

Preps

Thompson gashes Pine Eagle, leads Echo to win

East Oregonian

ECHO — Michael Thompson scored 31 points and pulled in 19 rebounds as the Cougars (10-7, 6-2 OOL) leaped past the Spartans (6-9, 5-2) 53-44 to move into second place in the Old Oregon League.

Echo came alive with 22 points in the second quarter to take a 31-16 lead into half-time. The Cougars shot 8 for 16 from the field in the second quarter.

Nathan McCall led Pine Eagle with 14 points.

ECHO 53, PINE EAGLE 44
PEHS (6-9, 5-2) 4 12 15 13 — 44
EHS (10-7) 9 22 7 15 — 53
PINE EAGLE — Nathan McCall 14, C. Marks 9, J Thom 8, W. Tyler 6, L. Fisher 3, W. Akers 2, D. Robinette 2.
ECHO — Michael Thompson 31, C. Chavez 6, B. Moffit 5, K. Jensen 4, D. Tappo 4, C. Medrano 3.
3-point field goals — PEHS 2-14, EHS 4-15. **Free throws** — PEHS 6-12, EHS 11-20. **Fouls** — PEHS 16, EHS 13. **Fouled out** — Akers (PEHS).

HEPPNER 69, PILOT ROCK 30 — At Heppner, Patrick Collins had a double-double with 22 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Mustangs (13-3, 4-2 CBC) past the Rockets (5-10, 1-5) on Friday in Columbia Basin Conference action.

Logan Grieb added 15 points and Weston Putman had 14 for Heppner, and Ross Cutsforth added 10 rebounds.

Heppner led 27-4 after one quarter, on its way to its third straight win.

No player reached double digits in scoring for Pilot Rock, which was led by Bryson Pierce’s nine points.

HEPPNER 69, PILOT ROCK 30

PRHS (5-10) 4 10 9 7 — 30
HHS (13-3) 27 18 18 6 — 69
PILOT ROCK — Bryson Pierce 9, D. Fritz 8, J. Willingham 5, R. Lankford 4, A. Warner 2, D. Hashner 2, L. Thieme, B. Postma, C. Weinke, P. Roe, J. Pierce.
HEPPNER — Patrick Collins 22, L. Grieb 15, W. Putman 14, R. Cutsforth 6, J. Corbin 5, K. Currin 2, J. Petzoldt 2, C. Kindle 2, C. Hedman 1, K. Murray, J. Lindsay.
3-point field goals — PRHS 1-10, HHS 7-18. **Free throws** — PRHS 3-8, HHS 10-17. **Fouls** — PRHS 7, HHS 6. **Fouled out** — Weinke (PRHS).

BAKER 56, MAC-HI 46 — At Milton-Freewater, five consecutive turnovers sank the Pioneers (2-13, 0-3 GOL) upset bid of Baker (10-10, 2-1 GOL) Friday night.

Leading by one point late in the fourth period, the Bulldogs amped up the fullcourt pressure, forcing Mac-Hi to turn it over on six consecutive possessions. The rash of takeaways allowed Baker to finish the game on an 11-2 run.

The slew of late giveaways was not an isolated incident. Mac—Hi turned it over 23 times for the game. They stayed in it with 17 offensive rebounds — most of which came from Scott Zit-terkopf and Hunter Yenson.

Carlos Angel had 18 points in the victory.

BAKER 56, MAC-HI 46
BHS (10-10) 20 14 7 15 — 56
MHS (2-13) 15 12 11 8 — 46
BAKER — Stairs 9, Haynes 0, Gulick 0, Scott 2, Sand 8, Leamaster 6, Zach Bruce 21, Smith 6, Sarach 4.
MAC—HI — Correa 0, Sandberg 0, Alvarez 0, Zaragoza 7, Yenson 14, Perez 0, DeBoard 0, Carlos Angel 18, Zitterkopf 7.
3-point field goals — BHS 1, MHS 3. **Free throws** — BHS 4-13, MHS 9-15. **Fouls** — BHS 18, MHS 13.

In other Friday action:
Irrigon 70, Culver 15.

Girls Basketball
WESTON-MCEWEN

45, STANFIELD 32 — At Athena, the TigerScots (12-6, 5-1 CBC) boxed the Tiggers (8-10, 3-3) out on the glass and set an aggressive tone with their hustle to loose balls to pick up a Columbia Basin Conference win on Friday.

