

## Sivey takes reigns for Dawgs

The Hermiston girls tennis team was left in a good place.

Richole Berger and her father Curt instilled a willingness to constantly play and improve, said first year head coach Jason Sivey. The Bulldogs sent a doubles team to state last year, and Sivey expects the same from his squad in 2015.

"I have high expectations for this team," Sivey said. "I think we're gonna compete really well at districts and we should do really well in league and take a few girls to state. They want to hit and they want to get better. They've done a lot of work in the offseason that should pay off in the regular season."

He said even before the sea-

son started, girls were at the courts hitting, trying to put themselves ahead of schedule. That's a holdover from the Berger era, when the philosophy was to hit as much as possible.

It's stayed, and it's really impressive Sivey.

"That's probably the best thing," he said. "They're motivated to improve themselves."

Hermiston returns both those state participants, Briana Wolfe and Chy Peterson, and also return a hefty portion of its roster.

"They're gonna have to step up and carry the team," Sivey said of the sophomores. "They'll step up and make it happen. They'll be on a learning curve for sure."

### HELIX TENNIS

**Coach:** Sue Herbert Holden, 2nd year

**Postseason story:** The Grizzlies did not have any state qualifiers last season.

**Key returners:** (Boys) John Shaw, soph.; Kaden Marks, soph.; Jake Sprenger, soph.; (Girls) Kyla Roberts, jr.; Sierra Bryant, soph.

**Coachspeak:** "We have seven returning, and five new players who are all brand new to tennis. There's lots of enthusiasm and potential there."



#### 2015 Schedule

Thu., March 19	at Umatilla	4 p.m.
Tue., March 31	at Stanfield	4:30 p.m.
Tue., April 7	at Mac-Hi	4 p.m.
Thu., April 9	at Umatilla	4 p.m.
Fri., April 10	vs Riverside	4 p.m.
Tue., April 14	at lone	4 p.m.
Thu., April 17	vs Stanfield/Weston-McEwen	4 p.m.
Sat., April 18	at Mac-Hi Tourney	TBD
Tue., April 21	at Mac-Hi	4 p.m.
Thu., April 23	vs Stanfield	4 p.m.
Fri., April 24	vs lone	4 p.m.
Tue., April 28	vs. Umatilla/Weston-McEwen	4 p.m.
Sat., May 2	Helix Invite (at Hermiston)	9 a.m.
Tue., May 5	vs Weston-McEwen	4 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., May 8-9	at Districts (Hermiston)	9 a.m.
Fri.-Sat., May 15-16	at Regionals (Kennewick)	9 a.m.

### WESTON-McEWEN TENNIS

**Coach:** Troy Olson, 3rd year

**Postseason story:** The TigerScots did not advance any players to state last season.

**Key returners:** (Boys) Caleb Olson, sr.; David Froese, soph.; Michael Shafer, soph.; Ryan Schmitdgall, soph.



#### 2015 Schedule

Fri., March 20	at Umatilla	1 p.m.
Tue., March 31	at Stanfield	4:30 p.m.
Tue., April 7	at Riverside	4 p.m.
Thu., April 9	at Mac-Hi	4 p.m.
Thu., April 16	at lone	4 p.m.
Fri., April 17	vs Stanfield/Helix/Condon	4 p.m.
Thu., April 23	vs Mac-Hi	4 p.m.
Fri., April 24	vs Riverside	4 p.m.
Tue., April 28	vs Helix	4 p.m.
Thu., April 30	vs Helix/Umatilla	4 p.m.
Sat., May 2	Helix Invite (at Hermiston)	9 a.m.
Thu., May 7	vs lone	4 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., May 8-9	at Districts (Hermiston)	9 a.m.
Fri.-Sat., May 15-16	at Regionals (Kennewick)	9 a.m.

### HERMISTON GIRLS

**Coach:** Jason Sivey, 1st year

**Postseason story:** Hermiston had one doubles team reach the state quarterfinals.

**Key returners:** Briana Wolfe, sr.; Katelyn Millard, soph.; Jaycee Ternes, soph.; Athen Reid, sr.; Kylie Markwick, jr.; Chy Peterson, sr.; Whitney McMahon, jr.; Tania Jaime-Sanchez, jr.; Morgan Wilson, soph.



