

Prep Swimming

Barnard paces Dawgs in La Grande

Jennings turns in big day for Buckaroos

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LARGE — Hermiston's boys swim team clocked a second-place finish behind overall champion La Grande on Saturday at the La Grande Invitational.

The tournament host won the girls' and boys' team titles with a combined 245 points, which was more than double that of second-place Hood River.

Pendleton placed third in combined team scores with 83 points, and its girls team placed third as well. Hermiston was fifth in combined scoring with 65.

The Bulldogs won two events on the boys side thanks to a big day from sophomore Ryan Barnard.

Barnard cut three seconds from his personal record to win the 100-yard freestyle in 52.66 seconds, and also swam the anchor for the first-place 400-yard freestyle relay team that finished with its best time of the season in 3:34.97.

Barnard also was second in the 200 freestyle with a new PR of 1:59.32.

No other locals made it to the top of the podium, but several placed second.

Pendleton senior Jon Jennings was second in the boys' 100 backstroke (57.65) and 100 butterfly (57.05), and swam blistering anchor legs for Buckaroo relays. His splits in the 200 and 400 relays were the fastest freestyle times of the meet at 21.80 and 49.47, respectively.

Sam Schmitz was second in the girls' 50 freestyle in 27.45, and Olivia Broker was third in the girls' 100 backstroke in 1:19.70. Pendleton's boys and girls teams were both second in the long relays, and both placed third in the short relays.

Hermiston was second in the boys' 200 relay, and Carson Wrathall placed third (24.47) in a tight 50 freestyle that saw the top four touch within a second.

The next meet for both teams is Saturday in Baker City at noon.

NFL

Casino mogul pulls out of Raiders-Vegas stadium deal

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LAS VEGAS — Billionaire casino mogul Sheldon Adelson pulled out of a deal Monday to build a \$1.9 billion domed stadium for the Oakland Raiders in Las Vegas.

The move comes on the heels of a team proposal to pay \$1 a year in rent and operate the stadium, and it deprives the project of a chief financial backer as officials seek to bring professional football to Las Vegas for the first time.

Adelson played an instrumental role in the effort to lure the Raiders, which eventually grew into a \$750 million commitment of taxpayer money to the deal.

He and his family had pledged \$650 million — an amount the team will have to seek from other sources. The Raiders have promised \$500 million.

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval's office said the lease agreement submitted last week would have the Raiders shoulder \$1.15 billion of the cost of the stadium, and accept operation responsibilities and risk.

In a statement, the Raiders acknowledged Adelson's involvement in the project over the past year and promised to make good on owner Mark Davis' vow to move to Las Vegas.

Adelson's withdrawal means the Raiders will go forward with a decision pending from NFL owners who must approve the move.

It also means the team won't have to ask team owners to waive a rule prohibiting casino operators from having ownership roles in teams.

Prep Wrestling

Bulldogs defend home mat, win Farm City

Six locals claim titles at Hermiston tournament

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HERMISTON — After pinning his first two opponents in just two minutes, 44 seconds combined, Hermiston's Gage Shipley needed nearly eight minutes to edge Milwaukie's Jacob Ashley in the 113-pound championship of the Farm City Tournament on Saturday.

Shipley finally got the point he needed in the second 30-second tiebreaker period, which had come after a one-minute overtime, and beat Ashley 3-2 for the first of four Bulldog titles at their home meet.

Hermiston also won the team title with 271.5 points. Milwaukie was second with 238.5 and Oregon

City was third with 228.

Also winning titles for Hermiston were C.J. Hendon at 145 pounds, Valen Wyse at 170, and Beau Blake at 285.

Riverside and Heppner/Ione each had one individual champion but placed sixth and seventh in team points, respectively.

Riverside's Aristotle Rockwell topped the 132-pound bracket, and Heppner's Cord Flynn was victorious in the 195 finals.

Flynn went up against Hermiston's Kenny Bevan in his final, and won 8-4. He went 4-0 on the day and pinned his first two opponents.

Rockwell beat Bend's Daniel Bazan 12-1 in his final after pinning his other three opponents.

Hendon won his title at 145 with a 9-3 decision over Mathew Lee of Milwaukie. He won his first two matches by pin.

Saturday's Prep Roundup

Pilot Rock girls basketball gets revenge against Culver

Pilot Rock now alone in first place in CBC

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PILOT ROCK — The Pilot Rock Rockets girls basketball team was looking for some revenge on Saturday night.

