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TODAY

HIGH
82°

Pleasant with some sun

TONIGHT

LOW
53°

Mainly clear

SATURDAY

82°
51°

Mostly sunny and beautiful

SUNDAY

86°
55°

Sunny and pleasant

MONDAY

92°
61°

Very warm with plenty of sunshine

TUESDAY

HOT

97°
60°

Near-record temperatures with lots of sun

WEDNESDAY

90°
57°

Plenty of sunshine

THURSDAY

88°
55°

Increasing cloudiness

ALMANAC

Bend Municipal Airport through 5 p.m. Thu.

TEMPERATURE		
Thursday	Normal	Record
High 81°	82°	99° in 2017
Low 59°	47°	29° in 1902

PRECIPITATION		
24-hour total	0.02"	
Record	0.35"	in 1975
Month to date (normal)	0.02"	(0.12")
Year to date (normal)	2.34"	(5.66")
Barometric pressure at 4 p.m. 30.04"		

SUN, MOON AND PLANETS

Rise/Set	Today	Saturday
Sun	5:30am/8:50pm	5:31am/8:50pm
Moon	3:23pm/1:18am	4:41pm/1:44am
Mercury	4:45am/8:14pm	4:50am/8:20pm
Venus	3:35am/6:46pm	3:35am/6:47pm
Mars	1:17am/2:47pm	1:15am/2:47pm
Jupiter	12:20am/12:42pm	12:16am/12:38pm
Saturn	10:43pm/8:53am	10:39pm/8:49am
Uranus	1:50am/4:14pm	1:46am/4:10pm

Full

Last

New

First

Jul 13

Jul 20

Jul 28

Aug 5

Tonight's sky: Second star of the handle of the Big Dipper is the double star of Mizar and Alcor.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

UV INDEX TODAY

10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.
5	9	9	3

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index**™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme.

POLLEN COUNT

Grasses	Trees	Weeds
High	Moderate	Low

Source: Oregon Allergy Associates 541-683-1577

WATER REPORT

As of 7 a.m. Thursday

Reservoir	Acre feet	Capacity
Crane Prairie	48246	87%
Wickiup	56722	28%
Crescent Lake	18200	21%
Ochocho Reservoir	10624	24%
Prineville	39653	27%

River flow	Station	Cu.ft./sec.
Deschutes R. below Crane Prairie	136	
Deschutes R. below Wickiup	1270	
Deschutes R. below Bend	131	
Deschutes R. at Benham Falls	1560	
Little Deschutes near La Pine	94	
Crescent Ck. below Crescent Lake	18	
Crooked R. above Prineville Res.	14	
Crooked R. below Prineville Res.	187	
Crooked R. near Terrebonne	46	
Ochocho Ck. below Ochocho Res.	13	

FIRE INDEX

Bend	Not available
Redmond/Madras	Not available
Sisters	Not available
Prineville	Not available
La Pine/Gilchrist	Not available

Source: USDA Forest Service

OREGON WEATHER

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

City	Thursday	Today	Saturday
Astoria	69/59/0.22	69/55/0	69/57/pc
Baker City	81/55/0.00	82/50/0	83/50/pc
Brookings	82/55/Tr	64/53/0	65/54/pc
Burns	87/46/0.00	88/50/0	88/50/0
Eugene	78/58/0.00	81/55/pc	81/55/pc
Klamath Falls	81/41/0.00	83/48/0	82/47/0
Lakeview	81/36/0.00	84/46/0	85/48/0

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Tr-trace

City	Thursday	Today	Saturday
La Grande	81/61/0.00	82/56/0	82/54/pc
La Pine	75/49/0.00	80/52/pc	81/51/0
Medford	84/60/0.00	88/60/0	88/59/0
Newport	63/55/0.03	65/54/pc	65/54/pc
North Bend	65/57/0.05	67/56/pc	65/53/0
Ontario	96/68/0.00	97/67/0	97/66/0
Pendleton	85/66/Tr	86/60/0	87/62/0

City

Portland 80/61/Tr 80/59/pc 81/59/pc

Prineville 81/57/0.01 84/53/pc 85/51/0

Redmond 83/60/0.00 84/52/pc 84/52/0

Roseburg 79/60/0.00 83/57/pc 84/56/0

Salem 80/62/0.00 81/58/pc 81/56/pc

Sisters 75/52/0.03 82/53/pc 83/52/0

The Dalles 85/64/Tr 86/61/0 87/62/0

NATIONAL WEATHER

NATIONAL EXTREMES THURSDAY (for the 48 contiguous states)
National high: 109° at Ocotillo Wells, CA
National low: 23° at Bodie State Park, CA
Precipitation: 4.67" at Augusta, GA

Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

T-storms

Rain

Showers

Snow

Flurries

Ice

Cold Front

Warm Front

Stationary Front

COLLEGE SPORTS

1 year of NIL: How much have athletes made?

BY ERICA HUNZINGER
Associated Press

After the first year of college sports' name, image and likeness era, football and men's basketball still claim the throne for the number of deals and average compensation, and social media remains the most popular way to get that NIL money.

The total amount spent was about \$917 million, NIL platform Opendorse estimated.

An average football deal comes out to nearly \$3,400 on two platforms. And while softball and women's basketball generally landed in the top five overall, when you subtract football, women's sports are getting more deals than men's sports, Opendorse said. Female gymnasts make big bucks, too: about \$7,000 on average per deal, according to NIL platform INFLCR.

A full accounting of the first year of NIL, from July 1, 2021, to June 30 is hard to come by. The majority of schools don't make public the number of deals and amounts their athletes have received.

There also is no central framework for how and when deals should be reported.

