

Prep Roundup

Welch, Smith guide Dawgs to win

East Oregonian

UMATILLA — Led by medalists Madi Welch and Saige Smith, the Hermiston Bulldogs won their own invite on Tuesday at Big River Golf Course.

Welch shot 10-over par with an 80 that earned her second place after a scorecard playoff with The Dalles’ Iliana Telles.

Smith also won a scorecard playoff to earn fourth with her score of 87.

Pendleton’s Haley Greb was the Bulldog Invite champion with a score of 78, and made par on her first five holes to take an early lead.

She and Welch were deadlocked at five-over par after 12 holes, then at six over when Welch made birdie and Greb bogeyed on the par-4 16th.

Both had fives on the next hole, and Greb grabbed victory when Welch carded a seven on the par-4 18th.

Smith was only one behind Greb at the turn with a 38, but fell out of title contention with a triple bogey on the 14th hole.

Greb, Welch and The Dalles’ Iliana Telles all shot 41 for the lowest score on the back nine.

Hermiston finished with a total of 366 to hold off La Grande (381) and Pendleton (384).

Bulldog Invite
at Big River Golf Course, Umatilla
Team Scores — 1, Hermiston 366; 2, La Grande 381; 3, Pendleton 384; 4, The Dalles 420; 5, Hermiston JV 445; 6,

Pendleton JV 537.
Individual leaders
1, Haley Greb, Pendleton 78
*2, Madi Welch, Hermiston 80
3, Iliana Telles, The Dalles 80
*4, Saige Smith, Hermiston 87
5, Shelby Greb, Pendleton 87
* won scorecard playoff
Hermiston scores — Madi Welch 80, Saige Smith 87, Taurine Brock 96, Sydney Adams 103, Lyndsee Anderson 104.
Hermiston JV scores — Brittanee Hayden 107, Makenzie Lind 109, Grace Blackhurst 109, Lexi Lambert 120, Sonja Peterson 128.
Pendleton scores — Haley Greb 78, Shelby Greb 87, Whitney Bahns 104, McKenna Pratt 115, Cameron Snook 129.
Pendleton JV scores — Deshon Dick 129, Miah Rueber 132, Alyssa Treloar 135, Kendall Blair 141.

Baseball

IRRIGON 12, STANFIELD 5 — At Irrigon, Fredy Vera hit the Knights’ first home run in two seasons and Nate Verley threw a complete game from the mound as Irrigon defeated Stanfield in a non-league game on Tuesday.

Vera’s homer was a three-run job to cap a seven-run fifth inning by the Knights and gave the game its final score. Verley allowed only one base runner in each the sixth and seventh innings to close out the Tigers (9-4).

Vera (3 for 3), Darin Chapman (3 for 4) and Cougar Kroske (3 for 4) led Irrigon’s offense, and Austin Rice added three RBIs.

Ryan Bailey (3 for 4) and Tony Flores (2 for 4) led Stanfield.

IRRIGON 12, STANFIELD 5

			R	H	E
SHS	300 110	0	—	5	7 4
IHS	301 170	X	—	12	13 7

Ryan Bailey, Hunter Barnes (5), Tyler Monkus (6) and Dylan Grogan. Nate Verley and Cougar Kroske. W — Verley. L — Barnes.
2B — Bailey 2, Tony Flores, Steven Allan (Stanfield). 3B — Alan Blackman, Austin Rice (Irrigon). HR — Fredy Vera (Irrigon).

Softball

RIVERSIDE 9, TRI-CITY PREP 4 — At Ken-niwick, Wash., the Pirated picked up their second win three games with a non-league victory over the Jag-uars on Tuesday.

Emily Kirby was 4 for 4 with two RBIs and Cassidy McCullough was 3 fo4 with a walk and one RBI to lead the offense, which put Riveside up 7-0 after two innings.

Skylar Wightman pitched the complete game giving up just four hits for the win in the circle.

