

# Rodeo ready for another go



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**Preston Pederson of Hermiston competes for the Intermountain Rodeo team in tie-down roping at the Oregon High School Rodeo Association State Finals on Friday, June 14, in Prineville.**

## INTERMOUNTAIN RODEO

**Coach:** Curtis Pederson, 3rd year

**Postseason story:** The Intermountain team qualified 17 athletes for the national finals last season — each earned top 10 state finishes.

**Key returners:** (Boys) Preston Pederson, sr.; Calgary Smith, soph.; Kolby Currin, soph.; (Girls) Cheyenne Wolfe, sr.; Shandie Britt, sr.; Marlene Bodmer, sr.; Hailey Basford

2015 Schedule		
April 3-5	at Klamath Falls	TBD
April 24-26	at Hermiston	TBD
May 9-10	at Prineville	TBD
May 16-17	at Burns	TBD
June 10-13	at State Finals	TBD
June 28-July 4	at Silver State (NV)	TBD
July 12-18	at National Finals (WY)	TBD

## EAST OREGON SASQUATCH RUGBY

**Coach:** Eric Gabriel, 7th year

**2014 season:** 1-7; the Sasquatch lost its first seven games before winning its season finale.

**Key returners:** Billy Walton, sr.; Connor Hall, sr.; Noah Szumski, sr.; Sam Spratling, sr.; Ryan Richards, sr.; Gabe Goad, jr.; Jake Szumski, soph.; Scott Chamers, soph.

**Coachspeak:** "We're never going to overpower or out-athleticize othe teams, but we play smart and have a lot of heart."

**Key to the season:** The Sasquatch have already begun to carry the momentum from last season's final win to this year. Through four games, they've already doubled last year's win total, taking two contests out of four.

"They finally figured out how good they could be," Gabriel said. Junior Marcus Taylor has been a key cog to the team's success.

### 2015 Schedule

Sat., March 7	at Scappoose (2)	12:15 p.m.
Sat., March 14	at Grecian Heights Park	12:45 p.m.
Sat., March 21	at Grecian Heights Park	12:30 p.m.
Sat., April 4	at Lents Park Field (Portland)	1:30 p.m.
Sat., April 11	at Grecian Heights Park	1 p.m.
Sat., April 18	at Salem (2)	12:15 p.m.
Sat., April 25	at Lents Park Field (Portland)	1:30 p.m.
Sat., May 2	at Grecian Heights Park	1 p.m.

Umatilla and Morrow counties' high school rodeo team is undergoing a youth movement after graduating a large senior class in 2014, but that doesn't mean there will be a dropoff in talent.

As they enter the spring portion of their schedule, Hermiston's Preston Pederson has emerged as an all-around contender for the boys team, which also returns last season's Rookie of the Year in Athena's Calgary Smith.

The girls return reigning Oregon High School Rodeo Queen and barrel racer Cheyenne Wolfe of Hermiston.

The team hosts its home rodeo in Hermiston at Farm-City Arena on April 24-26.

## BULLDOG LACROSSE

**Coach:** Scott Hammond, 3rd year

**2014 season:** 4-9, (2-4 High Desert League) no playoffs

**Key returners:** MJ Artega, sr.; Brandy Christensen, sr.; Noah Davis, sr.; Chris Jones, soph. Julio Monclava, sr.;Trey Montez, sr.Jesee Rodelo, sr.

**Key to the season:** Last year, the Bulldogs finished with 22 players on the roster, and this year its ballooned up to 42.

Most of the program is made up of sophomores and freshman, so its set up for the future. Hammond said the goal is getting everything moving upward and hopefully get some wins along the way.

"We're trying to get everything moving in the right direction," he said. "Try to keep continue growing out numbers, try to grow lacrosse into an official sport and all the recognition that comes along with that. We still feel like we have a team that should be competitive in every game."

### 2015 Schedule

Mon., March 16at Southridge (L 11-7)	Sat., April 18	at Ridgeview 5 p.m.	
Sun., March 22 vs. Canby 2 p.m.	Tue., April 21	at La Salle Prep7 p.m.	
Wed., March 25vs. Richland 5 p.m.	Fri., April 24	vs. Burns 5 p.m.	
Wed., April 1	at HRV 7 p.m.	Sat., April 25 vs. Central Valley3 p.m.	
Fri., April 3	at Redmond 3 p.m.	Tue., April 28 vs. Southridge5 p.m.	
Sat., April 4	at Sisters Noon	Sat., May 2 vs. Mt. View 3 p.m.	
Fri., April 10	at Richland 7 p.m.	Sun., May 3 vs. Bend 1 p.m.	
Tue., April 14	at Central Valley6 p.m.	Sat., May 9	at Tournament TBD
Fri., April 17	at Summit 6 p.m.	Sun., May 10	at Tournament in TBD

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