

Prep Roundup Buckaroos end season with loss

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WILSONVILLE — The Pendleton Buckaroos dropped a postseason play-in match to Wilsonville 3-1.

Pendleton fell to Wilsonville with scores of 25-15, 25-23, and 25-22. The Buckaroos grind out a second set win with a score of 26-24.

"We had a hard time being able to use our offense tonight," said Bucks coach Amanda Lapp, "but we were able to pull through and have a strong fight."

The loss ends the Buckaroos 2015 season with a 7-13 record overall and a 2-7 record in the Columbia River Conference.

"It's been a good season and we're sad to see our seniors go, but excited for the legacy they've left behind," said Lapp.

Girls Soccer

PORTLAND ADVENTIST 3, RIVERSIDE 1

— At Boardman, the Riverside Pirates dropped their second-straight league game with a 3-1 loss to Portland Adventist.

No details were reported. Riverside (4-6-3, 4-2-3 EOL) next plays at home versus Umatilla on Thursday at 4:15 p.m.

UMATILLA 2, HORIZON CHRISTIAN 0

— At Umatilla, the Vikings ended a four-game winless streak with a shutout win over Horizon Christian on Tuesday.

No details were reported. Umatilla (4-5-4, 3-2-4) will finish the regular season on Thursday with a road game at Riverside at 4:15 p.m.

BRIEFLY

Buckaroos holding basketball clinics

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Buckaroos boys basketball program is holding 'Saturday Swish Clinics' for the first three Saturday's in November.

The clinics — set up for boys in grades 1-8 — will run from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m., with a 'free shoot' beforehand starting at 8:30 a.m. The first clinic on Nov. 7 will take place in Warberg Court at the high school, and the ones on Nov. 14 and Nov. 21 will take place in Gold Gym.

The clinics will feature one-on-one coaching from Pendleton coaches and players, as well as daily contests, games, prizes, and scrimmages. Participants will also receive a ticket to a future Buckaroos boys basketball game.

Registration costs are \$20 for one day, \$30 for two days, or \$40 for all three days, with checks to be made out to PHS Basketball. Sign ups at the door are also available for a cost of \$25 a day.

Registration forms can be picked up at the high school front office. Any questions or comments should be directed to Buckaroo boys basketball coach Kyle Tedder at (541) 404-6228.

Trail Blazers extend radio agreement

PORTLAND — The Portland Trail Blazers announced on Tuesday that they have extended their radio broadcast rights with iHeartMedia-Portland to keep Rip City Radio 620-AM as the teams' flagship station.

Brian Wheeler and Antonio Harvey will once again be calling all of the Trail Blazers games this season. Wheeler is in his 18th season as the play-by-play voice for the team and Harvey will begin his 11th season as analyst.

In the Pendleton and Hermiston areas, the Trail Blazers affiliate station will remain AM-1240 KTIX for the entirety of the 2015-2016 season.

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MLB

Hosmer sacrifice fly in 14th lifts Royals

By BEN WALKER Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Alcides Escobar started the World Series with a jolt. Five hours later, he ended the longest opener ever with a jump — into the arms of his joyous Kansas City Royals teammates.

Saved by Alex Gordon's tying home run in the ninth inning off Mets closer Jeury's Familia, the Royals won in the 14th when Eric Hosmer's sacrifice fly scored Escobar for a 5-4 win over New York late Tuesday night.

This tied for the longest Series game in history, and in 5 hours, 9 minutes, it had a little bit of everything packed in. A lot of everything, actually.

"Tonight was huge," Royals pitcher Chris Young said. "Home run by Alex Gordon and the character and fight, find a way to win late, great team effort."

Escobar hit an inside-the-park homer on the very first pitch from Matt Harvey. Later, a power failure caused the national TV audience and the team's replay rooms to go dark.

The nearer it got to midnight — and beyond — the more oddly the ball bounced.

In the 11th, Salvador Perez grounded a single that hit the third-base bag and caromed high in the air. In the 12th, Daniel Murphy struck out on a pitch that got past Perez — it ricocheted off the backstop to the Royals catcher, who threw out Murphy at first.

About the only thing missing? A home run by Murphy, who had connected in a record six straight postseason games. The MVP of the NL Championship Series did contribute a pair of singles.

Then in the 14th, Escobar reached on an error by third baseman David Wright. Ben Zobrist's single put runners at the corners and an intentional walk to Lorenzo Cain loaded the bases.

Hosmer atoned for a key error by lifting a flyball to medium-deep right field, and Escobar barely beat Curtis Granderson's throw home.

"I wanted to redeem myself for what happened earlier," Hosmer



AP Photo/David J. Phillip

Kansas City Royals' Alcides Escobar scores during the 14th inning of Game 1 of the Major League Baseball World Series against the New York Mets Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo. The Royals won 5-4 to take a 1-0 lead in the series.

said. "That's the beauty of this game. Always get a chance to redeem yourself and can't thank my teammates enough."

Escobar streaked home standing up, and the Royals rushed from the dugout to meet him.

Young pitched three innings for the win.

It was 12:18 a.m. at Kauffman Stadium, and Game 2 is Wednesday night.

