

Girls Basketball Roundup

Rockets soar past Tigers

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STANFIELD — For 10 years on the bench, Butch Wilson hasn’t seen his Pilot Rock girls basketball team play well at Stanfield.

Last season, the upstart Tigers beat the Rockets there to give them their only league loss.

Friday night, there was no such trouble. The Rockets overcame a rough first few minutes to dominate the Tigers 63-33 in both team’s Columbia Basin Conference opener.

“I told the girls, ‘Thanks for the first good game we’ve played in this gym,’” he laughed.

Yazzmin Chavez of Stanfield led all scorers with 16 points, and Madison Dave led Pilot Rock with 15. Kayla Deist added 12 for the Rockets.

“There’s not a fire. We’re missing a fire,” Stanfield coach Daniel Sharp said. “We only lost one kid (from) last year. I think that there’s just not a fire all-around. There needs to be.”

In those first few minutes, Stanfield’s ball pressure made life difficult for the Rockets (9-5, 1-0 CBC). In the first three minutes of play, Pilot Rock committed six turnovers and trailed 4-2, while Stanfield itself turned it over five times and missed all four of its free throw attempts.

“Their ball-pressure got to us, but once we realized it opened up the floor we took advantage of it the rest of the game,” Wilson said.

Chavez hit a 3-pointer at the 3:43 mark to put Stanfield up 7-2, and it looked like the Tigers might once again spoil Pilot Rock’s trip.

But it wasn’t to be. The Rockets closed the first period on a 10-0 run capped by Teyha Ostrom’s two-pointer with 13 seconds left to go up 12-7, and used the entire second quarter as a giant 18-3 run to effectively put the game away.

Pilot Rock travels to Culver today to take on the Bulldogs at 4 p.m., while the Tigers go to Heppner for a 4 p.m. tip.

PR (10-5, 1-0) 12 18 15 — 63
SHS (4-5, 0-1) 7 3 8 15 — 33
PILOT ROCK — M. Dave 15, K. Deist 12, J. Wilson 9, B. Roe 8, R. Willingham 2, R. Oates 2, B. Baleztena 2, L. Bray 2, G. Austin 2, K. Evans 2, T. Ostrom 2, S. Weinke 1.
STANFIELD — Y. Chavez 16, G. Chavez 8, M. Griffin 5, C. Curiel 3, B. Braithwaite 1, M. Banderas, N. Esquivel, S. Connell, A. Carrillo, C. Hopper.
3-pointers — PR 3, SHS 5. Free throws — PR 12-18, SHS 9-14. Fouls — PR 13, SHS 20.

IRRIGON 29, HEPPNER 17 — At Irrigon, the Knights held the Mustangs to just nine first-half points and held on for victory in both team’s Columbia Basin Conference opener on Friday.

Irrigon (4-7, 1-0 CBC) was led by Jada Burns’ 10 points and she was the only player to reach double digits. Burns added five steals and two assists, and Taylor Davis led Irrigon with eight rebounds.

Heppner (2-10, 0-1) was paced by Jessica Kempken with eight and Irrigon kept the Mustangs’ leading scorer for the season out of the equation by holding freshman



Staff photo by Sam Barbee

Pilot Rock’s Sara Weinke (20) tries a layup around Stanfield’s Britton Braithwaite during the Rockets’ 63-33 win Friday night in Stanfield.

Jacee Currin scoreless.

Up next for Irrigon is a game at Weston-McEwen today at 5:30 p.m. Heppner will host Stanfield today at 4 p.m.

HHS (2-10, 0-1) 5 4 7 1 — 17
IHS (4-7, 1-0) 8 9 5 7 — 29
HEPPNER — J. Kempken 8, M. Correa 5, K. Lindsay 2, K. Gray 1, M. Combe 1, J. Currin, J. Mahony, R. Dompier, J. Mahoney, R. Kollman, J. Evans.
IRRIGON — J. Burns 10, T. Davis 6, B. Aguilera 4, L. Ramirez 4, L. Mills 2, A. Zacarias 2, H. Vera, K. McLaughlin, O. Luna, B. Rice.
3-pointers — HHS 1, IHS 0.

WESTON-MCEWEN 41, CULVER 35 — At Culver, the TigerScots kept their heads after giving up the lead in the second half and finished off the Bulldogs to win their Columbia Basin Conference opener on Friday.

Ashley Hill led the TigerScots with 10 points and Chelsea Quaempts added nine. Weston-McEwen (4-6, 1-0 CBC) led 12-1 after one quarter but Culver (7-5, 0-1) battled back to tie the game at 29-all after three.

