

Riverside goalie Adolfo Bedolla Jr. deflects a head ball from Umatilla's Diego Saldana in the Pirates' 6-0 win against the Vikings on Wednesday in Boardman.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



SOCCKER: Riverside, Umatilla girls draw

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4-2 SD4) switched to a defensive-minded philosophy in the second half, which was the main reason only Kevin Madrigal was able to tack on another goal.
Adolfo Bedolla Jr. made three saves in the net.
Riverside (7-2-1, 5-0) has four games left in the regular season, and Velazquez said he felt the team showed it was playoff ready with Wednesday's performance.
The Pirates' next game is Saturday at Culver at 1 p.m. Umatilla hosts City Christian on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Girls Soccer
RIVERSIDE 3, UMATILLA 3 — At Umatilla, the Pirates and Vikings remained locked in a second-place tie in the Special District 2 standings after Wednesday's draw.
Jocelyn Guardado scored three goals for Umatilla (3-3-3, 2-0-3 SD2), and tied the game in the 72nd minute when she took a long pass and beat two defenders plus the goal keeper to complete the hat trick.
Umatilla led 2-1 at halftime but trailed 3-2 when Riverside (2-4-3, 2-0-3) scored in quick succession midway through

the second half.
Umatilla coach Tim Lee said it was a well-played draw, with each team holding about 50 percent possession.
Both teams have five games remaining in the regular season and will meet again on Oct. 29 in their season finale.
"I think we're moving in the right direction, we're always improving in our games," Lee said. "We're in a good spot right now I think we still have a lot of potential."
Riverside's next game is against Horizon Christian of Tualatin while Umatilla hosts Portland Christian. Both games are today at 4:15 p.m.

BULLDOGS: Hunsaker to start again at QB

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next opportunity to turn the season around.
Even amidst the struggles of the season, the Bulldogs still have a good chance to make it back to the OSAA playoffs, but will need to get some momentum going through CRC play.
Hermiston will have to do so without quarterback Dayshawn Neal again, who is likely out again with an injury.
Senior Nathan Hunsaker will be under center again

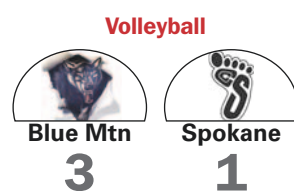
this week, looking to add to a solid performance against Sandy, where he threw for 149 yards and a touchdown on 10-20 passing. He also added 58 rushing yards on 15 carries.
But the Bulldogs will need some better play from its collective group of running backs to help make up for the impact that Neal brought to the Bulldogs rushing attack.
Omar Garcia stepped in against Sandy and led the team with 75 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries, and Mitchell Brown added 52

yards on nine carries.
On paper this game could be a good opportunity for the Hermiston defense to carry some momentum over from its performance against Sandy as the Riverhawks offense has struggled in recent weeks.
After scoring 43 points in its only win so far against Mac-Hi in Week 3, the Riverhawks have netted just 25 points combined over its last two games.
The Bulldogs and Riverhawks will kickoff at 7 p.m. on Friday in The Dalles.

PENDLETON

T-Wolves tough out win

East Oregonian



SPOKANE, Wash. — On Wednesday night, the Blue Mountain Timberwolves fought through some injury situations to oust the Spokane Sasquatch 3-1.
The Timberwolves (30-7, 10-0) dropped the second set to Spokane 25-22, but won their three sets with scores of 25-22, 25-23, and 25-13.
Blue Mountain coach Dave Baty said that it wasn't the greatest game from his team, but he was glad to see them get the victory.
"This team clearly loves having their backs against the wall," he said, "and they love to come out swinging.

We're tired, but happy for the win."
Sophomore Brittney Fielder got the start at middle blocker for normal starter Keri Schwarz, who stayed home sick. Fielder played well through two sets before leaving the game with a rolled ankle in the third set.
The situation led for some lineup shuffling and allowed freshmen Kailey Buckner and Emma Bowers

to step in and contribute.
Buckner ended up helping the Timberwolves into a big momentum swing in that third set, picking up some big blocks to help the T-wolves secure the third set victory. "She just played fantastic," said Baty.
Overall, Klaree Hobart led the Timberwolves offense with 18 kills, while Jordan Mix drilled 13 kills and Kristin Williams added 11 kills.
The Timberwolves next head to Salem for a big weekend tournament that begins on Friday with a match against Centralia at 9 a.m.

