

PREPS: Persinger injured in Bucks loss

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Hoffert. "We struggled at time. But hit those six three-pointers in timely spots."

Jansen Edmiston led the way with 12 points, the only Bulldog in double figures. Edmiston scored 34 points in the win over Kennewick on Saturday.

"We rotated a lot of bodies," said Hoffert. "It's good to know I can do that. I'm not that worried when girls aren't playing well because we have such a good bench."

The slate gets much tougher for Hermiston, as they host undefeated Sunnyside (WA) next Tuesday, followed by a trip to undefeated La Salle Prep later in the week.

Hoffert said he hopes the hot shooting returns in time for those important matchups.

HERMISTON 47, LA GRANDE 30
LGHs (10-2) 7 16 11 13
LGHs (7-3) 6 4 12 8
HERMISTON — Moore 6, Drotzmann 4, Foley 2, Jul 2, Edmiston 12, Padilla 6, Headings 6, Andreason 0, Ramirez 9
LA GRANDE — Albrecht 10, Wilcox 4, Alexander 5, Avila 2, Miles 3, McDaniel-Perrin 6
3 point field goals — HHS 6, LGHS 1. Fouls — HHS 17, LGHS 11.

WESTON-MCEWEN 64, WAITSBURG-PRESCOTT (WA) 30 — At Athena, a balanced team effort led the Tiger-Scots to a lopsided win Tuesday night.

Only Matison Aby (11 points) reached double figures for WMHS (6-4), but 11 other Tiger-Scots got on the board from the field.

Weston-McEwen burst out to a 38-18 halftime lead. They held WPHS to just 12 second half points

"We still have work to do, but this was a turn in the correct direction," WMHS coach Amber Doremus said.

Weston-McEwen travels to Stanfield on Friday to open Columbia Basin Conference play.

DUCKS: Grasu one of many linemen plagued by injuries

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fall camp and was declared done for the season. Jake Fisher moved over from right tackle to take Johnstone's spot and junior Andre Yrurettagoyena took over at right tackle. That is until Yrurettagoyena injured his foot against Michigan State in Week 2.

Then Fisher hurt his knee against Wyoming the next week, leaving the Ducks with inexperienced options at tackle for games against Washington State and Arizona. Mariota was sacked 12 times over the course of those two games.

Then tackle Matt Pierson went down with a left knee injury late in a victory over Stanford on Nov. 1. Grasu himself missed the final two regular-season games, against Colorado and Oregon State, after hurting his lower left leg on Nov. 8 against Utah.

"There wasn't one injury that I didn't have faith in the coaching staff and the players that

they weren't going to step up. It was just, 'Who's the next guy? They're going to step up.' There was never any doubt in my mind that our team, our players weren't ready or our coaching staff wasn't ready," he said.

Grasu returned to play in the Rose Bowl playoff victory over Florida State, although he said he didn't do as well as he would have liked. He's like that, always trying to figure out how to get better.

"I could have been a little more physical but we got the W and that's all that matters to me," he said. "But I felt good, I could move, I could run. Right now I've got to get healthy again and get ready to go."

Grasu, who grew up in the Los Angeles area, became Oregon's starting center as a redshirt freshman after beating out Karrington Armstrong for the job. At the time, then-coach Chip Kelly said the best compliment he could give Grasu was that he never had to think

HHS (4-6) 0 11 2 7 — 20
TOUCHET — L. Contreras 2, K. Skramstad 6, C. McKown 26, P. Richards 7, C. McGreevy 3, A. Grudzinski 3, D. Jagger 5, H. Reavis 1.
HELIX — P. Flerchinger 10, M. Mize 0, B. Newton 2, M. Tullis 3, E. Fahrenbaker 2, S. Wilson 1, L. Ashby 2, T. Jackson 0, K. Iles 0, K. Mize 0.
3-point field goals — THS 6, HHS 1. Free throws — THS 4-6, HHS 5-18. Fouls — THS 17, HHS 8. Fouled out — Grudzinski (THS).

BOYS BASKETBALL CENTURY 65, PENDLETON 57 — At Hillsboro, the Buckaroos suffered their second consecutive loss to the 6A Jaguars, but that wasn't the only thing weighing on coach Brian Broaddus' mind during the long bus ride back to Pendleton.

One minute into the second half center Wes Persinger injured his elbow diving for a loose ball. The team's leading rebounder and second leading scorer was taken to the hospital and missed the remainder of the game. Persinger remained across the state overnight to undergo more testing on his elbow.

The Buckaroos trailed by three at the half and were unable to overcome the deficit or the loss to Persinger during the final 16 minutes of regulation.