Ammarae Broncheau led Weston-McEwen with 12 points while Madison Carlin added 10. The TigerScots scored 14 points off turn-overs as well.

Stanfield had no players reach double digits scoring and was led by Bailey Watson’s eight.

WESTON-MCEWEN 45, STANFIELD 32
SHS (8-10) 10 9 6 7 — 32
WMHS (12-6) 16 15 7 — 45
STANFIELD — Bailey Watson 8, A. O’Neill 6, Y. Chavez 5, C. Curriel 5, M. Griffin 5, N. Esquivel 3, B. Brathewaite, G. Chavez, M. Banderas, S. Connell, C. Hopper.
WESTON-MCEWEN — Ammarae Broncheau 12, M. Carlin 10, S. Quaeempts 7, M. Aby 4, K. Peterson 4, K. Shepard 3, S. Finnfrock 2, T. Entze 2, A. Schroeder 1.
3-point field goals — SHS 4-17, WMHS 1-6. **Free throws** — SHS 6-14, WMHS 10-21. **Fouls** — SHS 18, WMHS 10. **Fouled out** — none.

PILOT ROCK 43, HEP- PNER 29 — At Heppner, another slow start doomed the Mustangs, which were down big after one quarter but were able to match the Rockets on the scoreboard the rest of the way in a Columbia Basin Conference game.

The Rockets’ Bekah Roe connected for five three-pointers and a game-high 17 points to lead Pilot Rock (10-5, 6-0 CBC) to its sixth-straight win. Bailey Weinke added 10 points. Madison Dave had 11 re-bounds.

Maddie Lindsay led Hep- pner (7-10, 2-4) with 12 points and nine rebounds.

PILOT ROCK 43, HEP- PNER 29
PRHS (10-5) 19 14 6 4 — 43
HHS (7-10) 5 6 11 7 — 29
PILOT ROCK — Bekah Roe 17, B. Weinke 10, M. Dave 7, J. Wilson 5, M. Deist 3, R. Willingham.
HEPPNER — Maddie Lindsay 12, K. Wilson 5, P. Grieb 4, J. Kempken 3, M. Correa 3, S. Grant 2, K. Lindsay, M. Gibbs, R. Kollman.
3-point field goals — PRHS 7, HHS 2. **Free throws** — PRHS 3-5, HHS 3-6. **Fouls** — PRHS 11, HHS 7. **Fouled out** — none.

CULVER 47, IRRIGON 43 — At Irrigon, the Knights had two chances to tie Friday’s Columbia Basin Conference tilt in the final minute, but couldn’t get their shots to fall.

Coach Mike Royer said a rash of fourth-quarter turn-overs also hampered Irrigon’s attempts to get off a losing streak that was extended to five games.

Beatriz Aguilera led Irrigon (5-11, 0-6) with nine points.

Hannah Lewis led all scorers with 17 points for Culver (10-9, 2-4), which snapped a five-game skid of its own.

CULVER 47, IRRIGON 43
CHS (10-9) 12 14 11 10 — 47
IHS (5-11) 15 9 9 10 — 43
CULVER — Hannah Lewis 17, A. Fritz 11, R. Slaght 7, E. Hoke 6, A. Freeman 2, C. Duff 2, M. Beeler 1, J. Johnson 1, A. Retano, Hobson.
IRRIGON — Beatriz Aguilera 9, J. Burns 7, K. McLaughlin 7, K. Gilman 7, A. Ayala 6, D. Roybal 2, T. Davis 2, L. Mills, C. Case.
3-point field goals — CHS 3, IHS 6. **Free throws** — CHS 12-32, IHS 15-26.

ECHO 50, PINE EAGLE 18 — At Echo, the Cougars have only paired losses back-to-back once this season, and weren’t about to do it again on Friday as they

bounced back from a non-league loss by routing the Big Sky League’s Spartans.

Echo (15-4, 7-1 BSL) led 21-6 after one quarter and increased the margin to 28-8 by halftime.

Erika Parks led them with 15 points and Elizabeth McCarty added 11 points and eight rebounds. Kelsey Ranger chipped in 14 points and five of the team’s 20 steals.

Pine Eagle (2-12, 0-7) finished with no players in double digits scoring, and with 35 turnovers in its sixth-straight defeat.

