

Prep Baseball

# Yensen gem lifts Mac-Hi in opener

East Oregonian

MILTON-FREEWATER — Hunter Yensen tossed a complete-game one-hitter and the Mac-Hi Pioneers opened their season with a 4-3 win over the Weston-McEwen TigerScots.

Yensen only needed 81 pitches and struck out 13 batters while walking only two.

Mac-Hi coach Mike Garcia said his own team's four hits in support is something he wants to nip in the bud this season.

"(Yensen) did his job, but I think we tend to rely on that a little bit too much and put everything in his hands," Garcia said.

Jacob Chaney hit a double for the Pioneers (1-0), but it was a gap-

per by Keaton Smith in the sixth that put their first runs across the plate.

Hunter Sater took the mound with bases loaded and one out for Weston-McEwen, and struck out the first batter he faced. But Smith followed with a two-RBI single.

With runners now on first and third, Garcia called for a delayed steal and Weston-McEwen made its only two errors in the game with overthrows of second and third base that allowed the tying and winning run to score.

The TigerScots dropped to 0-2 after opening with a 15-7 loss to Union on Thursday. The TigerScots were trailing 8-0 after the first inning in that one.

"We played a lot better today,"

said first-year Weston-McEwen coach Chet Sater of his young roster. "It was definitely first-game jitters (Thursday), and we really gave (Mac-Hi) a game (Friday)."

The TigerScots host Elgin for a doubleheader today at 1 p.m. Mac-Hi's next game is Tuesday at Waitsburg/Prescott, Wash.

MAC-HI 4, WESTON-MCEWEN 3		R	H	E
WM	000120	0	3	1
MH	000004	X	4	4

Sutter Ball, Israel Green (4), Hunter Sater (6) and Cedric Hall, Vince Roff (6), Hunter Yensen and Keaton Smith. W — Yensen. L — Sater.  
2B — Jacob Chaney (Mac-Hi).

**ORTING 5, STANFIELD 2** — At Ephrata, Wash., the Tigers fell behind 2-0 in the second inning and never caught Orting as they fell in their season opener on Fri-

day. Stanfield showed a little rust on the bats and only came away with three hits, but trailed only 3-2 headed into the sixth inning.

"Pitching and defense kind of kept us in the game," said Stanfield coach Bryan Johnson. "Offensively we had a few chances with runners on base but the bats were rusty — lots of pop-ups and not very many hard-hit balls."

The Tigers will continue out-of-state play today with two games in Cashmere, Wash.

ORTING (WA) 5, STANFIELD 2		R	H	E
OHS	020011	1	5	8
SHS	001010	0	2	3

Ernie Prong, Wilkins (7) and Taylor. Dylan Grogan, Klay Jensen (5) and Steven Allan, D. Grogan (5). W — Prong. L — Grogan. S — Wilkins.  
2B — Jensen (Stanfield). 3B — Lambert (Orting).

Prep Tennis

# Vikings take two from TigerScots

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ATHENA — The Umatilla Vikings earned dual wins on Friday by defeating the Weston-McEwen TigerScots in boys and girls tennis action.

The girls eked out a 3-2 victory in a closely contested match while the boys rolled to a 4-1 win.

The girls split their singles matches with Umatilla's Sydney Webb beating Weston's Amanda Kidd 8-3 in the No. 1 slot, and the TigerScots' Emmaline Irvine getting her team on the board with an 8-5 win over Brenda Coria at No. 2.

The doubles matches were even closer, with the largest win coming by just three points. Weston's Becky Taylor and Johanna Albert won the match-up of No. 1's 8-6.

Over on the boys' courts, Ramiro Rubio and Alejandro Madrigal tore through the top two singles matches for Umatilla, each winning 8-0. Elian and Giovanni Armenta won at No. 1 doubles for the Vikings, holding off David Froese and Curtis Papineau 8-6.

Weston-McEwen coach Troy Olson said it was a good season opener for his team, all things considered.

"Obviously we have a pretty young team and a lot of them played well, so I'm excited," he said. "We still need to improve but we have a bright future."

**Boys UMATILLA 4, WESTON-MCEWEN 1**  
Singles  
Ramiro Rubio (U) def. Caleb Olson 8-0  
Alejandro Madrigal (U) def. Kellen Fairchild 8-0  
John Cogswell (W) def. Joel Escamilla 9-7  
Doubles  
Elian Armenta/Giovanni Armenta (U) def. David Froese/Curtis Papineau 8-6  
Junior Garcia/Edgar Madrigal (U) def. Robbie Davidson/Dylan Eddens 8-1

**Girls UMATILLA 3, WESTON-MCEWEN 2**  
Singles  
Sydney Webb (U) def. Amanda Kidd 8-3  
Emmaline Irvine (W) def. Brenda Coria 8-5  
Doubles  
Becky Taylor/Johanna Albert (W) def. Kairy Escobedo/Natalie Armenta 8-6  
Alejandra Munoz/Espy Garcia (U) def. Lacey Kuehn/Mary Bageon 9-7  
Fatima Sanchez/Brenda Coria (U) def. Krysta Cahert/Christina Swafford 8-5

College Women's Basketball

# Beavers run past Jackrabbits

By NICK DASCHEL  
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — The shots weren't falling and Oregon State briefly found itself in danger of becoming the first team to lose to a No. 14 seed in the NCAA women's basketball tournament.

