

VIKINGS: Scoring struggles continue for UHS

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The other developing habits don't have Bow quite as encouraged, however.

"We're struggling to put the ball in the hoop," Bow conceded. "I think we've had a lot more possessions and better looks than other teams, but we've just struggled to put the ball in the hoop."

"I really thought we were just going to start running away in the beginning, and they were there to stop us and challenge us and we weren't able to finish them."

In the opening half Umatilla forced 22 Riverside (7-8, 0-2 EOL) turnovers, but the added looks resulted in just 22 total first half points.

The Umatilla offense never found its rhythm, shooting just 17 of 50 on the night and 1 of 9 from three-point range.

The two EOL league wins provide two of the team's three lowest scoring outputs in wins this season. The 37-point average in those games marks a stark contrast from the squad that averaged 57 points per win in its run through non-league play.

"We had a lot of shots that kids normally hit that didn't go down for us," Bow said. "The last two games have been the same way — the same style — we played well defensively down in Nyssa, we played well defensively tonight, but we just couldn't



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Kasandra Galbraith (24) and Aleesha Watson (40), of Umatilla, battle the Pirates' Kassidy McCullough for a loose ball Thursday in Umatilla.

convert. "We've got to do what we've got to do to win these games and hopefully at the end of the season we'll be peaking — back to the way we started the season."

Junior center Courtney Dohman's eight first quar-

ter points appeared to have the Vikings headed in the right direction, but she only scored twice more on the night. The remainder of the normally potent scorers never got going.

And still the Vikings built a 22-12 halftime lead. The

margin never dipped below 10 in the second half.

"We lost, but it's a win," Gilbertson said. "It's a moral win. We're building. We just want to keep building."

The Pirates start two sophomores and two freshmen, and while the team never truly challenged the Vikings on the scoreboard, they "battled" throughout, Gilbertson said.

"Our ranking doesn't show the heart our girls have," he said of his team's 27th positioning in Class 3A out of 39 teams. "Overall, I can't complain."

Dohman finished with a game-high 12 points and five rebounds, in "her best game all year", according to Bow.

"They have a 5-11 girl that's a beast," Gilbertson said of Dohman.

Sophomore forward Aleesha Watson added 11 points in the win for the Vikings.

Lacey Mashos led Riverside with eight points.

Both sides play again on Saturday. Umatilla hosts Vale, while Riverside will play Nyssa at home.

UMATILLA 42, RIVERSIDE 27

RHS (7-8) 8 4 8 7 - 27
UHS (13-3) 12 10 8 12 - 42

RIVERSIDE — Lacey Mashos 8, K. McCullough 2, S. Hasbell 0, P. Pena 0, J. Shiner 6, S. Wightman 5, E. Velasco 2, E. Sanchez 2, A. Hernandez 2.
UMATILLA — B. Chavez 2, M. Paz 0, K. Barajas 0, I. Campos 3, B. Campos 2, S. Webb 3, K. Galbraith 9, C. Dohman 12, A. Watson 11.

3-point field goals — RHS 1, UHS 1.
Free throws — RHS 0-4, UHS 7-14. **Fouls** — RHS 13, UHS 16.

UMATILLA: Long balls give Vikes needed boost

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had 12 points, with eight of them coming in the second half, and Webb hit two three-pointers in the second quarter to provide a needed lift for the Vikings (8-8, 2-0).

"That was probably the excitement of the night, the energy of the night," Lete said of Webb's second quarter spurt. "That's definitely what we needed to get things going. That's what he needed. That's what the team needed."

For Riverside, the story was much different. The Pirates (5-10, 0-2) committed 27 turnovers in the game, and were forced into using a largely inexperienced backcourt after sophomore guard

Noe Madrigal was tagged with some early fouls in the first half.

"The guards have to get stronger," Riverside head coach Clair Costello said. "They're young, inexperienced. They didn't have any varsity experience starting out the season. We got up and down. Our bigs didn't play very big."

Umatilla's flatness was on full display in the first quarter. The Vikings were whistled for nine fouls in the first frame and turned it over eight times. Just 13 shots in total were taken in the first quarter that ended in a 9-7 lead for the Pirates. Six of those nine points came from the free throw line.

Umatilla came back in the

second quarter, but still struggled to maintain possession of the ball, and the same went for Riverside. Webb came into the game and hit a three with 5:12 on the clock, then two possessions later hit another three to give the Vikings a 17-13 lead. It was the biggest lead of the game to that point.

"Good thing we had some younger kids, some sophomores, some freshmen that really stepped up and decided to play," Lete said.

