

SPORTS BRIEFING

BASKETBALL

Trail Blazers to waive Miller and Rhoden

The Portland Trail Blazers plan to waive guards Isaiah Miller and Jared Rhoden a source told The Oregonian/OregonLive.com.

That leaves the Blazers with a maximum 15 players on their roster, which includes center Olivier Sarr, the only remaining player signed by the team to a training camp contract.

The 7-foot Sarr, who played last season with Oklahoma City, appears to have a strong chance to make the Blazers' final roster. He played considerably in the team's final two pre-season games, during which he played ahead of fellow backup center Drew Eubanks.

The Blazers (1-4 preseason) concluded their preseason schedule Tuesday night with a 131-98 loss at Golden State.

FOOTBALL

Tagovailoa to return to practice Wednesday

Miami Dolphins quarterback Tua Tagovailoa will return to practice Wednesday in a limited capacity. He will not play Sunday against the Vikings. Tagovailoa has been in the concussion protocol since Sept. 29 when he took a hit against the Cincinnati Bengals and had to be stretchered off the field and

taken to a hospital.

Tagovailoa hadn't practiced since then. He took hard hits in successive games, and the NFL's concussion protocol was subsequently changed to address the symptoms he had during a loss to the Bills. Rookie quarterback Skylar Thompson will start Sunday against the Vikings as Tagovailoa and Teddy Bridgewater advance through the concussion protocol.

FISHING

Men caught cheating at tournament charged

Authorities say two anglers accused of stuffing fish with lead weights and fillets in an attempt to win thousands of dollars in an Ohio fishing tournament have been indicted on charges of attempted grand theft and other counts.

Forty-two-year-old Jacob Runyan, of Broadview Heights, Ohio, and 35-year-old Chase Cominski, of Hermitage, Pennsylvania, were indicted Wednesday in Cleveland on felony charges of cheating, attempted grand theft, possessing criminal tools and misdemeanor charges of unlawfully owning wild animals. They're due to be arraigned Oct. 26.

They are accused of stuffing lead weights and fish fillets into walleye in attempt to win the Lake Erie Walleye Trail tournament, which had a first prize of \$28,760.

— Bulletin wire reports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Oregon State QB Gulbranson puts focus on continued improvement

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With a first collegiate start under his belt, Ben Gulbranson says he's feeling more comfortable and ready when the next game experience comes.

But the Oregon State red-shirt freshman admits the nerves and anxiety were there as he prepared for last week's Pac-12 football game at Stanford. What helped was knowing that his coaches had put a good game plan in place.

The butterflies remain as Gulbranson and the Beavers (4-2, 1-2) get ready to host Washington State (4-2, 1-2) at 6 p.m. Saturday at Reser Stadium.

"You need that to kind of fuel to prepare for that game. But it feels good knowing that I made my first start," said Gulbranson, who added that the snaps he got in the final three quarters at Utah in reserve of Chance Nolan a week earlier, his first extended playing time in an OSU uniform, helped him in preparation for Stanford.

He was 20-of-28 passing for 250 yards and two scores against the Cardinal, including a 56-yard touchdown pass to Tre'Shaun Touchdown with 13 seconds left, giving the Beavers their first lead of the game in a 28-27 victory.

Harrison was Gulbranson's top target, catching seven balls for 104 yards. No other teammate had more than three receptions.

Gulbranson was also sacked four times for a combined loss of 25 yards.

"I thought his decision-making was solid throughout the night, where he was going with the ball, for the most part," OSU coach Jonathan Smith said earlier this week. "Then he held the ball a few times that led to sacks. Could have got the ball



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Oregon State quarterback Ben Gulbranson (17) gestures to receivers before snapping the ball against Stanford during the first half in Stanford, California, Saturday.

out of his hand a little bit earlier that led to sacks. He did a lot of good things."

Gulbranson said he made plays when necessary.

It's uncertain who will start against the Cougars as Nolan continues his recovery from a neck injury. But Gulbranson went back to practice this week focused on improvement.

"I think that's the mindset I like to have, is a growth mindset," he said. "There's always stuff you can get better with. There's still a lot left on the field that I feel I could improve."

