

Prep Baseball

Hood River Valley sweeps Hermiston

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HOOD RIVER VALLEY — Hood River Valley ace Ryan Ward shut down Hermiston in the opener and Patrick Harvey plated a walk-off run in the second, as the Eagles swept the Bulldogs 11-1, 4-3 in a Columbia River Conference double-header on Saturday.

Ward shut down the Hermiston (8-8, 1-4 CRC) lineup while throwing all three of his pitches for strikes in the opener. He allowed two hits and struck out seven. The Eagles (12-6 4-1 CRC) offense picked up in the fourth and fifth innings, scoring five in each to end the game prematurely by run-rule.

“They executed offensively in those innings,” Hermiston assistant coach John Christy said.

Eight of the 10 runs came with two outs.

Hermiston trailed 3-0 after five innings in the second game. The knotted the game with three in the sixth behind a Kaden Caldwell single

and two runs off of Eagle mistakes.

Hood River struck in the seventh, brining two runners to base before Harvey smoked a ball to center field to score Kam Walker from second base to complete the weekend sweep.

RJ Robles threw the first five innings in the second game. Lucas Tolan entered in relief and took the loss.

Catcher Landon Gammell was the most prolific Bulldog at the plate, finishing with three of the team’s nine hits. Caldwell had two. Both came in the second loss.

Hermiston will host Hood River Valley on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Game one	R	H	E
HER	001	00	— 1 2 3
HRV	101	55	— 11 13 2

T. Sexton, H. Edmiston (5) and L. Gammell, R. Ward and A. Cameron. W — R. Ward. L — T. Sexton. 2B — L. Gammell (HER); R. Ward (HRV).

Game two	R	H	E
HER	000003	0	— 3 7 2
HRV	011010	1	— 4 7 1

R. Robles, L. Tolan (5) and L. Gammell, P. Harvey, K. Duffy (7) and A. Cameron. W — K. Duffy. L — L. Tolan

HOOD RIVER 10-8, HERMISTON 8-6 — The Bulldogs rallied for four runs in the seventh inning but couldn’t avoid the sweep on Saturday in Columbia River Conference softball action.

Hood River Valley extended Hermiston’s search for its conference victory with wins of 10-8 and 8-6 in an afternoon twin bill.

Hermiston (6-12, 0-5 CRC) started fast as well, scoring five runs in the top of the first inning of Game 1.

But Hood River (9-10, 2-3) rallied for eight runs off nine hits in the sixth and seventh innings to come from behind for their first CRC win.

The Eagles led all the way in Game 2 and Zoe Munn opened the scoring with a solo home run in the bottom of the first. A triple, an error, two doubles and a single put the Eagles up 5-0 before the inning was over.

Alex Barron started Hermiston’s comeback attempt in the seventh with a lead-off single, then Makayla

Kopacz and Ellery Jones hit back-to-back one out singles. Barron scored on Jones’ hit.

Then Ashley Moser hit a double that plated Kopacz and Jones before the Eagles got the second out. Julissa Almaguer hit a single that brought Moser in, but a fly ball went for the last out and she was stranded.

Jones was 4 for 8 on the day, Abi Drotzmann was 2 for 3 in Game 1, and Almaguer was 2 for 2 in Game 2.

The Bulldogs will host Hood River on Tuesday for a single game at 4:30 p.m.

Game 1	R	H	E
HHS	502001	0	— 8 11 2
HRV	200044	X	— 10 14 4

Kaylin Winans and Zoe Munn. Taylor Betz and Kalene Wheeler. W — Winans. L — Betz. 2B — V Wheeler, Makayla Kopacz (Hermiston); Kelsey Wells 2, Breanna Weekly, Munn (Hood River).

Game 2	R	H	E
HHS	010001	4	— 6 11 2
HRV	511100	X	— 8 11 2

Breyanna Naylor, Taylor Betz (1), Julissa Almaguer (4) and Kalene Wheeler, Alex Barton (1), Hannah McNerney and Zoe Munn. 2B — Ashley Moser (Hermiston); Jenni Packer, Makayla Zeller (Hood River). 3B — Kelsey Wells (Hood River). HR — Zoe Munn (Hood River).

Hawks clip T-Wolves

PASCO, Wash. — The Blue Mountain Community College baseball team’s slim playoff hopes took another big hit on Saturday in two more close losses at Columbia Basin College.

The Hawks rallied for two runs in the bottom of the ninth to win the first game 8-7, then held the T-Wolves to one run on eight hits in a 4-1 night cap victory.

The T-Wolves (12-24, 4-16 NWAC East) fell to seven games out of fourth place with eight games left in the season. Only the top four teams will advance to the NWAC postseason.

Game 1	R	H	E
BMCC	052000	000	— 7 7 3
CBC	000014	102	— 8 9 6

K. Knieriem, G. Klopmeier (6), T. Oldham (6), B. Breshears (8), M. Cline (9) and J. Urbach. J. Gleichman, R. Maupin (8) and A. Enderlin. W — Maupin. L — Cline. 2B — T. Segar (BMCC); S. Birnion, D. Loera (CBC). 3B — D. Loera (CBC).

Game 2	R	H	E
BMCC	000001	000	— 1 8 3
CBC	001201	000	— 4 7 2

A. Wilson, J. Sabatino (6), B. Breshears (7) and J. Urbach. M. Jensen, J. Page (7), K. Blair (8), A. Mathews (9) and J. Goguen. W — Jensen. L — Wilson. S — Mathews. 3B — N. Weber (BMCC).