Umatilla went into the locker room with the 23-17 lead, and broke it open in the third behind more stifling defense and good enough offense. Eric Garcia hit three right out of the gate to give Umatilla 26-17 lead, and the

Vikings never looked back.

The win puts Umatilla up a game on Vale, who lost Thursday night to Nyssa.

"Overall, really disappointed, though," Lete said. "I'm glad we got the win."

Umatilla's next contest is Saturday, when they host Vale at 7:30 p.m. Riverside next plays Nyssa on Saturday at 6 p.m.

UMATILLA 56, RIVERSIDE 38

RHS (5-10) 9 8 5 16 36 - 38
UHS (8-8) 7 16 18 15 58 - 56

RIVERSIDE — N. Madrigal 8, E. Castillo 3, R. Rosales 3, J. Carmona 3, G. Roberts 6, F. Olivera 5, J. Villa 2, F. Aparicio 0, S. Navarro 2, J. Salgado 0, J. Garcia 3, K. Sorenson 3.
UMATILLA — D. Ayala 2, J. Ramirez 12, E. Garcia 5, G. Armenta 0, J. Coria 9, K. Webb 9, D. Garcia 4, A. Jamie 6, J. Tejada, S. Sanguino 0, A. Simmons 0, E. Morales 7.

3-point field goals — RHS 1, UHS 6.
Free throws — RHS 19-29, UHS 8-18.
Fouled out — G. Roberts (RHS). **Fouls** — RHS 17, UHS 23. **Technical fouls** — Coach Costello (RHS).

BUCKS: Pendleton slows the pace in second half

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to hold on for a 50-45 win in their final game before the start of league play.

The Tigers (8-5) came out in front of a fiery home crowd with a 10-1 run to start the game.

"(La Grande) plays really big and we kind of got in foul trouble early," said Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez.

The Bucks finished the first quarter on a 7-0 run to pull within a bucket, but still trailed 24-20 after the second.

"We went in at halftime and our goal was to get more rebounds and be more physical underneath the basket and that's what we did," Gomez said.

The Bucks (10-5) used their physical edge inside and a slowed tempo on of-

fense to take a 33-27 lead into the fourth quarter.

"We were trying to fast break and it just wasn't working for us," Gomez said, "so we just said let's take a different approach and slow it down and be more selective."

Darian Lindsey led the Bucks with 13 points and eight assists, and hit a couple of free throws in the final minute to help ice the win.

La Grande rattled off consecutive three-pointers to pull within three points, but with just more than a minute remaining was forced to foul Pendleton the rest of the way.

Bucks senior Marlene Bodmer (nine points, eight rebounds) also connected

from the charity stripe in the last minute.

Kristin Williams added 12 points, four blocks and six rebounds for the Bucks, and Kiana Sperl finished with eight points, nine rebounds.

Avery Albrecht led La Grande with 13 points.

Pendleton will open Columbia River Conference play on Friday, Jan. 23 at Hood River Valley.

PENDLETON 50, LA GRANDE 45

PHS (10-5) 8 12 13 17 - 50
LGHS (8-5) 10 14 3 18 - 35

PENDLETON — Darian Lindsey 13, K. Williams 12, M. Bodmer 9, K. Sperl 8, S. Greb 4, H. Greb 2, K. McGlothlin 2, H. Thompson, C. Hoffman, L. Taylor.
LA GRANDE — Avery Albrecht 13, L. Miles 9, K. Collman 8, K. Avila 8, M. Wilcox 3, A. McDaniel-Perrin 3, R. Alexander 1, B. Givens.

3-point field goals — PHS 3, LGHS 6. **Free throws** — PHS 11-17, LGHS 13-17. **Fouls** — PHS 20, LGHS 15. **Fouled out** — Sperl (PHS).

PAC-12: Utah dominates Arizona State in the desert

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final minute and Washington held a 19-15 lead at halftime.

Washington finally created separation midway through the second half behind a 10-2 run. After falling behind 27-26, two free throws from Kemp put the Huskies back in front. Andrews and Anderson sandwiched 3-pointers around a layup by Nigel Williams-Goss and quickly the Huskies took a 36-29 lead, their largest of the game to that point.

Oregon State pulled within 42-37, but consecutive 3-pointers by Andrews and Anderson and free throws by Andrews pushed the Huskies lead to 10 with 2 minutes left.

WASHINGTON STATE 108, OREGON 99 (OT) — At Pullman, Wash., Josh Hawkins recorded 26 points and 13 rebounds to carry Washington State to an overtime win over Oregon on Thursday night.

