

# Prep Wrestling Hillsboro unseats Hermiston

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REDMOND — After outscoring its first four opponents 212-73, the Hermiston wrestling team finally found one capable of standing toe-to-toe with the two-time champs at the Oregon Wrestling Classic.

In fact, Hillsboro may have given the Bulldogs a little extra incentive as they head back to the practice room in preparation for the Reser's Tournament of Champions next weekend.

Hillsboro edged Hermiston 32-30 in the championship dual on Saturday, and won the deciding points with a first-round pin in the match's final bout. Hillsboro is in its first season of wrestling at the 5A level and placed third at state in Class 6A last year.

After Sam Colbray put Hermiston on top in team points with a 29-second pin of 220-pounder Enrique Guerra, Hillsboro heavyweight Ben Kociemba — a state placer last season — was able to pin Hermiston's Beau Blake in 1:40 to close the math. Colbray went 3-0 in matches he wrestled over the two-day event while Blake went 2-2 with all of their decisions coming by fall.

Also getting wins against Hillsboro to finish the tournament undefeated were 120-pounder Andy Wagner (5-0), Wagner, Colbray, 182-pounder John-Henry Line (3-1) and 160-pounder Brock McDonough (4-1) all had three wins by pin with Colbray spending the least combined time on the mat — just three minutes, five seconds.

Hermiston beat Crater 52-27 in Saturday's semifinals.

Pendleton placed 10th after getting the third seed from its pool when three teams finished 1-2 on Friday. The Buckaroos lost to Bend 55-24 in their final match, and beat Summit 48-30 earlier on Saturday.

Tristan Holcomb (4-1) at 132 pounds and Morgan Holcomb (5-0) at 145 each earned four wins with pins and Scott Chambers (3-1) had three at 138 pounds. Morgan Holcomb's fifth win was a 16-1 technical fall.

Crook County dominated the 4A bracket for another championship and with 47 pins was the most dominant team on the mats at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. Class 6A McMinnville was second with 39 and Hermiston was ninth with 27.

Mac-Hi finished second in pool play and then beat Banks 42-36 in its first match on Saturday. The Pioneers used wins by heavyweights Jacob Podolski and Gregory Merano to swing the outcome of that match, but another strong finish by its heavyweights wasn't enough to overcome Sweet Home in a 48-30 loss. Merano (4-0), a 285-pounder, and 160-pounder Jeffrey Jones (4-0) each had four pins for Mac-Hi. Cole Skramstad (4-0) pinned three opponents at 145 pounds.

Vale earned the 3A championship while district foe Riverside finished in sixth. The Pirates shuffled their lineup in the weekend's final match and the result was a 42-39 loss to Willamina. They were coming off a 48-36 victory over Scio in which Riverside's heavyweights earned three pins to secure a team win.

At 120 pounds Aristotle Rockwell (5-0) pinned every opponent he faced, and older brother Hans Rockwell (4-0) did the same at 132 pounds. Hans, a three-time state champion, defeated Willamina defending state champ Michael Reyes with a first-round pin in a possible end-of-year preview.

Also perfect with four pins was Elijah Conlon (4-0) at 126 pounds, and Jesse Hegar (3-1) added three pins at 182.

At the 2A level, Culver won the title with a 63-18 walloping of Monroe, and Heppner finished in 11th place after placing third in pool play.

The Mustangs went into each match behind the eight ball with several empty weight dotting their roster, but pulled out a 18-12 win over Crane to end their weekend. Five Mustangs earned at least two wins by pinfall, led by 113-pounder Ryan Smith (4-0) with four. Jacob Moses (4-1) at 145 and Jorgen Anderson (3-2) at 160 each added three.

Roseburg beat McMinnville 46-19 for the 6A title.

## Prep Basketball

# Stanfield girls secure first league win

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STANFIELD — Tiger guard Cynthia Curiel made a drive lay-up with 21 seconds remaining to break up a tie ball game and lift Stanfield to its first league victory of the season 43-40 over Heppner on Saturday.

Heppner (6-8, 1-2) had a chance on the following possession, but dribbled the ball out of bounds. The Tigers (5-8, 1-2 CBC) took possession and Melissa Banderas made 1 of 2 free throws at the line to clinch the win.

Stanfield's Yazzmin Chavez had a team-best 14 points in the win. Kelly Wilson scored 14 for Heppner.

