

SOFTBALL: Bucks host Bulldogs on Friday

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both 2 for 3 while Tiah Grass added a double and a triple. “We’re very excited with how we’re swinging the bats right now,” said coach Tim Cary. “It’s one the things we focus a lot on in practice, and there are a lot of girls staying after practice to work on it as well. Just that work ethic is showing now.” Morrison’s home run was a two-run shot in the second inning. Murphy struck out four Riverhawks and walked two. Their CRC title long secured, Pendleton will host Hermiston on Friday at 4:30 p.m. for their final league game.

PENDLETON 12, THE DALLES 2 (5 innings)

	R	H	E
PHS	534	00	— 12 16 2
TD	000	20	— 2 3 2

Keirsten Murphy and Mykal Weissenfuh. Maddy Bradford and Gracie Helyer. W — Murphy, L — Bradford.
2B — Tiah Grass (PHS). 3B — T. Grass (PHS); Hannah Harris (TD). HR — Alexis Morrison (PHS).

HOOD RIVER VALLEY 10, RIVER HERMISTON 7

	R	H	E
HRV	000232	3	— 10 15 5
HER	200005	0	— 7 6 4

H. McNeerney and Z. Munn. M. Ledbetter and J. Hinkley. W — H. McNeerney, L — M. Ledbetter.
2B — J. DeHart (HRV); K. Winans (HRV); B. Weekly (HRV) 2.

STATE-BOUND: Hegarty paces locals in 9th

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Pendleton’s Reilly Hegarty was the top local placer, turning in a two-round score of 10-over 154 good for ninth place. Hermiston’s Keegan Crafton and Zac Adams followed Hegarty for 10th and 11th, respectively, at 156 and 158. The Buckaroos Brayden Pulver also fired a 158. Summit dominated the team competition, finishing 24 strokes ahead of the pack. Central Oregon rival Bend was second at 615. Hermiston shot 644, Pendleton 645. This marks the fifth straight season that both schools have qualified for the state tournament. Hermiston was sixth at last year’s state tournament, again one stroke

ISTON 7 — At Hermiston, the visiting Eagles broke open a tie ball game in the top of the seventh inning with three runs to hand Hermiston its fifth consecutive loss Tuesday. The Bulldogs (7-17, 1-10) battled back to tie the game with five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Ashley Moser drove in the tying run on a single to center field to knot the count at 7 apiece. Jessica DeHart provided the go-ahead run for the Eagles (11-14, 4-7). HRV added two more insurance runs. Hannah McNeerney retired the Bulldogs in order in the bottom of the seventh to close out the game. Moser led the Bulldogs with a 2-for-3 day that included a run scored and a run driven in.

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better than Pendleton, which took seventh. Mason Krieger of Mountain View and Cole Chrisman of Summit tied for the individual crown. Each shot an even-par 144. Krieger got the edge with a round-best 69 Tuesday. The boys state tournament kicks off on May 18 and wraps up on May 19.

COACHES: Smith beginning with blank slate

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thing or he kinda knew,” Faaeteete said of his former coach at North Medford. “From then, that was the plan ... I don’t know if it was too soon or late.” Faaeteete takes over a team that is coming off its best season in program history but has been decimated by graduation. Hodges led the Bulldogs to their best record ever (12-1) and the program’s first state championship, but they return just six starters and loses a number of all-conference players including the 5A Offensive Player of the Year in quarterback Chase Knutz. Faaeteete said he’s excited to see how his roster develops over the summer and how it grows next fall. “It’s a young roster with the aspirations of playing in the big show,” he said. “I’m excited about it. I’m eager to see what the kids bring and how they step up to replace (the seniors).” Faaeteete will be able to coach from the experience of having played the game at its highest levels. He then played defensive line for four years at the University of Oregon, starting seven games in 2006 and appearing in 31 games before his graduation in 2008. He then spent very brief stints with the Chicago Bears and Oakland Raiders as a college free agent, and said those experiences will be invaluable to continuing his players’ careers. “You walk into any gym, and every high school kid thinks they’re a college basketball player, college football player, track star, baseball player, but the reality is that’s not the trust,” Faaeteete said. “You just look at both college and NFL rosters, compared to 10 or 20 years ago, you’re going to find bigger, faster, more athletic people out there. “Realistically, that’s what they look for. I just think I bring an understanding of what it actually takes to play at the next level.” Smith also played her

