

PENDLETON

Bucks go long, beat Kamiakin

East Oregonian

KENNEWICK, Wash. — The Pendleton softball team found its long ball in a 8-3 win over Kamiakin on Friday.

Darian Lindsey and Tiah Grass both hit two-run home runs as part of a five-run sixth inning that gave the game its final margin.

"I thought (Kamiakin's pitcher) was throwing well, but obviously she put a couple fat fastballs too far out over the plate and a couple of our good hitters got ahold of them," said Pendleton coach Tim Cary.

It was the first of the spring for Grass, who set the program's single-season record with 12 last year, and the second for Lindsey.

Lindsey had already gone yard once in the game,

another two-run job that briefly put the Bucks ahead 3-2 in the top of the fourth.

Lindsey (3 for 4), Grass (2 for 3) and Ellie Richards (2 for 4) accounted for seven of Pendleton's nine hits.

Keirsten Murphy picked up the win in her first start of the season and allowed two earned runs while striking out six and walking one.

Pendleton (2-0) will play five games over three-day stretch next week starting on Monday against Milwaukie and Oregon City at the Clackamas Tournament.

SOFTBALL



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Keirsten Murphy and Mykal Weissenfluh. Ramsey, Lowry (4), Earle (6) and Beckon. W — Murphy. L — Earle. 3B — Weissenfluh (Pendleton); Ramsey (Kamiakin). HR — Lindsey 2, Grass (Pendleton); Beckon (Kamiakin).

Prep Golf

Hermiston edges Pendleton for title

Bulldog boys win season's first round

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THE DALLES — The last time the Pendleton and Hermiston boys golf teams were on the same course, the Bulldogs edged Pendleton by a stroke at the two-round state tournament.

This time Hermiston increased that margin to 10 strokes, and brought back the team title with a score of 327 at the season-opening The Dalles Invite on Friday at The Dalles Country Club.

Keegan Crafton shot a 77 to lead Hermiston, and Paden Lacoursiere shot a 78. Pendleton's score of 337 was paced by Riley Hegart with a 79.

Nathan Som finished

third for the Bucks with an 88, and said players were facing moist fairways and fast greens on the overcast afternoon.

That didn't stop Seaside's Sam Hinton from breaking par, and he won medalist honors with a three-under 68.

Hermiston's other scores were: Zac Adams 86, JD Thacker 86, Anders Lind 93.

Pendleton's other scores were: Dillon George 81, Dakota Post 96, Jerald Geier 89.

Hermiston's next tournament is Monday at the Grandview (WA) Invite held at Black Rock Creek Golf Course in Sunnyside, Wash.

Pendleton is off until after spring break when they'll play at the Ridgeview Tournament on April 3 at Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Redmond.

College Rodeo

Blue Mountain rodeo extends region leads

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WALLA WALLA, Wash. — The Blue Mountain Community College men's rodeo team moved up to third place in the national standings with another dominant performance at the Walla Walla Community College double-header rodeos held March 13-15 at the Walla Walla Fairgrounds indoor arena.

The Northwest Region leaders won team titles at both rodeos, and dominated the all-around leaderboard while claiming five event titles.

The women's team also extended its lead in the region standings with twin team titles and a strong showing in barrel racing.

The men's team won most of its events in the single-round NW Region Rodeo No. 2 on Friday.

Jared Parke won the men's all-around title while competing in tie-down roping, steer wrestling and team roping. His top event finish was the tie-down title he claimed in a time of 10.2 seconds. Parke is ranked first in the region in both tie-down and steer wrestling.

Chase Hansen maintained his season lead in the all-around, finishing just behind Parke in those regards while also extending his season lead on the team roping heeler contender list. He and Clayton Hansen won the team roping with a 6.4.

They also lead the season standings.

Also topping their events at the rodeo were BMCC's Tyler Potter with a 65 in bareback riding, and Ryan Verling with a 68 in saddle bronc.

Callahan Crossley won the women's only event at the first rodeo, timing at 14.32 in barrel racing, and Danyelle Williams finished second in the women's all-around.

The titles were more spread out in the two-round second rodeo, but the Timberwolves repeated with the men's all-around title. This time it was Austin Thompson taking the honors with points in tie-down, steer wrestling and team roping.