RIVERSIDE 9, TRI-CITY PREP 4

RHS	340002	0	—	R	H	E
TCP	002000	2	—	4	4 3	

Skylar Wightman and Sadie Hasbell. Danika Whitalt and Maddie Bradner. W — Wightman. L — Whitalt.
2B — Cassidy McCullough, Emily Kirby (Riverside).

ECHO 14, HEPPNER 4 — At Echo, The Cougars captured a non-league victory behind a hot-hitting day at the dish Tuesday.

Hannah McCarty hit a two-run double to reach the 10-run mercy rule in the sixth inning to end the afternoon tilt. The Cougars (8-6) totaled four doubles and 11 total hits. They scored eight runs in the first three innings to grab control.

MacKenzie Gonzales earned the win, throwing six innings with eight strikeouts.

ECHO 14, HEPPNER 4 (6 innings)

			R	H	E
HEPP	004000	—	4	4	7
ECHO	244013	—	14	11 4	

M. Lemmon and T. Hanby. M. Gonzales

and E. Parks. W — M. Gonzales. L — M. Lemmon
2B — M. Correa (HEPP); E. Parks (ECHO) 2; M. Montoya (ECHO); H. McCarty (ECHO).

WESTON-MCEWEN 8, DAYTON (WA) 3 — At Dayton, Wash., Isabelle Dillow punctuated a sixth inning rally with a bases clearing double to help pace the TigerScots to a non-league win on Tuesday.

Trailing 2-0 after five innings, Weston-McEwen (9-5) hung five in the sixth and three more insurance runs in the seventh. Megan Coffman laid down a perfect bunt in the sixth to score a run an extend the inning and Jessica Pease drove in two runs on a single.

WESTON-MCEWEN 8, DAYTON (WA) 3

			R	H	E
WMHS	000005	3	—	8	6 2
DAYT	001101	0	—	3	5 6

J. Lambert and S. Peel. M. Robins and Mings. W — J. Lambert. L — M. Robins.
2B — Dillow (WMHS).

Tennis

MILTON-FREEWATER — Mac-Hi and Helix split boys and girls duals Tuesday at Milton-Freewater. The Pioneer boys bounced back to a 3-2 victory, while the Grizzlies girls won 3-1.

Boys
Mac-Hi 3, Helix 2
Singles: Jon Shaw (Hel) def. Rigo Ponce (MH) 8-4; Erik Jones (Hel) def. Deazen Zerba (MH) 8-3; Christian Gonzales (MH) def. Cody Dunn (Hel) 9-8 (8-6); Jose Abrego (MH) def. Allan Holden (Hel) 8-1.
Doubles: Cristian Torres and Jose Abrego (MH) def. Caiden Marks and Jake Sprenger (Hel) 8-3.
Girls
Helix 3, Mac-Hi 1
Singles: Maria Castillo (MH) def. Lynne Roberts (Hel) 8-0; Paige Gabriel (Hel) def. Erika Landa (MH) 8-1; Mecalca Espey (Hel) def. Samantah Baker (MH) 8-3.
Doubles: Kayla Roberts and Sierra Bryant (Hel) def. Joci Alvarez and Jennifer Robles (MH) 8-6.

PHS BASEBALL: Pendleton inconsistent in April

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but reliever Daniel Naughton ran into immediate trouble when he walked the first two batters of the seventh inning.

A double play got Pendleton (5-11, 1-2 CRC) into extras, but Hood River (10-6, 2-1) reliever Kel-

lan Duffy picked up right where starter Kam Walker left off and retired Pendleton in order in the eighth.

Naughton then hit the first two batters in the bottom of the eighth, and Patrick Harvey came around to score the winning run when Jack Peterson couldn’t come up with a bunt by

Dallas Buckley.

Walker held Pendleton to three hits and struck out six while walking only one.

Smith struck out three and walked four in his six innings, giving up one earned run on six hits.

Pendleton, which is 4-4 in its last eight games, will look for its first back-

to-back wins of the month of April when it hosts The Dalles on Saturday in a doubleheader at Bob White Field starting at noon.

