

BULLDOGS: Shooters adjust to surroundings

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we got it, and we made the most of it.”

Ramirez led Hermiston with 20 points, senior forward Tavin Headings knocked in four three-pointers to add 19 and five others scored.

Hermiston (24-3) has advanced this far just once before. In 2008, they met Jefferson in the Class 5A championship game, but fell 67-58. The past seven years have found the Bulldogs on the cusp. Hermiston reached the semifinal round each of the past two years but took losses to Springfield in 2013 and the Spartans team last season.

“This is our third time making a semifinal appearance ... It feels pretty great to finally break through the wall,” said Headings.

Now it’s a matter of bringing home the hardware.

“We’re going to celebrate for about five minutes and then we’re going to go start watching the next game,” Hermiston coach Steve Hoffert said.

The Bulldogs grew better acclimated to scoring in the collegiate arena Thursday. Hermiston shot a dismal 14-for-53 and came up empty on all 11 tries from beyond the arc in Wednesday’s quarterfinal win over Pendleton. They canned seven three-point attempts Thursday and made 19-of-54 total shot attempts.

“Yesterday I didn’t even know which line it was,” Headings said of shooting three-pointers.

She sorted that out Thursday and became Hermiston’s



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Hermiston’s Tavin Headings shoots the ball guarded by Corvallis’ Alexandria Vallancey-Martinson (30) and Grace Corbin in the Bulldogs’ 56-49 win against the Spartans on Thursday in Corvallis.

chief gunner. Headings sank three first half bombs including a halftime buzzer-beater to give her team a 32-23 lead entering intermission. She made another in the second 16 minutes.

In the second half Ramirez found her scoring stride. She netted 14 of her 20 points after halftime, including both three-point makes.

“It wasn’t just us that shot the ball like that, it was everybody team the first day — boys and girls,” Hoffert said. “The good shooters are coming back, getting their rhythm and knocking down their shots.”

The Bulldogs’ nine-point halftime edge reached double figures on two Ramirez free throws 10 seconds into the

second half. Headings’ fourth trifecta made it a 12-point lead and a Ramirez runner provided the game’s biggest lead at 39-25 with 4:47 left in the third period.

The advantage hovered between nine and 14 for the game’s remainder until Corvallis’ Sydney Joss followed up a teammate’s miss in the closing seconds to provide the final margin.

Jansen Edmiston was held below 10 points for the second straight game, but remained effective. She dished out seven assists and grabbed six rebounds.

Ana Dursch-Smith led Corvallis with 15 points.

Tonight the Bulldogs will take the final step to possibly hanging the school’s first girls basketball banner.

“We feel great about where we are, about how we’re playing,” Hoffert said. “We’re very, very happy where we are.”

HERMISTON 56, CORVALLIS 49
CHS 10 13 13 13 — 49
HHS 15 17 15 9 — 56
CORVALLIS (22-5) — Ana Dursch-Smith 4-8, 7-12, 15; Sydney Joss 4-14, 2-2, 12; Taylor Hurley 3-3, 0-1, 7; A. Vallancey-Martins 2-8, 2-3, 6; S. Vallancey-Martins 2-4, 0-0, 4; Hannah Creswick 1-6, 0-0, 2; Maggie Beck 1-2, 0-0, 2; Grace Corbin 0-0, 1-2, 1; Lily Beck 0-3, 0-0, 0; Alicia Szeto 0-0, 0-0, 0. Totals 17-48, 12-20, 49.

HERMISTON (24-3) — Sara Ramirez 7-16, 4-4, 20; Tavin Headings 6-12, 3-4, 19; Jansen Edmiston 3-11, 2-5, 8; Maddy Juul 1-2, 1-5, 3; Sydney Moore 1-2, 0-0, 3; Rileigh Anderson 1-2, 0-0, 2; Abi Drotzmann 0-3, 1-2, 1; Kynzee Padilla 0-4, 0-0, 0; Macey Foley 0-0, 0-0, 0. Totals 19-54, 11-20, 56.

3-point goals — Corvallis 3-13 (S. Joss 2-8; T. Hurley 1-1; H. Creswick 0-1; M. Beck 0-1; L. Beck 0-1; A. Dursch-Smith 0-1). Hermiston 7-21 (T. Headings 4-7; S. Ramirez 2-6; S. Moore 1-2; K. Padilla 0-1; J. Edmiston 0-5). **Fouled out** — Corvallis-H. Creswick, Hermiston-None. **Rebounds** — Corvallis 39 (A. Vallancey-Martins 11). Hermiston 37 (S. Ramirez 8). **Assists** — Corvallis 8 (H. Creswick 3). Hermiston 12 (J. Edmiston 7). **Total fouls** — Corvallis 18, Hermiston 14. **Technical fouls** — Corvallis-None, Hermiston-None.