BUCKS: Corona adds scoring dimension

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I-84 to meet a tough Eagles (3-3) squad.
This game brings some added pressure on both sides, though, in terms of league standing. The Hermiston Bulldogs struggled mightily through five weeks before finally getting their first win last week, and it's not known if The Dalles will be able to finish the season due to player safety issues.
Those factors help make this what Davis calls a 'crucial' game for his Buckaroos squad. A win over the Eagles on Friday could put the Buckaroos in the drivers seat for playoff positioning.
"I don't know if this game needs anymore pressure, to be honest," he said. "I think the coaches and I'm hoping the kids are starting to grasp the ramifications of this football game as far as continuing our season. We absolutely have to beat Hood River in order to even look at going on to the next level."
So how can the Buckaroos take down the Eagles?
"It'll be defensively for us," says Davis. "We're going to have to be able to establish our defense because Hood River throws a lot of different sets at you. They throw a lot of crossing

routes and run some misdirection, and they don't stretch the field as much, but play more ball control."
The Bucks defense has been just as inconsistent as the offense this season, giving some great games against teams like Ontario, La Grande, and AC Davis, but also being outplayed by the likes of Summit and Ridgeview.
Davis also believes that if his defense can slow down the Hood River offense, it will give the Bucks offense a better chance to find a rhythm early.
"Our offense has been clicking at times, but not enough," said Davis. "If our defense can corral some of their (plays), then I think our offense can really take off."
Both units will get a big boost this week, though, as senior defensive end/wide receiver Devon Roe is probable to play on Friday after missing last week's game with a concussion.
Roe's return will also help out immensely as the 6-2, 205-pounder has proved to be one of Pendleton's most reliable options at wideout, as well as being one of the leaders along the defensive front.
His return mixed with the response of his team last week against AC Davis has Erik Davis feeling pretty

good about his team.
"Very few coaches will actually say that there is such a thing as a "good loss," said Davis, "but I was able to hold my head a little higher because the look in our kids' eyes showed that they started to believe."
Davis and the Bucks also gained some confidence in the special teams unit, headlined by kicker Sebastian Corona who drilled a school-record 49-yard field goal in last week's loss.
"Now we know that when we get inside the 30-yard-line we have a chance to put some points on the board," said Davis, "which is a pretty good weapon in high school football."
Amidst all the positivity, however, the Bucks did get some more bad news along the injury front this week.
Starting offensive tackle Cade Anderson has been ruled out of Friday's game with a concussion, and starting tight end/safety Dakota McCambridge was officially ruled out for the rest of the season after an MRI showed a partially torn ACL and meniscus.
"Dakota will be tough because he was a senior leader," said Davis. "But he'll be right there on the sidelines Friday night helping us out."

PIGSKIN PICKERS

Week 6

Overall: 37-13
Last Week: 8-2
Hermiston at The Dalles:
Pendleton at Hood River:
Heppner at Stanfield:
Ontario at Mac-Hi:
Oregon St. at Wash. St.:
Oregon at Washington:
UCLA at Stanford:
Michigan St. at Michigan:
Panthers at Seahawks:
Ravens at 49ers:

Kevin Fisher	Sam Barbee	Mike Appleton	Clint Shoemake	Eric Singer	Mario Ramirez	Jeff Snell	Matt Entrup	Kathy Aney	Jennifer Cox	Kim Furgerson
37-13	37-13	36-14	34-16	33-17	33-17	31-19	31-19	30-20	29-21	24-26
8-2	7-3	6-4	6-4	7-3	6-4	7-3	6-4	4-6	3-7	2-8
Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston
Hood River	Hood River	Hood River	Pendleton	Hood River	Hood River	Hood River	Hood River	Hood River	Hood River	Pendleton
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Washington	Washington	Washington	Oregon	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Oregon
Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	UCLA	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	UCLA
Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	MSU	MSU	Michigan	MSU	Michigan	MSU	MSU
Seahawks	Panthers	Seahawks	Panthers	Seahawks	Panthers	Seahawks	Panthers	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
Ravens	Ravens	49ers	Ravens	49ers	49ers	49ers	Ravens	Ravens	49ers	Ravens

Winner's Note: "If it's not broken, don't fix it, keep on flipping." — K.F.

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