

Prep Swimming

Bucks swim to district title

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HOOD RIVER — Led by 100-yard backstroke champion Jon Jennings, the Pendleton boys swim team brought back a team title from the Columbia River Conference district meet over the weekend.

Jennings, a sophomore, touched the wall .23 seconds ahead of Hood River Valley junior David Walker to win Pendleton's only district gold medal, and the Bucks held off the Eagles 189.5-178.5 for the team championship.

Pendleton's girls were second behind Hood River with 143 points, but did not advance any swimmers to the state meet.

Only champions earned automatic berths, while second-place finishers had to hope for one of only four wild-card berths awarded statewide.

Both of Pendleton's short relays were able to make the cut, as was senior Nate Rickman in one of his individual events.

The 200-yard freestyle team of Dylan Clemons, Rickman, Lukas Johnson and Grant Banister posted a time of 1:37.28 to earn a lane in the state pool. Jennings and Layton Kirsch will replace Clemons and Banister on the state team.

The 200 medley team made state with a time of 1:48.25 with Jennings, Clemons, Kirsch and Colin Rickman swimming legs. Nate Rickman will take the place of his younger brother on the state team.

The Buckaroo senior will also compete in the 50-yard freestyle. He was second in the district with a time of 23.74. He also placed second in the 200 freestyle, but his time of 1:57.23 wasn't fast enough for a state berth.

Pendleton's final state berth went to Jennings with second place in the 100 freestyle. He finished in a dead heat with Hood River Valley's Stanley Ochesky in 51.99, and both qualified for state.

Team Scores Boys: 1. Pendleton 189.5, 2. Hood River 178.5, 3. The Dalles 62, 4. Hermiston 51. Girls: 1. Hood River 186, 2. Pendleton 143, 3. The Dalles 108, 4. Hermiston 60.

Pendleton Top 3 placers: Boys: 200 freestyle relay, 2nd, 1:37.28; Dylan Clemons — 2nd, 100 breaststroke, 1:23.01; 3rd, 500 freestyle, 6:50.18; Jon Jennings — 1st, 100 backstroke, 58.32; 2nd, 100 freestyle, 51.99; Ryan Headley — 3rd, 100 backstroke, 1:09.71; Lukas Johnson — 3rd, 500 freestyle, 5:38.17; 3rd, 200 freestyle, 1:57.61; Layton Kirsch — 2nd, 100 butterfly, 59.90; 2nd, 200 individual medley, 2:15.73; Nate Rickman — 2nd, 50 freestyle, 23.74; 2nd, 200 freestyle, 1:57.23. Girls: 400 freestyle relay, 2nd, 4:56.97; 200 freestyle relay, 3rd, 1:52.68; Courtney Cornie — 2nd, 100 breaststroke, 1:19.72; 2nd 100 backstroke, 1:05.80; Olivia Broker — 3rd, 100 breaststroke, 1:23.01; 3rd, 500 freestyle, 6:50.18; Bethany Van Cleave — 2nd, 500 freestyle, 6:05.10; Sam Schmitz — 3rd, 100 freestyle, 1:00.62; 2nd 50 freestyle, 26.64; Oceane Schreier — 3rd, 200 individual medley, 2:47.55.

Hermiston Top 3 placers: Girls: 400 freestyle relay, 3rd, 5:06.6

Pendleton starts fast, wins in landslide

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HOOD RIVER — The Pendleton Buckaroos wasted no time getting to work on a Columbia River Conference rout on Tuesday, and easily put away Hood River Valley 77-35.

Pendleton (14-8, 4-3 CRC) opened with 28 points in the first quarter.

"Our legs were feeling good, our momentum was feeling good. We were attacking the basket and every-

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thing just worked for us," said Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez.

Darian Lindsey led the Bucks with an unconventional double-double, adding 10 assists to her game-

high 15 points. She also had eight steals.

Eleven Bucks scored in the game, and Haley Greb, Marlene Bodmer and Kalan McGlothran added 10 points each.

Jestena Mattson had nine points to lead the Eagles (5-17, 0-7), which lost their seventh straight.

Pendleton snapped a two-game skid and has a one-game lead on The Dalles for second place with two games left in the regular season.

Pendleton hosts The Dalles on Friday at 7 p.m., then ends with Hermiston on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

PENDLETON 77, HOOD RIVER VALLEY 35 PHS (14-8) 28 10 18 21 - 77 HRV (5-17) 7 6 13 9 - 35

PHS BOYS: Bucks can clinch title Friday

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had the bigger run," said Green, who finished with 16 points.

