

Prep Wrestling

# Dawgs finish on hot streak at Clash

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ROCHESTER, Minn. — After two wire-to-wire duals the Hermiston Bulldogs put a choke hold on the fifth-place round robin Saturday at The Clash XIV in Rochester, Minnesota.

The Bulldogs' first two duals weren't clinched until the very end of their wins over Jefferson City (MO), 40-29, and Prior Lake (MN), 31-18. But a run on pins put the final opponent, Hastings (MN), away early in a 55-15 thumping.

After losing its first dual in Friday's bracketed round, Hermiston finished on five straight wins and 220-pounder Sam Colbray and 138-pounder C.J. Hendon left Minnesota unscathed with perfect 6-0 records at The Clash.

Many Bulldogs did more than tread water in the land of 1,000 lakes and Bulldogs Valen Wyse (152), Bob Coleman (182) and Andy Wagner (126) went 5-1 with Adrian Tuia (132), Beau Blake (285) and Liam Tarvin (120) going 4-2.

Blake got Hermiston started on Saturday with a first-round pin over Jefferson City's Ryan Mohlman in 1:32, and the Bulldogs threatened to run away with the win early when Ruben Madrigal and Isaiah Aguilar followed with pins of their own to make it 18-0.

The teams traded the next six bouts, but where Hermiston earned decisions, Jefferson City picked up pins and major decisions before back-to-back wins cut the deficit to just four points.

Logan Moriarty pinned Brock McDonough in 1:41 in the 170-pound match to make it 30-26, but Coleman got those points right back with a third-round pin (5:10) on Rashaun Woods to make it 36-26 with two bouts to go.

Jefferson City 195-pounder Jalen Martin would earn his team a victory in the next match, but by avoiding the pin in a 5-1 decision, Hermiston's John-Henry Line secured his team's victory by giving up just three points.

Hermiston also needed until the penultimate bout in the Prior Lake dual to make victory a mathematical certainty.

The Minnesota school opened the dual on two straight wins, and although the Bulldogs took the next four, regained the lead with a three-win streak that was capped by a 3-2 win by Ian O'Connor over Hermiston 160-pounder Joey Gutierrez to make it 15-13 with five weights to contend.

McDonough and Coleman ended Prior Lake's victory streak with major decisions to put Hermiston back on top 21-15, but Sam Brunkow gave his team a shot with a 5-2 win over Line.

Colbray did the honors for Hermiston this time, though, and scored another major decision, 11-3, over Collin O'Brien that made it 25-18. Blake capped the win with the only pin of the dual in 1:39 over Alex Nopola.

After getting just six wins by pin in their first two dual on Saturday, the Bulldogs tallied eight against Hastings. A five-pin rally in the middle weights erased any hope Hastings had for a rally and McDonough made the win official with a 3:06 pin over Kyle Erickson that made it 43-3 with five weights to contend.

JO-HI INVITATIONAL

JOSEPH — The Mac-Hi Pioneers placed third to lead local squads at the 18-team Jo-Hi Invitational on Saturday.

Culver won the team title with 224 points, Baker was second with 198.5 and Mac-Hi finished with 163.

Heppner was ninth with 58, Irrigon was 12th (49) and Echo was 15th (40).

The Pioneers claimed to weight class championships and finished with nine placers.

Gregory Moreno at 285 pounds and 160-pounder Cole Skramstad were Mac-Hi's champs.

Moreno earned his title with a pin (5:17) on Baker's Will Goodwin, his third of the tournament to go 4-0.

Skramstad also went 4-0 and took his title 16-1 over Joseph's Raymond Seal. He won one match by fall, one by tech-fall, one by major decision and one by decision.

Placing third for Mac-Hi were Riley Chester (138), Kaden Kilburg (170), Joshua Torres (195) and Donnie Clark (285). Spencer Wells (220) was fourth, Zach Crisman (113) was fifth and Chase Larson (132) was sixth.

