

GRIZZLIES: Bennett makes big serves in clutch

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time the girls responded for come-from-behind wins of 25-21, 25-21 and 25-23.

"We were having fun, working together as a unit and trusting each other," said Flerchinger, who scored the match's final point on a well-placed kill. "Trust was huge part of it, and I think when all of those things — having fun, trust and communication — when they all come together, that's what happens."

"That's the big one that we've really worked on," sophomore Charmayne Bennett said of trust. "Trusting that (your teammates) are going to be there when you need it."

Each set featured multiple lead changes, and the Grizzlies (19-5) caught and overtook the Mustangs (13-6) for good at 20 in the first set, 14 in the second and 23 in the third.

"There were some times when we were like, 'Oh my gosh, what are we going to do? But we stayed positive and we kept pushing,'" Flerchinger said.

"I was really pleased with how the girls battled back and they didn't just sink, they just kept fighting," said Helix coach Tammie Parker. "They knew they could come back."

It was the third set the



A trio of Mustangs scramble for the ball after a block by Makenzie Mize (49), of Helix, during Wednesday's playoff game in Helix.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

showed why Helix will have a chance to advance from the Round of 16 and qualify for its first final bracket since 2009.

Trailing 11-4, Helix avoided the urge to surrender the set and scored the next seven points to knot it at 11-all on a kill by Flerchinger.

The Grizzlies then took the lead when the Mustangs couldn't return Bennett's serve to cap a seven-point run at the line for the sophomore.

But Jordan Valley also

refused to be broken, and rallied for an 18-14 lead when Sage Raine tipped a kill over the Helix block. The Grizzlies stopped the bleeding there, but were still two mistakes from giving the Mustangs new life when Bennett rotated back to the service line with Helix trailing 23-20.

"It was a little stressful, but I just went back to focusing on the basics and served like I would in practice," Bennett said.

Her first serve was

returned out of bounds by Jordan Valley. Her second offering was passed around but also not returned, and her third was a true ace to tie the score at 23-23.

The Mustangs hit the ball into the net trying to return the next serve, and when they finally did get back over the net Flerchinger was there to spike the final point into the back corner and set off the celebration.

Final statistics were not available, but Makenzie Mize, Kailey Mize and Sadie Wilson all made plays at the net for Helix while Morgan Caywood and Regann Skinner made notable contributions for Jordan Valley.

The Grizzlies will try to carry over their momentum from Wednesday's win in the next round on Saturday. They play at Crane, game time had not been determined at press time.

"We have taken strides since our last game," Flerchinger said. "I'm really looking forward to the practices to come."

DUFUR 3, ECHO 1 — At Dufur, the Rangers outlasted the Cougars to advance in the IGA playoffs with scores of 24-26, 25-22, 25-12, 25-16 on Wednesday. No details were reported.

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It's the same gameplan: run the football, stop the run; throw the football, defend the pass."

On the other side of the football, the run defense has been the downfall for Pendleton in several games this season.

However, the Bucks dominated the line of scrimmage in last week's win over The Dalles, holding the Riverhawks to -23 yards rushing as the likes of Jacob Banks, Cade Anderson, and Grant Kennedy made a living in the Riverhawks backfield for most of the game.

Bucks coach Erik Davis believes the game was a great confidence-booster for his team, but still believes this could be where the game is won or lost.

"We're going to have to have a couple kids step up

and not arm tackle, I'm tired of seeing that," said Bucks coach Erik Davis. "I'm looking for the (linebackers) to not be catching runners six yards down the field, but to fill and meet them at the line of scrimmage. That's the only way we'll beat them is if we slow them down there."

WHEN PENDLETON HAS THE BALL Just like the defense did last week, the Buckaroos' offense played its most complete game of the season in the win against The Dalles, putting up 49 points and 450 total yards — the highest in both categories this season.

Kai Quinn tossed for over 300 yards and had five total touchdowns, and the Bucks running game behind Jamal Vann and Deven Page contributed 150 yards and three touchdowns, giving the team

plenty of confidence heading into the regular season finale with the Bulldogs.

"They see when they play four full quarters great things can happen," said Davis. "They know they can do this, it's just a matter of doing it on the field."

Hermiston's defense — who will have its hands full with the dual-threat QB in Quinn — is coming off a strong performance against Hood River Valley's Dallas Buckley. Though he threw for more than 300 yards and three touchdowns, he tossed three interceptions and ran for only 46 yards.