The last time the Rockets played the Culver Bulldogs, the Rockets were sent home with a disappointing 35-28 loss in what was the league opener for both teams. It remains the lone league loss for Pilot Rock so far.

"We just didn't want to come out flat, because when we went to Culver we started flat and stayed flat," Pilot Rock coach Butch Wilson said on Saturday.

Fortunately for the Rockets, they were able to get the revenge they wanted as they defeated the Bulldogs 55-44 on Saturday night. The victory also gave the Rockets sole possession of first place in the Columbia Basin Conference.

"It was a well-played game by both teams, but our scoring was really balanced and they couldn't slow any one of the girls down," Pilot Rock coach Butch Wilson said.

Kayla Deist led Pilot Rock (14-3, 4-1 CBC) with 15 points, but Wilson raved about the play of junior post Sara Weinke, who finished with 10 points, nine rebounds and six blocks. Wilson also played lockdown defense throughout the game, holding Culver's (11-6, 3-2) top post Jessica Johnson to just five points.

Pilot Rock next travels to Elgin today for a 4 p.m. tip-off.

C/S	11	6	8	19	— 44
PR	9	19	7	20	— 55

CULVER — M. Gamboa 16, I. Retano 13, L. Alvarado 6, J. Johnson 5, M. Beeler 2, E. Bautista 2.
PILOT ROCK — K. Deist 15, S. Weinke 10, B. Roe 9, R. Willingham 8, J. Wilson 8, G. Austin 3, R. Oates 2.
3-pointers — CHS 2, PR 4. Free throws — CHS 12-24, PR 17-25. Fouls — CHS 21, PR 19. Fouled out — J. Wilson (PR), Gamboa, Beeler (CHS).

HEPPNER 55, STANFIELD 39 — At Heppner, the Mustangs earned their first league victory since 2015 with a 55-39 win at home over Stanfield on Saturday evening.

"We've been working really hard and talking about starting good and setting a tone," Heppner coach Robert Wilson said, "and the girls really grasped going 100 percent as a team instead of as individuals and I'm proud of the way they stepped up."

Jace Currin led Heppner (6-9, 1-4 CBC) with 22 points and a strong 10-14 performance at the free throw

NIXYA AWII: Second-quarter turnaround begins with strong defense

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But on the back of freshman guard Mick Schimmel, Nixyaawii settled down and was able to grind out a seemingly daunting comeback to secure a 55-51 victory over Powder Valley to remain atop the league standings. Schimmel, who scored a game-high 31 points for Nixyaawii (12-4, 9-0 OOL), said that the Golden Eagles could feel the extra pressure coming into the game and he believes they let it get to them at the start.

"We came into this game and picked everything up a level because they were undefeated like us," Schimmel said, "so we wanted to come with 100 percent effort and bring it to them. But they came out a lot stronger than us and we weren't prepared enough for that, but later we settled and got with them."

Powder Valley's (13-4, 8-1) full-court pressure

defense really got in the head of the Nixyaawii players, as the Badgers forced several bad passes and turnovers as the Golden Eagles tried to break the press. Combining their nine turnovers with a 2-13 shooting performance in the first quarter, and it was easy to see why the Nixyaawii fans were nervous.

But in the second quarter, Nixyaawii finally got some offense rolling which helped feed a better defensive effort, too. Nixyaawii held Powder Valley to just two made field goals in the quarter and put together 17 points of their own and went to the halftime break trailing by just 3 points at 26-23.

"I think they were able to calm down a little bit in the second," Nixyaawii coach Shane Rivera said. "We were playing terrible to start, we turned the ball over a lot more than we normally do, but we were only down three at half, so the message

was simply 'It can't get any worse really' and the kids came out focused."

Nixyaawii finally tied the game at 33-33 with just under four minutes left in the third quarter on nifty reverse lay-in by Deven Barkley, but the score was quickly answered with a Powder Valley 3-pointer just 20 seconds later to put the Badgers back on top. Nearly 40 seconds later, Schimmel sank a 3-pointer from the top of the key to put the Golden Eagles in front for the first time in the game 38-36 with 2:42 left in the third quarter.

Then in the fourth quarter the teams traded buckets until it was tied at 44-44 with 4:02 left to play when Nixyaawii forward Chandler Case received the entry pass from Schimmel, backed down his defender and layed in a basket off the glass and got fouled for an and-one opportunity. The basket brought along a deafening roar from the

Nixyaawii faithful as the Golden Eagles took the 47-44 lead — which they would not relinquish.

