

BUCKS: Open CRC play Friday versus HRV

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cause they're the bangers and the hard workers that scrap the whole entire game and don't give up," Smith said.

Broaddus doesn't give every player a green light to shoot just because he's open, and the Bucks are averaging just 6.7 points a game off the bench.

"I told the kids in early season, 'You'll get three, four, five, six games to prove your stuff and then after that we look at the stats, we look at film, we look at the percentages,'" he said. "And to be a great team it's not going to be equal shooting. Our better shooters, we want them in spots to shoot and we want them in spots to shoot more often. That doesn't mean they're more important."

The players, by all accounts, have completely bought into Broaddus and his coaching. Green said it didn't take very long.

"The moment he came in he demanded respect and I think that really made us focus," he said. "He just wants us to be disciplined and smart. Everybody is on board."

"I think just his demeanor and the way he carries himself, and the way he wants us to carry ourselves made us (respect him)."

The Bucks enter league play second in scoring with 57.9 points a game, but it's their CRC-leading 49.5 allowed per game that Broaddus said will be the key to the team's first league title since



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton's Kai Quinn puts up a shot contested by Southridge's Jesse Macias (32) and Brad Morgan on Tuesday in the Bucks' game against the Suns in Pendleton.

the 2011-12 season. "I always focus on defense ... because if you're an offensive team you're going to have an off

night and get beat," he said. "If you're a great defensive team you always have a chance to win."

The one thing that could hurt the Bucks going forward, Broaddus said, is their tendency to play to their competition.

"We're kind of a young program still. I've seen us play up with teams and play down with teams," he said. "We've played great in stretches and then not so great in stretches."

"The league is kind of scary because there's a couple of teams that haven't been very successful in preseason and so they can kind of play with reckless abandon and have nothing to lose."

For that reason Broaddus doesn't consider his Bucks the CRC favorite, despite a combined 11-32 record by the rest of the league.

"The team that I think is the team to beat is Hermiston," he said of the winners of two straight CRC crowns. "Until proven otherwise, a champion is a champion and they've been kind of the top of the league for several years."

"They're getting better and better as expected and I think Hermiston is going to be tough."

Pendleton will play the Bulldogs for the first time on Feb. 3. Their CRC opener against Hood River Valley (7-7) tips off at Warberg Court at 7:30 p.m.

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Preps

Grizzlies drop sixth straight

East Oregonian

JOSEPH — The Helix boys basketball team fell prey to the hot shooting Joseph Eagles in a 57-26 Old Oregon League contest late Tuesday night.

The Eagles (6-7, 2-3 OOL) soared to a 33-14 halftime edge to down the Grizzlies (2-12, 0-5 OOL) for the sixth consecutive game.

Braden Sprenger led Helix with 10 points. Levi Papineau added 13 rebounds in the loss.

Helix travels to Pine Eagle Friday at 7:30 p.m.

JOSEPH 57, HELIX 26	
HHS (2-12)	7 7 7 5 - 26
JHS (6-7)	18 15 14 10 - 57
HELIX — Braden Sprenger 10, L. Papineau 2, K. Hack 4, G. Christman 7, T. Fehrenbacher 3, T. Wilson 0, J. Bushman 0, C. Marks 0, J. Shaw 0, J. Sprenger 0.	
JOSEPH — C. Stone 1, W. Smith 0, D. Vanwinkle 4, T. Johnson 2, J. Christman 6, Noah Deluey 17, C. Deluey 16, Borgeding 5, S. Beckman 6, J. Stein 0.	
3-point field goals — HHS 0, JHS 8. Free throws — HHS 6-17, JHS 9-23. Fouls — HHS 20, JHS 15. Fouled out — T. Wilson (JHS).	

WSU: Loveridge sparks 19-2 run

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turn the game into a blowout.

DaVonté Lacy scored 15 points and Jordan Railey had 12 for the Cougars (9-9, 3-3). Josh Hawkinson had 12 points and 10 rebounds for his 11th double-double of the season.

The game could have been capsulized in one play that gave Utah a 78-58 cushion. Wright nabbed his third steal on an entry pass, found Taylor on the fast break and he threw an alley-oop pass to Dakari Tucker for a layup.

Taylor's 3-pointer gave Utah a 60-42 advantage, but the Cougars took advantage of a Utes cold spell and made three 3-pointers in a row. Brett Boese, who had 12 points, hit a long-range jumper that drew the Cougars to 62-52 with 10:54 to play.

