

Prep Roundup

Bucks shut out The Dalles

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PENDLETON — On Wednesday afternoon, the Pendleton Buckaroos got into the win column in league play for the first time, defeating The Dalles 2-0.

The Buckaroos (4-8-1, 1-4 CRC) got both goals in the first half from junior Fernando Gomez, who has continued to show his worth as the top offensive weapon for the Bucks.

“He’s very creative,” said Bucks coach Jeremy Talbot. “(Fernando) has above-average speed, and he does well at finding and creating plays, which he usually finishes.”

It was a great rebound game for the Buckaroos, who last time out were blown off the field at Hood River with a 10-1 final score.

“We played smart, and had really good composure today,” said Talbot. “We’ve been building off of what we do well. Sometimes we get too aggressive and let mistakes happen after, so it was nice to see we were more patient today.”

The Buckaroos will hit the field again next Tuesday when they end the regular season at Hermiston at 6 p.m. The Bucks will be looking to even the series after falling to the Bulldogs 3-1 in their earlier meeting on Oct. 12.

Girls Soccer

HERMISTON 0, HOOD RIVER 0 — At Hood River, the Hermiston Bulldogs and Hood River couldn’t settle a winner after 90 minutes, ending with a 0-0 tie.

No details were reported.

Hermiston (3-4-6, 1-1-3 CRC) next hits the field on Tuesday for their regular season finale on the road against Pendleton at 4:30 p.m.

Prep Football

Prime match-ups in Morrow Co.

Heppner, Riverside host games with playoff implications

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The Heppner Mustangs delivered a message to the rest of the Columbia Basin Conference with its 60-6 win over supposed title contender Stanfield last week to remain undefeated on the season.

Only two games remain and the Mustangs (7-0) host another one-time CBC title hopeful this week in upstart Irrigon (5-2), which has secured the program’s first-ever winning season but is coming off two straight losses.

The Knights are nearing must-win territory to keep their playoff aspirations alive, and a win over Heppner would be the first in program history.

Recent results suggest that’s not going to happen this week, and it’ll be a different Morrow County match-up with playoff implications that will the game to watch in small-school action this week.

The Riverside Pirates (2-4) host the Umatilla Vikings (4-3) in a rivalry game that Riverside has won the last two seasons. The winner keeps their playoff hopes alive while the loser is eliminated due to each team’s low OSAA ranking.

Both of those games will kick off at 7 p.m.

Here is a quick look at all of this week’s games:

UMATILLA at RIVERSIDE — Riverside didn’t have much to play for in each of its last two seasons. Playing an independent schedule, the Pirates had no hopes of a league title or a spot in the postseason.

The team went 3-15 over that span, but two of those wins were over rival Umatilla.

The Pirates had no problem finding motivation to knock off the Vikings then, and with the chances of a playoff game restored with their return to the Eastern Oregon League this season, they’ll have even more reason to try and extend that streak.

The Vikings (0-1 EOL), however, come into this season’s match-up with a slight edge on paper and have scored at least 28 points in four straight games — Riverside has topped that total just twice all season. Umatilla is averaging 23.6 points on offense to Riverside’s 19.2, and also is better on defense averaging 26.3 points to the Pirates’ 36.

Whichever team comes out on top



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Heppner’s Kaden Clark rushes through a hole in the Stanfield defense in the Mustang’s 60-6 win against the Tigers on Oct. 16 in Stanfield.

still has to win its next game and get some help to reach the playoffs, but all that does is add to the importance of winning Friday’s game.

IRRIGON at HEPPNER — The Knights have run their way to some staggering point totals this season, but struggle when teams take away the outside speed of running backs Fredy Vera and Carlos Zacharias. The Mustangs (3-0 CBC) proved they can get the job done in limiting Stanfield’s Thyley Monkus to 2.78 yards per carry last week (18 carries for 50 yards), and holding the Tigers to 162 total yards on offense. Kevin Murray led the defensive with 10 tackles while Weston Putman and Patrick Collins combined for another 17, and the Mustangs didn’t allow a play longer than 23 yards.

Irrigon (1-2 CBC) was held to a season low in its 37-12 loss to Weston-McEwen last week. The Knights hadn’t scored fewer than 39 points in any game this season before running into the TigerScots, which own the No. 5 defense in Class 2A.

Heppner brings the No. 2 defense into this week’s match-up, and is allowing just 11 points a game.

The Knights need a win and losses by Weston-McEwen and Stanfield to remain in the hunt for a guaranteed playoff berth, but could still hope for an at-large berth even with a loss due to their No. 13 OSAA ranking.

WESTON-MCEWEN at CULVER — Friday’s game in Culver features two teams heading in opposite directions in the CBC standings. Culver (3-4, 1-2) is clinging to the slimmest of playoff

hopes, and would need a win plus a Stanfield loss to keep those alive for another week.

Weston-McEwen (5-2, 2-1) would give itself a chance to play for the league title next week against Heppner if it wins, but also needs to win to keep its postseason chances.