"You have all of these different stakeholders involved in this ecosystem and a lack of consistency, not just in platform where information is being reported, but in requirements relative to what information is necessary," said Andrew Donovan, the executive vice president of collegiate partnerships at Altius Sports.

So it's up to major NIL tech platforms — some of which facilitate deals and disclosures, and others disclosures only — to fill in the gaps. Sort of.

"I know that what's being reported is not a full picture," said Donovan, whose organization works with 30 schools on education and strategic guidance and talks with donors, boosters, corporate partners and others. "... Athletes are regularly acknowledging to us that they're not disclosing. Schools are regularly communicating the struggles

Reed Hoffmann/AP file

Kansas State's Nijel Pack (24) shoots next to West Virginia's Isaiah Cottrell during a game in Manhattan, Kansas, last season.

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What lies ahead for Year 2, beyond maybe new laws or group licensing? Opendorse thinks it's the potential of NIL spending topping more than \$1 billion.

An estimated \$607.4 million could go to Power Five schools, with an average annual compensation \$16,074 per athlete, Opendorse said. Already, about three-fourths of the known or forming collectives, which are third-party NIL kingmakers made up of school donors and boosters, are connected to Power Five schools.

Athletes' deals with brands will likely rise, too. Opendorse projects that brand deals will encompass 64% of all NIL compensation in Year 2 and bring in about \$730.4 million.

Donovan, a former president of the National Association for Athletics Compliance, also believes there will be more importance placed on helping athletes understand tax implications of NIL deals: "There's several schools across the country that are doing a good job there, but that needs to be built out as we see these large financial figures."

Athletes make how much?

It's a broad range. INFLCR's overall average NIL transaction value is \$1,815 through

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pensation in the NCAA and NAIA combined, compared with 37.3% for women's sports, Opendorse said. Remove football and women flip it to 52.8% vs. 47.2% for men. The difference in Division III was stark through May 31: 82.9% men vs. 17.1% women.

Football (49.9%) and men's basketball (17%) dominated total NIL compensation by sport in Opendorse's platform through June 20, with women's basketball (15.7%), women's volleyball (2.3%) and softball (2.1%) rounding out the top five. Football also took the top spot in INFLCR's number of NIL transactions through May 31 with 23.7%, followed by men's basketball (22.3%), softball (8.2%), baseball (6%) and women's basketball (4.7%).

When it comes to total NIL activities, Opendorse says football (29.3%) is the leader, then baseball (8%), men's basketball (7.6%), women's track and field (5.6%) and women's volleyball (5.5%).

Donor money also favors men's sports — a whopping 93% of it, Opendorse said. The average monthly compensation from donors at the DI level is \$1,012.

Meanwhile, 91% of all women's NIL activities are brand-related on Opendorse's platform, but 62% of all brand compensation went to men's sports.

Griner

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Griner was escorted to the courtroom in handcuffs and clad in a bright red T-shirt with the name "Crenshaw" and sweat pants. She also held a photo of her wife, Cherelle.

Elizabeth Rood, deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, told reporters after the hearing that she spoke to Griner in the courtroom and shared with her a letter from President Joe Biden that she read.

"She's eating well, she's able to read books and under the circumstances she's doing well," Rood said of Griner.

"I would like again to emphasize the commitment of the U.S. government at the very highest level to bring home safely Ms. Griner and all U.S. citizens wrongfully detained as well as the commitment of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow to care for and protect the interests of all U.S. citizens detained or imprisoned in Russia," Rood said.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov bristled at the U.S. description of Griner as "wrongfully detained" and warned that "attempts by the American side to make noise in public ... don't help the practical settlement of issues."

The White House said Biden called Cherelle Griner on Wednesday to assure her that he's doing all he can to win her release as soon as possible. They spoke after Biden read a letter from Griner in which she said she feared she'd never return home.

Washington hasn't disclosed its strategy in the case and the U.S. may have little leverage with Moscow because of strong animosity over its actions in Ukraine. The State Department has designated Griner as wrongfully detained, moving her case under the supervision of its special presidential envoy for hostage affairs, effectively the government's chief hostage negotiator.

Asked about the possibility of Griner being swapped for a Russian jailed in the U.S., Ryabkov, the senior Russian diplomat, noted that until her trial is over "there are no formal or procedural reasons to talk about any further steps."

Alexander Zemlianichenko/AP

WNBA star and two-time Olympic gold medalist Brittney Griner is escorted to a courtroom for a hearing in Khimki just outside Moscow, Russia, Thursday.

He warned that U.S. criticism, including a description of Griner as wrongfully detained and dismissive comments about the Russian judicial system, "makes it difficult to engage in detailed discussion of any possible exchanges."

"The persistence with which the U.S. administration ... describes those who were handed prison sentences for serious criminal articles and those who are awaiting the end of investigation and court verdicts as 'wrongfully detained' reflects Washington's refusal to have a sober view of the outside world," Ryabkov snapped.

Griner's trial was adjourned after its start last week because two scheduled witnesses did not appear. Such delays are routine in Russian courts and her detention has been authorized through Dec. 20, suggesting the proceedings could last months.

Although Griner's supporters initially kept a low profile, calls for Washington to act spiked after the trial's first day on July 1.

"Four months is too long for this to have gone on, and I hope the president acts on her pleas to come home," the Rev. Al Sharpton said this week.

An organization called Win With Black Women sent Biden a letter saying Secretary of State Antony Blinken has called Cherelle Griner, "assuring her and stating publicly that Brittney's safe return was a matter of personal priority; however, we are concerned that the rhetoric does not appear to align with the actions taken to date. We urge you to make a deal to get Brittney back home swiftly."