Heppner had the only other championship among locals with Ryan Smith going 4-0 with three pins and a 16-4 win over Baker's Jace Hays in the finals.

His Mustangs teammate Cord Flynn placed third at 220.

Irrigon had five placers: Cougar Kroske (285) was fourth, Jose Covarubia (285) was fifth, and Jose Romero (138), Damon Sawyer (145) and Tucker McAllister (220) were sixth.

Echo's two placers were Austin James (120) in fourth and Makiah Blankinship (170) in sixth.

Prep Basketball

# Cardinals boys basketball earns first win

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HELIX — The Ione Cardinals picked up their first boys basketball win of the season thanks to an improved defensive effort in the second half of their 46-30 non-league victory over the Helix Grizzlies on Saturday.

Ione (1-7) held Helix (2-9) to eight points after halftime and Austin Carter led them on offense with 20 points.

"Ione made some good adjustments on the zone (defense) and kind of slowed our kids up a little bit," said Helix coach Ben Maney. "We had some trouble moving the ball and just couldn't put the ball in the hole in the second half."

Justin Williams led Helix with 11 points and 14 rebounds (nine on offense) for the double-double.

Ione begins league play in its next game, Friday against Condon/Wheeler at 7:30 p.m.

Helix has an away game at Touchet (WA) today at 7:30 p.m. before resuming league action on Saturday, Jan. 9 against Powder Valley at 5:30 p.m.

IHS (1-7)	7	14	10	3	—	44
GHS (2-9)	9	13	2	6	—	30
IONE — A. Carter 20, D. McElligott 7, D. Doherty 5, A. Smythe 5, J. Juarez 4, W. McNary 2, Carter 1.						
HELIX — J. Williams 11, B. Cope 7, T. Fehrenbacher 6, J. Shaw 4, T. Wilson 2.						
3-pointers — IHS 1, GHS 1. Free throws — IHS 13-22, GHS 3-5. Fouls — IHS 10, GHS 16. Fouled out — J. Williams (GHS).						

PILOT ROCK 56, ECHO 52

— At Echo, the Cougars clawed their way back into the game but couldn't overcome the Rockets in the fourth quarter of Saturday's non-league game.

Echo (4-8) shot 42.8 percent from the field in the final frame, but Pilot Rock (6-8) was 10-of-20 at the free throw line to hold on for the win.

Bryson Pierce scored a game-high 22 points for Pilot Rock and Chris Weinke added 19 points and seven rebounds. Pilot Rock was 9-for-20 (45 percent) beyond the arc led by Weinke (3-5) and Peirce (4-8).

Michael Thompson led three Cougars in double digits with 15

points and added eight rebounds. Carlos Chavez scored 13 and Bob Gibbs added 10 points and eight rebounds.

Pilot Rock opens league play on Friday at Stanfield at 3 p.m.

Echo also returns to league play Friday at Joseph at 7:30 p.m.

PR (6-8)	11	17	13	15	—	56
EHS (4-8)	11	15	5	21	—	52
PILOT ROCK — B. Pierce 22, C. Weinke 19, G. McCall 6, L. Thieme 3, B. Postma 3, I. Winter 3, R. Lankford, P. Roe, T. Denny, (17-48).						
ECHO — M. Thompson 15, C. Chavez 13, B. Gibbs 10, D. Craig 7, T. Mulder 4, B. Moffit 3, Z. Gerke, C. Medrano, J. Medrano, (20-49).						
3-pointers — PR 9-20, EHS 5-21. Free throws — PR 13-29, EHS 7-17. Fouls — PR 19, EHS 24. Fouled out — M. Thompson (EHS).						

DAYTON 48, IRRIGON 46

— At Irrigon, for the second season in a row the Dayton Pirates edged the Irrigon Knights by a single field goal.

The Pirates (9-2) gave Irrigon its second-straight loss in a non-league game on Saturday. Details were not reported.