sport at a high level, and picked up the coaching bug while playing collegiately in Fresno, California. From there, she moved to Oregon, then to Minnesota, where she coached for 10 years. Since coming to Hermiston she’s been an active volleyball referee and community member, volunteering or running a number of organizations locally. She said she was initially hesitant to take the job, assuming that Hermiston would hire an incoming teacher. Ganvoa knew of Smith from his own hobby as a basketball referee, and discovered her volleyball acumen once they spoke. Her coaching experience, community ties and overall volleyball knowledge struck Ganvoa very quickly. “Once that information was set forth, we had conversations with her and confirmed her interest in the position,” Ganvoa said. “She’s definitely, as a valued member of the community, doing everything she can to promote Hermiston and be a true ambassador.” Though Smith has been in Hermiston for a number of years, officiated Hermiston volleyball games and kept the official score book at boys and girls Hermiston basketball games, she said she’s completely unfamiliar with the roster. But she wants it that way. “That will make the girls try even harder because I don’t know them,” Smith said. “They’re gonna have to prove where they belong without me knowing anything about them. I have three squads to fill, so it give them all of a fresh start, so no matter where they’re at previously, this is a different coach, a different take, a different look on things.” Two other coaches were approved by the school board on Monday. Ryan Bergstrom was approved as an assistant baseball coach to be paid for by the Booster Club, and Juan Rodriguez was approved as tennis coach at Armand Larive Middle School.

PREPS: Stanfield edges Irrigon in baseball

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Abbi Biggs capped the Pioneers blowout with a grand slam home run in the fifth inning. It was Biggs fifth homer of the year and third with the bases juiced. She finished with a game-high five RBIs. Robert and Mallory Copeland each had two-run singles in the Pioneers eight-run fourth inning. Mac-Hi hosts The Dalles today before finishing its regular season on Saturday with Ontario.

MAC-HI 15, DESALES (WA) 0 (5 innings)

	R	H	E
MAC	002 85	—	15 12 0
DES	000 00	—	0 0 1

C. Robert and M. Copeland. K. Brown, Hall (4) and M. Thomas. W — C. Robert. L — Brown.
2B — M. Copeland (MAC), HR — A. Biggs (MAC).

ECHO 11, IRRIGON 2 — At Irrigon, the Cougars blasted 16 hits in a non-league walloping of the Knights on Tuesday. Erika Parks, Jamie Christopher, Kenzie Blankenship, Samantha McQown, Mackenzie Gonzales, Hannah McCarty and Bethanie Millbrodt each had two hits for Echo (14-9), which closes up regular season play on Friday at Umatilla. McCarty drove in three runs. Gonzales threw all seven innings and struck out 14 batters. She allowed just three hits.

ECHO 11, IRRIGON 2

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ECH	102512	0	— 11 16 2
IRR	000002	0	— 2 3 8

M. Gonzales and E. Parks. J. Garza and M. Chapman. W — M. Gonzales, L — J. Garza.

Baseball
STANFIELD 3, IRRIGON 0 — At Stanfield, Behind another solid performance from Tony Flores on the mound, Stanfield did just enough offensively to eke out an expeditious win over Irrigon in Stanfield Tuesday evening. Flores went all seven innings, shutting out the Knights on four scattered hits while striking out 11. It was the second quality start in a row for Flores and also the second-straight start he’s struck out ten or more batters. The Tigers got all the runs they needed when Dylan Grogan’s sharp

STANFIELD 3, IRRIGON 0

	R	H	E
IHS	000000	0	— 0 0 4
SHS	100020	X	— 3 1 1

J. Phillips, F. Vera and A. Roa; T. Flores and T. Monkus.
2B: N. Gumbert (IHS).

BASEBALL: First-inning rally lifts Hermiston

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one run. James Bradt (3 for 4, two runs), Jack Peterson (2 for 3, two runs) and Tony Papol (2 for 5, two runs) also bolstered the Pendleton offense, but the Bucks still stranded nine runners in the game. Cockburn made sure that didn’t bite them, though, and struck out eight Riverhawks while walking two and giving up just one earned run. Pendleton, which is locked into second place in the CRC, will finish up league play on

PENDLETON 10, THE DALLES 6

	R	H	E
PHS	401004	1	— 10 12 4
TD	001302	0	— 6 7 4

Quinn Cockburn and Kai Quinn. C. Walker, B. Bate (5) and J. Miller. W — Cockburn, L — Walker.
2B — James Bradt (PHS).