Moda Health Players of the Game: Ana Dursch-Smith, Corvallis; Tavin Headings, Hermiston

LINKE: Joins former T-Wolves at Eastern

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years of school were very affordable. And the memories that she’s got and the friendships that she’s got she’ll have forever.”

Thursday, surrounded by the numerous trophies and two NWAC championship banners she helped bring to BMCC, Linke finally put ink to paper on the offer that eluded her two years ago and signed her national letter of intent to join the Eastern Oregon University Mountaineers next season.

The reigning NWAC Player of the Year said her second time through the recruitment process went much smoother.

“It was a lot different. The first time through I didn’t know if I wanted to keep playing,” she said. “I put myself out there a second time and I actually had to say no to some offers, so it was kind of nice to have a choice.”

Linke, who is well on her way to a career as a nurse, turned down scholarships from Division III University of Puget Sound and Whitman College, and NAIA Northwest University.

She’ll be on a full ride at EOU after combining athletic and academic scholarships — she also made the NWAC All-Academic team

with a 3.67 GPA.

“It doesn’t always work out like this,” Baty said. “Kids that work hard and do the right thing, sometimes it doesn’t always work out hat they get all their schooling taken care of, but it did this time and we’re so happy for her.”

It’s been working out this way pretty frequently for Baty’s players of late, however.

Linke joins former Timberwolves Piper Cantrell and Kendra De Hoog at EOU, and Crystal Schmidt (Carroll College) and Kelsey Mix (University of Alaska Fairbanks) both followed standout BMCC careers with full rides to four-year institutions.

“When we were doing our recruiting for this season we were making sure the kids knew where our athletes went to,” Baty said. “That’s a big part of it. They want to see that they have a shot to re-market themselves when they come up here, and have fun, and play championship volleyball.”

Linke was the driving force behind BMCC’s 2014 title run, hitting an NWAC-high 273 kills.

Eastern Oregon, which finished its 2014 season in the quarterfinals of the NAIA National Tournament, graduated its top attacker.

BUCKS: Williams leads PHS scoring in Corvallis

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back like we needed to.”

Parsons and teammate Brooke McCarty each hit a three-pointer during the push. Pendleton went 0-for-4 from the field and turned it over five times during the troublesome stretch.

“I think we had instances where we lost focus of what we were doing,” Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez said. “They couldn’t hear me. I think we knew what we were supposed to be doing, but this is a wild ride. You’re taking a lot in during these types of events.”

Still, Lindsey was able to recognize the significance of the team’s first state tournament berth since 2005.

“It was really nice being able to make it out here. We were really hoping to push and get a trophy ... because we knew we couldn’t do it,” she said.

“We know how much hard work it takes to get here and how much needs to be put in for next year to come back,” Gomez added.

Once again the Buckaroos struggled to get going offensively. While the team’s 15-for-47 shooting numbers were markedly better than Wednesday’s 8-for-39 versus Hermiston, the Buckaroos were just 1-for-10 from distance and



Pendleton’s Kristin Williams shoots the ball over Silverton’s Tessa Oster in the Bucks’ 54-42 loss to the Foxes on Thursday in Corvallis.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

turned the ball over 24 times.

Leading scorer Marlene Bodmer was again kept in check. The senior made just one field goal during two days of action, a second half layup versus Silverton that came after the big run. She scored seven points Thursday and 11 for the tournament.

For the second straight day senior center Kristin Williams led the team in scoring. Williams scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Lindsey had eight steals.

Silverton leapt out to a

7-0 lead in the opening quarter. Pendleton scored the next five points and eventually caught the Foxes on a Lindsey Taylor jumper in the first half’s closing seconds that sent the game to intermission knotted at 19-19.

Pendleton took its first and only lead of the game at 23-21 after Lindsey made a driving layup. Neither side led by more than three points until Parsons hit two free throws to spark the crucial scoring streak.

Parsons and McCarty

scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, in the victory.

“I feel like we never got the full potential we could’ve played, but the hustle was there and the hard work was there,” Lindsey said.

Starters Lindsey, Williams, Bodmer and Kiana Sperl all played their final game in a Buckaroo jersey Thursday. The group were each All-League performers this year.

“This is the worst time of year for me because I’m absolutely going to miss them,” Gomez said. “I just hope in some way I impacted them in some way that will help them on their road ahead.”

SILVERTON 54, PENDLETON 42
PHS 5 14 12 11 — 42
SHS 7 12 17 18 — 54
PENDLETON (17-11) — Kristin Williams 5-14, 2-2, 12; Darian Lindsey 4-11, 1-2, 10; Marlene Bodmer 1-9, 5-7, 7; Kalan McGowan 1-3, 2-2, 4; Kiana Sperl 1-3, 1-2, 3; Cece Hoffman 1-2, 0-0, 2; Lindsey Taylor 1-2, 0-0, 2; Haley Greb 1-1, 0-0, 2; Maureen Davies 0-0, 0-0, 0; Hattie Thompson 0-0, 0-0, 0; Shelby Greb 0-2, 0-0, 0; Delaney Clem 0-0, 0-0, 0. Totals 15-47, 11-15, 42.

