

# TENNIS: Hermiston boys, Pendleton girls cruise

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From there, though, Hermiston would lose just one of the next six matches, and that one loss was the No. 1 doubles pair of Briana Wolfe and Cheyanne Peterson against Anna Muller and Johanna Wilson. After losing the first set 6-4, Muller and Wilson went on a tear, winning the second set 7-5 and winning the tie-breaker 10-4 after starting down 3-1.

The key matches, according to Sivey, were the No. 3 and 4 singles players — Hill and Devyn Wolfe. Hill's two-set tie-broken match lasted until dusk with the Bulldog just sliding past the River-

hawk, and Wolfe dominated Julissa Marquez 6-0, 6-2.

**HERMISTON 5, THE DALLES 3**  
**Singles:** Robin Pashele (TDR) def. Katelyn Millard (HHS) 6-2, 6-1; Marisa Cianci (TDR) def. Jaycee Ternes (HHS) 6-4, 7-6 (8-6); Mackenzie Hill (HHS) def. Kiani Pelli (TDR) 6-4, 5-7; Devyn Wolfe (HHS) def. Julissa Marquez (TDR) 6-0, 6-2.  
**Doubles:** Anna Muller and Johanna Wilson (TDR) def. Briana Wolfe and Cheyanne Peterson (HHS) 4-6, 7-5, 10-4; Kylie Markwick and Whitney McMahon (HHS) def. Emma Eli-Smith and Abby Munnick (TDR) 6-2, 6-2; Reed Middleton and Breana Wadekamper (HHS) def. Rebekah Kohrtfarber and Ellie Trujillo (TDR) 3-6, 6-2, 10-7; Debra Johnson and Athen Reid (HHS) def. Cassie Vazquez and Tiani Langston (TDR) 6-4, 6-1.

**PENDLETON 7, HOOD RIVER VALLEY 1** — At Hood River, the Buckaroos swept all four doubles matches and took three of four singles contests to knock off the league rival Eagles.

The Buckaroos dropped just 13 games in four matches. Sisters Keren and Keziah Hampton continued their unbeaten doubles season winning the top doubles match in straight 6-0, 6-0 sets. Christina Thompson and

Kiana Sperl took the No. 2 matches 6-1, 6-0.

Matilde Cittadinis, Meagan Flanagan and Hannah Flanagan each won singles matches. Cittadini won hers via 6-0, 6-0 score.

Brandy Brown took the only Pendleton loss of the day in the No. 4 matches.

“The girls played with energy today,” Pendleton tennis coach Rocky Dillenburg said. “I’m starting to see the things we practice occurring more frequently in our matches.”

## BOYS TENNIS

**HERMISTON 7, THE DALLES 1** — At The Dalles, the Hermiston boys tennis team had its way with the Riverhawks in a steady wind.

In preparation for playing doubles in Boise, Idaho, usual top singles players Tyler Wadekamper and Jacob Snell played No. 1 doubles, winning in straight sets 6-1.

6-3. Filling in the top two singles spots were Valentino Whitsell and Caleb Jorgenson. Whitsell ate the only loss for the Bulldogs, a 6-4, 6-4 loss, and Jorgenson came through with a 6-6 (5-7), 6-1, 10-4 tie-break win.

Ayden Pruitt also won a tie-broken match after losing the first set 6-3. He won the second set 6-2 and took the tie-breaker 10-7. In the No. 4 match, Skyler Grigg won easily 6-0, 6-1.

**HERMISTON 7, THE DALLES 1**  
**Singles:** Will Cog (TDR) def. Valentino Whitsell (HHS) 6-4, 6-4; Caleb Jorgenson (HHS) def. Daniel Santillan (TDR) 6-6 (5-7), 6-1, 10-4; Ayden Pruitt (HHS) def. Alex Lopez (TDR) 3-6, 6-2, 10-7; Skyler Grigg (HHS) def. Pedro Lopez (TDR) 6-0, 6-1.  
**Doubles:** Tyler Wadekamper and Jacob Snell (HHS) def. Griffin M. and Ethan S. Latham (HHS) 6-1, 6-3; Cameron Meade and Race Latham (HHS) def. Joe Singhurst and Jesus Barajas 6-0, 6-1; Stefano Peiris and Koby Grigg (HHS) def. Cody McClinton and Luis Diaz (TDR) 6-6 (7-5), 7-5; Patrick W and Jason M (HHS) def. Omar Rodriguez and Caleb Turner (TDR) 6-0, 6-4.

