

Prep Girls Basketball

TigerScots, Rockets win CBC openers

Patnode three lifts Honkers over Ione

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STANFIELD — The Weston-McEwen girls basketball started off its Columbia Basin Conference schedule with a 38-25 win over the Stanfield Tigers on Friday night in Stanfield.

Weston-McEwen (7-4, 1-0 Columbia Basin Conference) jumped out to an early 9-0 lead and led 11-2 after a quarter of play. The TigerScots held a 19-6 advantage at the half. Stanfield (4-7, 0-1 Columbia Basin Conference) tried to mount a rally in the third quarter, but it wasn't enough as Weston-McEwen's size and ball pressure ended up overwhelming the Tigers.

"It was a physical game in which neither team backed down. I thought our girls really stayed composed," WMHS coach Amber Doremus said.

Madison Carlin led the TigerScots with nine points, and Bailey Watson had seven for the Tigers.

Weston-McEwen hosts Mac-Hi today at 4 p.m. Stanfield will have to wait longer to add to its win column, playing Pilot Rock on Jan. 16.

WESTON-MCEWEN 38, STANFIELD 24
WMHS (7-4) 11 8 9 10 — 38
SHS (4-7) 2 4 10 8 — 24
WESTON-MCEWEN — M. Carlin 9, C. Quae-
mpts 6, M. Aby 5, S. Finifrock 4, A. Schroeder 4,
T. Entze 3, S. Quaepts 2, J. Lambert 2, S. von
Borstel 2, K. Shepard 1, K. Peterson 0.
STANFIELD — B. Watson 6, A. O'Neill 5,
M. Griffin 5, G. Chavez 4, Y. Chavez 4, B.
Braithwaite 0, N. Esquivel 0, M. Banderas 0, S.
Connell 0, C. Hopper 0.
3-point field goals — WMHS 0, SHS 2. **Free**
throws — WMHS 6-24, SHS 10-14. **Fouls** —
WMHS 17, SHS 17.

PILOT ROCK 48, HEP-
PNER 24 — At Pilot Rock, the Rockets made the most of the opening night of Columbia Basin Conference play, using strong second and third quarters to earn their first league victory Friday.

Pilot Rock (5-5, 1-0 CBC) and Heppner (5-7, 0-1 CBC) each scored six in the opening quarter, but the Rockets out-scored the Mustangs 34-9 in the middle 16 minutes of play.

"I'd like to see us play this way for the rest of the season," PRHS Butch Wilson said. "Hopefully this is a sign of things to come."

Juniors McKayla Deist and Madison Dave paced the way with 14 and 11 points respectively. Sophomore point guard Bekah Roe filled up the state sheet with nine points, six re-



Weston-McEwen's Keegan Shepherd shoots the ball over Stanfield's Maddie Griffin in the TigerScots' 38-24 win against the Tigers on Friday in Stanfield.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

bounds and three assists.

Pilot Rock forced 28 Heppner turnovers, while committing just 14 of their own. Mustang point guard Kelly Wilson had 10 of them.

"Our defense was probably the story of the night," Wilson said. "We played a zone and got a lot of steals out of it."

Wilson and Maddie Lindsay had a team-best seven points each in the loss.

Neither side takes the court for another week. Pilot Rock plays Stanfield on Jan. 16 and Heppner has Irrigon on the same night.

PILOT ROCK 48, HEPPIER 24											
HHS (5-7)	6	4	5	9	—	24					
PRHS (5-5)	6	14	20	8	—	48					
HEPPNER — K. Wilson 7, K. Lindsay 0, M. Gibbs 0, S. Grant 2, Dompier 0, R. Wizer 0, K. Gray 0, R. Kollman 0, P. Grieb 6, M. Lindsay 7, C. Bailey 0, J. Kempken 2, M. Correa 0.											
PILOT ROCK — Roe 9, Ostrom 2, Willingham 1, Wilson 6, Glynn 0, Deist 14, Dave 11, S. Weinke 0, B. Weinke 5, Bray 0.											
3-point field goals — HHS 0, PRHS 3. Free throws — HHS 4-6, PRHS 7-14. Fouls — HHS 12, PRHS 8.											