"Our kids have done a pretty good job of containing running quarterbacks," Faaeteete said. "Our kids are used to it. Nate is a running quarterback and Dayshawn is, too. So in practice they see

a whole mesh of that."

But, as always, Faaeteete wants to win the battle at the line of scrimmage, where Hermiston, again, appears to have an advantage.

"When you win up front battle, you help dictate where the game goes," he said.

The Bulldogs currently own a three-game winning streak in the series, with the last Pendleton win being a 26-12 result in 2012 at the Round-up Grounds.

"If we do our job, it'll take care of itself on the field on Friday," said Davis. "It's a big week, we're done with homecoming, now it's Hermiston week and conference title week so we just really focus on dedicating ourselves and taking care of ourselves on and off the field."

The two teams will kick-off at 7 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL	
Friday	
Mon./Dayville at Echo, 2 p.m.	
Arlington/Condon at Perrydale, 5 p.m.	
Riverside at Nyssa, 6 p.m.	
Hermiston at Pendleton, 7 p.m.	
Vale at Umatilla, 7 p.m.	
Culver at Stanfield, 7 p.m.	
Pilot Rock at Irrigon, 7 p.m.	
Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.	
South Wasco at Lone, 7 p.m.	

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Today	Umatilla at Riverside, 4:15 p.m.
Saturday	Banks at Mac-Hi, Noon

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Saturday	Mac-Hi at Phoenix (Medford), 1 p.m.
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PREP VOLLEYBALL

Saturday	Elkton at Lone, TBD
	Helix at Crane, TBD

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday	Hermiston, Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Umatilla, Weston-McEwen at State Championships (Lane Community College, Eugene), 10:35 a.m.
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday	Eastern Oregon at Montana Tech, Noon
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COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Friday	Eastern Oregon at Trinity Lutheran, 1 p.m.
Saturday	Eastern Oregon at Warner Pacific, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday	Eastern Oregon at Trinity Lutheran, 1 p.m.
Saturday	Eastern Oregon at Warner Pacific, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Friday	Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, 7 p.m.
Saturday	Eastern Oregon at Oregon Tech, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Friday	Victoria at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.
Saturday	Langara College at Eastern Oregon (exhibition), 5 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday	Eastern Oregon at NW Nazarene (exhibition), Noon
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Prep Standings

FOOTBALL				
Columbia River Conference (5A)				
Hermiston	2-0	3-5	198	290
Hood River	1-1	4-4	298	247
Pendleton	1-1	3-5	204	254
The Dalles	0-2	1-6	138	255

Greater Oregon League (4A)				
La Grande	3-0	7-1	352	145
Baker	2-1	4-4	230	167
Ontario	1-2	1-7	158	243
Mac-Hi	0-3	0-8	30	390

Eastern Oregon League (3A)				
Vale	2-0	6-1	304	135
Umatilla	1-1	5-3	200	208
Nyssa	1-1	4-3	144	145
Riverside	0-2	2-5	139	251

Columbia Basin Conference (2A)				
Heppner	4-0	8-0	426	32
Stanfield	3-1	7-1	312	180
WV	3-1	6-2	292	104
Irrigon	1-3	5-3	314	233
Culver	1-3	3-5	217	325
Pilot Rock	0-4	0-7	99	337

Special District 4 (1A)				
Sherman	5-0	5-2	332	254
Perrydale	4-0	6-0	326	117
Arlington	2-2	4-2	220	100
Dufur	2-2	5-2	314	130
Lone	1-3	2-4	170	240
Mitchell	0-4	2-5	195	299
South Wasco	0-4	0-6	98	380

Special District 1 (1A)

Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA	Rnk
Adrian	5-0	7-0	413	176
Wallowa	4-0	6-1	398	144
Crane	4-1	7-1	486	86
Pine Eagle	3-1	6-2	290	264
Jordan Vall.	3-2	4-4	366	290
Powder Vail	2-2	4-4	334	397
Harper/Hun.	2-3	2-6	244	424
Joseph	1-3	2-5	280	336
PC/B.R.	1-4	1-7	116	449
Echo	0-4	2-6	222	322
Mon./Day.	0-5	1-7	148	507

Baseball

MLB Postseason	
All games televised by Fox	
Kansas City 2, New York 0	
Tuesday: Kansas City 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 14 innings	
Today: Kansas City 7, N.Y. Mets 1	
Friday, Oct. 30: Kansas City (Ventura 13-8) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 9-7), 5:07 p.m.	
Saturday, Oct. 31: Kansas City (Young 11-6) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 4-0), 5:07 p.m.	
x-Sunday, Nov. 1: Kansas City at N.Y. Mets, 5:15 p.m.	
x-Tuesday, Nov. 3: N.Y. Mets at Kansas City, 5:07 p.m.	
x-Wednesday, Nov. 4: N.Y. Mets at Kansas City, 5:07 p.m.	