HOOD RIVER 2, PENDLETON 1

			R	H	E
PHS	000100	00	—	1	3 2
HRV	100000	01	—	2	6 4

Kam Walker, Kellan Duffy (8) and Adam Cameron. Caden Smith, Daniel Naughton (7) and Quinn Cockburn. W — Duffy. L — Naughton.

with The Dalles in a doubleheader at Steve Cary Field starting at noon.

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PENDLETON 18, HOOD RIVER 5

			R	H	E
PHS	113427	—	18	21	0
HRV	200102	—	5	7	0

Keirsten Murphy and Mykal Weissenfluh. Kaylin Winans and Zoe Munn. W — Murphy. L — Winans.
2B — Jessica DeHart (Hood River); Ellie Richards 3, Payton Hergert 2, Lauren Richards 2, Lauren Roberts. HR — Jessie Karr (Hood River); Alexis Morrison 2, Hergert (Pendleton).

PHS SOFTBALL: Morrison, Hergert hit home runs

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0-3) in three games. The Richards sisters did much of the damage on Tuesday as junior Ellie went 4 for 5 with three doubles and freshman Lauren was 4 for 4 with two doubles.

The Bucks also went yard for the third-straight game and junior Alexis Morrison clubbed two home runs while sophomore Payton Hergert hit one to go

with her two doubles.

“I was very pleased with the way we swung the bats today,” said Pendleton coach Tim Cary. “Obviously, if you put that many runs on the board it should help your pitcher relax a little bit.”

Keirsten Murphy allowed five earned runs on seven hits, but Cary said he had no complaints with her one-strikeout, one-walk af-

ternoun.

“I thought Keirsten threw well today. I think Hood River is a very good hitting team, which they showed in a couple of innings. I think they’re a lot tougher than maybe the score indicated.”

Pendleton will finish its season series with Hood River on May 8 in Hood River. The Buckaroos’ next games are Saturday when they open their season series

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HHS SOFTBALL: Betz strong in relief but damage already done

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weekend, the backs were already beginning to fall against the wall.

Senior Madisen Ledbetter made her season debut in the circle for the Bulldogs. The pitching inexperience coupled with a slow-starting defense and error-plagued offense proved a poor marriage.

The right-handed pitcher’s season premier was devoid of major blunders, but included eight balls that landed in fair territory and six runners crossing home plate. The Riverhawks (11-5, 3-0 CRC) did all of their damage in her three innings in the circle, racing out to a 6-0 lead before regular hurler Taylor Betz entered and shut things down.

The six runs provided plenty of cushion for the visitors.

Hermiston failed to place a runner in scoring position until it already trailed by six runs. Riverhawk starter Maddy Bradford was unspectacular in four plus innings, but was able to retire nine of 11 Bulldogs to open. She lost control in her final two innings of work, creaking the door for the Bulldogs by walking five batters.

But Hermiston abandoned too many base runners. The fifth inning closed with the bases juiced and Breyanna Naylor at the dish. But the junior flew out to center field and Hermiston would never threaten again.

“Our bats didn’t wake up until the fifth inning. We

couldn’t put the bat on the ball, I guess,” Lete said. “We still left too many on base.”

Makenize Juul and Makayla Kopacz drove in the two Hermiston runs. Juul whacked a Bradford offering through the infield and into left allowing Drotzmann to round third to score. Kopacz similarly ripped a ball down the left field line to score Bobbi Hofbauer.

Three Hermiston errors in the opening third of the contest made things easier for the Riverhawks. Twice Drotzmann misplayed blooping singles to left field, allowing two base-runners to round third base and streak home for stand up runs.

The Bulldogs have not won a league game

since defeating The Dalles on April 22 of last year. They’ll hope to break out of their losing ways with a road doubleheader Saturday versus Hood River Valley, who’s also opened league play with three losses.

“I just think after going 0-3 we’re going to have a lot more drive that we should’ve had going into the first three,” Drotzmann said of the slow start. “Going to Hood River, none of the six seniors want to go 0-12 or whatever it is. We’re going to play our hardest.”