ECHO 50, PINE EAGLE 18
PEHS (2-12) 6 2 6 4 — 18
EHS (15-4) 21 7 12 10 — 50
PINE EAGLE — H. Kuta 6, C. Diggers 6, H. Tauaka 2, K. Jeaseu 2, L. Walker 2, S. Cooley, K. Taylor, T. Butuer, K. Melchior, F. Denis.
ECHO — Erika Parks 15, K. Ranger 14, E. McCarty 11, H. McCarty 5, T. Svaggart 5, B. Srofe, L. Cox, H. Reese, B. Millbrodt, L. Wiggins.
3-point field goals — PEHS 0-4, EHS 3-13. **Free throws** — PEHS 0-2, EHS 5-12. **Fouls** — PEHS 8, EHS 7. **Fouled out** — none.

ARLINGTON 37, SOUTH WASCO 32 — At Arlington, the streaky Honkers were back on the upswing Friday for their second win in a row in Big Sky League play.

Joely Patnode scored a game-high 15 points to lead Arlington (11-7, 5-3 BSL), which went up nine points in the fourth quarter before going into stall mode.

Ally Muhleman led the Redsidés (3-14, 1-7) with 10 points.

ARLINGTON 37, SOUTH WASCO 32
SWC (3-14) 8 6 6 12 — 32
AHS (11-7) 9 6 12 9 — 37
SOUTH WASCO — Ally Muhleman 10,

S. Moody 6, P. Espeland 4, M. Foreaker 4, M. Collins 4, K. Moody 4, L. McNamee, R. O’Neal.
ARLINGTON — Joely Patnode 15, M. Hauner 6, R. McClure 5, B. Tutuvanu 5, S. Collins 4, E. Kirby 2, S. Weatherford.
3-point field goals — SWC 0, AHS 1. **Free throws** — SWC 0-2, AHS 14-21. **Fouls** — SWC 19, AHS 10. **Fouled out** — none.

Wrestling

ONTARIO — The Ontario Tigers and Mac-Hi Pioneers made life easy on the score keepers when the two wrestling teams combined for 10 pins in a Greater Oregon League duals on Friday.

Once again led by their middle weights, the Pioneers won eight bouts on the afternoon to pick up a 48-36 win. Mac-Hi improved to 2-0 in Greater Oregon League action. Each team benefited from two forfeits, with every other match decided by pin.

The quickest was Mac-Hi heavyweight Gregory Moreno, who pinned Ontario’s Miguel Galindo in 48 seconds.

Mac-Hi will remain in the region for the Homedale (ID) Tournament on Saturday.

MAC-HI 46, ONTARIO 38
106 — Deazen Zerba (MH) def. Alan Chew, PF 3:29
113 — Rigo Sanchez (OHS) win by forfeit
120 — Zach Ware (OHS) win by forfeit
128 — Fracisco Barrera (OHS) def. Riley Chester, PF 3:41
132 — Jeff Kovach (OHS) def. Isaac Riley, PF 1:14
138 — Jesus Perez (OHS) def. Drew Birwell, PF 1:21
145 — Cole Skramstad (MH) def. Jason Gissel, PF 3:15
152 — Alyx Shaw (MH) def. Johnny Carpenter, PF 4:41
160 — Jeffrey Jones (MH) def. Gage McAvoy, PF 2:59
170 — Vince Roff (MH) def. Isaiiah Martinez, PF 1:13
182 — Erik Garcia (OHS) def. Jacob Chaney, PF 3:37
195 — Josh Torres (MH) win by forfeit
220 — Jacob Podolski (MH) win by forfeit
285 — Gregory Moreno (MH) def. Miguel Galindo, PF :48

Pac-12 Basketball

Oregon’s Young shoots down Arizona State in overtime

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Oregon’s trip to the desert had been a nightmare. A blowout loss to Arizona followed by an extra-long ride in a rickety bus.

Then Joseph Young and Elgin Cook turned the Ducks’ fortunes, sending them into the second half of the Pac-12 season with a winning conference record.

Young shook off a poor shooting night to hit a jumper with 25.6 seconds left in overtime, Cook added 23 points and Oregon pulled out a 68-67 victory over Arizona State on Friday night.

“It was gut-check time,” Cook said.

Young was 3 of 11 from the field before his mid-range

jumper gave him 14 points as the Ducks (15-7, 5-4) bounced back from a 90-56 rout at No. 6 Arizona — coach Dana Altman’s worst loss in his five seasons — two days earlier.

