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## Sports shorts

### Bosh undergoes tests at hospital

MIAMI (AP) — Chris Bosh of the Miami Heat underwent testing at a hospital Thursday to assess a medical issue related to the area around his lungs, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.

Bosh and the team were expecting to have a better grasp of the situation Friday, said the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because neither the player nor the team had disclosed any specifics publicly.

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## FACES



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## PENDLETON

# Buckaroos cinch CRC crown



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THE DALLES — Once the Buckaroos started sticking to their game plan, things fell into place and Pendleton secured the Columbia River Conference title with a 48-25 win over The Dalles on Friday night.

The Dalles (3-20, 2-6 CRC) took a 19-17 lead into the locker rooms at halftime, but was held to a single bucket in the third quarter.

"We didn't stick to the game plan in the first half," said Pendleton coach Brian Broaddus, who led the team to its first league title since 2011 in his first season. "We were chasing too much out to the perimeter and we wanted to pack it in and force them to make outside shots."

Once the easy inside baskets

BOYS HOOPS	
 Pendleton	 The Dalles
48	25

dried up, The Dalles was no match for Pendleton (16-7, 6-2), which took a 33-21 lead after three quarters.

"The kids really cranked it up in the second half," Broaddus said.

Wes Persinger led the Bucks with 20 points Coby Conlee had 10 to pace The Dalles. They were the only players to reach double

digits.

Pendleton finishes regular-season play on Tuesday by hosting Hermiston at 7 p.m.

**PENDLETON 48, THE DALLES 25**  
PHS (16-7) 7 10 16 15 — 48  
TDHS (3-20) 7 12 2 4 — 25  
**PENDLETON** — Wes Persinger 20, S. Green 8, K. Quinn 6, J. Bratt 6, C. Smith 4, L. Winterton 2, M. Foreman 2, Q. Cockburn, T. Hancock, W. Morris, D. Roe.  
**THE DALLES** — Coby Conlee 10, C. Noonan 7, D. Wilson 6, S. Douthitt 2, D. Murr, T. Byers, A. Esiquio, S. Strassheim, R. Kohl, E. Flores, C. Walker.  
**3-point field goals** — PHS 2, TDHS 3. **Free throws** — PHS 6-9, TDHS 8-18. **Fouls** — PHS 17, TDHS 13. **Fouled out** — none.

## PENDLETON



# TigerScots get defensive



Heppner's Kelly Wilson draws a foul from Weston-McEwen's Sharice Quaempts in the TigerScots 56-39 win against the Mustangs on Friday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## GIRLS HOOPS

 WMHS	 Heppner
56	37

## WMHS forced 33 turnovers to earn state bid

By **ERIK SKOPIL & MATT ENTRUP**  
East Oregonian

It took three quarters for the TigerScots to dictate the frenetic style they had hoped to create.

But, once the mayhem struck, they thrived.

Leading third-seeded Heppner by just two in the final minute of the

penultimate period, second-seeded Weston-McEwen forced consecutive turnovers that led to Keegan Shepard baskets. The points off takeaways ignited an 11-2 run that turned a feeble lead into a comfortable one and eventually a 56-37 victory over the Mustangs.

With the win the TigerScots are state-bound for the second straight year.

"We all just really wanted it," said Shepard, who finished with 10 points, 14 rebounds and six steals. "This game was a big game for us and getting another week. We just wanted it that bad."

Shepard found herself at the heart of much of the action. Playing a fullcourt trapping defense, Shepard snatched the ball directly

See 2A HOOPS/3B

## HERMISTON

# Looking ahead, Bulldogs clobber Eagles

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HOOD RIVER — Their dismantling league foe Hood River Valley well underway Friday night, the Hermiston girls basketball team turned an eye toward the fast-approaching state postseason.

Using a variety of player and lineup combinations, Hermiston cruised to a 59-27 win — their ninth in a row.

"You don't get these chances this late in the season that often," said Hermiston coach Steve Hoffer. "We're looking to establish some role player minutes and get some other girls experience, so we used a lot of different lineups and combinations, and got to practice some different situations."

See BULLDOGS/2B

## PENDLETON

# Pendleton locks up second place

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The Pendleton Buckaroos surged past The Dalles in a wild fourth quarter to secure second place in the Columbia River Conference on Friday with a 47-39 win at Warberg Court.

The Bucks' 21-point rally in the last eight minutes was aided by a pair of technicals issued to The Dalles coach Dan Telles when the Riverhawks bench came to odds with the referees over a few non-calls late in the game.

"It was a close game," Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez said. "We were battling back and forth and switching the lead back and forth."

Darian Lindsey made the Riverhawks (11-11, 3-5 CRC) pay for their outbursts and went 12-for-12 on free throws in the fourth quarter, including all four of the shots coming off technicals.

The second time Telles was

See BUCKS/2B

## HERMISTON

# Echo wrestling caps successful first season

Riverside moves seven into semifinals

By **SAM BARBEE**  
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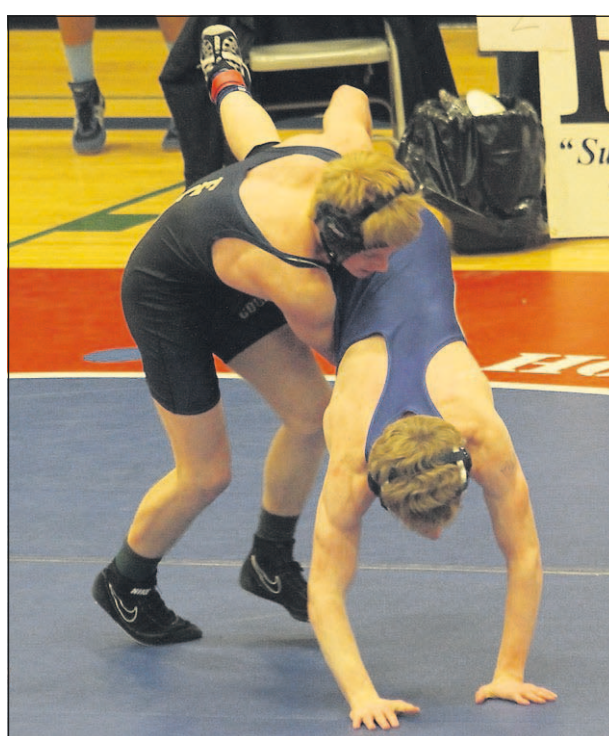
When Monte Tombs took over the infant Echo-Stanfield wrestling program, he said the focus wasn't on winning — yet — but instilling the love of the sport and building a foundation.

After a disappointing first day at the 3A Special District 1 meet Friday, that message was still firm.

"Pretty much every kid we have is a first-year wrestler," he said after the meet. "They stuck it in there. They battled. Even though we didn't win a match today, we still fought through every match."

The Cougars were pinned in every bout Friday by wrestlers from throughout the district. That didn't

See WRESTLING/2B



Echo's Colton Evans (left) throws Nyssa's Garrett Moyes during the 3A Special District 1 meet at Armand Larvie Middle School in Hermiston on Friday. Moyes would win by fall.

Sam Barbee photo

 Pendleton	 The Dalles
47	39