It didn't hurt matters that the Eagles were ice cold from distance. After HRV sank 14 of 24 3-point tries in the first meeting at Warberg, they managed to make just 4 of 16 Tuesday. The Eagles weren't without clear looks. "Thankfully they weren't that hot tonight because we couldn't stay in front of them in man-to-man so we had to go zone and just pray they didn't start stroking too many threes," Broaddus said. "We just had to make sure they didn't get as many shots off as they did (last time)," Green said. "I don't know how many they got off, but it wasn't as much as last time."

Broaddus' first year at the helm at PHS is shaping up to be a special one. The Buckaroos rose to as high as fourth in the



Class 5A rankings in January before things came crashing to a halt at the season's cross-section. The Buckaroos lost its first two league games, but picked things

Pendleton's Caden Smith shoots the ball in front of Hood River's Scottie Ziegner in the Bucks' 72-60 win against the Eagles on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

back up to win five straight to push towards a league title and maybe more.

Pendleton travels to The Dalles on Friday to try and clinch the league title. They finish the season Tuesday with a home contest versus Hermiston.

PENDLETON 72, HOOD RIVER VALLEY 60 HRV (11-10) 15 9 15 21 - 60 PHS (15-7) 18 17 16 21 - 72

PREPS: Yensen leads Mac-Hi boys to playoff win

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"It feels really good," Watson said following her 13-point performance Tuesday. "We worked really hard. We've been spending all season... This was our goal, to get to state, and we did it."

Currently, the Vikings (19-6) are ranked seventh by the Oregon Schools Activities Association, and a win over Vale would certainly boost that ranking. If Umatilla loses, however, the Vikings will have a tough game in the play-in round of the state tournament.

Umatilla used a late 8-0 run capped by a put-back from Iri Campos to ice the win Tuesday. Nyssa closed its 13-point halftime deficit to just five points early in the fourth quarter when Umatilla went on its game-sealing run.

Despite the close margin, Watson said the Lady Vikings didn't doubt they could pull off the victory. "As long as we played our game, we were pretty confident we could make it," she said.

Sidney Webb and Kasandra Galbraith each added 10 points for Umatilla.

Jordan Martinez led Nyssa (8-16) with 10 points.

A tip-off time for Umatilla's game at Vale on Friday is yet to be determined.

that the Vikings will participate in the tournament.

"Our boys played awesome tonight from beginning to end," Umatilla coach Derrek Lete said. "I'm very proud of them, two years in a row going to state."

Lete was specifically complimentary of the team's defense. Umatilla held Vale to just seven first half points, all but ending the game with a 26-point halftime lead.

Umatilla was on fire from beyond the arc. The Vikings made 11 of 22 tries from deep to nearly outscore Vale from 3-point shots alone. Juan Coria led the three-point barrage with three makes a piece. Coria and Sanguino finished with 13 and 11 points respectively.

Umatilla will play at Nyssa Friday with the Eastern Oregon League title on the line. A time has not yet been set.

UMATILLA 62, VALE 35 VHS (8-15) 3 4 18 10 - 35 UHS (14-11) 15 18 16 13 - 62

MAC-HI 61, ONTARIO 50 — At Milton-Freewater, the Pioneers (5-16) extended their season one more game with a big night from Hunter Yensen in a Greater Oregon League playoff game on Tuesday.

Yensen scored a game-high 26 points, and hit all three of his three-pointers during a Mac-Hi run in the third quarter that put the Pioneers up for good.

"My guys came out and played tough," said Mac-Hi coach Jordon Poyner. "They really wanted this win and you could tell."

Carlos Angel added 17 points and Adrian Zaragoza chipped in 14. Shaun Hart led Ontario (4-22) with 18 points, but only scored three points after halftime.

"We played really well defensively in the second half, especial-

ly against him," Poyner said. Mac-Hi will play at Baker on Thursday for a spot in the state playoffs. Tip off is at 4:45 p.m.

MAC-HI 61, ONTARIO 50 OHS (4-22) 9 18 5 18 - 50 M-H (5-16) 7 17 18 19 - 61

From Monday

HEPPNER 47, STANFIELD 32 — At Hermiston, the Heppner girls went on a 15-4 run in the third quarter to pull away in Monday's Columbia Basin Conference district seeding tiebreaker.