**HOOD RIVER VALLEY 7, PENDLETON 0** — At Pendleton, the Buckaroo boys tennis team was unable to earn a win Tues-

day at West Hills, dropping a league dual sweep to the Eagles.

Singles players Greth Haug and Henry Holdman each challenged their foe, but ended up taking the loss. Haug took HRV No.2 player Cooper Holzman to a third set before falling 6-1, 3-6, 6-4. Holdman pushed Cole Shepard to two tight sets, but fell 6-4, 7-6 in the No. 3 singles match.

“They’re a very good team,” Pendleton coach Chris Holdman said. “They’re the top team in our conference. We had two matches that could’ve gone either way, but they their way.”

**HOOD RIVER VALLEY 7, PENDLETON 0**  
**Singles:** Scotty Ziegler (HRV) def. Jeremy Cochrane (PEN) 6-0, 6-0; Cooper Holzman (HRV) def. Garrett Haugh (PEN) 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; Cole Shepard (HRV) def. Henry Holdman (PEN) 6-4, 7-5; Alden Silva (HRV) def. Lincoln Johnson (PEN) 6-3, 6-3.  
**Doubles:** Victor Garbo and Patrick Humann (HRV) def. Lincoln Johnson and Daniel Medina (PEN) 6-0, 6-0; Will Ferrick and Brandon Campos (HRV) def. Peter Wallace and Silas Johnson (PEN) 6-2, 6-0; Jorge Calderon and Sawyer Bogard (HRV) def. Josh Mendoza and Henry Scanlan (PEN) 6-0, 6-0.

# MLB M's hold off Astros

Associated Press

SEATTLE — J.A. Happ earned his first win with the Mariners as the Seattle bullpen held off the Houston Astros 3-2 Wednesday night.

Acquired from Toronto in an offseason trade, Happ (1-1) won in his third start. He gave up two runs and eight hits in 7 1-3 innings, walking none and striking out five.

Reliever Yoervis Medina walked the bases loaded with two outs in the eighth before striking out Chris Carter. An inning earlier, Carter homered.

Fernando Rodney escaped a first-and-third, one-out jam in the ninth for his fourth save in five tries.

Roberto Hernandez (0-2) allowed three runs in seven innings.

# RODEO: Preston Pederson tied for season lead in boys all-around

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enzie, who is on a hot streak with 19 points in his last two rodeos.

But Currin is coming off a win at Prineville on April 12, and with a total of 30 points available in Hermiston, is well within striking distance.

Also in the hunt is Hermiston junior Preston Pederson, who is sixth and 11 points behind Mackenzie.

Pederson is also on target for a state all-around title, although two more doubleheaders stand between Hermiston and the state finals on June 10-13.

He's tied with Steven DUBY with 93 points, and although three more cowboys are within six points of them, Pederson was high-point man at each of the last two doubleheaders.

Pederson's top event is

## Intermountain HS Rodeo

April 24-26, Farm-City Arena, Hermiston

**Schedule of events**  
**FRIDAY**  
 10 a.m.: Cow cutting state finals  
 6:30 p.m.: 1st Performance  
**SATURDAY**  
 9 a.m.: Slack  
 1 p.m.: 2nd Performance (end of Rodeo 1)  
 6 p.m.: 3rd Performance  
**SUNDAY**  
 8 a.m.: Slack  
 Noon: Final Performance

tie-down roping and he's the season leader headed into Hermiston. He's won the last three rodeos running.

“My horse is working pretty good and I've been roping better this year,” he

said during a practice session on his family's property east of Hermiston. “It's just practice and dedication to going out and doing it.

“My biggest goal for the season is just to make solid runs and do good in the calf roping.”

Pederson is also ranked ninth in steer wrestling — an event he picked up this season to aid him in the all-around — and 13th in team roping.

