

# GIRLS: Vikings' Guardado burns Buckaroos for hat trick

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pressure, and the sophomore finished the game with 17 saves. The converted midfielder said she's finally starting to feel comfortable in the net, which is helping her confidence and, in turn, her performance.

"Honestly it's nerve-racking, but once you're playing your adrenaline gets pumping, you get settled and you get in the zone more," she said. "The training I go through with my goalie coach is much more intense and that really helps me feel like I can do this, and not let myself push myself (mentally) below the line that I know I can be."

She said her experience is mostly limited to Umatilla's two games this season.

"A game here and there in ASO, but I hated it," she said of her goalkeeping resume. "Back then I did not want to play at all in goal. Now I think it's more fun. I don't know what happened but I really love it now."

"She's learning pretty quick," said Umatilla coach Tim Lee. "She's really intelligent, quick learner, and she really is one of our toughest players. She loves that physical contact and she doesn't shy away from it, and she's doing a great job back there."

Pendleton (1-1) wasted



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**Pendleton's Alexis Parker dribbles past Umatilla's Itzel Rodriguez in the Bucks' 4-3 win against the Vikings on Tuesday in Pendleton.**

no time testing the young Viking, and Marisol Argueta lofted a shot past Moreno from just inside the box in the third minute, Alexis Parker added another goal in the 29th minute, but despite out-shooting Umatilla 18-2 in the first half, the Bucks held just a 2-1 lead at intermission.

"We were getting good looks, but entirely too quick on the trigger," said first-year Pendleton coach Paul Parker, whose team out-shot Umatilla 35-11 with a 21-5

edge in shots on goal in the game.

There was also the problem of stopping Umatilla (0-2) forward Jocelyn Guardado. The returning all-state junior continually got behind Pendleton's back line and scored all three of Umatilla's goals. Her first came after a long clear by Moreno in the 15th minute and tied the game 1-1.

"She has a nose for the goal and she likes to attack defenses like that," Lee said.

"Just having a target player like her up top makes a big difference."

Parker said part of the problem was also the Bucks' inexperience on the back line.

"We've got a young defense, Samantha (Parker) is a freshman, Bethany (Van Cleave) is a first-year varsity player, Madison (Drake) unfortunately has a bum knee, and Maria (Cerreeda) is our exchange student so she's just trying to pick up the pace of where we're at. We've got

a really young defense," he said.

Guardado took advantage of some lax marking for another breakaway goal in the 42nd minute that tied the game at 2-all, and then cleaned up a loose ball in front of the net to knot the score again in the 72nd minute.

With time running out, the Bucks never panicked.

"We especially need to be tough mentally because you just don't want to break down when they score, and so being mentally strong is definitely a huge key for this team. I believe we did a really good job of doing so," said Pendleton's Makayla Akers, who scored the Bucks' third goal off a Maizie Williams cross in the 49th minute.

Anxious for a victory in its home opener, Pendleton never showed signs of distress and Williams provided the winning goal on a deflected shot in the 75th minute.

The sophomore midfielder took control of the ball just outside the box, beat her initial defender, and then ripped a shot that bounced off another Viking and grazed the fingertips of a leaping Moreno before it settled into the back of the net.

It extended Pendleton's home unbeaten streak to five games stretching back to last

October, but Parker said this year's team doesn't share many similarities with the one that started the streak.

"It's a total transition, new coaches, new team, new players," he said. "Everything is a transition so we're really just trying to build the team from the ground up right now. And we're getting there."

Umatilla is hoping to make its fourth-straight 3A state postseason, and isn't changing those plans after a pair of losses to 5A schools to open the season.

"We're still figuring things out, we will improve and we can get better, and ultimately we will," said Moreno. "I think we have a good chance to be at state this year. Last year we lost a lot of seniors so our school(mates) have been saying, 'Oh, they won't be good anymore.' I don't think that's the case here. I think we're going to work hard enough and get to the point where we were last year."