Margie Beeler led Culver with 12 points.

Weston-McEwen will host Irrigon today at 5:30 p.m.

W-M (4-6, 1-0) 12 8 9 12 — 41
CHS (7-5, 0-1) 11 17 6 — 35
WESTON-MCEWEN — A. Hill 10, C. Quaempts 9, S. Finifrock 8, A. Broncheau 8, A. Finifrock 4, S. Von Borstel 2, M. Muilenburg, J. Lambert, B. Hillmick, A. Schroeder.
CULVER — M. Beeler 12, H. Lewis 8, I. Retano 8, R. Slaght 4, J. Johnson 3, A. Fritz, J. VanAlstyne, E. Bautista, M. Gamboa, K. Cloud, M. Haessler, L. Alvarado, C. Duff.
3-pointers — W-M 1, CHS 2. Free throws — W-M 8-33, CHS 13-25. Fouls — W-M 23, CHS 19.

IONE 56, CONDON/WHEELER 50 — At Ione, the Cardinals’ fast break game and strong post defense lifted them over the Knights in each team’s Big Sky League opener on Friday.

Ione (4-5, 1-0 BSL) senior Jessie Flynn led all scorers with 26 points and sophomore Maggie Flynn added nine.

Condon/Wheeler (9-2, 0-1) was led by senior Emma Logan with 23 points and junior Brooke Dyer added 10.

Both teams are back in action today with the Knights hosting Horizon

Christian and the Cardinals playing at Sherman, both with 4 p.m. tip-offs.

C/W (9-2, 0-1) 14 6 16 14 — 50
IHS (4-5, 1-0) 6 21 13 16 — 56
CONDON/WHEELER — E. Logan 23, B. Dyer 10, A. Rietmann 9, J. Homer 7, A. Ramsey 1, L. Aamodt.
IONE — J. Flynn 26, M. Flynn 9, I. Sanford 8, R. Holland 7, M. Orem 4, H. Padberg 2.
3-pointers — CW 1, IHS 1. Free throws — CW 13-23, IHS 11-19. Fouls — CW 15, IHS 18.

NIXYAAWII 51, POWDER VALLEY 41 — At Nixyaawii, with their outside shooters struggling the Golden Eagles were able to rely on their bigs in an Old Oregon League win on Friday.

Forward Desire Maddern led them with 12 points and post Sunshine Fuentes and forward Alyssa Farrow added 10 apiece for Nixyaawii (12-1, 2-0 OOL).

Coach Jeremy Maddern said the team’s rebounding also was key.

Guard Mary Stewart added nine points and seven assists for Nixyaawii while Powder Valley (6-6, 2-1) was paced by Hallie Feik with 16 points.

Nixyaawii remains in league play at Echo today at 4 p.m.

PV (6-6, 2-1) 7 8 5 20 — 41
NCS (12-1, 2-0) 12 11 17 — 51
POWDER VALLEY — H. Feik 16, K. Williams 8, S. Stephens 7, S. Kerns 6, A. Jimenez 2, M. Hufford 1, T. Baker.
NIXYAAWII — D. Maddern 12, A. Farrow 10, S. Fuentes 10, M. Stewart 9, S. Fitzpatrick 6, T. Oatman 4, E. Looney.
3-pointers — PV 4, NCS 4. Free throws — PV 6-13, NCS 11-24. Fouls — PV 18, NCS 12. Fouled out — S. Kerns.

JOSEPH 45, ECHO 39 — At Joseph, the Cougars dropped their second game in a row in a return to Old Oregon League play on Friday.

No details were reported. Echo (6-7, 1-2 OOL) plays again today against Nixyaawii at 4 p.m.

ARLINGTON 50, MITCHELL 38 — At Spray, the Honkers won their second game in a row in their Big Sky League opener on Friday.

No details were reported. Arlington (8-4, 1-0 BSL) will host South Wasco today at 4 p.m.

BOYS HOOPS: Nixyaawii wins

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look at it every time.”

Stanfield (8-1, 1-0) displayed its depth Friday night with standout junior Dylan Grogan watching most of the game in foul trouble and sophomore wing Brady Woods the same. Grogan was whistled for a foul midway through the first quarter, then, after a Pilot Rock (6-9, 0-1) turnover, tried to dunk, missed, and hung on the rim while his feet swung back underneath him. He was whistled for a technical foul on the play.

It could have provided a spark for the Rockets, but it didn’t Stanfield was up 12-3 at the time, and ended the first quarter up 23-4.