Washington State led by four early and trailed 27-25 before the Utes picked up the pressure and prevented the Cougars from converting another field goal the rest of the half.

On the other end, Loveridge sparked a 19-2 run with a 3-pointer while getting fouled. The Utes led 46-27 at the break.

After receiving a "good, old-fashioned beatdown" at Arizona, as Utah coach Larry Krystkowiak put it, the Utes again lost the rebounding battle (35-30) but dominated in all other phases of the game.

The Utes made 19 of 22 free throws while the Cougars lost their chance to stay in the game by going 14 for 27 from the line.

Before the opening tip, Hawkinson made two free throws due to a pregame technical foul, assessed to Brekkott Chapman for a pregame dunk.

Dallin Bachynski started at center in place of Poeltl. Bachynski limped off the court with a leg injury early in the second half but did return.

Utah has won 13 straight at home against Washington State after dropping the first meeting on Dec. 14, 1946.

No. 15 NORTH CAROLINA 87, WAKE FOREST 71 — At Winston-Salem, N.C., Kennedy Meeks scored 12 of his 16 points after halftime to help North Carolina pull away and beat Wake Forest.

Brice Johnson had 19 points as the other half of a two-headed inside attack that helped the Tar Heels (15-4, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) score 50 points in the paint on the way to their fourth straight league win.

Freshman Justin Jackson added 17 points as the Tar Heels shot 69 percent (18 for 26) after halftime and 60 percent for the game.

Codi Miller-McIntyre scored 20 points to lead the Demon Deacons (9-10, 1-5).

No. 20 NORTHERN IOWA 66, INDIANA STATE 60 — Cedar Falls, Iowa, Matt Bohannon scored 17 points, Seth Tuttle had 16 and Northern Iowa held off Indiana State for its sixth straight victory.

Jeremy Morgan had 11 points for the Panthers (17-2, 6-1 Missouri Valley Conference), who blew a 10-point lead before rallying for their 13th consecutive home win.

Indiana State went on an 11-0 run to jump ahead 47-46 with 6:40 left. But Northern Iowa tightened up its defense and did just enough on offense to withstand a late charge by the Sycamores.

Justin Gant and Brenton Scott each had 13 points for Indiana State (9-10, 5-2), which has dropped its last two.

No. 21 BAYLOR 81, HUSTON-TILLOTSON — At Waco, Texas, 61 WACO, Texas, Rico Gathers set career highs with 25 points and a Big 12-record 28 rebounds, and Baylor finally pulled away in the second half against NAIA school Huston-Tillotson.

CRC: Eagles own league's second best record

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tential, too, making it the CRC's biggest wild card this season. It played No. 2 Summit tough in a 64-55 road loss, and earned a 51-44 win over 4A power La Grande to indicate it hasn't fallen to doormat status.

That distinction, for as long as the CRC has been around, has belonged to Hood River Valley which is 1-41 in league play the last four seasons.

The Eagles (7-7) have enjoyed the league's second-most successful preseason this year, however, led by seven seniors and returning second-team all-league selection Parker Kennedy — a 6-foot-1 guard that is one of eight Eagles listed at six feet or taller.

Hood River Valley's wins have come mostly against smaller Washington schools,

2013-14 CRC Final Standings

Hermiston	9-0
Pendleton	5-4
The Dalles	4-5
Hood River	0-9

2014-15	Record	PF	PA
Pendleton	9-5	57.9	49.5
Hood River	7-7	68.4	69.6
Hermiston	3-11	45.9	57.5
The Dalles	1-14	40.0	64.1

though, and the Eagles come into league play off a 102-92 win over Washington 1A Stevenson (7-8). They are 3-3 in their last six and while leading the CRC with 68.4 points a night, are last with 69.6 allowed.

The Eagles should be able to avoid last

place again this season, however.

Despite being led by 6-foot-3 post Coby Conlee — one of just four all-league players to return to the CRC this season (Pendleton's Caden Smith and Kai Quinn are the other two) — the Riverhawks haven't been able to build much optimism with their preseason results.

The Dalles enters league play on a seven-game losing streak that started with a 90-37 drubbing at the hands of Wilsonville — a team that narrowly edged Pendleton 45-44.

The Riverhawks are last in scoring with 40 points a game and third in defense with 64.1 allowed.

Only one team will earn and automatic state playoff bid from the CRC this season, but the No. 2 and 3 finishers will still get the chance to make the final 16-team bracket via the play-in round.