That was followed by a lengthy trip to Tempe on an old bus that made Oregon late for practice on Thursday. Buses were at a premium with the Super Bowl and PGA Tour in the state.

“We haven’t been beaten like that in a really long time,” Altman said. “When they hit the shot there (to force OT), it would have been really easy for the momentum to shift their way. I thought our guys did a real good job fighting through.”

Shaquille McKissic scored a career-high 24

points, including an off-balance, 24-footer with 1.2 seconds left in regulation to tie it for Arizona State. But McKissic lost the ball on the Sun Devils’ final possession, which ended on Bo Barnes’ desperation 3-point heave at the buzzer that was an air ball.

Tra Holder added 16 points for Arizona State (11-11, 3-6), which saw starting center Eric Jacobsen (eight points) foul out at the end of regulation.

McKissic blocked Cook’s shot in the lane with under a minute left in overtime and Oregon leading 66-65. McKissic’s driving layup on the ensuing possession put Arizona State ahead, but Young answered with the game’s final basket.

Young added seven assists, often giving Cook good looks. Cook was 8 of 12 from the field and hit all six free throws while adding six rebounds in 40 minutes.

“It’s like two or three people crashing on Joe every time he draws the ball,” Cook said. “I’m just trying to find open areas.”

McKissic bailed out Arizona State at the end of regulation with his tying shot from the left wing after a play broke down. The sixth-year senior hit 6 of 10 3-pointers and added five rebounds, but couldn’t keep Arizona State from being swept in the season series.

McKissic missed a tying 3-pointer at the buzzer in a 59-56 loss in Eugene three weeks ago.

ARIZONA 57, OREGON STATE 34 — At Tempe, Ariz., T.J. McConnell jumped into passing lanes for steals and reached in to strip unsuspecting players of the ball.

When he wasn’t doing that, Arizona’s gritty point guard was deflecting passes, hounding every dribble and, of course, diving on the floor for loose balls any chance he had.

With a leader like that, it’s no wonder the Wildcats turned their rematch with Oregon State into a rout.

Sparked by McConnell’s career-high steals, No. 6 Arizona ran its smothering defense to near perfection in a 57-34 win over Oregon State on Friday night.

“You can make the argument that no player we’ve re-

cruited in our seven or eight recruiting classes has had more of an impact on winning games than T.J.,” Arizona coach Sean Miller said. “And he does it an all facets.”

Arizona (20-2, 8-1) has been in good defensive groove since losing to Oregon State earlier this month and held Oregon, the Pac-12’s top-scoring team, to 56 points on Wednesday.

The Wildcats were even better against the methodical Beavers.

Arizona played its usual aggressive man-to-man and was better with help defense after struggling against the Beavers in the earlier meeting.

McConnell was the catalyst, helping the Wildcats force Oregon State in 17 turnovers — 12 of those on steals.

BULLDOGS: HHS active on offensive boards

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night, and Dillon Zimmerly added 17. Chase Knutz made three 3-pointers for the Bulldogs (5-11, 2-0). Scottie Ziegner had 16 points for the Eagles (8-8, 1-1). HRV’s Dallas Buckley chipped in with 12, and Skyler Hunter had 11.

“At the beginning, it scared me a little bit because that’s not the pace we wanted to play at. We weren’t very disciplined,” Hermiston head coach Jake McElligott said. “Luckily some of those shots fell (and) kept us in the game. Chase’s shot was great tonight. I thought our energy was critical, especially on the glass.”

Hermiston also dominated the glass Friday, grabbing 13 offensive rebounds to Hood River Valley’s one in the first half alone. On one possession in the first quarter, Hermiston had four looks at the basket after three offensive rebounds. McElligott praised the efforts of Crafton, Cole Smith and Landon Gammell for their work on the boards.

“That really dictated the game inside or us,” McElligott said of the rebounding. “Toughness inside goes a long ways.”

The win put Hermiston in the top spot in the Columbia River Conference, a place that seemed far off after a lackluster start to the season.

“This was the best (week of) practice we’ve had all year,” McElligott said. “Guys just came in realizing we gotta win on Friday against

The Dalles. It’s a new start. They looked in the standings and no longer were we at the bottom with our record. We were at the top. So the guys just decided to start working hard. The ten guys on the floor at practice just dug in and worked their butt off.”

Except in the fourth quarter, when they struggled to slow their play and work the clock, the Bulldogs were successful in breaking the Eagles’ press, eliminating turnovers and taking good shots.