Umatilla's next game is Tuesday, Sep. 15, when the Vikings open their home slate against Baker at 3 p.m. Pendleton will get right back to action on Thursday in a game at Roosevelt at 4:15 p.m.

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wasn't exactly thrilled with what he saw.

"I thought it was our worst game of the year," Talbot said. "We didn't do a lot of things we are working on. In the past, I've talked about growing the mental toughness, becoming winners. These guys are learning that, and so it's a frustrating process where if we're in a game like this we should win, I think we have still a mental hurdle to get over that to be the team I know that we are."

After a scoreless first half, Pendleton took control in the second half. The Bucks began controlling the pace and possession, only allowing Umatilla brief forays into their end. Pendleton took the lead when Fernando Gomez took a long ball and rested it in the back of the net for a 1-0 lead during the 58th minute.

But Umatilla wouldn't go away quietly. After a number of good scoring chances went for naught in both halves, Umatilla put together its best possession of the day. Right off the kick-off, Diego Saldana found himself alone in the middle of the field in Pendleton's end. Five crisp passes later, Ernesto Mejia had equalized the match not



Staff photo by Sam Barbee

**Pendleton's Fernanda Gomez (7) dribbles past Javier Garcia during the Bucks' 2-1 win Tuesday at Umatilla.**

a minute later. It was the kind of offense Ortiz hoped to see this year, but has only seen in spurts.

"That was awesome, not just because we scored, but we did the play in five passes," Ortiz said. "We didn't allow them to touch

the ball, and in five passes we get it in the net. That's what I'm asking them. That means if they did it one time, they can still do it."

For Talbot, this was an important moment. He wanted to see how his Bucks would respond after the

pesky and physical Vikings eliminated the advantage his team had just gained. They handled it well, because two minutes later Flavio Betancourt took a throw in and one-touched it into the net for the final goal of the match. It was the kind of response Talbot was hoping to see.

"It was a great sign," he said. "Obviously they were wanting to win. I would say playing for behind or tied we play more our game. It's just when we have that lead, we have to do a better job. We have to find a way to keep our composure and keep our heads about us."

For Umatilla, they'll focus on the offensive half. Sophomore defender Elian Armenta said it'll be a matter of coming together as a group, and not doing "our own thing."

"That goal we scored, we scored it in less than 30 seconds because we were all working together, so we all got to the goalie box faster," he said. "But besides that, we were just trying to do our own thing, and that didn't work out."

Umatilla goes to Culver this Saturday for a 1:30 p.m. match, and Pendleton heads to Sandy the same day for a 2 p.m. tilt.

# T-WOLVES: Perez, Bailey extend excellent play from weekend

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(5-8) at the Chemeketa Tournament.

"We've grown quite a bit since then," said BMCC coach Dave Baty. "It's heartening to see that the kids are willing to trust and learn."

One of the signs of that growth has been the play of outside hitter Miah Perez. The freshman from Ellensburg, Wash., killed eight shots on Tuesday after being named to the all-tournament team at the Spokane Tournament over the weekend.

"She's got a cannon, but now she's learning to mix in some of that off-speed stuff," Baty said.

Also coming off an all-tournament selection, Hannah Bailey led BMCC with 24 digs against Olympic. Sophomore hitter Klaree Hobart continued to lead the team at the net with 13 kills on a .357 percentage and added two aces and a 2.4 passer rating.

Keri Schwarz added a team-high three blocks.

Blue Mountain opens league play today at Treasure Valley Community College at 6 p.m.

**EASTERN OREGON**

**3, WALLA WALLA 0** — At La Grande, the Mountaineers swept the Wolves on Tuesday in Cascade Collegiate Conference action, 25-16, 25-10, 25-17.

Emily Nay and Amanda Miller paced EOU (7-1, 2-0 CCC) with nine kills each, and Kendra De Hoog added seven. Nay also led the Mounties with four blocks.

