#### THE SCORE

# Cougars romp, beat Geckos 57-36

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The Academy of Our Lady of Guam's 1-2-3 punch of Mia Taitano, Toric Rapadas and Oriana Sevilla led the Cougars to a 57-36 win over the George Washington High Geckos Tuesday.

It was the first game back in more than a week for the Guain Department of Education's Interscholastic Sports Association High School Girls Basketball league after public and private schools pushed schedules back a week.

At the Cougars gym, Academy was on fire from the start. They raced to a 19-7 lead after the first quarter and kept the lead at the half, 28-13.

While the Cougars scored at will, they had no answer for the Geckos Soreena Olpindo, who scored all



COLIN KIRKIFOR FON John F. Kennedy High's Jada Han attempts a shot while St. John's School's Jadyn Palomares attempts a block in a **Guam Department of Education** Interscholastic Soorts Association High School Girls Basketball game at John F. Kennedy High School gym Tuesday, Feb.

but two of her team's firsthalf points. Olpindo led all scorers with 21 points.

The Cougars continued to pour it on in the third. Sevilla hit her second 3-pointer and the Cougars led 44-27 after three periods. Olpindo had just one basket in the fourth quarter while the Cougars kept up the pressure.

Taitano and Rapadas scored 10 points each, while Sevilla had 8, including two 3-pointers to lead the Cougars, Annika Al-

mario also hit a 3-pointer in the second quarter.

Getting back on the court after a long break involved a lot of dedication from everyone. We learned to power through it and trust each other to get back into our rhythm," said Al-

#### Other games

In other games, John F. Kennedy High defeated St. John's School 45-37. Okkodo High beat Notre Dame High 68-49. Southern High played Tiyan High and Guam High visited Simon Sanchez High, but those scores weren't available as of 5 p.m. Wednesday.

On Monday, there was one game played - Saint Paul Christian School defeated Harvest Christian Academy 68-15.

Saint Paul coach Derin Stinnett said her team was eager to get going after months of delays and uncertainty.

We played well executing on defense and running early offense, which allowed for an early lead. Our bench, unfortunately, has been shortened due to

a drop off in players and we plan to strategically rotate players as much as we can as games go on," she said.

Daren Hechanova, St. John's assistant coach called it a tough loss to IFK.

"JFK is a real solid team and they were hitting their shots. We just have to move on to the next one and bounce back stronger," he said. "It's a learning process and our girls will continue to get better."

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winning it.

"We felt pretty stoked about it, said Sgambelluri. "Making history right here.

"It's pretty cool. It's the first team ever for GAA so taking the first win feels good, said Marques.

Guam Adventist's second doubles team of Elliott Retumban and Adrian Helm joined their teammates in victory with an 8-3 win over GW's Abraham Alokoa and

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were two points.

outside the 3-point line

In their opener, the men's

team seemed lost to Team

MVP 17-7, according to a UOG news release. They Kendrick Diego.

#### Singles

Freshman Wyatt Oh. 15. won his school's first-ever singles match in quick fashion, blanking Kentaro Suzuki 8-0.

Oh hit winner after winner, using his experience to send his opponent all over the court. But he said it took a few games to settle. into a groove.

Yes, I was a little nervous going into the match," he said. "I got comfortable during the fourth game because my strokes felt good

Asked if the match felt any different than others he had played, Oh was quick to reply. "This win did feel very different because I felt like when I won, I helped my team win, Instead of it being my win, it was the team that won," he said.

Guam Adventist's Samuel Jung defeated GW's Carlos Montejo 8-2 to complete the sweep.

Guam Adventist doesn't

field a girls team. Pacific Daily News reporter Jojo Santo Tomas covers sports and food. Email him at

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and my serves were going then lost 16-15 to Team **Tritons** 

Bucketsville. On Sunday, UOG lost to the Triple 7s, then fell 10-5 to the Hybrids.

in their first match, the women's team took on Team Post'N, losing 10-5. The Lady Tritons then tell to Team Slay in a tight match, 5-4.

On Sunday, the Lady Tritons fell 14-7 against Team PPP, the eventual women's division championship.