Irrigon (8-3) was coming off a 83-74 loss to Nixyaawii in the final game of the Irrigon Roundball Holiday Tournament on Dec. 30. It's the first time they've lost back-to-back since Jan. 28, 2014.

The Knights will begin Columbia Basin Conference play on Friday when they host Heppner at 6 p.m.

RIVERSIDE 44, MAC-HI 29

— At Milton-Freewater, the Pirates snapped their three-game skid while extending the Pioneers' losing streak to four games in a non-league win on Saturday.

No details were reported. Riverside (4-7) will host Stanfield today at 7 p.m. in its final preseason tune-up.

Meanwhile, Mac-Hi (4-8) has two weeks and two games before reaching league play and will be at DeSales (WA) today at 7:30 p.m.

HERMISTON 66, KENNEWICK 50

— At Hermiston, the Bulldogs won their third straight to move above .500 for the first time this season on Saturday in non-league action.

The win lifts the Bulldogs to 6-5 with four games left before the start of league play. Details were not reported.

Hermiston's next game is today at La Grande at 7 p.m.

# VIKINGS: Run comes too late to give Mac-Hi hope for win

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later and Gaby Contreras was good for two points on the next possession, and Umatilla never really looked back. Already up 15-11, an 11-2 Vikings run all but put the game out of reach for the Pioneers.

Umatilla led 26-13 at halftime and continued to build its lead in the third quarter and Webb 3-pointer extend the Viking lead to 36-15 midway through the period.

The game, which took only 40

minutes of real time to play the first half, bogged down significantly in the second half due to more fouls and timeouts. As a result, the turnovers were cut down some, but were still at alarmingly high rates for both sides. Mac-Hi finished with 20, while Umatilla had 21.

"I feel like we did good things," Webb said. "There's bad things and there's good things. Bad things help you learn from your mistakes."

Umatilla held its largest lead at 44-18 after three quarters, and a

Girls Basketball

MAC-HI 56, RIVERSIDE 40

— At Milton-Freewater, trailing by one at halftime the Pioneers put an emphasis on defense and came out in a man-to-man in the second half of their non-league win.

The move sparked the offense and Mac-Hi (7-4) doubled up Riverside (2-8) in the third quarter to take a 40-30 lead into the final frame.

Sam Tveidt led the Pioneers with 13 points and six of the team's 23 steals. Abi Biggs added 12 points and Brittney Erb chipped in nine points and five assists.

Lacey Mashos and Skylar Wightman led Riverside with nine points each.

Riverside hosts Stanfield today at 6 p.m.

RHS (2-8)	7	15	8	10	—	40
M-H (7-4)	11	10	19	16	—	56
RIVERSIDE — L. Mashos 9, S. Wightman 9, S. Hasbell 8, A. Caldera 4, B. Avalos 4, A. Hernandez 2, J. Shimer 2, E. Daltoso 2, F. Mabilla.						
MAC-HI — S. Tveidt 13, A. Biggs 12, B. Erb 9, S. Richwine 7, S. Carter 6, B. Jones 5, K. Crisman 2, B. Smiley 2, B. Hernandez.						
3-pointers — RHS 4, M-H 0. Free throws — RHS 6-11, M-H 12-16. Fouls — RHS 17, M-H 15. Fouled out — Hasbell (RHS).						

PILOT ROCK 47, ECHO 33

— At Echo, Madison Dave was dominant with 24 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Rockets past the Cougars in non-league play on Saturday.

Dave shot 11 of 16 (68.8 percent) from the field and the Rockets came in at 42.5 percent as a team. Jacey Wilson added eight points and six rebounds and Bekah Roe chipped eight points, five rebounds as Pilot Rock (9-5) out-rebounded Echo (6-6) 38-23.

Erika Parks scored 13 points and Kelsey Ranger added 12 for Echo, which shot 31.7 percent from the field for the game — a percentage that was dragged down by its 3-of-22 accuracy in the bookend quarters.