Beavers coach Scott Rueck looked at the first-half box score and immediately saw the problem: defense.

Third-seeded Oregon State turned up the defensive pressure after halftime, as Sydney Wiese scored 23 points and Ruth Hamblin scored 10 of her 17 during a key second-half run to lead the Beavers past South Dakota State 74-62 Friday in the opening round of the Spokane Regional.

Oregon State (27-4) trailed by seven points in the first half, and four early in the second half before taking control of its first home game in the NCAA Tournament.

Though the 6-foot-6 Hamblin led the second-half comeback, scoring five layups during a 12-0 run that wiped out a 36-32 deficit, it was Oregon State's defense that changed the game's momentum.

"They had four turnovers in the first half, in probably 35 possessions. That means we're not enforcing our will," Rueck said. "We got two



Oregon St.  
74



S Dakota St.  
62



**Oregon State's Jamie Weisner has her shot contested by a South Dakota State defender during the first half of a women's college basketball game in the first round of the NCAA tournament in Corvallis, Ore., on Friday, March 20, 2015.**

AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez

turnovers right away to set the tone, and that turned into transition points. Once we got into rhythm, everybody got a little more aggressive and it feels right."

South Dakota State (24-9) committed eight turnovers and shot 1 of 9 from 3-point range during the second half.

The Beavers' defensive surge actually started late in the first half, after South Dakota State had built a seven-point lead. Oregon State ran off 11 consecutive points to briefly take the lead, although the Jackrabbits rallied to lead 34-32 at halftime.

"I think we started to get some

traction defensively late in the first half, found our rhythm and found our identity on defense," said Hamblin, the Pacific-12's defensive player of the year who had seven rebounds and four blocked shots against the Jackrabbits.

Wiese hit five 3-pointers and tied her season high for points. Ali Gibson added 16 points for Oregon State, which earned its first Pac-12 championship this season. The Beavers, led by Deven Hunter's 12 rebounds, out-rebounded South Dakota State 38-31.

Macy Miller and Megan Waytashek scored 14 points each for South Dakota State.



AP Photo/Chuck Burton

**Louisville's Jude Schimmel (22) shoots between Florida State defenders during the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference women's tournament in Greensboro, N.C., Saturday, March 7, 2015.**

# Louisville faces tough road

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Every women's college basketball team's goal this season was to make it to Tampa, site of the women's Final Four.

Third-seeded Louisville finds itself here two weeks earlier than they might have hoped, sent on the road because its home arena is hosting men's tournament games.

That leaves the Cardinals with a tough path just to get to the Sweet 16, beginning Saturday at the Sun Dome — home of No. 6 seed South Florida (26-7).

"I think it's an advantage for us, not to have to play them at home," said Jeff Judkins, coach of 14th-seeded BYU, which won two games last year as a No. 12 seed and has a shot at another surprise run. "I feel bad that they've had a great season and they wanted to host, but sometimes things

have to bounce your way. Hopefully we'll take advantage of that."

Louisville (25-6) lost just one game at home this season, and they've lost only one game to an unranked opponent all season. Beat the Cougars on Saturday night, and they'll then have to face either USF, which went 12-2 on its home floor, or No. 11 seed LSU.

The Bulls have an elite scorer in guard Courtney Williams, who's averaging 20.2 points, while forward Alicia Jenkins averages 12.9 points and 11.6 rebounds per game.

LSU (17-13) has reached the Sweet 16 in each of the last two seasons. The Tigers opened the season 2-4, with leading scorer Danielle Ballard missing 14 games due to a violation of team rules. They have bounced back through a difficult SEC schedule, with wins against top-15 Mississippi State, Kentucky and Texas A&M.

NBA

# Payton's triple-double helps Magic end six-game losing streak

By KYLE HIGHTOWER  
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — In what has been an otherwise forgettable year in Orlando, rookie Elfrid Payton is doing his best to give Magic fans some hope for the future.

Payton had 22 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists, and the Magic snapped a six-game losing streak with 111-104 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Friday night.

The triple-double was the second straight for Payton. He became the first Magic player to post consecutive triple-doubles and the first NBA rookie to do it since Antoine Walker, with the Boston Celtics in 1997. "I was trying to set the tone early, (and) had a couple open looks," said Payton, who had only one turnover. "The ball kind of fell off the rim and I was able to get the put back. Just



**Rookie Orlando Magic guard Elfrid Payton shoots the ball while guarded by Portland Trail Blazers center Robin Lopez (42) and Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard (0) during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Orlando, Fla., Friday.**

AP Photo/Willie J. Allen Jr.

got it going early."