He said the roping stock has been strong all spring, and that should continue this weekend with Randy Thompson's pen that was also used at their last doubleheader in Klamath Falls on April 3-5.

“It's fair and we make sure everything is real even pitched,” Pederson said.

Only the team roping steers will be fresh, but Cur-

tis Pederson said the aim is to give all riders a good roping steer that should keep the times low.

“We try to get steers that have been roped enough so they really aren't running so wild,” he said. “We try to make sure they're as even as possible so it's more of a roping contest and not a drawing contest.”

Pendleton High sophomore Calgary Smith, of Adams, is the team's highest ranked team roper in ninth place.

But while the roping stock can be predictable, the roughstock is anything but. Pederson said the goal is to give these entry-level riders entry-level stock, “but sometimes the animal decides it's not going to tone it down.”

The Intermountain team doesn't have many roughstock cowboys this season, but Echo freshman Hayden

Hilliard covered a couple bulls last fall and is in second place for the season (He's also third in the rookie standings). Only one bull rider has scored at the four spring rodeos combined, though.

B-D Rodeos out of Culver, which also supplied buckers for Klamath Falls and will supply the state finals, is the roughstock contractor for Hermiston.

The Intermountain girls don't have anybody in the title hunt just yet, but two riders will enter Hermiston in the top 10.

Pendleton sophomore Lindsey Taylor is seventh in goat tying and Hermiston junior Cheyenne Wolfe is 10th in barrel racing.

Two-time state pole bending champion Shandie Britt, a senior from Hermiston, has been experiencing some issues with her horses this

spring and enters the weekend in 23rd place.

After an injury to her regular pole bending horse Bandy during the winter of her sophomore season, she switched to his sister Babe and won the next two state finals. She's been using a combination of both this year.

“Babe doesn't go in the gate very well, she has a gate issue,” Britt said. “So at the last rodeo I just had both of them saddled and whatever one would go in the gate I went on.”

Pendleton senior Marlene Bodmer is the team's highest ranked breakaway roper in 16th place.

The first performance of the Intermountain doubleheader will be Friday at 6 p.m. The final performance will begin Sunday at noon. Admission is free for all sessions.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Jordan Ackerman, of Blue Mountain Community College, slides headfirst into second base Wednesday as Wenatchee Valley's Bryan Widener fields the ball in Pendleton. Ackerman was safe.

# T-WOLVES: Postseason hopes still alive

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the minimum in a mercy-rule shortened seven-inning complete game one-hitter.

The lone Knight (13-15, 7-11 East Region) hit was a blooping single to left field off the bat of Brett Robins with one out in the sixth. The hit and prior walk of Royfel Granda provided the only occasion in which Wenatchee placed a runner in scoring position the entire game.

“I got a lot of first-pitch outs that they were swinging at, putting into play and getting out,” said Boyer, who remains on a pitch count while dealing with a nagging elbow injury. “The last couple of weeks it's started to feel pretty good and I've just let coach put me to work.”

While Boyer was busy keeping the Knights from adding baserunners, the Timberwolves kept on adding their own. Blue Mountain scored a run in all six frames at the plate, including a five-run fifth inning which stretched the lead to 12 runs and helped provide the biggest single-game scoring output in more than a year.

“We've been watching a lot of fastballs go by lately and not being really aggressive up there,” said Blue Mountain right fielder Colton Crow. “Today, I felt like anything left over the plate was smashed. It was a good day.”

Crow was one of six Timberwolf batters to record two

hits in Game 2 — all but one batter had at least one. They recored 15 as a team. Crow and Brennan Serrano carried heavy bats, each finishing with two extra base hits. Alexander Storaci cleared the bases with two of his game-high three RBIs with a shot to the gap in the fifth inning.

While the record might not show it, BMCC is beginning to play its best ball of the season. After dropping 11 of 12 early in the East Region league play, the Timberwolves have won three of five games, including the convincing sweep of the Knights, which had walloped them in the first meeting.

Despite sitting 10 back from first-place Treasure Valley, the Timberwolves remain in contention for postseason play.

“If it's going to be any time, it's now or never and I think that's how everyone is feeling about it,” Boyer said. “If we want to have a chance, it's time to start tightening up and going for it.”

