

LOCAL
FOOTBALLHigh Desert Storm
defeat Rush, 44-41

REDMOND — The Oregon High Desert Storm defeated the Tri-City (Wash.) Rush 44-41 on Saturday night in an American West Football Conference game at the First Interstate Bank Center.

With the win, the Storm improved to 4-2 overall at the midpoint of the season.

The Storm have two consecutive home games coming up, this Saturday at 7 p.m. against the Wenatchee Valley Sky Hawks, and July 10 at 7 p.m. against the Yakima Canines.

The regular season runs through July 30.

The AWFC is a pro arena football league with five teams from the Northwest. Arena football is exclusively played indoors on a 50-yard field, with eight players on each team. Players can be tackled into walls that run up against the sidelines of the field.

—Bulletin staff report

TRACK & FIELD

World record caps
Olympic trials

EUGENE — The close of the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials was worth the wait on Sunday night at Hayward Field. The meet finished with a flourish after a delay of about five hours because of extreme heat in Eugene as hurdler Sydney McLaughlin set a world record, Oregon Ducks star Cole Hocker kicked to victory and several other young stars made their first Olympic teams.

McLaughlin passed Dalilah Muhammad late in the women's 400-meter hurdles final and clocked a world-record time of 51.90 seconds to break Muhammad's 2019 mark of 52.16. In the men's 1,500 final, Hocker used a big kick to overtake Olympic champion Matthew Centrowitz on the final straightaway. Centrowitz finished second, with Notre Dame's Yared Nuguse third.

Meanwhile, LSU's JuVaughn Harrison won both the high jump and the long jump, 19-year-old Athing Mu raced to victory in the women's 800 and 17-year-old Erriyon Knighton made the Olympic team with a third-place finish in the men's 200 final.

"It's one of those moments you think about and dream about and play in your head that you'll put it together," McLaughlin said of her world record.

Her record was the highlight of a day that included other kinds of history.

Harrison became the first American to make it in both the high and long jumps at one Olympics since Jim Thorpe in 1912, according to Olympic historian Bill Mallon.

Harrison shared the spotlight with Knighton, who is the youngest male member of the U.S. Olympic track team since Jim Ryan in 1964.

Noah Lyles won the 200 meters to punch his Olympic ticket, then celebrated by kneeling on the track and clasping his hands together.

Earlier on Sunday Temperatures at Hayward Field reached 108 degrees and the surface of the track exceeded 150. Action was halted at 3 p.m. and resumed at 8:30 p.m.

—Bulletin wire report

Prep Wrestling

CULVER, LA PINE BRING
HOME STATE TITLES

La Pine's Dylan Mann (top) attempts to pin Dayton's Kaiden Abell while wrestling in the 132-pound bracket of the 3A state championship in Redmond on Saturday. Mann would go on to win the 132-pound state title.

Bulldogs win 2A/1A state title,
while Hawks take 3A crown

BY BRIAN RATHBONE
The Bulletin

Late June 2021 felt like winter 2019, as two Central Oregon wrestling teams brought home state titles. For the 13th time since 2007, Culver won the Class 2A/1A team state championship, while La Pine won its second 3A title in three years on Saturday night.

Because the Oregon School Activities Association did not sanction state events due to the pandemic, the Oregon Wrestling Association organized the state tournaments that were staged across the state over the weekend.

Culver dominated the field scoring at Sweet Home High School with 231.5 points, 137 points more than second-place Pine Eagle.

"It is always a great day to be a Bulldog — some days are better than others," said Culver coach J.D. Alley. "It was a bit of a redemption year for us. We left no doubt who the best 2A team was."

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Photos by Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin

La Pine's Dylan Hankey waits for the call while wrestling against Riverside's Tony Jimenez in the 182-pound bracket of the 3A state championship in Redmond on Saturday.

TENNIS

Welcome back, Wimbledon

Slam returns after
being canceled in 2020

BY CHRIS LEHOURITES

Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Shortly after 1:30 p.m. on Monday, two years minus two weeks from the last time a meaningful match was played at Wimbledon, a voice blared over the loudspeakers: "Good afternoon and welcome to Centre Court."

Then came an announcement welcoming "special guests in the Royal Box," including a woman who developed one of the COVID-19 vaccines, prompting the first of the day's several standing ovations from spectators. And, eventually, came the words, "We've waited awhile for this," before the introduction of Novak Djokovic and the opponent he would go on to beat 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 with the help of 25 aces, Jack Draper, a 19-year-old wild-card entry from England ranked 253rd.

It was, in some respects, as if Wimbledon had never left, as if the



Kirsty Wigglesworth/AP

Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates winning a first round men's singles match against Britain's Jack Draper on day one of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on Monday.

All England Club hadn't decided to cancel the oldest Grand Slam tournament for the first time since World War II a year ago because of the pandemic. There was raucous cheering from the stands. There

was rain — so much rain that play on courts without a roof was delayed more than 4 1/2 hours and at least 20 matches were postponed until Tuesday.

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NBA | PORTLAND

Billups gets
first chance as
head coach

Trail Blazers make hire official

BY ANNE M. PETERSON

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The Portland Trail Blazers have hired Chauncey Billups as their new coach.

Billups, a five-time NBA All-Star over a 17-year playing career, has never been a head coach. He has served as an assistant with the Los Angeles Clippers for the past season.

"Portland is a special place and a unique franchise," Billups said in a statement Sunday night. "As a player I always loved playing here because the passion and knowledge of the fans brought out the very best in me as a competitor. Now I'm looking forward to being on the other side of that energy and engaging with the Portland community on a whole other level."

The Blazers have scheduled a Tuesday press conference to introduce Billups, 44. He becomes the 15th head coach of the franchise.

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