Case, who finished the game with nine points and 12 rebounds, was a force down the stretch for Nixyaawii, with all nine of his points coming in the second half, including a 5-6 performance at the free throw line. But aside from that, Case and his 6-foot-6 frame shut down the inside game for Powder Valley's offense, limiting the Badgers to a one-dimensional team for most of the half.

Rivera said that having his young team pick up a win like this is huge for each kid's confidence level.

"This team is all new faces pretty much this year and they're not real familiar with the league," he said. "Now everybody knows us and they're confidence is high and I'm sure their eyes are wide open now realizing that we're one of the top teams and they can prove it

too, so it's pretty exciting."

Now the Golden Eagles and Badgers have a quick turnaround, as Nixyaawii travels to North Powder on Tuesday evening for a rematch.

"We'll have to give it an even better effort there," Rivera said. "I'm sure they'll be looking for revenge. Everybody's always going to be coming after us and we've been sending that message all year and so far the kids have responded."

THE STREAK CONTINUES: Nixyaawii's win over Powder Valley means that the Golden Eagles have still yet to lose a league game (33-0) since coming into the Old Oregon League for the 2014-2015 season.

PV	13	13	12	— 51
NCS	6	17	15	— 55

POWDER VALLEY — I. Colton 19, G. McGinn 13, T. Eubanks 8, H. Davis 5, B. Tibbits 3, C. Brown 3.
NIXYA AWII — M. Schimmel 31, C. Case 9, D. Barkley 8, N. Enright 3, S. Hoisington 2, A. Matamoros 2.
3-pointers — PV 6, NCS 2. Free throws — PV 9-25, NCS 13-21. Fouls — PV 21, NCS 18. Fouled out — N. McCall, C. Brown (PV), D. Barkley (NCS).

Antonio Sanders salvaged a tie for Ontario when the Tigers hosted Mac-Hi for a Greater Oregon League dual on Friday.

Forfeits at the previous two weights had given the Pioneers a six-point lead and capped a 22-0 run by Mac-Hi that was started with a 15-7 major decision win by Kaden Kilburg and a pin by Patton Wright. Jesse Jones, Zach Chrisman and Noah Wilson also won matches for Mac-Hi.

106 — Jesse Jones (MH) def. Julysa Ramirez, 2-0
113 — Thomas Hale (OHS) pins Marcellus Brinkley, 4:00
120 — Noah Wilson (MH) pins Bridger Bauer, 6:00
126 — Zach Chrisman (MH) def. Enoc Ponce, 10:16
132 — Anastacio Gonzalez (OHS) win by forfeit
138 — Zach Ware (OHS) def. Chase Larson, 2-0
145 — Quinn Susuki (OHS) def. Riley Chester, 9-1
152 — Rogelio Vargas (OHS) def. Anthony Hardesty, MD 11-0
160 — Johnny Vega (OHS) pins Kyle Kelly, :37
170 — Kaden Kilburg (MH) def. Hilaro Carrillo, MD 15-7
182 — Patton Wright (MH) pins Brandon Ragsdale, 1:33
195 — Brandyn Chaney (MH) wins by forfeit
220 — Spencer Wells (MH) wins by forfeit
285 — Antonio Sanders (OHS) pins Donnie Clark, 1:44

MAC-HI 34, ONTARIO 34 — At Ontario, a pin by heavyweight

Helix, the Grizzlies won their second game in as many nights with a 45-25 victory at home over Cove on Saturday afternoon.

Macey Tullis led Helix (8-7, 4-5 OOL) with 16 points and four assists, while Charmayne Bennett had 11 points on 5-6 shooting (83 percent). Sadie Wilson also chipped in seven points and 15 rebounds for Helix.

The Grizzlies will face Cove again today at Cove.

CHS	5	0	6	14	— 25
GHS	13	7	9	16	— 45

HELIX — M. Tullis 16, C. Bennett 11, S. Wilson 7, E. Fehrenbacher 7, A. Wood 3, K. Mize 1.
3-pointers — GHS 4. Free throws — GHS 11-25.
Fouls — GHS 13.

ONTARIO 68, MAC-HI 43 — At Ontario, the Mac-Hi Pioneers started out solid, but faltered down the stretch as Ontario defended its home court with a 68-43 victory on Saturday night.

"We came out hard and then just kind of struggled more as it went along," Mac-Hi coach Brooke Garton said. "We struggled at handling the their pressure defense, and we'll definitely be looking to fix some things for next time."