Thompson tied for first in team roping, heeling for Jordan Tye for a two-round time of 18.6. He was second in tie-down with a 26.8.

Michael Pederson was second in the all-around and finished in the same place in steer wrestling with a 15.5 on two. He teamed with Johnpatrick Pederson for third in team roping with 19.9 on two.

Williams again placed second in the women's all-around and was part of a barrel racing sweep by BMCC as she finished second with a 28.99. Allie Brown was first with a 28.89 and Jessica Lewis was third with a 29.05.

Eastern Washington University hosts the next doubleheader on April 18-19.

BRIEFLY

HHSGA to host scramble at Big River

UMATILLA — The Hermiston High School Golf Association will host a two-person scramble at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla on Saturday, April 25.

Cost is \$55 per person (\$40 for student) if registered by April 11.

For more information contact Bob Brinkley at (541) 571-4647 or Mike Frink at (541) 701-4724.

Men's College Basketball

Favorites fare much better on Day 2

Associated Press

There were no big upsets in the first half of Friday's action in the NCAA Tournament. There will be, however, some good matchups in the round of 32, including one the state of Kansas has been anticipating for almost 20 years.

The Atlantic Coast Conference ran its perfect start to 6-0, and the Pac-12 is 4 for 4 so far. Big Ten teams are 6-1, while the Big 12 is 3-4.

SOUTH REGION

DUKE 85, ROBERT MORRIS 56 — At Charlotte, N.C., Quinn Cook scored 22 points to help No. 1 seed Duke get off to a torrid start.

Freshman Jahliil Okafor added 21 as the Blue Devils (30-4) wasted little time getting their offense revving, hitting their first seven shots and 12 of 15 to quickly build a big lead.

SAN DIEGO STATE

76, ST. JOHN'S 64 — At Charlotte, N.C., JJ O'Brien scored 18 points for San Diego State, and Dwayne Pol-eo II added 15 points on five 3-pointers against his former team.

Skylar Spencer added 10 points and seven rebounds for the Aztecs (27-8), who will face the top-seeded Duke on Sunday.

GONZAGA 86,

NORTH DAKOTA STATE 76 — At Seattle, Kyle Wiltjer scored 23 points to lead Gonzaga to the victory.

The second-seeded Zags (33-2) will play Iowa on Sunday to try to make the second weekend of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2009.

Sophomore Dexter Werner had a career-high 22 points — all of them entertaining — while keeping North Dakota State (23-10) within range for much of the game.

Kevin Pangos had 18

points for Gonzaga, which is making its 17th straight NCAA Tournament appearance but has gone five straight seasons without a trip to the Sweet 16.

IOWA 83, DAVIDSON

52 — At Seattle, Aaron White scored 13 straight points as part of Iowa's 18-3 run early in the second half, and the seventh-seeded Hawkeyes rolled into the round of 32.

White finished with 26 points as Iowa (22-11) used its significant height advantage to overwhelm the champions of the Atlantic 10 Conference regular season. Mike Gesell added 15 points for the Hawkeyes.

EAST REGION

MICHIGAN ST. 70, GEORGIA 63 — At Charlotte, N.C., Denzel Valentine scored 16 points and went 6 for 6 at the free-throw line in the final 30 seconds, helping Michigan State hold on for the win.

Travis Trice scored 15 points for the seventh-seeded Spartans (24-11), who answered a push from the Bulldogs with a poised run to take back control.

VIRGINIA 79, BELMONT 67

— At Charlotte, N.C., Malcolm Brogdon scored 22 points and Justin Anderson re-emerged as a scoring threat for second-seeded Virginia.

Anderson had 15 points on 4-of-6 shooting and Anthony Gill added 16 points for the Cavaliers (30-3).

NORTHERN IOWA

71, WYOMING 54 — At Seattle, Paul Jespersion led five Northern Iowa players in double figures with 16 points, and Sean Tuttle scored 14 for the fifth-seeded Panthers.

Northern Iowa (31-3) built a 21-point lead after scoring 11 of the first 12 points to start the second half. That lead was whittled

to seven points twice but the Cowboys could get no closer. Wes Washpun scored eight of his 10 points in the final 9 minutes to help the Panthers advance to face fourth-seeded Louisville on Sunday.