HERMISTON 5, HOOD RIVER VALLEY 3 — At Hermiston, the Bulldogs plated three runs in the top of the first inning and held on for a win over the Hood River Valley Eagles Tuesday at Armand Larive Middle School. Root, Daniel Gossler, Cole Smith and Michael Gossler each had singles in that first inning to provide the three runs. In the second, Kyler Mikami and Root had consecutive hits, and Root

With the win, Hermiston (11-11, 4-7) moves to .500 for the first time since late April. Hermiston must beat Pendleton on Friday to keep its season alive. Chase Root led the Bulldogs, going 1-for-2 with a single, a walk and three runs scored. Michael Gossler was 3-for-3 with an RBI. Root, Daniel Gossler, Cole Smith and Michael Gossler each had singles in that first inning to provide the three runs. In the second, Kyler Mikami and Root had consecutive hits, and Root

scored on an error to give the Bulldogs a 4-0 lead. Tyler Sexton started on the hill and went all seven innings and allowed three runs, all earned, on six hits, walked one and struck out seven. Sexton didn’t allow a hit until the fourth inning. Hermiston wraps up its regular season with a 4:30 p.m. matchup Friday against the rival Buckaroos in Pendleton.

HERMISTON 5, HOOD RIVER 3

	R	H	E
HRV	000103	0	— 3 6 1
HHS	301100	X	— 5 8 0

P. Harvey and A. Cameron; T. Sexton and L. Gammell.

GOLF: Rea breaks through to lead Heppner girls

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over La Pine’s Isiah Dolan. Lankford’s strong play set the tone for the Golden Eagle team, which won the program’s first district team title and qualified for the state tournament for just the second time in school history. “It feels good to finally win something for Nixyaawii in golf,” said senior Tiya-po Farrow. “It’s just cool to know that we’re the first to do something.” The transfer from Pendleton contributed with a third-place 159. He overcame opening round struggles to card a season-best 78 Tuesday. Senior Elijah Bevis was the third Golden Eagle to turn in a season-best on Tuesday, posting an 87. The accumulation of peak performances added up to an untouchable winning score. Nixyaawii shot 25 strokes better than second-place Wallowa during Tuesday’s final round and 42 better than the Cougars for the tournament, who finished in distant second. Heppner took third place, 52 strokes behind the Golden Eagles. Vale rounded out the four teams heading to next week’s state tournament at the Quail Valley Golf Course in Banks.

Heppner’s Emily Rea tees off on the seventh hole Tuesday during the 2A district golf tournament at Pendleton County Club.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



breakthrough performance headed the way with a fourth place finish. Sophie Grant was sixth, Paige Grieb ninth, Maddie Lindsay 10th and Amanda Rea 11th. Rea entered the week with a high mark of 95. She quickly outdid that score on Monday, shooting an 88 and improved upon that again with an 85 in Tuesday’s final round. “Those were her best rounds by a wide margin,” Grant said. “She played really well. I knew all along she was capable of that. She really worked hard and really was determined, and that was fantastic to see.” La Grande’s greatest ally was also its depth. The Tigers put three golfers in the top seven scores. Catherine Clemens of Burns took the individual title and will compete at next week’s state championships at Eagle Crest Ridge in Redmond. Riley Helmick of Ontario took second and will also compete on her own.

Class 4A/3A/2A/1A Special District 3 Golf Results
Boys
Pendleton Country Club, Pendleton Par 72
Team score — 1, Nixyaawii 722; 2, Wallowa 764; 3, Heppner 774; 4, Vale 780.
Individual score — 1, Riley Lankford (NIX) 156; 2, Isiah Dolan (La Pine) 158; 3, Tiya-po Farrow (NIX) 159; 4, Logan Grieb (HEP) 161; 5, Karl Wellens (WVA) 166; John Prophetor (HEP) 177; Elijah Bevis (NIX) 187; Brock Moffitt (ECHO) 191; Kyle Ranger (ECHO) 196; Ian Faulkner (ECHO) 209; Ross Cutsforth (HEP) 218; Tommy Bredfield (HEP) 222; Hunter Melton (NIX) 223; Brian Rill (HEP) 230; Wilbur Oatman (NIX) 296.
Girls
Team score — 1, La Grande 725; 2, Heppner 729.
Individual score — 1, Catherine Clemens (Burns) 158; 2, Riley Helmick (Ontario) 163; 3, Trinity McCarthy (LG) 169; 4, Emily Rea (HEP) 173; 5, Kayli Miles (LG) 174; Sophie Grant (HEP) 178; Paige Grieb (HEP) 189; Maddie Lindsay (HEP) 189; Amanda Rea (HEP) 195.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday
Mac-Hi at Stanfield, 5 p.m.
Friday
Elgin at Riverside (DH), 1 p.m.
Stanfield at Umatilla (DH), 1 p.m.
Hermiston at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Heppner at Irrigon (DH), 11 a.m.
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m.
Ontario at Mac-Hi (DH), Noon
PREP SOFTBALL
Today
The Dalles at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.
Friday
Elgin at Riverside (DH), 1 p.m.
Echo at Umatilla (DH), 1 p.m.
Hermiston at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
Irrigon at Weston-McEwen (DH), 11 a.m.
Pilot Rock at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m.
Ontario at Mac-Hi (DH), Noon
PREP TRACK AND FIELD
Friday
Stanfield, Weston-McEwen, Irrigon, Pilot Rock, Heppner at Districts at Stanfield, 10 a.m.
Pendleton, Hermiston at Districts at The Dalles, 3:30 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Districts at Mac-Hi, TBA
Saturday
Mac-Hi at Districts at Mac-Hi, TBA
Umatilla, Riverside at Districts at Nyssa, 11 a.m.
Arlington, Condon/Wheeler, Echo, Helix, lone at Districts at Moro, 1 p.m.
PREP BOYS TENNIS
Friday
Helix, Umatilla, Ione, Riverside, Mac-Hi, Stanfield at Districts in Kennewick, TBA
Pendleton, Hermiston at Districts in Sunriver, TBD
Saturday
Helix, Umatilla, Ione, Riverside, Mac-Hi, Stanfield at Districts in Kennewick, TBA
Pendleton, Hermiston at Districts in Sunriver, TBD