Rachelle Chamberlain finished with 25 assists and three players finished tied for the team lead with eight digs.

Sara Pulaski had three aces for EOU.

Lexi Shanko had eight kills to lead Walla Walla (3-4, 0-2).

EOU's next game is Friday at Corban.

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"It was so frustrating because we had shot after shot but they would just not go in," Martinez said after his team improved to 3-0 on the season. "The score doesn't look pretty, but it's a win for us."

Ponce scored on a shot from inside the box after defender Mallory Copeland and midfielder Kaitlyn Slusarenko combined passes to move the ball upfield.

Martinez said he wasn't sure what his team's final shot total was, but "in the first half we had eight to 10 goal opportunities that we could not finish."

He said part of the problem was a long pitch, but a miscommunication that led to his team arriving hours early was the bigger factor.

"The girls got too relaxed I believe," he said. "It was just one of those days that nothing was going good for us, on the finishing part."

Defensively the Pioneers were solid, said Martinez, with the play of Sydney Richwine particularly bright.

**CENTURY 2, HERMISTON 1** — At Hillsboro, the Bulldogs stepped up a classification for the second-straight game but came away from Tuesday's contest with a much closer outcome than their meeting with Grant a week ago.

It was the first win of the season for Century (1-1).

## Boys Soccer

**DAVID DOUGLAS 3, HERMISTON 0** — At Portland, David Douglas scored once in the first half and twice after intermission to pick up its first win of the season on Tuesday.

Hermiston (2-1) failed to find the net for the first time this season and picked up its first loss in the process. No details were reported.

**MAC-HI 2, THE DALLES 1** — At The Dalles, the Pioneers finally got their season started on Tuesday with a win over the Riverhawks in a game that had been rescheduled from Sep. 1.

The Dalles (1-1) held a 1-0 lead at halftime but couldn't hold off the determined Pioneers (1-0). No details were reported.

## Volleyball

**HELIX 3, UMATILLA 0** — At Helix, the Grizzlies came out ready to play and avenged their only loss of the young season on Tuesday.

After falling to Umatilla on Saturday at the Riverside Tournament, Helix flipped the outcome with scores of 25-20, 25-16, 25-19.

"They just came out with fire and we have really been talking about how to show up mentally for a game, and tonight I thought they did that," said Helix coach Tammie Parker.

Helix served 90 percent as a team.

**DUFUR 3, HEPPNER 1; HEPPNER 3, SHERMAN 0** — At Heppner, passing was key in a Mustangs split on Tuesday night.

Heppner was unable to handle a tough-serving Dufur squad to open and fell 20-25, 25-17, 25-19, 25-18. But the Mustangs (4-3) shored things up quickly to sweep Sherman 25-10, 25-9, 25-10.

"(Dufur) was tough on serve and we didn't pass very well. Whether it was them putting pressure on us, or us not passing very well, we had a hard time getting going offensively," said Heppner coach Dieter Waite. "We passed a lot better (against Sherman) and we did have some attacking and killing at the net. ... They probably didn't serve as tough, but at the same time we did make some corrections and bounce back."

**STANFIELD 3, ARLINGTON 0** — At Stanfield, the Tigers volleyball team took control early against Arlington and never relented on Tuesday.

In its last of three consecutive home matches to start the year, Stanfield swept aside the Arlington Honkers 25-18, 25-18, 25-21 despite a late injury.

Junior McKenzie Gonzales had five kills and three aces to lead the way. Maddie Griffin served up eight assists, with Shyanne Connell not far behind with five, and Katie Burns dropped in three aces, as well. Larissa Castellanos chipped in with

four kills, one of which was from the back row.

**RIVERSIDE 3, CONDON/WHEELER 2** — At Boardman, it took all they had but the Pirates were able to get past the Knights on Tuesday by scores of 25-23, 29-27, 23-25, 18-25, 15-8. No details were reported.