DaVonte Lacy scored 20 for the Cougars (9-7, 3-1 Pac-12). Ike Iroegbu added 20, and Brett Boese had 16 in WSU coach Ernie Kent's first game against the school that fired him in 2010.

Joseph Young led Oregon (12-5, 2-2) with 32 points,



AP Photo/Young Kwak
Oregon's Elgin Cook (23) takes a shot against Washington State during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Pullman on Thursday.

tying his season high. Elgin Cook scored a career-high 26 points for Oregon, and his 10 rebounds led the Ducks.

The game was tied at 94 at the end of regulation. The Cougars hit their first nine free throws in overtime. There were 23 lead changes and 18 ties.

Washington State led 57-52 at the half. The Cougars shot 72.4 percent from the field in the half, and Oregon hit 55.3 percent. For the game, WSU shot 58.9 percent to Oregon's 49.4 percent.

No. 8 UTAH 76, ARIZONA STATE 59 — At Tempe, Ariz., Delon Wright scored 21 points and No. 8 Utah remained the most dominating team in early Pac-12 play.

Jordan Loveridge added 14 points and Brandon Taylor had 13 for the Utes (14-2, 4-0). They shot 54 percent from the field and have won seventh straight heading into Saturday's showdown at No. 10 Arizona.

After routing Southern California by 24 points, UCLA by 32 and Colorado by 25, Utah showed no signs

of letting up in its first conference road game. The Utes led by as many as 28 points to remain the lone unbeaten team in the conference.

Gerry Blakes scored 10 points and Savon Goodman had nine points and 10 rebounds before fouling out for the Sun Devils (8-9, 0-4).

No. 10 ARIZONA 68, COLORADO 54 — At Tucson, Ariz., Stanley Johnson scored 22 points, Kaleb Tarczewski added 14 and No. 10 Arizona pulled away from short-handed Colorado on Thursday night.

Arizona (15-2, 3-1 Pac-12) struggled offensively at times without injured guard Gabe York and had a hard time containing Askia Booker after losing to Oregon State in its last game.

The Wildcats pulled out their 31st straight home win by dominating inside, outscoring Colorado by 16 in the paint while grabbing 15 more rebounds. Booker had a career-high 30 points on 11-of-17 shooting, including 6 of 9 from 3-point range. That helped the Buffaloes (9-7, 2-2) keep it close early despite playing without Josh Scott (back) and Xavier Johnson (ankle), their second and third-leading scorers.

College Basketball

Zags ride over Waves

Associated Press

MALIBU, Calif. — Kyle Wiltjer scored 19 of his 24 points in the second half as No. 3 Gonzaga survived a scare before beating Pepperdine 78-76 Thursday night for its 27th straight victory over the Waves.

Freshman Domantas Sabonis had 18 points and a career-high 12 rebounds for the Zags (17-1, 6-0 West Coast) in a game delayed 33 minutes

after they were late arriving because of a traffic accident that caused lengthy delays on Pacific Coast Highway. Sabonis was a career-best 9 of 9 from the field.

Gonzaga coach Mark Few earned his 200th league win against 24 losses.