"It changed how we'd play in the second half," Broaddus said. "They're big guy was in foul trouble we were going to go inside and then he got hurt in the first minute of the half."

"We'll hope he's OK and can get back to work soon."

The Jaguars (6-5) extended their lead at the foul line in the closing minutes.

Sophomore guard Caden Smith led Pendleton with 21 points and Sonny Green netted 13.

Pendleton hosts Lebanon on Saturday at 6 p.m.

CENTURY 65, PENDLETON 57
PHS (6-4) 13 14 14 15 — 57
RHS (5-8) 10 14 12 8
STANFIELD — Bailey 11, Galarza 2, Lockwood 2, Flores 6, Braithewaite 20, Grogan 6, Montes 2, Davchevski 17
RIVERSIDE — Madrigal 11, Castillo 5, Rosales 4, Carmona 4, Roberts 4, Olvera 1, Villa 2, Navarro 3
3-point field goals — SHS 4, RHS 2. Free throws — SHS 10-14, RHS 24-36. Fouls — SHS 23, RHS 17.

TOUCHET (WA) 48, HELIX 20
THS (9-1) 19 15 11 3 — 48
TOUCHET — S. Green 13, K. Quinn 8, T. Hancock 3, W. Persinger 7, C. Smith 21, J. Bradt 5, Winterton 0, Morris 0, George 0, Cookburn 0.
CENTURY — Chimenti 4, Lecker 2, Bingham 6, Bull 23, Christie 3, Cockerham 9, Bergey 4, Cantrel 10.

3-point field goals — PHS 7, CHS 9. Free throws — PHS 8-12, CHS 5-7. Fouls — PHS 12, CHS 14.

DESALES (WA), MAC-HI 41 — At Milton-Freewater, it looked to Mac-Hi coach Jordan Poyer that there was a lid on the basket in the first half for the Pioneers.

"We couldn't buy a basket. They were shooting the ball a lot better than we were. They got a big lead on us because of that," Poyer said.

The first year coach estimates his team shot 15 percent in the first half as they fell behind 27-15 at the intermission.

Carlos Angel led the Pioneers (5-8) with points. Hunter Yensen chipped in with 14 points and six rebounds.

DESALES (WA) 55, MAC-HI 41
DHS 14 13 8 20 — 55
MHS 8 7 8 18 — 41
DESALES — Crowley 2, Standard 2, Jacobson 13, Medina 11, Leahy 7, Richman 17, Kjelbaard 4, Fang 0.
MAC-HI — Sandberg 0, Alvarez 2, Zaragoza 6, Yensen 14, Armenta 0, DeBord 0, Ng 0, Angel 16, Ziterkops 3.
3-point field goals — DHS 5, MHS 6. Free throws — DHS 3-4, MHS 2-9. Fouls — DHS 8, MHS 4. Technical fouls — Mac-Hi coach.

STANFIELD 66, RIVERSIDE 44 — At Stanfield, Stanfield used a dominating fourth quarter to complete the evening sweep over Riverside, getting the second win on the night for coach Dan Sharp.

"We played pretty good defensively at times. We didn't at others. They got half their points at the free throw line," Sharp said.

Hunter Braithewaite paced the scoring with 20 points, while Milan Davchevski chipped in with 17 of his own, while bringing down 14 rebounds.

STANFIELD 66, RIVERSIDE 44
SHS (8-2) 19 15 12 20
RHS (5-8) 10 14 12 8
STANFIELD — Bailey 11, Galarza 2, Lockwood 2, Flores 6, Braithewaite 20, Grogan 6, Montes 2, Davchevski 17
RIVERSIDE — Madrigal 11, Castillo 5, Rosales 4, Carmona 4, Roberts 4, Olvera 1, Villa 2, Navarro 3
3-point field goals — SHS 4, RHS 2. Free throws — SHS 10-14, RHS 24-36. Fouls — SHS 23, RHS 17.

HERMISTON 51, LA GRANDE 44
LGHs (8-3) 11 11 12 10 — 44
HHS (3-8) 4 15 19 20 — 51
LA GRANDE — B. Dall 11, D. Yohannan 12, Z. Jacobs 3, K. Boyd 2, D. Hively 0, A. Pasley 4, I. Crawford, B. Kreutz 0, J. Powell 10, A. Kevan 4.
HERMISTON — C. Flores 2, T. Neal 1, K. Crafton 12, A. Nailon 7, D. Zimmerly 18, C. Knutz 3, L. Gammell 6, C. Lloyd 0, C. Smith 2.
3-point field goals — LGHS 7, HHS 4. Free throws — LGHS 1-6, HHS 7-13. Fouls — LGHS 16, HHS 1.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Thursday Umatilla JV at Helix, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Irrigon at Culer, 6 p.m.
Ione at Arlington, 7:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at South Wasco County, 7:30 p.m.