## Rodeo

**CONDON** — Several Intermountain High School rodeo team members got their season started at the Columbia Basin HS Rodeo in Condon this past Sunday and Monday.

Freshman Trent Sorey won the tie-down roping aggregate title with 22.81 seconds on two. He was second in both rounds, posting a 11.64 on Sunday and a 11.17 on Monday.

**Condon Rodeo #1**  
Intermountain Team results  
Steer wrestling — 3, Preston Pederson, 15.85.  
Breakaway roping — 5, Hallie Porter, 3.43.  
Team roping (headers) — 4, Preston Pederson, 12.73.  
Team roping (heelers) — 3, Phoenix Everano, 10.64.  
Barrel racing — 10, Jaiden Mahoney, 18.266.  
Goat tying — 3, Jacee Currin, 8.95; 4, Jaiden Mahoney, 9.47.  
Tie-down roping — 2, Trent Sorey, 11.64; 3, Kolby Currin, 11.92; 4, Preston Pederson, 12.49.  
Pole bending — 4, Taylor Betz, 21.388; 8, Jacee Currin, 21.787.  
**Condon Rodeo #2**  
Steer wrestling — 1, Kolby Currin, 8.51.  
Breakaway roping — 8, Jacee Currin, 4.14.  
Team roping (headers) — 7, Preston Pederson, 19.36.  
Team roping (heelers) — 4, Phoenix Everano, 14.80.  
Barrel racing — 9, Jaiden Mahoney, 18.321.  
Goat tying — 7, Jaiden Mahoney, 10.09; 9, Jacee Currin, 10.24.  
Tie-down roping — 2, Trent Sorey, 11.17; 4, Preston Pederson, 12.17; 5, Phoenix Everano, 12.21; 9, Calgary Smith, 14.07.  
Pole bending — 2, Hallie Porter, 20.692; 5, Jacee Currin, 20.988.

# BEAVERS: McMaryion will continue to play

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out: His hurdle of Weber State free safety Josh Burton on a run in the second half.

Beavers running back Storm Barrs-Woods was already a big Collins fan, but the hurdle was something else.

"When he did the hurdle I was like, 'All right, all right,'" Barrs-Woods said, smiling. "Other than that I wasn't surprised at all by the performance. That's who Seth is. He's a guy who's always locked in, he stays focused. And he loves football, he truly loves football."

Andersen was quick to say following the Weber State performance that Collins would be the starter going forward.

However, the Beavers will continue to play McMaryion, too, in order to get him some experience. Andersen said both could play Saturday when the Beavers travel to Ann Arbor.

"Seth's gonna take the first snap, so that's that magical word of the 'starter.' So, yeah, that's out there. He'll take the first snap and, at this point, it's scheduled for him to get the majority of the snaps. But we have to continue to prepare ourselves as a football team to play the whole year, and giving Marcus an opportunity to prepare knowing

that he has a really, really good opportunity to get into that football game and play is important at this point," said Andersen, the former Wisconsin coach who is in his first season with the Beavers after Mike Riley departed for Nebraska.

Michigan, which is playing its first season under Jim Harbaugh, was regrouping after a season-opening 24-17 loss to Utah last Thursday. The Utes stuffed the Wolverines' running game, allowing just 76 yards rushing on 29 carries.

Quarterback Jake Rudock, a graduate transfer from Iowa, also solidified his position as Michigan's starter in the opener. He threw for 279 yards and two touchdowns, but also had two interceptions.

About Andersen's only criticism of Collins after his first outing is that he's going to have to learn when to take risks — like the hurdle — and know when not to.

His second test comes Saturday.

"Seth has a game under his belt, which is invaluable at this point," Andersen said. "The challenge for Seth, just like everybody on this team, is to understand who you're playing and what you're lining up against. Take care of yourself first, execute the game plan and know exactly what type of game it's going to be."