THE DALLES 6, HERMISTON 2

			R	H	E
DALL	114000	0	—	6	10 0
HERM	000100	—	2	5	3

M. Bradford, S. Watson (5) and G. Helyer. M. Ledbetter, T. Betz (4) and K. Wheeler. W — M. Bradford. L — M. Ledbetter.
2B — B. Hofbauer (HERM).

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday
Riverside at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Friday
Enterprise at Riverside (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Echo at Vale (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Culver (DH), 2/4 p.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD
Thursday
Heppner, Weston-McEwen, Irrigon, Pilot Rock, Helix at Heppner Invitational, 3 p.m.
PREP BOYS TENNIS
Today
Hermiston at The Dalles, 4 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
PREP GIRLS TENNIS
Today
The Dalles at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River, 4 p.m.
PREP BOYS GOLF
Today
Mac-Hi at Wine Valley GC (Walla Walla), 2:30 p.m.
PREP GIRLS GOLF
Friday
Hermiston at Wandemere GC (Spokane, Wash.), 9 a.m.
Heppner, Echo at Big River (Umatilla), 10 a.m.
PREP RODEO
Friday
Intermountain Rodeo 1 (Hermiston),

6:30 p.m.
PREP LACROSSE
Friday
Nadzitsaga at Hermiston, 5 p.m.
PREP RUGBY
Saturday
East Oregon at Eastside (Portland), 1:30 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Today
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain (DH), 1/4 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Friday
Blue Mountain at Spokane (DH), 2/4 p.m.
COLLEGE TRACK & FIELD
Thursday
Eastern Oregon at CCC Multi-Event Championships (Hermiston HS), 10 a.m.

Basketball
NBA Playoffs
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Tuesday, April 21
Cleveland 99, Boston 91, Cleveland leads series 2-0
Washington 117, Toronto 106, Washington leads series 2-0
Houston 111, Dallas 99, Houston leads series 2-0
Wednesday, April 22
Brooklyn at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 5 p.m.

Hockey

San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.
NHL Playoffs
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Tuesday, April 21
Detroit 3, Tampa Bay 0, Detroit leads series 2-1
Washington 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, OT, series tied 2-2
Nashville at Chicago, (n)
Calgary 3, Vancouver 1, Calgary leads series 3-1
Wednesday, April 22
Montreal at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Winnipeg, 6:30 p.m.

WHL Playoffs
SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Friday, Apr. 24
Calgary at Brandon, 4:30 p.m. (Series tied 0-0)
Portland at Kelowna, 6:05 p.m. (Series tied 0-0)

Baseball
American League
Tuesday’s Games
Toronto 13, Baltimore 6

PENDLETON



Kalli Chason photo courtesy of Portland State Athletics

Kristen Crawford, of Pendleton, pitches for Portland State during a game this season.

Crawford earns weekly Big Sky pitching award

East Oregonian

OGDEN, Utah — Portland State’s Kristen Crawford earned this week’s Big Sky Conference Pitcher of the Week nod for leading the Vikings to the series sweep of North Dakota last weekend. Crawford, a junior from Pendleton, went 2-0 with a perfect 0.00 ERA, allowing just five hits over the course of 11.0 innings pitched against UND and allowed just one unearned run.

Crawford threw a complete game shutout of UND in Game 2 of the series on Friday before throwing four innings of relief in the series finale. She walked just two on the weekend while striking out 11. UND hit just .132 with no extra base hits.

Crawford allowed just one runner to reach second base as she scattered two hits over seven innings en route to an 8-0 complete-game shutout in Game 2. She walked two and struck out four. She came on in relief in

the series finale with the Vikings trailing 4-3. She shut down the UND offense allowing three hits over four innings and gave up an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth when the Vikings led 14-4. She did not walk a batter in the game and struck out a career-high seven batters in the process.

Crawford’s six wins from the circle leads Portland State this season, but the Vikings have struggled and were 13-30 overall going into Tuesday’s non-league doubleheader against Oregon State.