Joseph at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Powder Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.
Happner at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Lebanon at Pendleton, TBD
Hermiston at Summit, 1:30 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Weston-McEwen, 4:30 p.m.
Dufur at Ione, 5:30 p.m.

Arlington at Horizon Christian, 5:30 p.m.
Mithcell/Spray at Condon/Wheeler, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Powder Valley, 5:30 p.m.
Echo at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Nyssa, 5:30 p.m.
Riverside at Vale, 6 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday Umatilla JV at Helix, 6 p.m.

Friday

Irrigon at Culer, 4:30 p.m.
Joseph at Echo, 6 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at South Wasco County, 6 p.m.

Ione at Arlington, 6 p.m.
Happner at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Lebanon at Pendleton, TBD
Helix at Powder Valley, 4 p.m.
Mithcell/Spray at Condon/Wheeler, 4 p.m.
Dufur at Ione, 4 p.m.
Arlington at Horizon Christian, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Valle, 4 p.m.
Umatilla at Nyssa, 4 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Echo at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Thursday Hood River Valley at Wendleton, 7 p.m.
Hermiston at Yelm (WA), 7 p.m.
Saturday Hermiston at Gut Check Challenge in Olympia, Wash., 9 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Blue Mountain at Walla Walla Community College, 4 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Walla Walla, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday Blue Mountain at Walla Walla, 2 p.m.

Football

NFL

Divisional Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 10

Baltimore at New England, 1:35 p.m. (NBC)
Carolina at Seattle, 5:15 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 11

Dallas at Green Bay, 10:05 a.m. (FOX)
Indianapolis at Denver, 1:40 p.m. (CBS)

NCAA

Saturday, Jan. 10 Medal of Honor Bowl American vs. National, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 12 College Football Championship

Ohio State (13-1) vs. Oregon (13-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 17 East-West Shrine Classic

East vs. West, 1 p.m. (NFLN)

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl

National vs. American, 1 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Jan. 24 Senior Bowl

North vs. South, 1 p.m. (NFLN)

Basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Toronto, Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia, New York.

Southeast Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Atlanta, Washington, Miami, Orlando, Charlotte.

Central Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Chicago, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Indiana, Detroit.

WESTERN CONFERENCE Southwest Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Memphis, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, New Orleans.

Northwest Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Portland, Oklahoma City, Denver, Utah, Minnesota.

Pacific Division

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Golden State, L.A. Clippers, Phoenix, Sacramento, L.A. Lakers.

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix 102, Milwaukee 96
Detroit 105, San Antonio 104

Today's Games

Milwaukee at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
New York at Washington, 4 p.m.

New Orleans at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 4 p.m.

Memphis at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Boston at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Utah at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA

Top 25 Tuesday

(1) Kentucky 89, Mississippi 86
(8) Villanova 90, (24) St. John's 72
(17) Iowa State 63, Oklahoma 61
(22) Ohio State 74, Minnesota 72 (OT)
(23) Arkansas 79, Georgia 65

Today

Purdue at (4) Wisconsin, 4 p.m.
NC State at (3) Virginia, 4 p.m.
(19) Seton Hall at Xavier, 4 p.m.
Davidson at (20) VCU, 4 p.m.
Bradley at (15) Wichita State, 5 p.m.
(2) Duke at Wake Forest, 6 p.m.
Clemson at (5) Louisville, 6 p.m.
Colorado at (7) Utah, 6 p.m.
(11) Maryland at Illinois, 6 p.m.
(12) Kansas at (21) Baylor, 6 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

Table with 6 columns: Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Rows: Tampa Bay, Montreal, Detroit, Toronto, Boston, Florida, Ottawa, Buffalo.

Metropolitan Division

Table with 6 columns: Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Rows: Pittsburgh, N.Y. Islanders, Washington, N.Y. Rangers, Columbus, Philadelphia, New Jersey, Carolina.

WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division

Table with 6 columns: Team, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Rows: Nashville, Chicago, St. Louis, Winnipeg, Dallas, Minnesota, Colorado.