With only four teams, the Lady Tritons advanced to the playoffs, but lost 8-3 to the defending champions, Team Slav.

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# Some players feel lucky to go to Super Bowl

Irent Taylor missed the Super Bowl in Miami with San Francisco because of a foot injury that cost him the entire 2019 season.

The wide receiver has a rare second chance with Cincinnati two years later.

And yes, it means so very much.

"It's a huge deal for me personally because you know guys in this league .... guys will play 12, 15 years and never get an opportunity to go to the Super Bowl. Taylor said. "So once I missed that first opportunity. I didn't know if it would ever come back."

Taylor says being in this game might not really hit him until the Bengals land in Los Angeles on Tuesday. The 5-foot-8 Taylor was a fifth-round pick out of Louisiana Tech in 2017 and played 41 games with the

Cincinnati signed Taylor to the practice squad in September, and he played in four games during the regular season. Taylor has handled punt returns in each playoff game - the first three of his career and knows he'll be playing



in this Super Bowl.

"Actually playing in the game, it's going to be a huge deal for me," Taylor said. "I'm 100% looking forward to it and so thankful for another opportunity at it."

Taylor's not the only one feeling lucky this Super Bowl at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles.

Eric Weddle played 12 NFL seasons, then retired after the 2019 schedule. Thanks to a call from the Los Angeles Rams - desperate at the time after injuries in the secondary the two-time All Pro safety finally will play in the game that cluded him in stints with the Chargers and Baltimore.

Pretty lucky timing for Weddle, Same for the Rams

Weddle, 37, went from working out to stay in shape for pick-up ball to being the Rams' leading tackler in the NFC championship game. He went from playing 19 snaps in the Rams wild-card win over Arizona to 61 in the divisional winover Tom Brady and the defending champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Then Weddle led the Rams with nine tackles, including one for a loss, helping Los Angeles clinch their second Super Bowl berth in four seasons and

the safety's first.

"Eric Weddle has injected an amazing amount of positive energy," Rams coach Sean McVay said.

Like Weddle, Brandon Powell was out of football just hoping for a call after going undrafted out of Florida following stints with four other NFI, teams,

The Rams signed him to their practice squad Nov. 4, and he made his debut Dec. 5 after being a practice squad elevation. The wide receiver has been an immediate hit as a kick returner

Powell helped Los Angeles clinch a playoff berth by returning a punt 61 yards for a touchdown Dec. 26 in

Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow carries the ball against the Chiefs during the second half of the AFC Championship Game on Sunday, Jan. 31,

2022, in Kansas City, Mo.

a 30-23 win at Minnesota. Now he's played in the first three playoff games of his career, returning five punts for 79 yards and four kickoffs for 71 yards.

The Super Bowl is next. Not bad for someone who was reading books on a beach near his Florida home last fall.

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their guests to their coaches at least the day before their game. Spectators who want to watch must check their names against a list N at the event gate. They are asked about symptoms and ver. They must wear masks and practice social distancing at the event.

We voted on a limit, but the individual school administrators can choose to have stricter guidelines,

said Linder. The numbers are not going down, but the good thing is that the severity of the cases hasn't been so bad, so hopefully we can be on top of it with our mitigation. But things can change, so never say never

Linder said some athletes have been contact-traced and some schools have reported positive cases among athletes.

It's resulted in some shuffled game schedules, he said, but the majority of schedule reshuffling is a result of schools not fielding full teams.

"Other than that, it hasn't been an overwhelming thing we couldn't handle, he said.

#### **Outdoor sports**

Hundreds of people showed up at the opening of the high school paddling season on Saturday.

Mitigation efforts are in place at Matapang Beach with masks and social distancing mandatory - even at the beach. Linder said. that they really can't control the number of people there, as many could be avcrage beachgoers who stop to watch the races.

"Outdoor sports are safer, but we still gotta be on alert. I just hope that we stay safe and we don't have any outbreaks," he said. "Don't let up, and stay vigilant. This year it's all about everybody trying to do our best, doing what we can to keep the kids playing."

Several high school sports are in play, including boys and girls basketball, boys soccer, tennis, paddling, girls softball and wrestling.

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