“With the last two games, we didn’t have (Grogan),” Baros said, explaining he was in foul trouble against both Riverside and Tri-Cities Prep, both Stanfield wins. “That goes to show that our bench is deep and guys are stepping up to play.”

The Tigers defense was what propelled them. That and its 3-point shooting. The Rockets committed 11 first-quarter turnovers and 29 on the game. First-year Tigers coach said that’s the sort of defense he’s looking for.

“I liked that,” Baros said. “I said it at the beginning of the year: our defense is our focus. So yeah, I really liked that.”

Offensively, Stanfield’s deep game was hot. Of the 29 made field goals by Stanfield, 10 of them were from deep, with six different Tigers making one and Tony Flores hitting a game-high four.

Pilot Rock is in Culver today for a 5:30 p.m. tip, and Stanfield is at Heppner for a game scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

P-R (6-9, 0-1) 4 11 8 12 — 35
SHS (8-1, 1-0) 23 18 21 17 — 79
PILOT ROCK — L. Thieme 9, I. Winter 6, G. McCall 5, B. Postma, 5, C. Weinke 3, B. Pierce 3, R. Lankford 2, T. Denny 2, B. Kannier, E. McCall, D. Hasher, P. Roe.
STANFIELD — T. Flores 14, J. Garcia 13, D. Grogan 12, T. Monkus 12, L. Moreno 6, R. Bailey 6, B. Woods 6, J. Carrillo 5, D. Brooks 5, A. Nunez.
3-pointers — P-R 0, SHS 10. Free throws — P-R 15-22, SHS 11-25. Fouls — P-R 19, SHS 16. Technical fouls — D. Grogan (SHS).

NIXYAAWII 68, POWDER VALLEY 53 — At Nixyaawii, the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles fended off a strong comeback attempt from Powder Valley to pick up its second league win of the season on Friday night.

“We jumped out to a good lead early but then they made a little run,” said Nixyaawii coach Shane Rivera. “But we weathered the storm.”

Nixyaawii (12-1, 2-0 OOL) jumped out to a 27-4 lead in the first quarter before Powder Valley (8-3, 2-1 OOL) started to make its run in the second quarter. Rivera said that their experience played a big role in the win.

Angel Corona paced the Golden Eagles offensively with 26 points, and Hunter McKay finished with a double-double at 13 points and 16 rebounds. Hunter Melton also added in a team-high 11 assists.

Nixyaawii will play at Echo today at 5:30 p.m.

PV (8-3, 2-1) 4 13 13 23 — 53
NCS (12-1, 2-0) 27 14 7 21 — 68
POWDER VALLEY — G. McGinn 21, C. Brown 9, D. Smith 8, I. Colton 6, S. Dixon 5, T. Eubanks 3, H. Davis 1.
NIXYAAWII — A. Corona 26, H. McKay 13, F. Campos 11, I. Ashley 8, H. Melton 8, J. Quaempts 2, L. Lewis, C. Case.
3-pointers — PV 4, NCS 5. Free throws — PV 9-12, NCS 9-17. Fouls — PV 11, NCS 13.

CONDON/WHEELER 45, IONE 29 — At Ione, the Condon/Wheeler Knights used some lock-down defense to hold Ione scoreless in the final quarter to pull away with a victory to open Big Sky League play

EOU WRESTLING: Area coaches excited to see return of program

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hold a press conference at 1 p.m. at Quinn Coliseum to announce that list is shrinking and collegiate wrestling has returned to Eastern Oregon after a decades-long absence.

The revival of the wrestling program was approved last year and is made possible thanks to a \$300,000 allocation from the Oregon State Legislature.

Representative Greg Smith of Heppner, a former wrestler himself and father of Heppner High School’s first state champion Ryan Smith, was the driving force behind allocating those funds through his work on the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

With many talented wrestlers coming up through the ranks in Eastern Oregon, Smith saw a void that needed to be filled and can be mutually beneficial to athletes and EOU.

“Eastern Oregon is home to many wrestling champions both on individual and team levels,” he said in a press release. “EOU is unable to attract these athletes who desire to continue wrestling in college. I believe wrestling will give EOU another tool for recruitment and help keep our youth in Eastern Oregon.”

Mike Clock, chair of the

Restore College Wrestling Oregon Committee, said it seemed ludicrous that college-bound wrestlers from Eastern Oregon would have to choose either giving up the sport they love or heading west for an in-state education.

“Over the past 17 years, teams from east of the Cascades have won almost 55 percent of the team titles,” he pointed out. “Since the late ’70s, there have been no geographically convenient opportunities for those young individuals to compete at the college level in Oregon.”

Naturally, high school coaches from the area are applauding the program’s return.