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Edmonton 41 9 23 9 27 90 139

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Monday's Games

San Jose 3, Winnipeg 2
Tuesday's Games Philadelphia 2, Ottawa 1, SO New Jersey 4, Buffalo 1 Tampa Bay 4, Montreal 2 Nashville 3, Carolina 2 San Jose 4, Minnesota 3, OT Colorado 2, Chicago 0 Columbus 4, Dallas 2 St. Louis 6, Arizona 0 Detroit 4, Edmonton 2 Vancouver 3, N.Y. Islanders 2

Today's Games

Washington at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Calgary, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.

WHL

Table with 6 columns: Team, W, L, OT, SOL, GF, GA, Pts. Rows: Brandon, Regina, Swift Current, Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Saskatoon.

WESTERN CONFERENCE B.C. DIVISION

Table with 6 columns: Team, W, L, OT, SOL, GF, GA, Pts. Rows: Kelowna, Victoria, Prince George, Vancouver, Kamloops.

U.S. DIVISION

Table with 6 columns: Team, W, L, OT, SOL, GF, GA, Pts. Rows: Everett, Spokane, Portland, Seattle, Tri-City.

z-league title; y-conference title; d-division leader; x-clinched playoff berth. Note: Division leaders ranked in top three positions per conference regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL or SOL columns

Tuesday's results

Everett 5 Brandon 0
Calgary 6 Moose Jaw 1
Prince George 8 Tri-City 4

Today's games

Everett at Regina, 4 p.m.
Calgary at Swift Current, 4 p.m.
Moose Jaw at Prince Albert, 4 p.m.
Tri-City at Prince George, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Kelowna, 6:05 p.m.
Portland at Spokane, 6:05 p.m.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Landon Gammell shoots the ball in the Bulldogs' 51-44 win on Tuesday in Hermiston.

BULLDOGS: Crafton comes up big in fourth

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Hermiston trailed 22-21 at the half.

The fourth quarter started with an 11-0 Hermiston run that all but put the game away for the Bulldogs. Crafton scored on a nice set play that ended with a lob from Zimmerly, Nailon hit a 3 and Crafton had two more baskets to give Hermiston a seven-point lead it wouldn't relent. The three-balls that were falling for La Grande had no such luck in the fourth, and Hermiston made three of five free throws in the final minute to seal the win.

"It's a feel good (win)," McElligott said. "You can celebrate for 12 hours and pat yourself on the back, but I'm going to go home tonight and get ready for tomorrow's practice and move on. We need to get better, OK? We played well in the fourth quarter. We need to build on that. Teams are either growing, or they're dying. We gotta grow from this."

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COOPERSTOWN: Johnson began career with Mariners

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Cooperstown since Whitey Ford in 1974.

Smoltz, who found unusual success both as a starting pitcher and a reliever, also was voted in Tuesday along with Craig Biggio, the first time since 1955 writers picked a quartet of players in one year.

For many, the election of Johnson and Martinez was the long and short of it.

"You're talking about freakish talent," Smoltz said. "I've never seen at each person's height anybody come close to what they were able to do."

Johnson, Martinez and Smoltz were crowned by big margins on their first tries, and Biggio made it on his third attempt after falling two votes shy last year.

Steroids-tainted stars Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa again fell far short of half of the votes and appear to have little chance of reaching the necessary 75 percent during their remaining time on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot.

"It's actually sad, to be honest. It's sad," Martinez said. "People I admired are not going in with me."

The quartet will be inducted in Cooperstown on July 26. The BBWAA had not voted in four players together since selecting Joe DiMaggio, Gaby Hartnett, Ted Lyons and Dazzy Vance 60 years earlier.

A five-time Cy Young Award winner with 303 victories and 4,875 strikeouts, Johnson was selected on 534 of 549 ballots by BBWAA members who have been with the organization for 10 consecutive years at any point. The left-hander appeared on 97.3 percent of the ballots, the eighth-highest mark in the history of voting.

Outfielder Dave Winfield (6-foot-6), elected in 2001, had been the tallest Hall of Famer, according to STATS.

"I don't think people quite understand how difficult it is to be 6-foot-10 and be throwing a ball 60 feet, 6 inches away," Johnson said. "In order to do that, you have to consistent with your release point and where you're landing and your arm slot and all that. For someone 6-1, 6-2, there's less body to keep under control, so it's a lot easier."

A three-time Cy Young winner with flamboyance to go along with his fastball, Martinez appeared on 500 ballots (91.1 percent). He was 219-100, struck out 3,154, led the major leagues in ERA five times and in 2004 helped the Boston Red Sox to their first World Series title in 86 years.

Martinez followed Juan Marichal (1983) as the second Dominican Hall of Famer. Eleven inches shorter than Johnson, Martinez pitched with exceptional intensity.