CULVER 45, IRRIGON 29 — At Culver, the Bulldogs (8-6, 1-0 CBC) sealed a win in their Columbia Basin Conference debut over the Knights (4-6, 0-1 CBC) with a strong fourth quarter Friday night.

Culver outscored Irrigon 19-3 in the final eight minutes of play to make a one-possession game a lopsided victory.

Junior guard Beatriz Aguilera accounted for more than half the Irrigon offense, netting 17 points in the loss. Jada Burns was the only other Knight to make more than one basket. Aguilera sank

four three point attempts.

Irrigon hosts Horizon Christian on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

CULVER 45, IRRIGON 29												
IHS (4-6)	9	8	9	3	—	29						
CHS (8-4)	7	12	7	19	—	45						
IRRIGON — Aguilera 17, Case 3, Burns 6, McLaughlin. 2. Ayala. 1. Vera 0, Davis 0, Mills 0, Roybal 0.												
CULVER — Freeman 2, Fritz 4, Lewis 19, Johnson 7, Ruiz 3, Slaght 10, Duff 0, Beemer 0.												
3-point field goals — IHS 4, CHS 0. Free throws — IHS 7-27, CHS 13-28.												

ARLINGTON 32, IONE 30 — At Arlington, sophomore guard Joely Patnode picked the right time to make her first field goal of the game Friday night for the Honkers.

Patnode nailed a baseline three point field goal with 28 seconds remaining to give Arlington (8-3, 2-0 Big Sky League) a late lead over Ione (1-7, 1-1 BSL). Teammate Megan Hauner connected on 1 of 2 free throws to give the Honkers the two-point triumph.

The Honkers defeated South Wasco County by one-point in their other Big Sky League contest.

"We got it pulled out the end," Honker coach Joe Patnode said. "It's going to give me a heart attack if we keep having games like this."

Hauner and Ione's Rachel Holland each netted a game-best nine points.

Arlington plays Horizon Christian on Saturday. Ione hosts Dufur Saturday.

ARLINGTON 32, IONE 30													
IHS (1-7)	8	10	6	6	—	30	AHS (8-3)	12	9	4	7	—	32
IONE — J. Flynn 4, M. Flynn 8, I. Stanford 1, R. Holland 9, L. Garrett 4, K. Garrett 4.													
ARLINGTON — S. Collins 5, M. Hauner 9, J.													

Patnode 4, R. McClure 8, B. Tutuvanu 6.
3-point field goals — IHS 2, AHS 1. Free throws — IHS 2-5, AHS 12-20. Fouls — IHS 21, AHS 8. Fouled out — L. Garrett (IHS), J. Flynn (IHS).

ECHO 62, JOSEPH 46 — At Echo, the Cougars (11-2, 3-0 Old Oregon League) broke out of their slump with suffocating defense versus the Eagles (3-7, 0-2 OOL) Friday.

After winning its first 10 games of the season Echo, had lost its past two, but 35 forced Joseph turnovers keyed an easy win.

"We didn't like a our losing streak so we decided we were going to play a little better defense," Echo coach JD Brazil said.

Echo led 39-15 at the half. Leading scorers Elizabeth McCarty and Kelsey Ranger each fell prey to foul trouble, but the Cougars received solid contributions from several reserves in the win, Brazil said.

Ranger still managed to lead the way with 17 points, McCarty chipped in 13 and bench player Taylor Swaggart added 10.

Echo travels to Nixyaawii Saturday for a battle of league unbeatens.

ECHO 62, JOSEPH 46													
JHS (3-7)	6	9	9	22	—	46	EHS (11-2)	17	12	16	17	—	62
JOSEPH — N. Williams 6, A. Story 0, S. Albee 16, M. Parker 0, L. Kemp 8, A. Kilgore 0, A. Cooney 0, A. Sykora 16.													
ECHO — E. Parks 5, K. Ranger 17, T. Swaggart 10, H. McCarty 6, K. Cox 1, B. Srole 4, E. McCarty 13, B. Millbrost 5, H. Reese 1.													
3-point field goals — JHS 0, EHS 1. Free throws — JHS 10-12, EHS 9-29. Fouls — JHS 18, EHS 17. Fouled out — N. Williams (JHS)													

NIXYAAWII 38, POWDER VALLEY 31 — At Powder Valley, on a sloppy Friday night, the Golden Eagles (10-3, 3-0 Old Oregon League) managed to dig deep and pull out a narrow win over the Badgers (6-6, 2-1 OOL) in a battle of previously unbeatens in league play.