Jett Raines led four players in double figures with a career-high 22 points for the Waves (11-6, 4-2), who were off to their best league start since 2002.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate			Wallowa	2-2	6-7
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL			Echo	2-2	6-7
Today			Joseph	0-3	4-7
Culver at Weston-McEwen, 5:30 p.m.			Helix	0-3	2-10
Baker at Pendleton, 7 p.m.					
Hermiston at La Salle Prep, 7:15 p.m.					
Nixyaawii at Helix, 7:30 p.m.					
Irrigon at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.					
Stanfield at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.					
Arlington at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.					
Ione at Mitchell/Spray, 7:30 p.m.					
Powder Valley at Echo, 7:30 p.m.					
Saturday					
Pilot Rock at Culver, 4 p.m.					
South Wasco County at Ione, 5:30 p.m.					
Echo at Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.					
Heppner at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.					
Helix at Joseph, 5:30 p.m.					
Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 5:30 p.m.					
Arlington at Sherman, 5:30 p.m.					
Vale at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m.					
Dufur at Condon/Wheeler, 5:30 p.m.					
Weston-McEwen at Irrigon, 5:30 p.m.					
Nyssa at Riverside, 6 p.m.					
PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL					
Today					
Culver at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.					
Hermiston at La Salle Prep, 5:30 p.m.					
Stanfield at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.					
Powder Valley at Echo, 6 p.m.					
Ione at Mitchell/Spray, 6 p.m.					
Nixyaawii at Helix, 6 p.m.					
Arlington at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.					
Irrigon at Heppner, 6 p.m.					
Saturday					
Pilot Rock at Culver, 2:30 p.m.					
Arlington at Sherman, 4 p.m.					
Vale at Umatilla, 4 p.m.					
Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 4 p.m.					
Helix at Joseph, 4 p.m.					
Echo at Wallowa, 4 p.m.					
South Wasco County at Ione, 4 p.m.					
Dufur at Condon/Wheeler, 4 p.m.					
Heppner at Stanfield, 4 p.m.					
Nyssa at Riverside, 4 p.m.					
Weston-McEwen at Irrigon, 4 p.m.					
PREP WRESTLING					
Today					
Hermiston, Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Heppner at Oregon Wrestling Classic (Redmond), 8 a.m.					
Saturday					
Hermiston, Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Heppner at Oregon Wrestling Classic (Redmond), 8 a.m.					
PREP SWIMMING					
Saturday					
Pendleton, Hermiston at La Grande, Noon					
COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL					
Today					
Eastern Oregon at NW Christian, 7:30 p.m.					
Blue Mountain at Big Bend 8 p.m.					
Saturday					
Blue Mountain at Spokane, 4 p.m.					
Eastern Oregon at Corban, 7:30 p.m.					
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL					
Today					
Eastern Oregon at NW Christian 5:30 p.m.					
Blue Mountain at Big Bend 6 p.m.					
Saturday					
Blue Mountain at Spokane, 2 p.m.					
Eastern Oregon at Corban, 5:30 p.m.					
NBA					
Thursday's Games					
Milwaukee 95, New York 79					
Houston 112, Oklahoma City 101					
Cleveland 109, L.A. Lakers 102					
Today's Games					
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.					
Brooklyn at Washington, 4 p.m.					
Memphis at Orlando, 4 p.m.					
Detroit at Indiana, 4 p.m.					
Atlanta at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.					
Chicago at Boston, 4:30 p.m.					
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.					
Denver at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.					
Portland at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.					
Minnesota at Phoenix, 6 p.m.					
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 6 p.m.					
Miami at Sacramento, 7 p.m.					
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.					
NCAA Men					
Top 25					
Thursday's Games					
No. 3 Gonzaga 78, Pepperdine 76					
No. 7 Wisconsin 70, Nebraska 55					
No. 8 Utah 76, Arizona State 59					
No. 10 Arizona 68, Colorado 54					
Today's Games					
No games scheduled					
Pac-12					
Wednesday's Games					
UCLA 83 USC, 66					
Stanford 69, California 59					
Thursday's Games					
Arizona 68, Colorado 54					
Washington 56, Oregon State 43					
Utah 76, Arizona State 59					
Washington State 108, Oregon 99, OT					
Hockey					
NHL					
Thursday's Games					
Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 0					
Minnesota 7, Buffalo 0					
Vancouver 4, Philadelphia 0					
Ottawa 4, Montreal 1					
Tampa Bay 3, Edmonton 2					
Colorado 4, Florida 2					
Detroit 3, St. Louis 2, OT					
Winnipeg 2, Dallas 1					
Calgary 4, Arizona 1					
San Jose 3, Toronto 1					
Today's Games					
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.					
Vancouver at Carolina, 4 p.m.					
N.Y. Rangers at Columbus, 4 p.m.					
Washington at Nashville, 5 p.m.					
Winnipeg at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.					
New Jersey at Anaheim, 7 p.m.					
WHL					
Thursday's Games					
No games scheduled					
Today's Games					
Moose Jaw at Swift Current, 5 p.m.					
Medicine Hat at Saskatoon, 5:05 p.m.					
Lethbridge at Brandon, 5:30 p.m.					
Victoria at Red Deer, 6 p.m.					
Regina at Edmonton, 6 p.m.					
Portland at Prince George, 7 p.m.					
Seattle at Kelowna, 7:30 p.m.					
Tri-City at Vancouver, 7:30 p.m.					
Spokane at Everett, 7:35 p.m.					

Basketball

OSAA		
BOYS		
Class 5A CRC	Conf.	Ovr.
Pendleton	0-0	8-7
Hood River	0-0	6-4
Hermiston	0-0	3-10
The Dalles	0-0	1-13
Class 4A GOL		
La Grande	0-0	10-4
Baker	0-0	8-7
Ontario	0-0	3-12
Mac-Hi	0-0	2-10
Class 3A EOL		
Umatilla	2-0	8-8
Vale	1-0	4-8