If Gulbranson is to start against Washington State, Smith said he's looking for him to take a positive step forward from the Stanford game.

Poor decisions against Utah led to two interceptions. Gulbranson was 12-of-21 passing for 177 yards against the Utes

while leading the Beavers on three drives that resulted in field goals.

But it was those live reps in a hostile environment that helped ease the nerves heading to Stanford.

Gulbranson hopes to limit defenses' sacks going forward. He said most of the four versus Stanford were on him, now understanding that when pressure comes he needed to get rid of the ball to keep his team in good down and distance situations.

"There were other plays where I just got a little bit antsy in the pocket. I could have kept progressing and we had guys open," he said. "I think that just comes with taking snaps, taking reps in games, staying patient in the pocket. That's something on Sunday that I kind of had on my notes and coaches mentioned that I need to definitely work on."

Asked what else he wants

to work on, Gulbranson said he needs to stay patient with the ball and work through his passing progressions, be more accurate with his passes and better understand situations such as one that arose in the Stanford game and led to a penalty for an illegal player downfield.

Athletes talk about the action around them slowing down during competition as they gain more experience. Gulbranson is making progress in that direction.

"With every rep you take, the game gets slower and slower. With your film study, your practice out here," he said. "You practice like you play, deliver at practice," like coach Smith always says. When you practice how you play, the game definitely slows down like that. It just takes reps after reps after reps, stacking good reps on top of each other."

SCOREBOARD

ON DECK

Prep sports

THURSDAY

Volleyball: Molalla at Madras, 6 p.m.; Estacada at Crook County, 6 p.m.; Creswell at Sisters, 6 p.m.; La Pine at Burns, 6 p.m.; Regis at Culver, 5 p.m.
Girls soccer: Caldera at Redmond, 6 p.m.; Ridgeview at Bend, 4 p.m.; Crook County at Molalla, 6 p.m.; Gladstone at Madras, 4 p.m.; Sisters at Santiam Christian, 4:30 p.m.; La Pine at Central Linn, 4:30 p.m.
Boys soccer: Summit at Mountain View, 4 p.m.; Bend at Ridgeview, 4:30 p.m.; Molalla at Crook County, 4:30 p.m.; Sisters at Santiam Christian, 6 p.m.
Cross-country: Caldera, Crook County, La Pine, Madras, Redmond, Ridgeview, Sisters, Trinity Lutheran at Clash in the Cascades, Sisters High School, 5:10 p.m.

FRIDAY

Football: Mountain View at Ridgeview, 7 p.m.; Redmond at Summit, 7 p.m.; Caldera at Bend, 7 p.m.; Crook County at La Grande, 7 p.m.; Madras at Baker, 7 p.m.; Pleasant Hill at Sisters, 4 p.m.; La Pine at Elmira, 7 p.m.; Culver at Lowell, 6 p.m.; Gilchrist at Days Creek, 3 p.m.
Volleyball: Trinity Lutheran vs. Jordan Valley, 4 p.m.; Trinity Lutheran at Crane, 4 p.m.
Girls soccer: Mountain View at Summit, 4 p.m.
Boys soccer: Redmond at Caldera, 5 p.m.; Madras at Gladstone, 6 p.m.; Central Christian at Portland Christian, 4 p.m.
Cross-country: Mountain View, Summit at Rose City Invitational, Portland, 1:30 p.m.
SATURDAY
Volleyball: Bend at West Linn tournament, TBD; Madras at The Dalles tournament, 8 a.m.; Central Christian at North Douglas, 3 p.m.; Central Christian vs. Damascus Christian, TBD.