Senior guard Charlotte Barkley led Nixyaawii with 11 points. Desiree Maddern and Kaitlynn Melton snagged eight boards a piece in the win.

Nixyaawii converted 8 of 13 free throws, while Powder Valley was just 5-14.

Nixyaawii hosts Echo Saturday at 6 p.m.

NIXYAAWII 38, POWDER VALLEY 31													
Nix	8	9	10	11	—	38	PVHS	7	4	10	10	—	31
NIXYAAWII — E. Looney 0, C. Barkley 11, T. Oatman 2, S. Fitzpatrick 4, K. Melton, K. Jackson 6, A. Farrow 8, R. Sampson 0, D. Maddern 5.													
POWDER VALLEY — A. Jimenez 2, S. Stevens 6, T. Martin 0, H. Feik 3, S. Kern 5, Amanda Feik 15.													
3-point field goals — Nix 4, PVHS 2. Free throws — Nix 8-13, PVHS 3-14. Fouls — Nix 14, PVHS 16.													

Also played on Friday night: Condon/Wheeler 53, South Wasco County 17.

College Basketball

Mounties slip by Yotes

Rogers nets 22 points in rivalry triumph

East Oregonian

CALDWELL, Idaho — A season-high 22 points by Airshay Rogers led the No. 24 Eastern Oregon University women's basketball team past I-84 rival College of Idaho, 67-60, on Friday evening at the J.A. Albertson's Activities Center.

Rogers shot 7-of-13 from the field for EOU (14-4, 6-1 CCC), which earned its fourth straight victory. Madeline Laan chipped in with 16 points, while Maya Ah You added 11. Kassy Larson just missed out on a double-double as she scored nine points and collected nine rebounds.

Elisha Hensley led the Yotes (5-11, 4-3 CCC) with 21 points. Hensley added nine rebounds and five assists. Jamieece Yizar added 14 points for College of Idaho, who saw their three game home winning streak end.

Eastern Oregon scored the first four points of the game and never trailed in the first half of the game against the Yotes as they opened up the game on a 15 to four run. During the stretch, Rogers scored nine of the Mountaineers 15 points.

The Mountaineers return to action next Friday, Jan. 16 when EOU travels to Eugene, Ore. to face Northwest Christian University. Tipoff is set for 5:30 p.m. PT.



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill, File

Oregon defensive back Erick Dargan, right, intercepts a pass intended for Florida State wide receiver Travis Rudolph during the second half of the Rose Bowl NCAA college football play-off semifinal in Pasadena, Calif. The last and only time that Oregon previously played for a national championship was to cap the 2010 season, when the Ducks faced Auburn. Safety Erick Dargan red-shirted that year, one of about a dozen current Oregon players who made the trip to Glendale, Arizona, for that game.

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D had five turnovers, and the Ducks scored off three of them in a statement-making third quarter, including Tony Washington's 58-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown.

"Those guys have been doing it all year," quarterback Marcus Mariota said. "They always kind of find ways to get to the ball."

Don Pellum took over as defensive coordinator for the Ducks this season, replacing Nick Aliotti, who retired after 17 years in the position.

Pellum's goal at the start was to give the Ducks D some "swagger." Dargan feels like the unit has achieved that.

"I think everyone's on the same page. We all care," Dargan said. "I'm not saying in the past we didn't, but being a part of this team is special. We understand that we've got something special, and we want to keep it going. That's just what it is. I don't think there's any magic to it or secret to it, we just have fun playing together."

Fellow defensive back Troy Hill also redshirted the year that Oregon played at Auburn and notes how in that game, Oregon was more of the upstart newcomer. Now, national title bids are something the Ducks expect.

And the first playoffs gave even the freshman a taste of what it means to play in a big game.

"That's what it really prepared us for, was playing in big games and understanding the atmosphere and things like that," Hill said. "I'm sure this Rose Bowl prepared everybody for that, so we should be used to it and just come out and play now."

Coincidentally, Dargan and Hill made their on-field debuts at what is now AT&T Stadium — then Cowboys Stadium — when the Ducks opened the season against LSU in 2011. Oregon lost that game, 40-27.

