentioned as a short-list candidate.

Congrats, Neil.

You always wanted to star in a soap opera. Break a leg. Kidd's baggage is troubling. The Lakers looked past it and hired him anyway. I wonder now if Blazers' controlling owner Jody Allen will do the same. Or will she risk alienating Lillard and having to start all the way over?

That's where our state's NBA organization finds itself today and I'm fascinated by how this will play out.



Jack Dempsey/AP

Portland Trail Blazers' Damian Lillard (0) passes the ball against the Denver Nuggets during Game 1 of a first-round playoff series on May 22 in Denver.

Remember, Kidd was arrested and pleaded guilty in 2001 for domestic violence. More alleged abuse of his then-wife was well documented in their divorce in 2007. And he also once pleaded guilty to driving impaired after crashing his SUV into a utility pole.

As a player in college at Cal, Kidd started the mutiny that got Lou Campanelli fired. As a pro, he ran Byron Scott out of a head coaching job. Then, when Kidd's playing career ended, he became a coach himself. His first season on he job he was fined \$50,000 by the NBA for intentionally spilling a drink on the court to stop play because he was out of timeouts. Later, Kidd demanded full control of the

Nets basketball operations and when the organization refused he forced his way out.

Today's question: Does Lillard actually want Kidd?

Or does he just want out of Portland?

Lillard will be the league's first \$50-million-a-year player. He got a sweetheart sneaker deal with Adidas. Nobody disputes that Goodwin does a magnificent job representing his clients. But the Blazers aren't the client here. Lillard is. None of what we're seeing puts the franchise first.

At different points of his career, Goodwin has represented LeBron James, Kevin Durant, Chris Webber, Damon Stoudamire and Gary Payton.

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