LOUISVILLE 57,

CAL-IRVINE 55 — At Seattle, Freshman Quentin Snider hit the winning free throws and Terry Rozier made the saving steal for fourth-seeded Louisville.

With the game tied, Snider snagged a rebound in the corner off a long miss by Luke Nelson and drew a foul when Will Davis II crashed into him.

OKLAHOMA 69, ALBANY 60

— At Columbus, Ohio, TaShawn Thomas had 18 points and Buddy Hield scored 15, carrying Oklahoma into the round of 32 after early exits the last two years.

The Sooners (23-10), who led wire to wire, advance to play on Sunday against the winner of the late game between Dayton and Providence.

DAYTON 66, PROVIDENCE 53

— At Columbus, Ohio, Dyshawn Pierre scored 20 points and Dayton rode a loud home-crowd advantage to another NCAA Tournament victory.

The 11th-seeded Flyers (27-8) will face Oklahoma on Sunday night, with a chance to reach the round of 16 for the second straight season.

MIDWEST REGION

WEST VIRGINIA 68, BUFFALO 62 — At Columbus, Ohio, Tarik Phillip hit a big 3-pointer for fifth-seeded West Virginia with 28 seconds left while the shot clock was winding down.

The Mountaineers (24-9) will take on No. 4 Maryland (27-6) on Sunday.

Devin Williams, who led the Mountaineers with 17 points and nine rebounds,

hit two free throws with 2:10 left to give his team the lead for good.

MARYLAND 65, VALPARAISO 62

— At Columbus, Ohio, Dez Wells turned an offensive rebound into a three-point play with 1:44 left, and Varun Ram stripped away Valparaiso's last chance as Maryland held off the determined Crusaders.

Wells finished with 14 points for the fourth-seeded Terrapins (28-6), including that three-point play that made it 65-61. Melo Trimble had 14 points and 10 rebounds for Maryland, playing in its first NCAA Tournament under fourth-year coach Mark Turgeon.

WEST REGION

WISCONSIN 86,

COASTAL CAROLINA 72 — At Omaha, Neb., Frank Kaminsky had 27 points and 12 rebounds for his 12th double-double of the season, and No. 1 seed Wisconsin got the win.

Sam Dekker had 20 points and Nigel Hayes added 15 against a Coastal Carolina team that gave a game effort but had no answer for the 7-foot Kaminsky or, for that matter, any of his hulking teammates.

KANSAS 75, NEW MEXICO ST. 56

— At Omaha, Neb., Frank Mason III scored 17 points to lead a balanced attack, and the second-seeded Jayhawks gave the Big 12 its first win of the tournament after three losses on Thursday.

Perry Ellis added nine points for the Jayhawks (27-8), who will face seventh-seeded Wichita State in the round of 32.

WICHITA STATE 81,

INDIANA 76

— At Omaha, Neb., Fred VanVleet matched his career high with 27 points and Ron Baker made big free throws late for seventh-seeded Wichita State.

PENDLETON: Morris impresses with relief effort

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Morris in particular caught the eye of Whitten. The unheralded sophomore allowed just one base runner in three innings of work in the second and kept the Falcons from adding to the 3-0 lead they opened with.

"I wasn't really expecting that from him because he hasn't really been one of our main pitchers," Whitten said. "He might end up being one. He threw really well today."

The Buckaroos strung together more than one hit in an inning just once in 14 innings Friday. Kyler Lunny and Devon Roe notched

back-to-back knocks in the opener's final inning. Roe's shot was a double, that plated Lunny. Brandon Hergert brought Rose around two batters later.

Pendleton finished with just seven hits on the day. Roe and Lunny had two each. Smith, Hancock and Papol had the other three. Papol shot a 2-2 pitch down the first base line for the only other Buckaroo extra base hit in the seventh inning of the second contest.

"I think we need to be better," O'Rourke said. "We've got a lot of good kids, we just need to sharpen some things

up. But, it'll come around. I think we'll be getting hot at the right time."

The Falcons starting pitching befuddled Buckaroo batters all day. Jacob Anderson and Sawyer Henry — both seniors — combined for 12 innings of shutout ball. Anderson allowed just one hit. Henry was hit three times. They each struck out seven batters.

Anderson is considered one of Washington's top pitching prospects and has litany of colleges chasing after him.

"He's probably one of the better kids we'll see all year I would think," Whitten said of Anderson.