PREPS

Volleyball

Tuesday's results
The Dalles 3, Madras 0 (25-6, 25-6, 25-14)
Crook County 3, Gladstone 0 (25-19, 25-22, 25-7)
Crane 3, Culver 0 (25-22, 25-17, 28-26)
Central Christian 3, Bonanza 0 (25-17, 25-20, 25-15)

Girls soccer

Tuesday's results
Mountain View 3, Bend 0
Summit 8, Redmond 0
Madras 1, Estacada 1

Boys soccer

Tuesday's results
Bend 3, Redmond 2
Ridgeview 5, Caldera 0
Summit 3, Redmond 0
Madras 2, Estacada 0

FOOTBALL

NFL						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	152	61
Miami	3	2	0	.600	115	131
N.Y. Jets	3	2	0	.600	116	118
New England	2	3	0	.400	103	98
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	96	118
Indianapolis	2	2	1	.500	69	94
Jacksonville	2	3	0	.400	111	80
Houston	1	3	1	.300	86	99
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	138	117
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	108	89
Cleveland	2	3	0	.400	133	125
Pittsburgh	1	4	0	.200	77	125
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	4	1	0	.800	159	125
L.A. Chargers	3	2	0	.600	122	136
Denver	2	3	0	.400	75	80
Las Vegas	1	4	0	.200	125	130
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Phila.	5	0	0	1.000	135	88

Dallas	4	1	0	.800	93	72				
N.Y. Giants	4	1	0	.800	103	93				
Washington	1	4	0	.200	90	128				
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	103	83				
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	118	122				
New Orleans	2	3	0	.400	115	128				
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	93	122				
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
Minnesota	4	1	0	.800	115	102				
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	97	96				
Chicago	2	3	0	.400	86	106				
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	140	170				
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
San Francisco	3	2	0	.600	108	61				
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	105	123				
L.A. Rams	2	3	0	.400	80	116				
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	127	154				

Thursday's Games
Washington at Chicago, 5:15 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Baltimore at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
Cincinnati at New Orleans, 10 a.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 10 a.m.
New England at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 10 a.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.
Buffalo at Seattle, 1:05 p.m.
Carolina at L.A. Rams, 1:05 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas at Phila., 5:20 p.m.
Open: Houston, Las Vegas, Tennessee, Detroit

Denver at L.A. Chargers, 5:15 p.m.

College

PAC-12 CONFERENCE										
Conference Games										
W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA			
Southern Cal	4	0	130	81	6	0	241	112		
UCLA	3	0	127	81	6	0	249	136		
Oregon	3	0	138	90	5	1	252	173		
Utah	2	1	108	71	4	2	242	114		
California	1	1	58	59	3	2	129	110		
Oregon St.	1	2	58	86	4	2	195	163		
Washington	1	2	110	107	4	2	246	161		
Wash. St.	1	2	83	83	4	2	162	121		
Arizona	1	2	96	118	3	3	182	205		
Arizona St.	1	2	83	114	2	4	161	181		
Stanford	0	4	104	154	1	4	145	164		
Colorado	0	2	37	88	0	5	67	216		

Saturday's Games
California at Colorado, 11 a.m.
Arizona at Washington, 2:30 p.m.
Stanford at Notre Dame, 4:30 p.m.
Southern Cal at Utah, 5 p.m.
Wash. St. at Oregon St., 6 p.m.

America's Line

(Odds as of Oct. 12; home team in CAPS)					
NFL					
Favorite	Open	Current	O/U	Underdog	
BEARS	PK	PK	3/8	Commanders	
Sunday					
Bucs	7½	8	43½	STEELERS	
Bengals	PK	2	43½	SAINTS	
COLTS	1	2	42	Jaguars	
BROWNS	2½	2½	42½	Patriots	
PACKERS	7½	7	46½	Jets	
Ravens	5½	5½	44½	GIANTS	
Vikings	3	3	45½	DOLPHINS	
49ers	6	5½	44½	FALCONS	
RAMS	9½	10½	41½	Panthers	
Cards	2½	3	51½	SEAHAWKS	
Bills	2	2½	53½	CHIEFS	
EAGLES	5½	6	42½	Cowboys	
Monday					
CHARGERS	6½	5	45½	Broncos	
Byes: Lions, Texans, Raiders, Titans					
COLLEGE					
Favorite	Open	Current	O/U	Underdog	
Thursday					
Baylor	3½	3½	54½	W VIRGINIA	
UCLA	24½	23	46½	Temple	
Friday					
SMU	12	13	56½	Navy	