“Eastern Oregon University’s decision to create a college wrestling program is a phenomenal opportunity for our kids, and will help them stay in our communities and strengthen local programs,” said Hermiston head wrestling coach Kyle Larson.

Mac-Hi coach Chad Kilburg said he anticipates a trickle-down effect that could spark more interest in the sport at lower levels.

“The Mac-Hi wrestling program, along with programs through the region, will benefit from Eastern

on Friday night.

Jason Juarez led Ione with nine points and Austin Carter added seven points, while Cade MacInnes led the Knights with 17 points and Bryce Harrison netted 12 points.

Ione’s next game is today at Sherman at 5:30 p.m. Condon/Wheeler hosts Horizon Christian today in Fossil at 5:30 p.m.

C/W (4-5, 1-0 BSL) 9 16 6 14 — 45
IHS (1-7, 0-1 BSL) 6 10 13 0 — 29
CONDON/WHEELER — C. MacInnes 17, B. Harrison 12, J. Cortes 5, A. Lindsay 4, J. Hoover 3, H. Winslow 2, J. Wright 2.
IONE — J. Juarez 9, A. Carter 7, W. McNary 4, A. Smythe 4, D. McElligot 2.
Team 3.
3-pointers — C/W 2, IHS 2. Free throws — CW 9-24, IHS 3-13. Fouls — C/W 18, IHS 17.

WESTON-MCEWEN 71, CULVER 39 — At Culver, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots opened league play on Friday with a big win over Culver.

No details were reported. The TigerScots (4-5, 1-0 CBC) will hold their CBC home opener today against Irrigon at 4 p.m.

JOSEPH 45, ECHO 39 — At Joseph, the Echo Cougars dropped its first league game of the season on Friday, losing a close one on the road against Joseph.

No details were reported. Echo (4-9, 2-1 OOL) will be back in action today when it hosts Nixyaawii at 5:30 p.m.

ARLINGTON 55, MITCHELL 37 — At Spray, the Arlington Honkers started out Big Sky League play on Friday and came away winners, defeating Mitchell/Spray on Friday night.

No details were reported. Next up for Arlington (7-5, 1-0 BSL) is a home game with South Wasco today at 5:30 p.m.

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL
Today
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.
Tuesday
Pendleton at Baker, 7 p.m.
Irrigon at Horizon Christian, 7 p.m.
Hermiston at Sunnyside (WA), 7:30 p.m.
Waitsburg (WA) at Mac-Hi, 7:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday
La Grande at Pendleton, 7 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL
Today
Pendleton at Lebanon, 3 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Culver, 2:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Irrigon at Weston-McEwen, 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Horizon Christian (at Fossil), 4 p.m.
South Wasco at Arlington, 4 p.m.
Ione at Sherman, 4 p.m.
Powder Valley at Helix, 4 p.m.
Echo at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Tuesday
Hermiston at Sunnyside (WA), 5:45 p.m.
Waitsburg (WA) at Mac-Hi, 6 p.m.
Stanfield at Echo, 6 p.m.
Irrigon at Horizon Christian, 6 p.m.
Pendleton at La Grande, 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Today
Hermiston at Bremerton (WA) meet, 9 a.m.
Pendleton, Heppner, Riverside, Irrigon at Riverside Tournament, 9 a.m.
Mac-Hi at Nampa Tournament, TBD.

PREP SWIMMING
Today
Pendleton, Hermiston at The Dalles meet, 10 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN’S BASKETBALL
Today
Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin, 4 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Multnomah, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Today
Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin, 2 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Multnomah, 5:30 p.m.

Football
NCAA
Monday, Jan. 11
College Football Championship Game
Glendale, Ariz.
Clemson (14-0) vs. Alabama (13-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

NFL
Wild-card Playoffs
Today
Kansas City (11-5) at Houston (9-7), 1:35 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)
Pittsburgh (10-6) at Cincinnati (12-4), 5:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday
Seattle (10-6) at Minnesota (11-6), 10 a.m. (NBC)
Green Bay (10-6) at Washington (9-7), 1:30 p.m. (FOX)

ALL-PRO ROSTER
NEW YORK (AP) — The Associated Press 2015 NFL All-Pro team selected by a national panel of 50 media members:
OFFENSE
Quarterback — Cam Newton, Carolina
Running Backs — Adrian Peterson, Minnesota; Doug Martin, Tampa Bay
Fullback — Mike Tolbert, Carolina
Tight End — Rob Gronkowski, New England
Wide Receivers — Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh; Julio Jones, Atlanta