#### 2015 Schedule

Sat., March 21	at Davis Tournament	9 a.m.
Wed., April 8	The Dalles	4 p.m.
Tue., April 14	at Pendleton	4 p.m.
Thu., April 16	vs. Hood River Valley	4 p.m.
Wed., April 22	vs. The Dalles	4 p.m.
Fri., April 24	at Capital Invitational	9 a.m.
Sat., April 25	at Capital Invitational	8 a.m.
Thu., April 30	vs. Pendleton	4 p.m.
Fri., May 1	at Bend Tournament	TBD
Sat., May 2	at Bend Tournament	TBD
Wed., May 6	at Hood River Valley	4 p.m.
Fri., May 8	vs Pendleton	4 p.m.
Fri., May 15-16	at Districts	TBD

### UMATILLA TENNIS

**Coach:** Calvin Meade, 1st year

**Postseason story:** The Vikings advanced one boy and two girls to state but did not win any matches.

**Key returners:** (Girls) Sidney Webb, jr.; (Boys) Ramiro Rubio, sr.; Alejandro Madrigal, sr.



#### 2015 Schedule

Mon., March 16	at Pendleton	4 p.m.
Thu., March 19	vs. Helix	4 p.m.
Fri., March 20	vs Weston-McEwen	1 p.m.
Tue., March 31	vs Condon	3:30 p.m.
Fri., April 3	vs Riverside	4 p.m.
Tue., April 7	vs lone	3:30 p.m.
Thu., April 9	vs Helix	4 p.m.
Mon., April 13	vs McLoughlin	4 p.m.
Tue., April 14	at Condon	3:30 p.m.
Sat., April 18	at McLoughlin Tournament	9 a.m.
Tue., April 21	vs Sherman County	4 p.m.
Tue., April 28	at Sherman County	4 p.m.
Thu., April 30	at Helix/Weston-McEwen	4 p.m.
Fri., May 1	at lone	12 p.m.
Sat., May 2	at Helix Tournament at Hermiston	10 a.m.
Fri.-Sat., May 8-9	at Districts (Hermiston)	9 a.m.
Fri.-Sat., May 15-16	at Regionals (Kennewick)	9 a.m.

## Sisters return for another state run

Sisters Keziah and Keren Hampton reached the state consolation semifinals last season. They'll try to improve upon that finish in their final season with the Buckaroos.

While the Hamptons are locked in as the top doubles partners, the competition for the top singles spot couldn't be more open. Foreign exchange student Matilde Cittadini and seniors Meagan Flanagan and Sam Bixler will continue to duke it out for top honors in the first few weeks of the season.

The trio has big shoes to fill, after Jessica Clark reached state last year.

"I think we'll have good

competition there," said Pendleton coach Rocky Dillenburg. "I'm just hoping that they'll improve and by the time we hit districts they'll be playing at the top of their games and at least have a shot to compete (for state)."

Cittadini, originally from Italy, got the nod as the top singles player in the first match of the season versus Umatilla. Flanagan and Bixler played in the second and third singles matches respectively.

Seniors Christian Thompson and Kiana Spel are expected to retain their roles as doubles partners for the PHS No. 2 team.

### PENDLETON GIRLS

**Coach:** Rocky Dillenburg, 11th year

**Postseason story:** Three Buckaroos qualified for the Class

5A state tennis tournament, advancing to the consolation semifinals in doubles.

**Key returners:** Keren Hampton, sr.; Keziah Hampton sr.; Maegan Flanagan, sr.; Sam Bixler, sr.



#### 2015 Schedule

Mon., March 16	vs. Umatilla	4 p.m.
Tue., March 17	vs. Baker	4 p.m.
Tue., March 31	at Walla Walla	4 p.m.
Thur., April 2	at Mac-Hi	4 p.m.
Mon., April 6	vs. La Grande	4 p.m.
Tue., April 14	vs. Hermiston	4 p.m.
Thu., April 16	vs. The Dalles	4 p.m.
Sat., April 18	Tournament	TBA
Tue., April 21	vs. Mac-Hi	4 p.m.
Wed., April 22	at Hood River	4 p.m.
Fri., April 24	at La Grande	4p.m.
Tue., April 28	at Southridge	4 p.m.
Thu., April 30	at Hermiston	4 p.m.
Fri., May 1	Tournament	TBA
Wed., May 6	vs. The Dalles	4 p.m.
Fri., May 8	at Hermiston	4 p.m.
Fri., May 15	Districts	TBA
Sat., May 16	Districts	TBA

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