SILVERTON (19-8) — Alia Parsons 5-12, 3-4, 14; Brooke McCarty 4-10, 3-4, 13; Maggie Roth 3-6, 2-2, 9; McKenna Chandler 2-6, 2-2, 7; Tessa Oster 1-3, 0-1, 2; Hannah Munson 1-5, 0-0, 2; Kayce McLaughlin 1-2, 0-0, 2; Megan Traeger 1-1, 0-0, 2; Hayley Smisek 1-3, 0-0, 2; Elena Smisek 0-1, 1-2, 1; Brooke Fenimore 0-1, 0-0, 0. Totals 19-50, 11-15, 54.

3-point goals — Pendleton 1-10 (D. Lindsey 1-3; M. Bodmer 0-5; S. Greb 0-2). Silverton 5-24 (B. McCarty 2-7; M. Chandler 1-4; M. Roth 1-1; A. Parsons 1-6; H. Smisek 0-2; B. Fenimore 0-1; H. Munson 0-2; T. Oster 0-1). **Fouled out** — Pendleton-None, Silverton-K. McLaughlin. **Rebounds** — Pendleton 33 (K. Williams 7). Silverton 32 (M. Roth 8). **Assists** — Pendleton 10 (H. Greb 3; S. Greb 3). Silverton 12 (M. Chandler 4). **Total fouls** — Pendleton 16, Silverton 15. **Technical fouls** — Pendleton-None, Silverton-None.

Moda Health Players of the Game: Darian Lindsey, Pendleton; Alia Parsons, Silverton

SCOREBOARD

Correction

Pendleton defeated Astoria 51-27 at the 1978 AAA boys basketball tournament, making it 37 years since the team’s last win at the final state. Incorrect information appeared in the articles “Cougars extend Bucks’ quest” and “Buckaroos eliminated after marathon nail-biter” in the March 11-12 editions.

Local slate

PREP RUGBY
Saturday
 Bend, West Linn at Eastern Oregon (Pendleton), Noon

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Saturday
 Green River at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m.
Sunday
 Centralia at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Today
 Everett at Blue Mountain (DH), 1 p.m.
 NW Christian at Eastern Oregon (DH), 2 p.m.
Saturday
 Corban at Eastern Oregon (DH), 11 a.m.
Sunday
 Walla Walla U. at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon

COLLEGE RODEO
Today
 Blue Mountain at Northwest Regional #2 (Walla Walla), 7 p.m.
Saturday
 Blue Mountain at Walla Walla doubleheader, 1:30/7 p.m.
Sunday
 Blue Mountain at Walla Walla doubleheader, Noon

Basketball

OSAA
Boys
5A State Tournament
Tuesday’s Games
 Mountview 58, Pendleton 50
 Silverton 46, Churchill 41
 Wilsonville 39, Springfield 32
 Marist Catholic 45, Summit 41
Wednesday’s Games
 Churchill 67, Pendleton 64 (4OT)
 Springfield 58, Summit 53
Thursday’s Games
 Silverton 59, Mountain View 51
 Wilsonville 46, Marist Catholic 41

Friday’s Games
 4th/6th place: #12 Churchill vs #6 Springfield, 10:45 a.m.
 3rd/5th place: #7 Marist Catholic vs #1 Mountain View, 3:15 p.m.
 Championship: #4 Silverton vs #3 Wilsonville, 8:30 p.m.

Girls
5A State Tournament
Wednesday’s Games
 Hermiston 48, Pendleton 30
 Corvallis 41, Silverton 40
 Crater 47, Springfield 36
 La Salle Prep 35, Hillsboro 25
Today’s Games
 Silverton 54, Pendleton 42
 Springfield 40, Hillsboro 29
 Hermiston 56, Corvallis 49
 La Salle Prep 47, Crater 39
Friday’s Games
 4th/6th place: #6 Springfield vs #5 Silverton, 9 a.m.
 3rd/5th place: #3 Crater vs #4 Corvallis, 1:30 p.m.
 Championship: #2 La Salle Prep vs #1 Hermiston, 6:30 p.m.