BLAZERS: Aldridge out with left hand injury

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win streak of the season and longest since eight straight during the 2009-2010 season.

The Blazers had a chance to go ahead again with 20 second left, but Lillard missed a baseline jumper and fouled the Suns' P.J. Tucker.

A missed free throw by Batum also cost the Blazers a chance to tie the game at 114. Portland's last chance to tie was lost when Lillard stepped out of bounds trying to catch a high inbound pass with 9.8 seconds left.

The Blazers, losers of four of five, played without star forward LaMarcus Aldridge because of a left hand injury. They still overcame their worst defensive first

quarter of the season and outscored Phoenix 80-60 from the 5:10 mark of the second. But they couldn't pull it out.

The Suns outscored the Blazers 27-2 over nine minutes between the first and second quarters to take control. Portland went scoreless over the last three minutes of the first and almost three minutes of the second before Will Barton's layup.

Gerald Green lobbed to Miles Plumlee for a dunk, and Phoenix led 53-31 at the 6:09 mark of the second. The Blazers trailed by as many as 25 but cut the lead to 14, 66-52, at halftime.

The Blazers rallied in the fourth quarter, trimming the Suns' lead to 93-86 with 8:57 left af-

ter Dorell Wright's conventional three-point play.

Phoenix's lead was four points until Thomas scored on a soaring layup and drew a blocking foul on Wright, making the score 99-92 after a free throw. Thomas kept the Blazers at bay with another basket with 5:59 to go, giving the Suns a six-point lead.

But the Blazers stormed ahead 105-102 with 4:05 left on the 3-pointer from Batum.

The Suns tied a season high for points in a first with 40 and the total was the most the Blazers have surrendered in any opening period this season. Still, the Blazers maintain a comfortable lead in the NBA's Northwest Division.

Thomas scored nine of the

Suns last 11 points of the first and had 13 in the decisive run. Green scored 10 of his 12 points in the second quarter.

Batum eclipsed his season high by 10 points, and his six 3-pointers were also a season best.

Wright, who started in place of Aldridge, scored a season high 15 points.

Phoenix has won seven straight at home over the Blazers. The Suns are 17-2 against Portland in 19 home games since January of 2005. The Suns are now 4-0 at the halfway point of their longest homestand in club history, eight games. They are home through Jan. 30.

Portland hosts Boston Thursday night.

SCOREBOARD

CORRECTION: There were two Flerchingers on the 1983 state championship Helix basketball team mentioned in the Jan. 21 story "Grizzlies honor Griswold greats." Most of the references should have been to Kim Flerchinger, who was first-team all tournament and went on to play college basketball at Whitman, not her sister Annie.

Local Slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL	
Today	Nyssa at Riverside, 6:30 p.m.
Friday	Stanfield at Culver, 4:30 p.m.
	Mac-Hi at Ontario, 6:30 p.m.
	Nixyaawii at Joseph, 6:30 p.m.
	Hermiston at The Dalles, 7 p.m.
	Hood River at Pendleton, 7:30 p.m.
	Pilot Rock at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.
	Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.
	Helix at Pine Eagle, 7:30 p.m.
	Ione at Horizon Christian, 7:30 p.m.
	Condon/Wheeler at Sherman, 7:30 p.m.
	Arlington at Dufur, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Heppner at Culver, 2:30 p.m.
	Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 5:30 p.m.
	Nyssa at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m.
	Irrigon at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.
	Mitchell/Spray at Arlington, 5:30 p.m.
	Echo at Helix, 5:30 p.m.
	Wallowa at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
	Vale at Riverside, 6 p.m.
	Condon/Wheeler at Ione, 6:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Today	Nyssa at Riverside, 5 p.m.
Friday	Stanfield at Culver, 4:30 p.m.
	Mac-Hi at Ontario, 5 p.m.
	Nixyaawii at Joseph, 5 p.m.
	Helix at Pine Eagle, 6 p.m.
	Pilot Rock at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
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	Wallowa at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
	Condon/Wheeler at Ione, 5 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING	
Today	