Basketball

NBA	
Wednesday's Games	
Washington 88, Orlando 87	
Toronto 106, Indiana 99	
Chicago 115, Brooklyn 100	
Detroit 92, Utah 87	
Boston 112, Philadelphia 95	
Miami 104, Charlotte 94	
New York 122, Milwaukee 97	
Cleveland 106, Memphis 76	
Denver 105, Houston 85	
Oklahoma City 112, San Antonio 106	
L.A. Clippers 111, Sacramento 104	
Dallas 111, Phoenix 95	
Portland 112, New Orleans 94	
Minnesota 112, L.A. Lakers 111	
Today's Games	
Memphis at Indiana, 4 p.m.	
Atlanta at New York, 5 p.m.	
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.	

Football

NFL	
Today's Game	
Miami (+8) at New England, 5:25 p.m.	
Sunday's Games	
Detroit (+5.5) vs. Kansas City at London, 6:30 a.m.	
San Francisco (+8.5) at St. Louis, 10 a.m.	
N.Y. Giants (+3) at New Orleans, 10 a.m.	
Minnesota (-1) at Chicago, 10 a.m.	
Tennessee (+4) at Houston, 10 a.m.	
Tampa Bay (+7) at Atlanta, 10 a.m.	
Arizona (-4.5) at Cleveland, 10 a.m.	
San Diego (+3) at Baltimore, 10 a.m.	
Cincinnati (PK) at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.	
N.Y. Jets (-2.5) at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.	
Seattle (-6) at Dallas, 1:25 p.m.	
Green Bay (-3) at Denver, 5:30 p.m.	
Bye: Buffalo, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Washington	
Monday's Game	
Indianapolis (+7) at Carolina, 5:30 p.m.	

Soccer

MLS Playoffs	
KNOCKOUT ROUND	
Eastern Conference	
Wednesday: D.C. United (4), 2, New England (5), 1	
Thursday, Oct. 29: Toronto (6) at Montreal (4), 4 p.m.	
Western Conference	
Wednesday: Seattle (4) 3, LA Galaxy (5) 2	
Thursday, Oct. 29: Sporting Kansas City (6) at Portland (3), 7 p.m.	

Hockey

NHL	
Wednesday's Games	
Ottawa 5, Calgary 4, SO	
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1	
Nashville 2, San Jose 1	
Today's Games	
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 4 p.m.	
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.	
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.	
Colorado at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.	
Anaheim at St. Louis, 5 p.m.	
Chicago at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.	
Vancouver at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.	
Montreal at Edmonton, 6 p.m.	

PIGSKIN PICKERS

Week 1

	Mike Appleton	Clint Shoemake	Sam Barbee	Kevin Fisher	Mario Ramirez	Matt Entrup	Eric Singer	Jeff Snell	Jennifer Cox	Kathy Aney	Kim Furgerson
Overall:	51-19	50-20	49-21	49-21	47-23	45-25	44-26	44-26	43-27	43-27	37-33
Last Week:	8-2	9-1	6-4	6-4	5-5	6-4	6-4	6-4	6-4	7-3	7-3
Hermiston at Pendleton:	Hermiston	Pendleton	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston	Hermiston
Heppner at Weston-McEwen:	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner	Heppner
Culver at Stanfield:	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield	Stanfield
South Wasco at Lone:	Lone	Lone	Lone	Lone	Lone	Lone	Lone	Lone	Lone	Lone	Lone
North Carolina at Pittsburg:	Pitt	Pitt	Pitt	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	N. Carolina	Pitt	N. Carolina	Pitt	Pitt	N. Carolina
Florida at Georgia:	Georgia	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
Oregon at Arizona State:	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Arizona St.	Oregon	Oregon
Stanford at Washington St.:	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford
Seahawks at Cowboys:	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Cowboys	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
Packers at Broncos:	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Broncos	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers

Winner's Note: "Can you feel me breathing down your neck, Mike?" — C.S.

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