NCAA
Men
TOURNAMENT
American Athletic Conference
First Round
 East Carolina 81, UCF 80, OT
 Houston 66, Tulane 60
 UConn 69, South Florida 43
Atlantic 10 Conference
Second Round
 George Washington 73, Duquesne 55
 La Salle 76, UMass 69
 St. Bonaventure 60, Saint Joseph’s 49
 VCU 63, Fordham 57
Atlantic Coast Conference
Quarterfinals
 Duke 77, NC State 53
 North Carolina 70, Louisville 60
 Notre Dame 70, Miami 63
 Virginia 58, Florida St. 44
Big 12 Conference
Quarterfinals
 Baylor 80, West Virginia 70
 Iowa St. 69, Texas 67
 Kansas 64, TCU 59
 Oklahoma 64, Oklahoma St. 49
Big East Conference
Quarterfinals
 Georgetown 60, Creighton 55
 Providence 74, St. John’s 57
 Villanova 84, Marquette 49
 Xavier 67, Butler 61, OT

Big Sky Conference
First Round
 E. Washington 91, Idaho 83
 Montana 76, Weber St. 73, OT
 N. Arizona 63, N. Colorado 57
 Sacramento St. 70, Portland St. 60
Big Ten Conference
Second Round
 Indiana 71, Northwestern 56
 Michigan 73, Illinois 55
 Ohio St. 79, Minnesota 73
 Penn St. 67, Iowa 58
Big West Conference
First Round
 Hawaii 79, Long Beach St. 72
 UC Davis 71, CS Northridge 67
 UC Irvine 63, UC Riverside 54

Conference USA
Quarterfinals
 Louisiana Tech 70, Rice 64
 Middle Tennessee 59, Old Dominion 52
 UAB 53, W. Kentucky 52
 UTEP 83, FIU 71
Mid-American Conference
Third Round
 Akron 53, Kent St. 51
 Toledo 78, E. Michigan 67
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals
 Delaware St. 65, Howard 60
 Hampton 76, Md.-Eastern Shore 71
Mountain West Conference
Quarterfinals
 Boise St. 80, Air Force 68
 San Diego St. 67, UNLV 64
 Wyoming 67, Utah St. 65
Southeastern Conference
Second Round
 Auburn 66, Texas A&M 59
 Florida 69, Alabama 61
 South Carolina 60, Mississippi 58
 Tennessee 67, Vanderbilt 61

Southland Conference
Second Round
 Northwestern St. 96, McNeese St. 89
 Texas A&M-CC 61, New Orleans 58
Southwestern Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals
 Prairie View 62, Jackson St. 56
 Southern U. 64, Alabama A&M 60
Sun Belt Conference
First Round
 South Alabama 57, UALR 55
 Texas St. 68, Texas-Arlington 62
Western Athletic Conference
First Round
 CS Bakersfield 55, Utah Valley 40
 Seattle 49, Chicago St. 45
 UMKC 70, Texas-Pan American 61

NBA

Thursday’s Games
 Washington 107, Memphis 87
 Indiana 109, Milwaukee 103, OT
 Utah 109, Houston 91
 Cleveland 128, San Antonio 125, OT
 New York 101, L.A. Lakers 94
Today’s Games
 Sacramento at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
 Chicago at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
 Miami at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
 Golden State at Denver, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Portland, 7 p.m.

Hockey

NHL
Thursday’s Games
 Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2, SO
 St. Louis 1, Philadelphia 0, SO
 Colorado 2, New Jersey 1, SO
 Pittsburgh 6, Edmonton 4
 Dallas 5, Carolina 3
 Ottawa 5, Montreal 2
 Columbus 3, Detroit 1
 Florida 4, Winnipeg 2
 Los Angeles 4, Vancouver 0
 Chicago 2, Arizona 1
 San Jose 2, Nashville 0
Today’s Games
 Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.
 Dallas at Washington, 4 p.m.
 Edmonton at Columbus, 4 p.m.
 Anaheim at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
 Toronto at Calgary, 5 p.m.

Baseball

MLB Spring Training
Thursday’s Games
 Tampa Bay 10, Toronto 3
 St. Louis 8, Baltimore 2
 Philadelphia 6, Detroit (ss) 5
 Philadelphia 4, Detroit (ss) 3, 10 innings
 Boston 5, Pittsburgh 1
 Minnesota 7, Miami 6
 N.Y. Mets 11, Washington 9
 Oakland 4, Seattle 3
 Texas 7, Chicago White Sox (ss) 3
 Kansas City 10, Cleveland 5
 Milwaukee 5, Colorado 3
 L.A. Angels 10, Chicago Cubs 9
 Cincinnati 12, Arizona 4
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Atlanta 2
 San Francisco 7, Chicago White Sox (ss) 4
 L.A. Dodgers 1, San Diego 0

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

ANTHONY LANDEROS

Senior - Irrigon Basketball

Landeros led the Knights with 56 points at the Class 2A state tournament, tying him for the tournament high as Irrigon won its second-straight state championship. Landeros shot 63.3 percent from the field, including 57.1 percent from three-point range. The Knights combined to shoot 55 percent and tied the modern Class 2A record for field goal shooting at the final site.

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