Jacob deGrom starts for the Mets against Johnny Cueto. It's a hairy matchup: DeGrom's flowing tresses vs. Cueto's mop of dreadlocks.

Anyone who's ever seen the Royals play — especially in October — knows they're called resilient for a reason. Once again, they reinforced their reputation.

Gordon shook the ballpark when he tagged Familia, hitting a solo drive with one over the center field wall. The star closer hadn't blown a save since July 30 and had been nearly perfect this postseason.

"Their team, one of the things we know about them is they're never down and out," Mets manager Terry Collins. "We've got to put them away. We've got to do a better job."

Known more for his glove than

his bat, Gordon got a huge hug in the dugout from Eric Hosmer. A two-time Gold Glove first baseman, Hosmer's error gave the Mets a 4-3 lead in the eighth.

Escobar provided the early excitement. He loves to swing at first pitches, and this time the MVP of AL Championship Series produced his best result yet.

A mix-up by Mets outfielders Yoenis Cespedes and rookie Michael Conforto helped Escobar wind up with just the second inside-the-parker to lead off a Series game. Ol' Patsy Dougherty of the Boston Americans did it in 1903 — his came in the second game ever of what became known as the Fall Classic.

Harvey brushed aside the misplay and quickly settled in. The Mets, meanwhile, soon caught up with Royals starter Edinson Volquez, who did his best on the day his father died in the Dominican Republic.

Granderson homered and the Mets came back for a 3-1 lead. Mike Moustakas lined a tying single off Harvey tied it in the sixth.

Hosmer let Wilmer Flores' two-out, two-hopper get past him in the eighth, allowing Juan Lagares to scamper home with the

go-ahead run.

Next thing Hosmer knew, he was embracing Gordon on the bench. Gordon most surely enjoyed going 90 feet farther than he made it last October.

When last seen in the Series, he was held up at third base in the bottom of the ninth in Game 7 after an outfield misplay. He got stranded there and KC fell a run short against San Francisco.

For both teams, this began as a lucky day.

Exactly 30 years earlier, on the same field, Bret Saberhagen and the Royals routed St. Louis in Game 7 for their most recent crown. The next year, also on Oct. 27, Darryl Strawberry homered to help the Mets beat Boston in Game 7 for their latest title.

By the time the Royals won early Wednesday, they'd already made Oct. 28 a day to remember, too.

Scoreboard table showing MLB game results for NY (14-11) vs KC (10-11) with individual player stats for Harvey, Colon, Herrera, Young, Escobar, Granderson, and Gordon.

LADY DAWGS: Pendleton must win coin flip to reach play-in round



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton's Lizzy Evans and Rileigh Andreason (5), of Hermiston, battle for the ball during Tuesday's soccer game at Blue Mountain Community College.

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most of the game, the Bulldogs trailed 1-0 at halftime due to a defensive breakdown in the 28th minute.

Pendleton's Makayla Akers found herself with only the keeper to beat after taking a pass between two Hermiston defenders near the top of the penalty box. A few dribbles and a well-placed shot put Pendleton up 1-0.

It took Hermiston until the 52nd minute to answer, but it did so in dramatic fashion when Whitney McMahon's 25-yard shot kissed the far post before settling into the back corner of the net.

"I wasn't meaning to make it," she said of her shot from the right flank. "I'm glad I did."

"Whitney's goal was hit-or-miss, but she struck it well and found the post and stepped up when we needed it," Turner said.

Parker said he could see some frustration in his team following the score.

"That (goal) was one of those where it's a very lucky ball," Parker said. "Very rarely do you see a ball hit the post and go in, normally those bounce out. But that's the game, sometimes you get that bounce and sometimes you don't."

An energized Hermiston continued to test Pendleton keeper McKenzie Sherman, and she made several athletic saves to preserve the tie as long as possible. But Garcia finally broke through in the 73rd minute with a low shot to the left corner.

"I just saw a through ball right between the two (defenders) and I thought I could take it in between them," she said of the quick move to her right from the top of the box. "This goalie knows how to get high balls in the air so I thought I'd hit it to the corner."

Sherman turned the Bulldogs away in a 2-on-1 situation minutes later, and helped Pendleton avoid an even larger loss in its final home game of the season.

Hermiston came into the game needing a win to secure home-field advantage in the state postseason play-in round. The Bulldogs will host Putnam (2-7-5), the sixth-place team from the Northwest Oregon Conference (NWOC), in a game that must be played on or before Saturday.

Pendleton needed a win or tie to secure a spot in the play-in round, but could still get in after tying The Dalles for third place in the CRC.

A coin flip will be conducted via Skype this morning to see which team plays at Hillsboro (8-4-2) in the play-in round.

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SCOREBOARD

Comprehensive scoreboard table including Local slate (Prep Football, College Volleyball, College Men's Basketball, College Women's Basketball), Today's Games (NFL, American Conference, National Conference), Football, Hockey (NHL Eastern Conference), Soccer (MLS Playoffs, Knockout Round, Eastern Conference), and Basketball (NBA Regular Season).