Pilot Rock heads into league play next at Stanfield on Friday at 3 p.m. Echo resumes league play Friday as well, and plays at Joseph at 6 p.m.

PR (9-5)	8	12	11	16	—	47
EHS (6-6)	1	10	13	9	—	33
PILOT ROCK — M. Dave 24, B. Roe 8, J. Wilson 8, R. Willingham 4, R. Oates 2, K. Deist 1, (20-47).						
ECHO — E. Parks 13, K. Ranger 12, H. McCarty 5, T. Swaggart 2, L. Cox 1, D. Tarvin, L. Wiggins, B. Milbrodt, (13-41).						
3-pointers — PR 2-5, EHS 2-12. Free throws — PR 5-8, EHS 5-12. Fouls — PR 11, EHS 16. Fouled out — H. McCarty (EHS).						

HELIX 62, IONE 36

— At Helix, smart guard play put the ball in the right hands on Saturday as the Grizzlies shot their way past the Cardinals in non-league play.

Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger said Charmayne Bennett and Emma Fehrenbacher did a great job to recognize the hot shooter, which was Macey Tullis on Saturday.

Tullis hit five three-pointers and finished with a season-high 27 points thanks in part to the defensive attention drawn by Helix's three posts.

The trio combined for 30 points led by Sadie Wilson's 14 and Helix (9-2) out-rebounded Ione (3-5) 56-25.

Maggie Flynn led the Cardinals with 17 points, but Ione trailed 35-24 after three quarters and couldn't get much going in the second half against Helix's press defense.

Helix has a non-league game at Touchet (WA) today at 6 p.m. then will host league foe Powder Valley on Saturday at 4 p.m.

Ione's next game will be its league debut against Condon/Wheeler on Friday at 6 p.m.

IHS (3-5)	14	6	4	12	—	36
GHS (9-2)	8	19	12	22	—	62
IONE — M. Flynn 17, M. Orem 8, J. Flynn 7, R. Holland 4, I. Sandford, S. Qualls.						
HELIX — M. Tullis 27, S. Wilson 14, P. Flerchinger 9, M. Nlgo 7, B. Newton 3, C. Bennett 2, E. Fehrenbacher.						
3-pointers — IHS 3, GHS 5. Free throws — IHS 3-7, GHS 15-26. Fouls — IHS 22, GHS 10. Fouled out — J. Flynn, M. Flynn, R. Holland (IHS). Technical Fouls — Bench (IHS).						

HERMISTON 71, KENNEWICK 38

— At Hermiston, the Bulldogs had no trouble taking care of the Lions in a non-league tussle at The Dawghouse on Saturday. No details were reported.

The Bulldogs (10-3) were playing just their third game in Hermiston this season after two tournament appearances over the last two weeks. Hermiston improved to 3-0 in front of the home fans.

The Bulldogs have two more games before heading into Columbia River Conference play and will play their next against La Grande today at 7 p.m.

Report game scores and details to sports@eastoregonian.com or (541) 966-0838.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL	
Today	Nixyaawii at Sherman, 6:30 p.m. Hermiston at La Grande, 7 p.m. Stanfield at Riverside, 7 p.m. Liberty Christian (WA) at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m. Mac-Hi at DeSales (WA), 7:30 p.m. Helix at Touchet (WA), 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	Umatilla at Riverside, 7:30 p.m.
Friday	Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 3 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Culver, 4:30 p.m. Heppner at Irrigon, 6 p.m. Arlington at Mitchell/Spray, 7:30 p.m. Condon/Wheeler at Ione, 7:30 p.m. Echo at Joseph, 7:30 p.m. Powder Valley at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 9	Pilot Rock at Culver, 2:30 p.m. Summit at Hermiston, 3:15 p.m. Pendleton at Lebanon, 5 p.m. Stanfield at Heppner, 5:30 p.m. Irrigon at Weston-McEwen, 5:30 p.m. South Wasco at Arlington, 5:30 p.m. Horizon Christian at Condon/Wheeler, 5:30 p.m. Ione at Sherman, 5:30 p.m. Nixyaawii at Echo, 5:30 p.m. Powder Valley at Helix, 5:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Today	Nixyaawii at Sherman, 5 p.m. DeSales (WA) at Mac-Hi, 6 p.m. Stanfield at Riverside, 6 p.m. Liberty Christian (WA) at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m. Helix at Touchet (WA), 6 p.m. La Grande at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Baker at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
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PREP WRESTLING	
Friday	Hermiston at Bremerton (WA) meet, 9 a.m. Pendleton, Heppner, Irrigon, Riverside at River-side Tournament, 9 a.m. Mac-Hi at Nampa Tournament, TBD
Saturday	Hermiston at Bremerton (WA) meet, 9 a.m. Pendleton, Heppner, Riverside, Irrigon at River-side Tournament, 9 a.m. Mac-Hi at Nampa Tournament, TBD.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL	
Friday	Eastern Oregon at Warner Pacific, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.