Heppner went 21 for 29 at the free throw line, including 16 for 22 in the second half, and Jessica Kempken and Maddie Lindsay each finished with double-doubles.

Kempken had 13 points, 12 rebounds, and Lindsay added 12 points, 11 rebounds. Kelly Wilson scored a game-high 14 points and added three assists, three steals for Heppner (10-12).

Maddie Griffin scored eight points to pace Stanfield (9-14), which was playing its first postseason game since 2009, and Brittin Braithwaite added 12 rebounds.

The win earned Heppner a berth in the CBC semifinals against Weston-McEwen on Friday at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Convention Center.

Stanfield must play Culver tonight at 6 p.m. at Armand Larive Middle School in Hermiston. The winner advances to the CBC semifinals where they'll face Pilot Rock in Pendleton on Friday at 1 p.m.

HEPPNER 47, STANFIELD 32 SHS (9-14) 6 6 12 8 - 32 HHS (10-14) 13 8 18 8 - 47

HHS GIRLS: Headings adds 16 for Hermiston

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"She put us on her shoulder at times and became our spark both offensively and defensively," said Hermiston coach Steve Hoffert. "That kind of play was contagious and everybody else picked up their game."

Tavin Headings added 16 points for Hermiston (19-3, 7-0 CRC), which had closed a nine-point halftime gap to 35-33 by the start of the fourth quarter.

Brooke McCall tied Ramirez for the game high with 18 points to lead The Dalles (11-10, 3-4), which hit its first five shots of the game.

"I can sum it up in one word — energy," Hoffert said of the early run by the Riverhawks. "We were flat footed in the first half and kind of on our heels, just not shooting the ball confidently."

A pick-up in the defensive intensity helped the Bulldogs get some points off turnovers to start their comeback trail.

Hermiston had already secured its fifth-straight CRC league crown and will have two more games before hitting the state postseason. They'll play at Hood River Valley on Friday at 7 p.m., then finish the regular season on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Pendleton at 7 p.m.

HERMISTON 46, THE DALLES 43 TDHS (11-10) 15 10 9 8 - 43 HHS (19-3) 5 11 17 13 - 46

HHS BOYS: Zimmerly paces Hermiston with 15 points

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lead into the locker rooms at halftime. "We came out with a lot of unforced errors," McElligott said of the team's nine turnovers in the first quarter.

But The Dalles (3-19, 2-5) dialed in their outside jumper in the third quarter and Hermiston never led again.

Dillon Zimmerly led Hermiston with 15 points and Austin Naillon added nine.

Coby Conlee scored 13 points to pace The Dalles and Colin Noonan added 11.

The Riverhawks avoided a season sweep in their three-game series with the Bulldogs and snapped a four-game losing streak.

It was the third loss in a row and the fourth in five games for Hermiston, which fell two games out of first place with two to play.

Hermiston hosts Hood River Valley on Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and finishes the regular season on Tuesday, Feb. 24, at Pendleton.

THE DALLES 48, HERMISTON 44 HHS (6-15) 9 15 8 12 - 44 TDHS (3-19) 12 9 17 10 - 48

Sports slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL Tuesday: Vale at Umatilla, 6:30 p.m. Hermiston at The Dalles, 7 p.m. Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Weston-McEwen vs. Pilot Rock (Armand Larive MS), 7:30 p.m. Thursday: Mac-Hi at Baker, 4:45 p.m. Hood River Valley at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Friday: Weston-McEwen/Pilot Rock winner vs. Irrigon, (Pendleton Convention Center), 2:30 p.m. Pendleton at The Dalles, 7 p.m. Stanfield vs. Heppner (Pendleton Convention Center) 8:30 p.m. Saturday: Big Sky League district tournament (Hermiston HS), TBD Old Oregon League district tournament (Baker HS), TBD Columbia Basin Conference district tournament (Pendleton Convention Center), TBD PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL Tuesday: Nyssa at Umatilla, 5 p.m. The Dalles at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Wednesday: Ione at Arlington, 6 p.m. Culver vs. Stanfield (Armand Larive MS, Hermiston), 6 p.m. Friday: Stanfield/Culver winner vs. Pilot Rock (Pendleton Convention Center), 1 p.m. Hermiston at Hood River Valley, 7 p.m. The Dalles at Pendleton, 7 p.m. Heppner vs. Weston-McEwen (Pendleton Convention Center), 7 p.m. Saturday: Big Sky League district tournament (Hermiston HS), TBD Old Oregon League district tournament