PREP GIRLS TENNIS
Friday
Helix, Umatilla, Ione, Riverside, Mac-Hi, Stanfield at Districts in Kennewick, TBA
Pendleton, Hermiston at Districts in Sunriver, TBD
Saturday
Helix, Umatilla, Ione, Riverside, Mac-Hi, Stanfield at Districts in Kennewick, TBA
Pendleton, Hermiston at Districts in Sunriver, TBD
Basketball
NBA Playoffs
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7; x if necessary)
Monday, May 11
Atlanta 106, Washington 101, series tied 2-2
Golden State 101, Memphis 84, series tied 2-2
Tuesday, May 12
Cleveland 106, Chicago 101, Cleveland leads series 3-2
Houston 124, L.A. Clippers 103, L.A. Clippers leads series 3-2
Today
Washington at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball
MLB
American League
East Division W L Pct GB
New York 21 13 618 —
Detroit 20 13 606 1
Toronto 17 16 529 3
Boston 15 18 455 5 1/2
Baltimore 14 17 452 5 1/2
Central Division W L Pct GB
Kansas City 21 12 636 —
Detroit 20 13 606 1
Minnesota 18 15 545 3
Chicago 13 17 433 6 1/2
Cleveland 11 20 355 9
West Division W L Pct GB
Houston 20 13 606 —
Los Angeles 16 17 485 4
Seattle 14 17 452 5
Texas 14 19 424 6
Oakland 13 22 371 8
National League
East Division W L Pct GB
New York 20 13 606 —
Washington 18 16 529 2 1/2
Atlanta 15 18 455 5
Miami 15 18 455 5
Philadelphia 11 23 324 9 1/2
Central Division W L Pct GB
St. Louis 23 9 719 —
Chicago 17 15 531 6
Pittsburgh 17 16 515 6 1/2
Cincinnati 16 17 485 7 1/2
Milwaukee 12 22 353 12
West Division W L Pct GB
Los Angeles 21 10 677 —
San Diego 17 16 515 5
San Francisco 17 16 515 5
Arizona 15 17 469 6 1/2
Colorado 11 18 379 9
Tuesday’s Games
St. Louis 8, Cleveland 3
Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 2
Cincinnati 4, Atlanta 3
Chicago Cubs 6, N.Y. Mets 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 8, Houston 1
Arizona 14, Washington 6
L.A. Angels 5, Colorado 2
Miami at L.A. Dodgers, (in)
San Diego at Seattle, (in)
Wednesday’s Games
Washington (G. Gonzalez 3-2) at Arizona (Helliokson 1-3), 12:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Lackey 2-1) at Cleveland (Kluber 0-5), 3:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-2) at Philadelphia (Hamels 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Stults 1-3) at Cincinnati (R. Iglesias 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
Miami (Cosart 1-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Frias 3-0), 4:50 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 5-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hamels 3-1), 5:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 1-3) at Milwaukee (Nelson 1-3), 5:10 p.m.
San Francisco (T.Hudson 1-3) at Houston (Oberholzer 0-0), 5:10 p.m.
Colorado (Lyles 2-3) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Shields 4-0) at Seattle (T.Walker 1-3), 7:10 p.m.

Hockey
NHL Playoffs
Sunday, May 10
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 3, series tied 3-3
Anaheim 3, Calgary 2, OT, Anaheim wins series 4-1
Tuesday, May 12
Tampa Bay 4, Montreal 1, Tampa Bay wins series 4-2
Today
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 4:30 p.m.
WHL Championship
(Best-of-7)
Brandon (E1) vs. Kelowna (BC1) (Kelowna leads series 3-0)
Today
Brandon at Kelowna, 5:05 p.m.