Culver struggled to close out a winless Pilot Rock team last week and scored just four points above its season average in a 34-20 win that stopped a four-game skid.

Weston-McEwen hasn’t allowed more than 19 points in a game since its season-opening 34-32 loss to Grant Union. Since then the Tiger-Scots are giving up just 10.7 points a game, but that number jumps to 15.3 when considering only road games. The TigerScots are 2-1 on the road while Culver is just 1-2 at home this season. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

STANFIELD at PILOT ROCK — The Rockets (0-6, 0-3 CBC) saw their best chance for a win this season slip away last week in a 34-20 loss to Culver. Pilot Rock’s next two opponents are a combined 11-3 and are vying for playoff consideration.

The Rockets are already eliminated from the postseason picture, but their 19 points against Heppner is the most by any team this season.

The Tigers (6-1, 2-1) are in good shape to come out of a tight playoff race with one of the conference’s two guaranteed playoff spots if they can take care of business in the final two weeks, and won’t be tempted to overlook the Rockets coming off a humbling 60-6 loss to Heppner. That outcome brought Stanfield back to the middle of the pack in scoring offense with 35.7 points a game, but

the Tigers have still nearly tripled the Rockets’ offensive output this season. Pilot Rock averages just 15.5 points a game.

Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

BAKER at MAC-HI — At Milton-Freewater, the Pioneers (0-7, 0-2) are being outscored by an average of 43 points a game this season and are averaging just 4 points a night on offense.

That’s not going to cut it, especially against a Baker (3-4, 1-1) squad that is averaging 24.3 points a game is playing for a spot in the postseason.

This is the final game of the regular season for both teams. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

DUFUR at IONE — The Cardinals offense was down to emergency personnel in last week’s game against Mitchell when quarterback Jason Juarez was a pre-game scratch due to a separated shoulder and running back Henry Padberg injured his knee on the third snap of the game.

Tight end Dan Doherty moved behind center, and Ione (2-4, 1-3 SD4) was able to snap a three-game skid with a thrilling 36-34 double overtime win thanks to the hard running of Cord Flynn.

A one-dimensional attack isn’t going to do much against Dufur (5-2, 2-2), unfortunately. The Rangers have won two in a row and are the No. 2 defense in Special District 4 giving up just 18.5 points a game. Ione’s playoff hopes hinge on winning its final two games and hoping that raises its OSAA ranking enough to earn the Cardinals the only at-large berth available this season. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

ECHO at PINE EAGLE — Echo (2-5, 0-3 SD1) is entrenched in the role of spoiler in its final game of the season, but the Cougars’ offense hasn’t been able to muster much without starting quarterback Klay Jensen, who was lost for the season in 66-22 loss to Wallowa in Week 4.

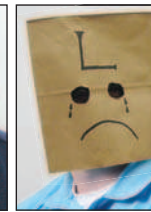
With Jensen the Cougars scored 142 points in two wins. Without him they’ve totaled just 74 points in five losses (he started losses to Ione and Wallowa but did not finish).

Pine Eagle (5-2, 2-1) can’t be eliminated from the postseason with a loss, but does have district seeding on the line. Despite a much better record, the Spartans average only three more points on offense and two fewer on defense than Echo. Kickoff is at 2 p.m.

PIGSKIN PICKERS

Week 7

Overall:
Last Week:
The Dalles at Pend.:
Hood Riv. at Herm.:
Umatilla at Riverside:
Weston-M at Culver
Colorado at Ore. St.:
Utah at USC:
California at UCLA:
Tex. A&M at Ole Miss:
Seahawks at 49ers:
Eagles at Panthers:

										
Mike Appleton	Kevin Fisher	Sam Barbee	Mario Ramirez	Clint Shoemaker	Matt Entrup	Jeff Snell	Eric Singer	Jennifer Cox	Kathy Aney	Kim Furgerson
43-17	43-17	43-17	42-18	41-19	39-21	38-22	38-22	37-23	36-24	30-30
7-3	6-4	6-4	9-1	7-3	8-2	7-3	5-5	8-2	6-4	6-4
Pendleton	Pendleton	Pendleton	Pendleton	Pendleton	Pendleton	Pendleton	Pendleton	Pendleton	Pendleton	Pendleton
Hood River	Hood River	Hermiston	Hood River	Hermiston	Hood River	Hermiston	Hood River	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston
Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla	Umatilla
W-M	W-M	W-M	W-M	W-M	W-M	W-M	W-M	Culver	W-M	W-M
Oregon St.	Colorado	Oregon St.	Oregon St.	Colorado	Colorado	Oregon St.	Colorado	Oregon St.	Oregon St.	Oregon St.
USC	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah	Utah
UCLA	California	California	California	UCLA	California	UCLA	California	California	California	California
Ole Miss	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Ole Miss	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Ole Miss	Texas A&M	Ole Miss
Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
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