Tackles — Joe Thomas, Cleveland; Andrew Whitworth, Cincinnati
Guards — Marshal Yanda, Baltimore; David DeCastro, Pittsburgh
Center — Ryan Kalil, Carolina
Placekicker — Stephen Gostkowski, New England
Kick Returner — Tyler Lockett, Seattle

DEFENSE
Ends — J.J. Watt, Houston; Khalil Mack, Oakland
Tackles — Aaron Donald, St. Louis; Geno Atkins, Cincinnati
Outside Linebackers — Von Miller, Denver; Khalil Mack, Oakland, and Thomas Davis, Carolina
Inside Linebacker — Luke Kuechly, Carolina; NaVorro Bowman, San Francisco
Cornerbacks — Josh Norman, Carolina; Patrick Peterson, Arizona
Safety — Tyrann Mathieu, Arizona; Eric Berry, Kansas City
Punter — Johnny Hekker, St. Louis

SECOND TEAM OFFENSE
Quarterback — Carson Palmer, Arizona
Running Backs — Todd Gurley, St. Louis; Devonta Freeman, Atlanta
Fullback — Pat DiMarco, Atlanta
Tight End — Greg Olsen, Carolina
Wide Receivers — Brandon Marshall, New York Jets; DeAndre Hopkins, Houston, and Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants
Tackles — Tyrion Smith, Dallas; Trent Williams, Washington
Guards — Josh Sitton, Green Bay; Mike Iupati, Arizona, and Zack Martin, Dallas
Center — Travis Frederick, Dallas
Placekicker — Dan Bailey, Dallas
Kick Returner — Cordarrelle Patterson, Minnesota

DEFENSE
Ends — Muhammad Wilkerson, New York Jets; Ezekiel Ansah, Detroit
Tackles — Kawann Short, Carolina; Fletcher Cox, Philadelphia
Outside Linebacker — Jamie Collins, New

England
Inside Linebackers — Bobby Wagner, Seattle; Derrick Johnson, Kansas City
Cornerbacks — Richard Sherman, Seattle; Chris Harris Jr., Denver, and Marcus Peters, Kansas City
Safety — Reggie Nelson, Cincinnati; Charles Woodson, Oakland
Punter — Sam Koch, Baltimore

Basketball

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	23	15	605	—
Boston	19	17	528	3
New York	18	20	474	5
Brooklyn	10	26	278	12
Philadelphia	4	34	105	19
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	22	14	611	—
Atlanta	22	15	595	1/2
Orlando	20	17	541	2 1/2
Charlotte	17	18	486	4 1/2
Washington	15	19	441	6
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	25	9	735	—
Chicago	22	12	647	3
Indiana	21	15	583	5
Detroit	20	16	556	6
Milwaukee	15	23	395	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	32	6	842	—
Dallas	20	16	568	10 1/2
Memphis	21	18	526	12
Houston	18	19	466	13 1/2
New Orleans	11	24	314	19 1/2
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	26	11	703	—
Utah	15	20	429	10
Portland	15	24	385	12
Denver	13	24	351	13
Minnesota	12	25	324	14
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	34	2	944	—
L.A. Clippers	23	13	639	11
Sacramento	15	21	417	19
Phoenix	13	26	333	22 1/2

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Friday’s Games
Toronto 97, Washington 88
Orlando 83, Brooklyn 77
Cleveland 125, Minnesota 99
Indiana 91, New Orleans 86
Milwaukee 96, Dallas 95
Memphis 91, Denver 84
San Antonio 100, New York 99
Miami 103, Phoenix 95
Golden State 128, Portland 106
Oklahoma City 117, L.A. Lakers 113

Saturday’s Games
Charlotte at L.A. Clippers, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 2 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 6 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 7 p.m.

NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
Friday
1. UConn (13-0) beat Houston 76-37. Next: at No. 22 South Florida, Sunday.
9. Stanford (12-3) beat Utah 72-52. Next: vs. Colorado, Sunday.
11. Oregon State (11-3) beat Oregon 60-33. Next: at Oregon, Sunday.
14. Arizona State (11-3) beat Washington 68-61. Next: at Washington State, Sunday.
21. California (10-4) beat Colorado 64-35. Next: vs. Utah, Sunday.
24. DePaul (12-5) beat Georgetown 75-53. Next: vs. Villanova, Sunday.

Hockey

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Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	41	25	12	4	54	114	88
Detroit	41	21	13	7	49	103	87
Montreal	42	23	16	3	49	121	104
Boston	39	21	14	4	46	122	106
Tampa Bay	41	20	17	4	44	104	100
Ottawa	41	19	16	6	44	116	123