BLAST: Morrison has four HRs in last three wins for Buckaroos

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“When I get up in that situation I try to tell myself, ‘Just a base hit,’ because most of the time if I swing for the stars I whiff or pop up,” said the senior third baseman. “So I always tell myself, ‘Just a base hit,’ and it just kind of happens.”

Lindsey is tied with senior Tiah Grass for the team lead with six home runs this season, but no Buckaroo is hitting them at a faster pace than junior Alexis Morrison.

Morrison went yard in both games and has hit four home runs in Pendleton’s last three wins. She ended Game 2 with a walk-off three-run number, her fifth of the year.

Payton Hergert continued her hot streak as well, hitting her third homer in four games with a two-run shot in Game 2. The team’s season total is up to 21.

“There’s a number of girls hitting the ball very well and hitting it out of the park, obviously. It’s fun, it’s fun right

now,” said Pendleton coach Tim Cary. “Right now the bats are hot. We have to admit that. The funny thing about this game is you hit your hot spots, you hit your cool spots.”

Cary warned that a cool spot can pop up at any moment, and he should know. He’s led the Bucks to CRC titles in each of the last three seasons, and despite just a combined five losses, none of those teams were able to run the table.

Game 1	R	H	E
TDHS	010000	—	1 2 1
PHS	030406	—	13 15 3

Shaynie Watson and Grace Helyer. Keirsten Murphy and Mykal Weissenfluh. W — Murphy. L — Watson. 2B — Mykal Weissenfluh, Payton Hergert (Pendleton). HR — Maddy Bradford (The Dalles); Weissenfluh, Alexis Morrison, Darian Lindsey (Pendleton).

Game 2	R	H	E
TDHS	100 10	—	2 8 3
PHS	104 07	—	12 11 2

Maddy Bradford and Grace Helyer. Lauren Roberts, Keirsten Murphy (5) and Mykal Weissenfluh. W — Roberts. L — Bradford. 2B — Morgan Goslin (The Dalles); Ellie Richards. HR — Sierra Watson (The Dalles); Payton Hergert, Darian Lindsey, Alexis Morrison (Pendleton).

SPLIT: Bucks miss chance for win

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The Buckaroos stranded seven in the game. TJ Hancock left runners on first and second in the second inning and Devon Roe left them juiced with a crucial fifth inning infield groundout.

Unable to grab control at the dish, the game floundered away in the field in the top of the seventh. With one out in a tie game, Brady Smith allowed consecutive doubles to Colin Noonan and Gordy Harris to fall behind 2-1. After he exited, relief pitcher Wyatt Morris allowed a Eli Holman single. An attempt to pick him off at first on the next at-bat resulted in an errant throw from Roe at first base home to allow Harris to score an insurance run.

Pendleton placed runners on first and second in the game’s final frame, but Roe came away swinging to end the game.

“That’s kind of been the story of our season, really,” Whitten said. “We just haven’t pushed across a lot of runs when we’ve had opportunities to.”

“We’re better than that,” said Cockburn, who was 1-for-2 in the loss. “Our approaches were tentative. We weren’t aggressive enough.”

Saturday’s approaches are far from an anomaly. The Buckaroos are averaging

three runs per game on just over five hits thus far in league play.

“I’m really surprised. I really thought we’d swing the bats better, but this has kind of been a season-long deal where we’ve kind of struggled scoring runs every game,” Whitten said.

Caden Smith drove in the lone run in the second game, scoring Wyatt Morris from second on a single to shallow right field. He also plated a runner in the opener. The sophomore shortstop has a recorded a hit in all five CRC games.

Cockburn’s complete game win in the opener marked just the second time all season a Buckaroo pitcher has gone the duration. The junior righthander also did so in a loss to Twin Falls last month. An all-league pitcher a year ago, Cockburn has struggled with consistency this season. He was pelted last week against HRV for eight runs in five innings.

Game one	R	H	E
DALL	000100	0	— 1 2 5
PEND	010030	x	— 4 7 2

C. Walker and K. Mathison. Q. Cockburn and Z. Myers. W — Q. Cockburn. L — C. Walker. 2B — K. Quinn (PEND).

Game two	R	H	E
DALL	100000	2	— 3 8 0
PEND	001000	0	— 1 5 3

P. Eaton, B. Bate (5) and K. Mathison. B. Smith, W. Morris (7) and Q. Cockburn. W — B. Bate. L — B. Smith. 2B — C. Noonan (DALL); G. Harris (DALL); T. Papol (PEND).

NORTH IDAHO 9-19, BMCC 0-3 — The Blue Mountain softball team was bitten by both ends of the spectrum on Saturday at North Idaho College.

First, Tori Almos no-hit the Timberwolves in a 8-0 win, then North Idaho belted out six home runs to win 19-3 in the second game. Both ended after five innings.

The lone highlight of the day for BMCC (12-24, 9-11 NWAC East) was Rayne Spencer’s home run in Game 2, her eighth of the season.

Almos had nine strikeouts and three walks in her no-hitter.

Game 1	R	H	E
BMCC	000 00	—	0 0 0
NIC	110 24	—	8 11 1

H. Kline and D. Paulus. T. Almos and J. Madonna. W — Almos. L — Kline. 2B — K. Haake, M. Powless (North Idaho).

Game 2	R	H	E
BMCC	201 00	—	3 8 2
NIC	12151 1X	—	19 16 1

L. Holthaus, M. Rust (1) and D. Paulus. H. Fields and L. Courtney. 2B — H. Fields, C. McIntosh (North Idaho). HR — R. Spencer (Blue Mountain); M. Anthony 2, H. Fields, K. Haake, L. Courtney, M. Powless (North Idaho).





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