(Baker HS), TBD Columbia Basin Conference district tournament (Pendleton Convention Center), TBD PREP WRESTLING Friday: Riverside, Echo at Special District 1 Tournament (Armand Larive MS, Hermiston), 5 p.m. Saturday: Riverside, Echo at Special District 1 Tournament (Armand Larive MS, Hermiston), 10 a.m. Heppner, Irrigon at Special District 4 Tournament (Enterprise), TBD PREP SWIMMING Friday: Pendleton at State Championships (Gresham), 6:30 p.m. Saturday: Pendleton at State Championships (Gresham), 6:45 p.m. COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL Friday: Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 7:30 p.m. Blue Mountain at Wenatchee Valley, 8 p.m. Saturday: Blue Mountain at Yakima Valley, 4 p.m. Eastern Oregon at Evergreen, 7:30 p.m. COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Friday: Eastern Oregon at Northwest, 5:30 p.m. Blue Mountain at Wenatchee Valley, 6 p.m. Saturday: Blue Mountain at Yakima Valley, 2 p.m. Eastern Oregon at Evergreen, 5:30 p.m. COLLEGE FOOTBALL Friday: Eastern Oregon vs. British Columbia (NW Cup, Clackamas), 1 p.m. Eastern Oregon vs. Simpson (NW Cup, Clackamas), 3 p.m. Saturday: Eastern Oregon vs. Simpson (NW Cup, Clackamas), 11 a.m.

Sunday: Eastern Oregon vs. Carroll (NW Cup, Clackamas), 11 a.m. Eastern Oregon vs. George Fox (NW Cup, Clackamas), 1 p.m. Basketball OSAA Boys Tuesday's Games THE DALLES 48, Hermiston 44 PENDLETON 72, Hood River Valley 60 4A Greater Oregon League MAC-HI 61, Ontario 50 3A Eastern Oregon League UMATILLA 62, Vale 35 1A Big Sky League: DUFUR 77, Ione 36 SOUTH WASC CO COUNTY 64, Mitchell / Spray 46 1A Old Oregon League: WALLOWA 49, Griswold 29 Girls Tuesday's Games 5A Columbia River Conference: Pendleton 77, HOOD RIVER VALLEY 35 HERMISTON 46, The Dalles 43 GOL District Tournament: ONTARIO 46, McLoughlin 21 3A Eastern Oregon League: UMATILLA 46, Nyssa 35 1A Old Oregon League: JOSEPH 43, Pine Eagle 36 NCAA Men Top 25 Tuesday's Games No. 1 Kentucky 66, Tennessee 48 No. 10 Notre Dame 88, Wake Forest 75 No. 13 Wichita St. 84, S. Illinois 62 No. 17 Oklahoma 71, Texas 69 No. 20 Baylor 64, Texas Tech 49 No. 25 VCU 74, St. Louis 54 Today's Games

No. 4 Duke vs. No. 15 North Carolina, 6 p.m. (ESPN) No. 5 Wisconsin at Penn State, 4 p.m. No. 11 Northern Iowa at Loyola of Chicago, 5 p.m. No. 12 Louisville at Syracuse, 4 p.m. (ESPN) No. 14 Iowa State at No. 22 Oklahoma State, 6 p.m. (ESPN) No. 18 Arkansas vs. Missouri, 6 p.m. Thursday's Games No. 3 Gonzaga at Pacific, 8 p.m. No. 7 Arizona vs. Southern Cal, 6 p.m. (PACN) No. 9 Utah at Oregon State, 8 p.m. (PACN) No. 16 Maryland vs. Nebraska, 4 p.m. No. 21 SMU vs. Temple, 4 p.m. (ESPN2) Pac-12 Today's Games UCLA at Arizona St., 6 p.m. (ESPN2) Colorado at Oregon, 8 p.m. (ESPN) Thursday's Games USC at Arizona, 6 p.m. (PACN) Utah at Oregon St., 8 p.m. (PACN) NBA Eastern Conference Atlantic Division Toronto 36 17 67.9 21 31 404 14% Boston 20 31 392 15 Philadelphia 12 41 226 24 New York 10 43 189 26 Southeast Division Atlanta 43 11 796 — Washington 33 21 611 10 Charlotte 22 30 423 20 Miami 22 30 423 20 Orlando 17 39 304 27 Central Division Chicago 34 22 630 — Cleveland 33 20 600 1% Milwaukee 30 23 566 3%

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