BMCC has fallen on the wrong side of 12 games that have been decided by two runs or less. Included in the string of tight losses has been nine one-run defeats, four of which have come in league games.

“Sometimes you start to lose heart,” Boyer said. “And then in games like this you realize it's not as bad as it seems.”

“Today we finally got some of the luck going our way,” Baker said. “They made a couple errors, we got a couple of bleeders to fall and when they hit the ball hard it was right at our guys.”

The five-run fifth inning in Game 2 was not the first time during the day the T-Wolves had turned a string of hits into a big number. They scored six in the sixth inning of the opener. Serrano paced the offense in the first game with three RBIs on two singles.

Eric Purcell was strong on the mound in Game 1 for the Timberwolves. Despite struggling to command his pitches — which resulted in five walks — he struck out seven and allowed just one run in seven innings of work to pick up win number three on the season.

The Timberwolves travel to Columbia Basin on Saturday before returning to Pendleton on Wednesday for a twin bill against first-place Treasure Valley.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN 7, WENATCHEE VALLEY 3**  
**Game 1**  
 WVC 000100 002 — R H E  
 BMCC 000106 00x — 7 6 1  
 C. Gettman, J. Charlo (6) and K. Dehaas, E. Purcell, T. Oldham (8) and J. Urbach, W — E. Purcell, L — C. Gettman.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN 13, WENATCHEE VALLEY 0 (7 innings)**  
**Game 2**  
 WVC 000000 0 — R H E  
 BMCC 212251 0x — 13 15 1  
 B. Ludeman (5), M. Churape (3), D. Scademan (5), K. Blankenship (6) and H. Stockton, J. Boyer and J. Urbach, W — J. Boyer, L — B. Ludeman.  
 2B — C. Crow (BMCC) 2; B. Serrano (BMCC) 3B — A. Storaci (BMCC); B. Serrano (BMCC)

# BLAZERS: Shooting struggles continue

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coach Terry Stotts. “They're good shooters,” Stotts said. “They don't look for them a lot. We can't leave them open either.”

Portland came into this series with several players banged-up, and the list got longer with center Chris Kaman out after spraining his left ankle Tuesday in practice. Stotts juggled his lineup, starting guard Allen Crabbe for the first time in the postseason.

The Blazers looked like the team that won 51 games during the regular season early. Crabbe hit a 3 in the opening minutes to give the Blazers their first lead in this series, and they jumped out to a 10-2 lead with Aldridge connecting on four of his first five shots.

Yet even with the Griz-

zlies shooting so poorly that they missed a handful of layups in the quarter, Portland led only 21-19 at the end of the first.

Memphis took control in the second with a 15-2 run, turning Portland's four-point edge to a 34-25 lead on a 3-pointer by Jeff Green. The Grizzlies outscored Portland 31-18 in the quarter and led 50-39 at halftime.

The Grizzlies simply clamped down tighter and led 73-60 at the end of the third after leading by as much as 18 late in the quarter.

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: Portland's shooting woes continued. Aldridge was 4 of 6 in the opening quarter and went 3 of 14 the rest of the way. Lillard, 5 of 21 overall and 0 of 6 outside the arc in the

opener, was 5 of 16 and hit 1 of 5 outside the arc. ... The Trail Blazers turned it over 14 times, which Memphis converted into 16 points.

Grizzlies: Memphis had 29 second-chance points on just 12 rebounds, a franchise record in the playoffs, topping the mark of 26 set in triple-overtime against Oklahoma City in 2011. ... Lee made two 3-pointers, and Memphis now is 23-3 this season when he makes at least two in a game. ... Memphis had six turnovers.

SSSH TONY

Grizzlies guard Tony Allen started the first 36 games he played this season, then only five more the rest of the season. He said he was told Wednesday morning he would start again. “And they told me not to tell y'all,” Allen said.