Things have been better in conference play, though, where Crawford is 2-3 and the team is 6-9. Crawford leads the team with 36 innings pitched in Big Sky play, and has thrown three complete games while posting a 4.67 ERA.

The Vikings are in seventh place in the Big Sky, and finish the regular season with home series against Montana and Sacramento State the next two weekends.

NBA: Memphis has beaten Portland in 10 of 11

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nice and that should help,” coach David Joerger said. In other series, Chicago’s Nikola Mirotic is hoping to play in Game 3 in Milwaukee on Thursday despite a strained left quadriceps and swollen left knee; Dallas forward Chandler Parsons tweaked a knee injury that bothered him at the end of the regular season and in Game 1 against Houston.

Trail Blazers at Grizzlies, Grizzlies lead 1-0, Game 2, 5 p.m. TNT

This is the eighth postseason trip for Memphis, and the Grizzlies never have taken a 2-0 lead in a series. It’s also a detail they insisted Tuesday they hadn’t heard about before. “But we like to be the first here in Memphis to try to do something different here, that hadn’t been done since I’ve been here,” Grizzlies guard

Mike Conley said. “To go up 2-0 would be great for us, and it’s going to be tough with the way that they’re going to adjust.”

The biggest adjustment Portland can make is trying to hit shots. LaMarcus Aldridge and Damian Lillard combined to shoot 18 of 55 in losing Game 1 100-86. The Trail Blazers had their worst shooting performance of the season as Memphis set a postseason mark for holding Portland to 33.7 percent. Lillard was 5 of 21, missing all six of his 3-point attempts. “Four out of the first five misses were halfway down, so they felt good,” Lillard said. “I felt good out there. I think it was just a game where we got outplayed and we weren’t good enough offensively or defensively to win the game.”

Memphis has won 10 of the last 11 overall against Portland.

HHS BASEBALL: Hot Hood River up next for Hermiston

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uational hitting, finishing innings was their real problem Tuesday. Seven of the Riverhawks’ 10 runs came with two outs, including all five of the Riverhawks’ fifth-inning runs.

In the second, after quickly retiring the first two hitters with his own glove, starter Chase Root allowed back-to-back doubles and a single to erase a 3-1 lead. In the fifth, Root coaxed an easy fly ball to right and got a called third strike, but two straight walks ended his day in favor of Smith, who walked his first batter and then allowed four straight singles to turn a 4-3 lead into an 8-4 deficit.

“We gotta close,” Hawkins said. “When we (had) two down and nobody on, we extended way too many innings. There was an error but just walks. (It’s not) focusing and not finishing the inning.”

After The Dalles plated a run in the top of the first, Hermiston got three when Smith doubled home Jay Lindeman, and Dylan Caldwell’s lazy pop-fly to right field was dropped to plate Smith and Root to put Hermiston up 3-1. The Dalles answered with two more in the second to tie things at three,

but then Root singled home Lindeman in the bottom of the second to take a 4-3 lead.

The score didn’t change until the fifth, when The Dalles exploded for its five runs. Smith, who allowed the bulk of the runs, said he needs to locate better. He left some fastballs up in the zone, and The Dalles, a good fastball-hitting club, made him pay.

Hermiston pushed three across in the sixth when Mitch Brown singled home Smith, and then Michael Gossler singled with the bases loaded to plate Tyler Sexton and Mitch Brown. The Dalles would again extend the lead in the seventh, however, with two more unearned runs on an error.

On Saturday, Hermiston heads to Hood River to take on the hot Eagles, and the Bulldogs expect to face hard-throwing Washington State signee Ryan Ward at some point.

“That’s a big one,” Smith said. “(We) gotta get one for sure, maybe two. We gotta make it go our way. It’s gonna be tough going down there.”

THE DALLES 10, HERMISTON 8

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TD	120050	2	—	10	8 2
HHS	310003	1	—	8	12 6

P. Eaton, B. Bate and K. Mathisen; C. Root, C. Smith and J. Lindeman.
2B — D. Hoffman, R. Kohli (The Dalles); C. Smith 2, M. Gossler (Hermiston),