STANFIELD 43, HEPPNER 40					
HEP (6-8)	14	8	8	10	40
STAN (5-8)	8	17	9	9	43
HEPPNER	— K. Wilson 15, K. Lindsay 1, M. Gibbs 0, S. Grant 7, R. Kollman 1, P. Grieb 3, M. Lindsay 10, J. Kempken 1, M. Correa 2.				
STANFIELD	— Curiel 5, Griffin 6, O'Neill 6, Banderas 2, Watson 4, G. Chavez 0, Y. Chavez 14, Braithwaite 0, Connell 2, Hopper 0, Esquivel 2.				
3-point field goals	— HEP 0, STAN 6. Free throws — HEP 24-42, STAN 7-16. Fouls — HEP 14, STAN 27. Fouled out — Watson (STAN).				

**CONDON/WHEELER 63, DUFUR 53** — At Fossil, a late flurry of baskets from Dufur helped close the gap in a game Condon/Wheeler led by 19 points early in the fourth quarter on Saturday in Big Sky League action.

It was the 10th win in a row for the Knights (13-1, 4-0 BSL) and the first loss in league play for the Rangers (8-5, 5-1).

Deana Harris scored a game-high 26 points for the Knights and Matney Jamieson had another double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Condon/Wheeler coach Teresa Humphrey said Dufur's late rally began with about two minutes left.

"We just had too many turnovers and defensive lapses at the wrong time," she said.

The Knights play their next three league games on the road beginning with a game at Sherman on Friday.

Humphrey said she thinks the defending state champions are right about on par with where she'd like to see them this time of the year.

"I think that we still have some room to grow and hopefully we're



**Heppner's Kelly Wilson (1) looks for a teammate Saturday as Stanfield's Cynthia Curiel (3) presses.**

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

still a work in progress, but I'm seeing improvement in different areas every game," she said.

CONDON/WHEELER 63, DUFUR 53					
DHS (8-5)	12	8	19	14	53
C/W (13-1)	15	15	21	12	63
DUFUR	— Taylor Darden 21, A. Miller 11, C. Beeson 8, S. Reed 7, H. Harris 4, T. Ellis 2, A. Outlaw, K. Sorensen.				
CONDON/WHEELER	— Deana Harris 26, M. Jamieson 17, A. Rietmann 12, J. Homer 4, E. Logan 4, B. Dyer, A. Carnine.				
3-point field goals	— DHS 3, C/W 4. Free throws — 6-8, 7-13. Fouls — DHS 15, C/W 14. Fouled out — none.				

**WESTON-MCEWEN 65, IRRIGON 47** — At Irrigon, the TigerScots (10-4, 3-0 CBC) led 36-13 at halftime and held off Irrigon's second-half push for a Columbia Basin Conference win on Saturday.

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IONE 30, SOUTH WASCO 26					
SWC (3-12)	9	4	2	11	26
IONE (3-8)	6	7	10	7	30
SOUTH WASCO	— Espland 2, S. Moody 2, Muhleman 11, Foraker 2, O'Neal 4, Noland 3, K. Moody 2.				
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## College Basketball

# Blue Mountain, Eastern Oregon women victorious

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SPOKANE, Wash. — The Blue Mountain women's basketball team held Spokane to 25 percent shooting in the first half and picked up a 61-51 NWAC East victory on Saturday.

Mar'Shay Moore scored 22 points and led BMCC (9-5, 2-1 East) with five steals as the Timberwolves won their second game in a row.

Savannah Heugly added 12

points and Riley Gerlinger had a team-high 11 rebounds.

**EASTERN OREGON 76, CORBAN 66** — At Salem, Jordan Klebaum led the Eastern Oregon (15-5, 7-2 CCC) with a game-high 22 points on Saturday in a Cascade Collegiate Conference win.

Klebaum made a season-high six 3-pointers, Madeline Laan added 15 points and Maloree Moss led EOU with seven rebounds and five assists.

## Men's Basketball

**SPOKANE 117, BLUE MOUNTAIN 91** — At Spokane, Wash., the Timberwolves (4-11, 0-3 East) shot 48.7 percent from the field but it wasn't enough to keep up with the 56.5 percent night of Spokane (12-6, 2-1).

The Sasquatch were 16 of 26 (62 percent) on three-pointers and 23 of 26 at the free throw line. Max Mueller had 22 points to lead BMCC and Coleman McElroy added 21. Jake Love had a

game-high 25 points for Spokane.

**EASTERN OREGON 70, CORBAN 59** — At Salem, 11 made three-pointers boosted the Mountaineers (11-8, 3-6 CCC) over the Warriors (9-9, 2-7) in Cascade Collegiate Conference play on Saturday night.