It was one of just six losses Dargan has experienced on the playing field.

"For me to play my first game there, it definitely was a blessing. I enjoyed the opportunity," Dargan said. "When I first played there we didn't come out with the victory, this year we have the opportunity to do it in even a bigger game."

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pion Irrigon Knights.

Pilot Rock (4-6, 0-1) plays Stanfield next in CBC play.

HEPPNER 73, PILOT ROCK 44													
HHS (11-1)	16	20	10	27	—	73	PRHS (4-6)	5	11	16	12	—	44
HEPPNER — W. Putman 21, J. Lindsay 0, K. Currin 0, K. Grieb 17, J. Corbin 8, C. Hedman 0, J. Petzoldt 0, P. Collins 10, K. Murray 0, R. Cutsforth 13, C. Kindle 4.													
PILOT ROCK — Lankford 7, Warner 5, Thieme 0, Hasher 2, Weinke 2, Rose 4, J. Pierce 0, B. Pierce 11, Willingham 13.													
3-point field goals — HHS 5, PRHS 3. Free throws — HHS 10-19, PRHS 7-11. Fouls — HHS 11, PRHS 16.													

IRRIGON 79, CULVER 16 — At Culver the second-ranked Knights (10-, 1-0 Columbia Basin Conference) plowed through the Bulldogs (2-10, 0-1 CBC) to open league play Friday night.

No further details were reported.

ECHO 83, JOSEPH 52 — At Echo, Carlos Chavez exploded for 33 points to ignite a league rout of the Eagles on Friday night.

The senior sank six three pointers in his season-best scoring outing for Echo (6-6, 2-1 Old Oregon League) in the rout of Joseph (4-6, 0-2 OOL).

The Cougar offense was not singular in

its attack. Danny Tappo netted 17 points, while Michael Thompson added 16 points and 17 rebounds. Austin Satterwhite chipped in with 11.

Echo committed just nine turnovers in the win.

The Cougars and Nixyaawii Golden Eagles face off Saturday.

ECHO 83, JOSEPH 52											
JHS (4-6)	5	15	16	16	—	52					
EHS (6-6)	23	18	18	24	—	83					
JOSEPH — C. Stone 0, W. Smith 0, D. Van Winkle 0, T. Johnson 13, J. Chrisman 2, N. DeLury 13, C. DeLury 14, A. Borgeding 6, S. Beckman 2, J. Stein 2.											
ECHO — Carlos Chavez 33, B. Moffit 2, K. Jensen 4, C. Medrano 0, M. Thompson 16, D. Tappo 17, A. Satterwhite 11.											
3-point field goals — JHS 1, EHS 8. Free throws — JHS 11-21, EHS 21-27 Fouls — JHS 20, EHS 20. Fouled out — B. Moffit (EHS), D. Tappo (EHS).											

NIXYAAWII 80, POWDER VALLEY 33 — At Powder Valley, there was little the Badgers (5-8, 1-3 Old Oregon League) did Friday that slowed the Golden Eagles (8-6, 3-0 OOL).

Nixyaawii scored the game's first 16 points and then tallied at least 20 points in each of the first three quarters in the rout.

"We played really well. We just played better," Nixyaawii coach Shane Rivera said.

Four Golden Eagles reached double figures. Ira Ashley was tops with 19 points. Fred-

dy Campos and Elijah Bevis each chipped in with 15 and Damian Kipp added 11.

NIXYAAWII 80, POWDER VALLEY 33												
Nix	24	28	21	7	—	80						
PVHS	2	12	4	15	—	33						
NIXYAAWII — T. Farrow 5, I. Ashley 19, H. Melton 6, A. Corona 4, D. Kipp 11, W. Oatman 0, J. Quaepts 2, L. Lewis 3, F. Campos 15, J. Tappo 0, E. Bevis 15, C. Case 0.												
POWDER VALLEY — L. McElligott 6, I. Colton 4, C. Ezra 0, G. McGinn 2, C. Brown 2, T. Eubanks 4, E. Devila 2, W. Blair 0, H. Cole 2, T. Humphert 0, H. Davis 2, D. Smith 9.												
3-point field goals — Nix 4, PVHS 3. Free throws — Nix 12-23, PVHS 0-1. Fouls — Nix 5, PVHS 14.												