Pendleton hosts another doubleheader on Monday. This time against Roseburg. First pitch on Monday is set for noon.

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Jacob Anderson, Matthew True (7) and Parke Donnell. Caden Smith, TJ Hancock (3), Jack Peterson (6), Wes Persinger (7) and Alex O'Rourke.				
W — Anderson. L — Smith.				
2B — Dustin Durlflinger (HHS), Brady Heid (HHS), Devon Roe (PHS).				

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Sawyer Henry, M. True (7) and Parke Donnell. James Bradt, Wyatt Morris (3), Quinn Cockburn (6), Kai Quinn (7) and Alex O'Rourke.				
W — Henry. L — Bradt.				
2B — Tony Papol				

OREGON: Young goes on 15-3 run before halftime

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playing better in February and March, it has been those two guys leading us."

Le'Bryan Nash had 18 points before fouling out in his final game for ninth-seeded Oklahoma State (18-14). Senior transfer Anthony Hickey added 17 points in his NCAA Tournament debut, and Phil Forte and Tavarius Shine finished with 12 points each.

"Give them credit, they're a tough team to stop," said Cowboys coach Travis Ford, whose team lost seven of its last eight. "We tried a couple different things and they made shots."

Nobody more than Young, who was the flashiest player on the floor — and that's saying a lot considering the Ducks wore their neon yellow and the Cowboys their blazing orange.

Oklahoma State actually did a good job of keeping Young in check most of the first half, denying him the ball and then clamping down when he finally got it. But when they loosened up just before the break, Young went on a roll.

He started by draining a 3-pointer with 4:08 remaining, and then hit another one from well beyond the arc. Young added two free throws, another 3-pointer, an 18-foot

jumper and then was fouled with 2.2 seconds left, converting both of those foul shots.

Suddenly, the high-scoring senior guard had gone on a personal 15-3 run, digging the Ducks out of a 36-28 hole and giving them a 43-39 advantage at the break.

"You can't give him any space," Forte said. "He'll make you pay for it."

Young's biggest highlight may have come early in the second half. The 6-foot-2 guard raced ahead in transition, gathered in a pass and threw down a dunk over Hickey before crashing to the floor — no doubt impressing his father, Michael, a member of Houston's Phi Slama

Jama.

Oklahoma State responded with a spurt of its own, regaining the lead on Hickey's 3-pointer midway through the second half. But the Ducks still had another run in them, this time with everybody but Young getting into the act. By the time Dwayne Benjamin stripped Nash and coasted in for a dunk, the 11-0 spurt had given the Pac-12 runner-ups a 70-62 advantage with 6:40 left.

The Cowboys trimmed their deficit to 70-69 a few minutes later, but Brooks added another 3-pointer, Jordan Bell added a dunk and the Ducks put the game away from the foul line.

HERMISTON: Naylor gets confidence boost in longest varsity outing

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Abi Drotzmann was 2-for-3, Mikayla Kopacz had an RBI single and five other Bulldogs notched hits.

It was a group effort to produce the six runs, which included bunts, sacrifice fly balls and RBI knocks.

"The bottom part of our lineup was really young today," Drotzmann said. "That showed them that they're capable of doing the same thing."

That bottom of the order, largely made up of juniors, with one sophomore, combined to go 3-for-7 with two runs scored. The nine spot,

which was a tag team from Kylee Green and Barton, never failed to reach and scored two important runs.

In her second and longest varsity outing, Breyanna Naylor picked up the win after two innings of shut-out ball in relief. The junior, who was on the junior varsity squad last spring, struck out one and threw just 26 pitches in her two frames of work.

"It was nice for us, and it was nice for Naylor, too," Lete said. "She came in, and I think it helps (starter) Julissa (Almaguer) out, too. It

picks her up. She came out, shut the ball down, had some confidence. We saw some things out of her that were exciting to see."

The deciding inning of Game 1 was broken open when Kopacz hit a double to plate Drotzmann to set off the explosion. Later, Kopacz took a double off the fence in center but was thrown out at third trying to turn it into a triple.

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HERMISTON 6, POST FALLS 4 (5 Innings)	202 00	—	4 9 2	
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W — Breauna Naylor, LP: Brook Bowers				
2B — Casey Goleeke (PPHS), Brook Bowers 2 (PPHS).				