Victor Oladipo and Nik Vucevic each added 22 points. Orlando led by as many as 13 before the Blazers fought back to take an 86-83 lead early in the fourth quarter. But the Magic responded with a 20-8 spurt to help close out the win.

"I do see a different spirit (in Payton), an aggressiveness that is new in the last four or five games,"

Magic interim coach James Borrego said. "There's something different in his eye right now, and he makes us a very dangerous team when he's in that mode."

LaMarcus Aldridge led Portland with 31 points and 10 rebounds. Damian Lillard added 18 for the Blazers, who have lost three straight, with matchups against Western Conference front-runners Memphis and Golden State up next.

ECHO

# Dawgs sweep Echo Invite

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The Hermiston Bulldogs brought back both team titles and both individual wins from the Echo Hills Invitational on Friday.

Led by medalist Madison Welch, the Bulldogs girls shot a 356 that put them ahead of Heppner in the team standings.

The Mustangs were led by third medalist Sophie Grant with an 85.

For the boys, Jared Thacker took first with a 78 that led the Bulldogs JV to a winning score of 366.

Heppner was second with a 380, and Nixyaawii's Tiyyapo Farrow tied for third individually with an 86.

**Echo Hills Invitational Boys team scores** — 1, Hermiston JV 366; 2, Heppner 380; 3, Wallowa 403; 4, Pendleton JV 407; 5, Enterprise 475.  
**Girls team scores** — 1, Hermiston 356; 2, Heppner 337; 3, Pendleton JV 531.  
**Boys medalists** — 1, Jared Thacker, Hermiston, 78; 2, Kayden Mechem, Hermiston, 85; 3, Tiyyapo Farrow, Nixyaawii, 86; 4, Karl Wellens, Wallowa, 86; 5, Cade Gorham, Imbler, 87; 6, Ira Ashley, Nixyaawii, 87.  
**Girls medalists** — 1, Madison Welch, Hermiston, 78; 2, Saige Smith, Hermiston, 84; 3, Sophie Grant, Heppner, 85; 4, Lyndsee Anderson, Hermiston, 97; 5, Amanda Rea, Heppner, 98.  
**Hermiston Boys JV** — Brandon Cox 109; Kayden Mechem 85; Jared Thacker 78; Ty Knutz 94.  
**Echo Boys** — Brock Moffitt 89; Dustin Goldie 108; Ian Faulkner 130.  
**Heppner Boys** — Logan Grieb 89; Jesse Corbin 93; John Prophet 97; Ross Cutsforth 101; Brian Hill 107.  
**Pendleton Boys JV** — Trevor Reyes 103; Sawyer Powell 112; Kyle Curtis 97; Blake Kammer 95; Blake Frostad 113; Seth Wood 124; Luke Lovelock 122.  
**Nixyaawii Boys** — Tiyyapo Farrow 86; Elijah Bevis 106; Ira Ashley 87.  
**Pendleton Girls JV** — Britney Bahns 120; Cameron Snook 114; Deshon Dick 132; Alyssa Treloar 165.  
**Hermiston Girls** — Madison Welch 76; Saige Smith 84; Brittanee Hayden 99; Lyndsee Anderson 97; Makenzie Lind 136.  
**Heppner Girls** — Sophie Grant 85; Amanda Rea 98; Paige Grieb 99; Emily Rea 115; Riane Dornpiper 195.  
**Nixyaawii Girls** — Kaitlynn Melton 145; Alyssa Farrow 143; Shandiin Horton 150.

# MLB Zunino homers twice, Mariners tie

By ALAN ESKEW  
Associated Press

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Derek Holland pitched three scoreless innings in his spring training debut, but Mike Zunino homered twice as the Seattle Mariners and a Texas Rangers split squad played to a 4-4 tie Friday.

Holland, who had been restricted to one inning in a B+ game because of a sore shoulder, threw 32 pitches, giving up two hits and walking one.

"I was en fuego ready to get out there. I'm not kidding," said Holland, saying fire in Spanish. "I was 100 miles per hour in the dugout."

He added: "After that first inning was over, everything came back to normal. I had to settle myself big time."


Zunino homered off Rangers relievers Jon Edwards, a solo shot in the fourth with two strikes, and Spencer Patton with a runner aboard in the sixth. Alex Jackson, the Mariners' first-round pick in the 2014 draft, homered in the eighth.

"I feel like I'm night and day better," Zunino said when hitting with two strikes. "I feel like I know what I want to accomplish with two strikes."


Mitch Moreland hit a two-run homer for the Rangers in the seventh.

Mariners left-hander Roenis Elias allowed two runs — one earned — on five hits and two walks in four-plus innings.

Elias threw 72 pitches before being pulled after walking two in the fifth. "In the fifth inning, I lost my control," Elias said through an translator. "I tried to do a little more than I should be. I adjusted and got it back in a bullpen session."



Mariners  
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Texas  
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