Hermiston broke the game open in the second quarter when Knutz hit a 3-ball to give Hermiston a 25-21 lead with 2:13 left. Crafton then got consecutive baskets to extend the lead to 29-23. Hermiston ended the first half on a 13-4 run to take a eight-point halftime lead. Hermiston did not trail in the second half.

“You can’t play games in your head that you haven’t played yet,” McElligott said. “You can pat yourself on the back, but you’re only as good as your next practice. You gotta focus on the process. We’re not where we want to be yet, but we’re getting there.”

BUCKAROOS: Riverhawks without star player Starks

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to tie or win the game in the final 10 seconds of regulation.

Telles missed a top of the key three-point try with seven seconds left, but teammate Katie Conklin was there to clean up the miss with a rebound-basket that cut the margin to 60-59 with five seconds remaining. Telles fouled Pendleton’s Darian Lindsay, and Lindsay rattled int he first, but missed the second off the back-iron. The miss allowed Telles to take off down court and fling an off-balance 30-footer from the left sideline. The heave glanced the backboard and then the nearside of the rim before caroming to the ground below.

“That last shot when it went up, it honestly scared me,” said Lindsay who was the closest player to the streaking Telles. “It looked like it was going in.”

After the nervous energy had gone, Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez’s opinion of her eighth-ranked Buckaroos remained the same.

“It doesn’t bring any doubts to my head,” she said. “I think we’re fine. I think we’re where we need to be tonight.”

The Buckaroos never trailed, taking a 2-0 lead on a Kristin Williams bank shot 15 seconds into the game, and carried the edge all the way to the final buzzer.

Much of the early success was due to the tenacity of Bodmer. On three occasions the senior jumped lazy passes that led to easy layups. The individual efforts pro-



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Pendleton’s Darian Lindsey shoots the ball guarded by The Dalles’ Katie Conklin in the Bucks’ 61-59 win against the Riverhawks on Friday in Pendleton.

vided the team with a spark on a night where the energy was recognizably flat.

“That’s how I like to play basketball is aggressive and take it to the hole and keep playing hard,” Bodmer said. “I think our team has a lot of intensity, but I just think we could’ve had more.”

“I don’t think we ever got the tempo that we usually get,” Gomez said. “We were kind of monotone. We sort of stayed at the same lev-

el. We didn’t really get into great spurts — like we’re normally used to.”

Bodmer scored 19 of her game-high 21 points in the first three quarters of play. Her final made basket of the game provided the Buckaroos with their last field goal of the game and a seven point lead with 43.5 seconds to go. Following Bodmer’s layup, the Buckaroos would turn it over on two of their next three possessions, each

against the frenzied Riverhawk fullcourt pressure. First Kristin Williams’ pass was deflected and intercepted by Conklin. After Shelby Greb sank a pair of free throws to give Pendelton a 60-54 lead, Kailin Hoylman found the net from three and Lindsay was called for steps after two Riverhawk defenders corralled her with 12.5 seconds to play.

“I don’t know where my head was, but it wasn’t in the game really,” said Lindsay, who eight assists despite a slew of giveaways. “I had too many turnovers throughout the game.”

“I feel like it was closer than it should’ve been — a lot closer.”

Kiana Sperl had nine points and 12 rebounds in the win.

The Dalles starting center Olivia Starks was held out with mononucleoses.

The Buckaroos will have to clean up the mistakes before and step up the intensity before taking on top-ranked rival Hermiston on Tuesday at Warberg Court.

“It’ll be a battle. It always is. Last year it was, we contended with them. I hope to contend with theme again,” Gomez said.

“But we’ll see, they’re on fire.”

PENDLETON 61, THE DALLES 59
TDW 8 17 13 21 — 59
PEN 15 13 18 13 — 61
THE DALLES — K. Hoylman 7, Telles 12, L. Cimmmyotti 13, M. Goslin 0, J. Bonham 8, B. McCall 9, K. Conklin 10.
PENDLETON — S. Greb 4, D. Lindsay 9, H. Greb 2, K. Sperl 9, K. Williams 8, L. Taylor 2, M. Bodmer 21, C. Hoffman 0, K. McGlothlin 6.
3-point field goals — TDW 7, PEN 2. **Free throws** — TDW 10-14, PEN 15-21. **Fouls** — TDW 18, PEN 15.