Brooke Smiley led Mac-Hi with 11 points while Sydney Richwine had nine and Becca Jones had eight. Alexis Navarette led Ontario with 18 points.

Mac-Hi next hosts La Grande on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

MHS	15	9	7	12	— 43
OHS	12	18	20	18	— 68

MAC-HI — B. Smiley 11, S. Richwine 9, B. Jones 8, M. Yensen 6, B. Hernandez 4, S. Earls 2, M. Martinez 2, K. Casillas, B. Garcia, C. Flores.
ONTARIO — A. Navarette 18, L. Davila 15, D. Peterson 11, J. Jagelski 6, E. Jordan 5, V. Martinez 4, S. Tilley 4, J. Ware 2, E. Chavez 2.
3-pointers — MHS 4, OHS 4. Free throws — MHS 15-33, OHS 7-14. Fouls — MHS 14, OHS 27. Fouled out — Peterson (OHS).

BOYS BASKETBALL

STANFIELD 62, HEPPNER 58 — At Heppner, the Mustangs tried their hardest to slow down the pace of the game against Stanfield, but in the end the Tigers were just too much to handle and escaped with a 62-58 victory on Saturday night.

"It was a great high school basketball game where both teams fought hard for 32 minutes," Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm said, "but we just made a few mental mistakes down the stretch that they (Stanfield) capitalized on. But I couldn't be more proud with how my kids played tonight."

Stanfield (14-1, 5-0 CBC) was led in scoring by Dylan Grogan with 22 points on 9-20 shooting (45 percent), including four made

3-pointers, and Ryan Bailey and Thyler Monkus each chipped in nine points. Logan Grieb led Heppner (10-5, 2-3 CBC) with 16 points on 7-16 (44 percent) shooting, while Jake Lindsay finished with 13 and Kevin Murray had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Stanfield next hosts Sherman on Monday evening and Heppner hosts Weston-McEwen on Friday night.

SHS	11	19	11	21	— 62
HHS	13	11	21	13	— 58

STANFIELD — D. Grogan 22, R. Bailey 9, T. Monkus 9, T. Flores 6, B. Woods 5, J. Garcia 4, J. Galarza 2.
HEPPNER — L. Grieb 16, J. Lindsay 13, K. Murray 10, C. Hedman 8, W. Steagall 7, K. Smith 4.
3-pointers — SHS 11, HHS 1. Free throws — SHS 3-4, HHS 11-18. Fouls — SHS 19, HHS 7.

ONTARIO 50, MAC-HI 36 — At Ontario, the Mac-Hi Pioneers had major struggles shooting the ball on Saturday night, hitting just 14-58 shots (24 percent) as Ontario won 50-36.

"We started slow and then had a good second quarter, but we just could never get back in it," Mac-Hi coach Jordon Poyner said. "Ontario is always a tough trip and a tough place to play and they slowed us down by getting to the free throw line a lot, and took the momentum."

Luis Garcia led Mac-Hi (6-8, 0-2 GOL) with 12 points and Alec Earls added 10 points.

Mac-Hi next hosts La Grande on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

MHS	6	16	7	7	— 36
OHS	9	13	16	12	— 50

MAC-HI — L. Garcia 12, A. Earls 10, M. Garcia 6, A. Martinez 3, A. Delgado 3, A. Pio 2.
ONTARIO — Castillo 15, Hart 9, Hawker 7, Mejia 6, Castor 4, Sanchez 4, Navarette 2.
3-pointers — MHS 4, OHS 2. Free throws — MHS 4-7, OHS 16-30. Fouls — MHS 18, OHS 11.

STANFIELD 95, PILOT ROCK 53 — At Stanfield, Pilot Rock had the game tied at 15-all early in the second quarter, but Stanfield's defensive pressure and offensive range allowed the Tigers to pull away for thier 12th win in a row on Friday night.

Dylan Grogan scored 29 points, Ryan Bailey added 13 and Jose Garcia had 11, and Stanfield hit 11 three-pointers.

"Our effort was fantastic, probably the best we've had all season," said Stanfield coach Jason Sperr.

Chris Weinke led Pilot Rock (8-8, 1-3) with 17 points and Devin Hasher added 13.

Stanfield (13-1, 4-0) was up 49-26 at halftime.

Coaches and team representatives can report game scores and information by calling 541-966-0838 or emailing sports@eastoregonian.com