Eastern Oregon at Multnomah, 7:30 p.m.
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COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
Friday	Eastern Oregon at Warner Pacific, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m. Eastern Oregon at Multnomah, 5:30 p.m.

Football

NCAA	
Bowl games	Saturday, Jan. 2
TaxSlayer Bowl	Georgia 24, Penn State 17
Liberty Bowl	Arkansas 45, Kansas State 23
Alamo Bowl	TCU 47, Oregon 41, 3OT
Cactus Bowl	West Virginia 43, Arizona State 42
Monday, Jan. 11	College Football Championship Game
Glendale, Ariz.	Clemson (14-0) vs. Alabama (13-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	
East	W L T Pct PF PA
y-New England	12 4 0 .750 465 315
N.Y. Jets	10 6 0 .625 387 314
Buffalo	8 8 0 .500 379 359
Miami	6 10 0 .375 310 389
South	W L T Pct PF PA
y-Houston	9 7 0 .563 339 313
Indianapolis	8 8 0 .500 333 408
Jacksonville	5 11 0 .313 376 448
Tennessee	3 13 0 .188 299 423
North	W L T Pct PF PA
y-Cincinnati	12 4 0 .750 419 279
x-Pittsburgh	10 6 0 .625 423 319
Baltimore	5 11 0 .313 328 401
Cleveland	3 13 0 .188 278 432
West	W L T Pct PF PA
y-Denver	12 4 0 .750 355 296
x-Kansas City	11 5 0 .688 405 287
Oakland	7 9 0 .438 359 399
San Diego	4 12 0 .250 320 398

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	
East	W L T Pct PF PA
y-Washington	9 7 0 .563 388 379
Philadelphia	7 9 0 .438 377 430
N.Y. Giants	6 10 0 .375 420 442
Dallas	4 12 0 .250 275 374
South	W L T Pct PF PA
y-Carolina	15 1 0 .938 500 308
Atlanta	8 8 0 .500 339 445
New Orleans	7 9 0 .438 408 376
Tampa Bay	6 10 0 .375 342 417
North	W L T Pct PF PA
y-Minnesota	11 5 0 .688 365 302
x-Green Bay	10 6 0 .625 368 323
Detroit	7 9 0 .438 358 400
Chicago	6 10 0 .375 335 397
West	W L T Pct PF PA
y-Arizona	13 3 0 .813 489 313
x-Seattle	10 6 0 .625 423 277
St. Louis	7 9 0 .438 280 330
San Francisco	5 11 0 .313 238 387

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y-clinched division

SUNDAY'S GAMES	
Houston 30, Jacksonville 6	
Washington 34, Dallas 23	
Detroit 24, Chicago 20	
Buffalo 22, N.Y. Jets 17	
Miami 20, New England 10	
New Orleans 20, Atlanta 17	
Cincinnati 24, Baltimore 16	
Pittsburgh 28, Cleveland 12	