## SCOREBOARD

Local Slate				
<b>PREP BASEBALL</b>				
Today	Riverside at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.	<b>PREP SOFTBALL</b>		
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.	<b>PREP TRACK &amp; FIELD</b>		
Today	Heppner, Weston-McEwen, Irrigon, Pilot Rock, Helix at Heppner Invitational, 3 p.m.	<b>PREP BOYS TENNIS</b>		
Today	Sherman at Lone, 4 p.m.	Stanfield at Helix, 4 p.m.		
	Mac-Hi at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.	<b>PREP GIRLS TENNIS</b>		
Today	Sherman at Lone, 4 p.m.	Stanfield at Helix, 4 p.m.		
	Mac-Hi at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.	<b>PREP BOYS GOLF</b>		
Friday	Heppner, Echo, Nixyaawii at Big River (Umatilla), 10 a.m.	Pendleton, Hermiston at Meadow Lakes GC (Prineville), 11 a.m.		
		<b>PREP GIRLS GOLF</b>		
Friday	Hermiston at Wandemere GC (Spokane, Wash.), 9 a.m.	Heppner, Echo at Big River (Umatilla), 10 a.m.		
		<b>PREP RODEO</b>		
Friday	Intermountain Rodeo 1 (Hermiston), 6:30 p.m.	<b>PREP LACROSSE</b>		
Friday	Nadztisaga at Hermiston, 5 p.m.	<b>PREP RUGBY</b>		
Saturday	East Oregon at Eastside (Portland), 1:30 p.m.	<b>COLLEGE BASEBALL</b>		
Saturday	Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin (DH), 1/4 p.m.	<b>COLLEGE SOFTBALL</b>		
Friday	Blue Mountain at Spokane (DH), 2/4 p.m.	<b>COLLEGE TRACK &amp; FIELD</b>		
Today	Eastern Oregon at CCC Multi-Event Championships (Hermiston HS), 10 a.m.	<b>Baseball</b>		
<b>MLB</b>				
<b>American League East Division</b>				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	6.600	—	
New York	8	7.533	1	
Toronto	7	7.533	1	
Baltimore	8	7.467	2	
Tampa Bay	7	8.467	2	
<b>Central Division</b>				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	11	4.733	—	
Kansas City	11	4.733	—	
Chicago	6	8.429	4½	
Minnesota	6	9.400	2	
Cleveland	5	9.357	5½	
<b>West Division</b>				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	7.533	—	
Oakland	8	8.500	½	
Los Angeles	6	9.400	2	
Seattle	6	9.400	2	
Texas	6	9.400	2	
<b>NBA Playoffs</b>				
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)				
<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>				
Atlanta 96, Brooklyn 91, Atlanta leads series 2-0				
Memphis 97, Portland 82, Memphis leads series 2-0				
San Antonio 111, L.A. Clippers 107, OT, series tied 1-1				
<b>Thursday, April 23</b>				
Cleveland at Boston, 4 p.m.				
Chicago at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.				
Golden State at New Orleans, 6:30 p.m.				
<b>Hockey</b>				
<b>NHL Playoffs</b>				
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)				
<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>				
Ottawa 1, Montreal 0, Montreal leads series 3-1				
N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT, N.Y. Rangers leads series 3-1				
St. Louis 6, Minnesota 1, series tied 2-2				
Anaheim 5, Winnipeg 2, Anaheim wins series 4-0				
<b>Thursday, April 23</b>				
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 4 p.m.				
NY Islanders at Washington, 4 p.m.				
Chicago at Nashville, 6:30 p.m.				
Calgary at Vancouver, 7 p.m.				
<b>SECOND ROUND</b>				
(Best-of-7)				
<b>Friday, Apr. 24</b>				
Calgary at Brandon, 4:30 p.m. (Series tied 0-0)				
Portland at Kelowna, 6:05 p.m. (Series tied 0-0)				
<b>Baseball</b>				
<b>MLB</b>				
<b>American League East Division</b>				
	W	L	Pct	GB
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Los Angeles	6	9.400	2	
Seattle	6	9.400	2	
Texas	6	9.400	2	
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>				
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 0				
Toronto 4, Baltimore 2				
N.Y. Yankees 13, Detroit 4				
Tampa Bay 7, Boston 5				
Minnesota 3, Kansas City 0				
Arizona 8, Texas 5				
Oakland 9, L.A. Angels 2				
Seattle 3, Houston 2				