Case Rada led EOU with 21 points on 6-of-12 3-point shooting and the team shot 11 for 26 (42 percent) from behind the arc.

# TIGERS: Flores, Braithwaite lead shorthanded Stanfield

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"You could see that they looked a little tired at the end," Stanfield coach Daniel Sharp said. "Advantage us."

There was a reason for that. The Mustangs were playing their second game in 24 hours versus a top five Class 2A squad. Heppner lost 59-48 No. 1 Irrigon Friday night.

"I think we ran out of gas. We put so much into (Friday) night," Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm said.

Heppner built a 29-19 lead on burly forward Patrick Collins fourth made basket of the game in the closing moments of the first half. But much to Rosenbalm's chagrin, the Mustangs went away from the 6-foot-4 tank in the second — he had just one field goal after intermission — instead buying into the Tigers three-point shooting frenzy.

"That's not my No. 1 option just to fire away from three," he said. "Either we need to penetrate and kick so the defense is on the move or we need to pound it inside and kick so the defense is moving. For us to stand and spot up from three without any defensive movement isn't our strong point."

Heppner was 3-of-10 in second half tries while Stanfield converted 5-of-12 second half looks from



**Logan Grieb (5), of Heppner, dribbles downcourt, pursued by Tiger Jesus Carrillo on Saturday evening in Stanfield.**

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

deep. "If you can shoot it and it's falling, keep shooting it," said

Braithwaite, who sank 2-of-3 second half tries. "If it's not working we can always try something else, but it

was working."

The Tigers were without sophomore guard Dylan Grogan, who was held out by OSAA rules after being ejected in the third quarter of Stanfield's win over Pilot Rock Friday.

"We came into this game knowing that with Dylan out that we were going to have to rely some other guys," said Braithwaite, who scored 14 points. "It's tough to win without him, but we got through it and everyone did their jobs."

Flores, a sophomore guard, was especially electric. He finished with a team-high 15 points that included two of the team's second half three pointers.

Heppner's Logan Grieb sank a triple to tie the game at 45-45 with 5:11 remaining in regulation, but Heppner would score just one point during the game's remainder.

Grieb led the Mustangs with 13 points. Collins added 10 and 11 rebounds.

STANFIELD 51, HEPPNER 46					
HEP (10-3)	14	18	10	4	51
STAN (11-2)	7	18	10	16	46
HEPPNER	— W. Putman 9, L. Grieb 13, J. Corbin 7, C. Hedman 0, J. Petzoldt 0, P. Collins 10, K. Murray 2, R. Cutsforth 2, C. Kindle 3.				
STANFIELD	— R. Bailey 4, Carillo 0, Gallarza 7, Lockwood 4, Tony Flores 15, H. Braithwaite 14, Monkus 0, Montes 1, Davchevski 6.				
3-point field goals	— HEP 5, STAN 6. Free throws — HEP 11-17, STAN 7-15. Fouls — HEP 19, STAN 16. Fouled out — R. Cutsforth (HEP).				

# BLAZERS: Kings win rebounding battle between two of NBA's best

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per game.

Rudy Gay scored 26 points and DeMarcus Cousins had 22 points and 19 rebounds for Sacramento (16-25). The Kings, who led by 13 in the first half, lost their fourth consecutive game.

In a matchup of teams that rank among the NBA's top 10 in rebounding, Sacramento clobbered Portland 53-35 on the boards.

The Blazers, trailing 75-67 after three, began to mount a comeback early in the fourth. Will Barton's layup sparked a 12-2 spurt, and a 3-pointer by Nic Batum gave Portland an 84-83 lead with 5:03 remaining.

Cousins tied it at 89 on two free throws with 1:50 left, then fouled out 8 seconds later. After Lillard gave Portland the lead for good with 1:20 to play, the Blazers held off Sacramento by making five free

throws during the final 1:02.

Sacramento dominated most of the first quarter, and Darren Collison and Ben McLemore hit 3-pointers to ignite a 23-5 run for a 25-14 Kings lead.

Portland ran off nine consecutive points to cut the deficit to 31-27 early in the second. A 7-0 surge, punctuated by Meyers Leonard's fast-break dunk, gave the Blazers a 47-43 lead 3 minutes before halftime. But the Kings had a strong fin-

ish to the quarter, and Cousins' tip-in not long before the buzzer gave Sacramento a 56-51 halftime lead.

Sacramento continued to control the game during the third quarter, using an 8-0 run to build a lead as large as 10 points.

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: Before the game, Blazers owner Paul Allen presented a plaque to Matthews after he became the franchise's career leader in 3-pointers with 778.