Baker at Mac-Hi, 5 p.m.	Cleveland 23 20 535 4
The Dalles at Hermiston, 7 p.m.	Milwaukee 21 20 512 5
Friday	Detroit 17 26 395 10
Hermiston, Pendleton at Reser's Tournament of Champions (Liberty HS), 9 a.m.	Indiana 15 29 341 12½
Riverside at Gervais Tournament, 3 p.m.	WESTERN CONFERENCE
Heppner at Grant Union Tournament, 3 p.m.	Southwest Division
Saturday	W L Pct GB
Hermiston, Pendleton at Reser's Tournament of Champions (Liberty HS), 9 a.m.	Memphis 30 12 714 —
Riverside at Gervais Tournament, 10 a.m.	Dallas 30 13 698 ½
Friday	Houston 29 13 690 1
Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.	San Antonio 27 16 628 3½
Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain, 8 p.m.	New Orleans 21 21 500 9
Saturday	Northwest Division
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.	W L Pct GB
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.	Portland 31 12 721 —
Friday	L.A. Clippers 28 14 667 6½
Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.	Oklahoma City 22 20 524 8½
Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain, 8 p.m.	Denver 18 24 429 12½
Saturday	Utah 14 28 333 16½
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.	Minnesota 7 34 171 23
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.	Pacific Division
Friday	W L Pct GB
Oregon Tech at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.	Golden State 33 6 846 —
Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.	L.A. Clippers 28 14 667 6½
Saturday	Phoenix 26 18 591 9½
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.	Philadelphia 16 26 381 18½
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.	L.A. Lakers 12 31 279 23

Football

NFL	
Pro Bowl Sunday, Jan. 25	
at Glendale, Ariz.	Team Irvin vs. Team Carter, 5 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 1	at Glendale, Ariz.
New England vs. Seattle, 3:30 p.m. (NBC)	

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE	
Atlantic Division	
Toronto	27 15 643 —
Brooklyn	18 24 429 9
Boston	13 26 333 12½
Philadelphia	8 34 190 19
New York	7 36 163 20½
Southwest Division	
W L Pct GB	
Atlanta	35 8 814 —
Washington	29 14 674 6
Miami	18 24 429 16½
Charlotte	18 25 419 17
Orlando	15 30 333 21
Central Division	
W L Pct GB	
Chicago	27 16 628 —

Cleveland 23 20 535 4	USA at Oregon, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee 21 20 512 5	Arizona State at California, 8 p.m.
Detroit 17 26 395 10	
Indiana 15 29 341 12½	Hockey
WESTERN CONFERENCE	NHL
Southwest Division	Atlantic Division
W L Pct GB	GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Memphis 30 12 714 —	Tampa Bay 48 30 14 4 64 156 127
Dallas 30 13 698 ½	Detroit 47 27 11 9 63 139 119
Houston 29 13 690 1	Montreal 45 29 13 3 61 123 106
San Antonio 27 16 628 3½	Boston 48 25 16 7 57 126 121
New Orleans 21 21 500 9	Florida 44 20 14 10 50 107 122
Northwest Division	Ottawa 46 19 18 9 47 126 128
W L Pct GB	Toronto 48 22 23 3 47 142 150
Portland 31 12 721 —	Buffalo 47 14 30 3 31 89 167
L.A. Clippers 28 14 667 6½	Metropolitan Division
Oklahoma City 22 20 524 8½	GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Denver 18 24 429 12½	N.Y. Islanders 46 31 14 1 63 151 129
Utah 14 28 333 16½	Pittsburgh 46 26 12 8 60 138 117
Minnesota 7 34 171 23	N.Y. Rangers 44 27 13 4 58 134 106
Pacific Division	Washington 46 24 13 9 57 137 120
W L Pct GB	Philadelphia 48 19 22 7 45 130 146
Golden State 33 6 846 —	Columbus 45 20 22 3 43 113 142
L.A. Clippers 28 14 667 6½	New Jersey 47 17 22 8 42 107 134
Phoenix 26 18 591 9½	Carolina 46 16 25 5 37 98 120
Philadelphia 16 26 381 18½	WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. Lakers 12 31 279 23	Central Division
Wednesday's Games	GP W L OT Pts GF GA
New York 98, Philadelphia 91	Nashville 45 30 10 5 65 137 104
Charlotte 78, Miami 76	St. Louis 46 29 13 4 62 148 111
Cleveland 106, Utah 92	Chicago 47 30 15 2 62 148 108
Atlanta 110, Indiana 91	Winnipeg 43 26 14 8 60 135 117
Detroit 128, Orlando 118	Colorado 48 20 18 10 50 125 137
New Orleans 96, L.A. Lakers 80	Dallas 46 21 18 7 49 144 151