

Saturday's Prep Roundup

Pendleton grapplers clean up at Riverside Rumble

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BOARDMAN — The Pendleton Buckaroos figured the Riverside Rumble on Saturday would be a good litmus test for their younger wrestlers, and based on results those wrestlers may be further along at this part of the season than coach Fred Phillips anticipated when he scheduled the small-school meet.

Twenty-three of Pendleton's 25 wrestlers went home with a placing and the Bucks ran away with the team title ahead of host Riverside and Grant Union. Heppner was fourth and Irrigon was fifth in the nine-team meet.

Champions for Pendleton were Lane Evans at 106 pounds, Dalton Cortazar (113), Scott Chambers (160), Morgan Holcomb (152), JD Peters (170) and Marcus Taylor (220).

Several Bucks placed second: Caleb Tremper (106), Koby Jones (132), Brendon Bedolla (138), Alex Rendon (145), Taylor Williamson (170) and Gabe Goad (160).

Coming in third for Pendleton were Aiden Patterson (138) and Mychael Pointer (152).

Riverside had a pair of champions in Sylvestre Vasquez (126) and Aristotle Rockwell (132), two runner-ups in Ulises Calvillo (145) and Andrew Barker (120) and one third-place finisher in Ivan Escobedo (152).

Heppner's Ryan Smith won the 120 title.

BREMERTON, Wash. — The Hermiston wrestling team continued its recent success this weekend, winning the Gut Check Challenge at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds just across the Puget Sound from Seattle.

Hermiston completed the tournament with two individual wins and 163 points, besting the other 24 scholastic team present. The only team to score more — Japan's Junior National Team — scored 228 points, but was not the Gut Check championship as it was an all-star team. Orting (WA) finished third with 147 points and Yelm (WA) was a distant fourth with 126 points.

Sam Colbray topped Clarkston's (WA) Dylan Beeler in a close 2-1 match for the 220-pound championship, and Bob Coleman beat Taisei Matayuki of Japan for the 195-pound title 4-2.

Valen Wyse finished third at 152 pounds with a 2-1 win over Henley's Daine Taylor, and Andy Wagner beat Chris Joner of Battleground (WA) by fall in the third round in the third-place match.

Overall Hermiston went 23-20, with 11 of those wins coming in matches ending in decisions and 12 wins coming in matches ending in falls.

Boys Basketball

LEBANON 69, PENDLETON 64 — At Lebanon, after leading by nine points at halftime and at least three for most of the second half, the Buckaroos were unable to hold off the Warriors in Saturday's non-league game.

Lebanon (6-4) shot 23 free throws in the second half to Pendleton's eight, and when the Bucks (4-6) had a chance to tie it late their three-point attempt bounced in the Warrior's favor to preserve the win.

"We felt like we were the better team," said Pendleton coach Kyle Tedder, "just some unfortunate things on the road, and you've got to expect that going into somebody else's gym."

"There were plays to be made on our part."

Caden Smith led the Bucks with 22 points, Daniel Adams added 17 and James Brady pitched in 12.

John Bates paced the Warriors with 22 and Isaac Garber added 15.

Pendleton (4-6) next plays at Baker today at 7 p.m.

PHS (4-6) 16 20 11 17 — 64
LHS (6-4) 16 11 18 24 — 69
PENDLETON — C. Smith 22, D. Adams 17, J. Bradt 12, K. Quinn 6, W. Morris 3, D. Roe 2, R. Russell, J. Stuvland, J. Peterson, M. Foreman.
LEBANON — J. Bates 22, I. Garber 15, T. Hargis 10, L. Elliott 8, J. Baker 5, K. Graham 5, J. Hoene 2, T. Funk 2, Z. Marler, C. Sipes. 3-pointers — PHS 8, LHS 4. Free throws — PHS 7-11, LHS 24-33. Fouls — PHS 18,



Pendleton's Morgan Holcomb wrestles Alex Walls, of Irrigon, during the Riverside Rumble on Saturday in Boardman. Holcomb won the semifinal match.



Aristotle Rockwell, of Riverside High School, works to flip Pendleton's Aiden Patterson during the Riverside Rumble on Saturday in Boardman.

LHS 15. Fouled out — J. Bradt (PHS).

IRRIGON 61, WESTON-MCEWEN 41 — At Athena, the Irrigon Knights put a halt to its three-game losing streak on Saturday evening when they went on the road and knocked off the Weston-McEwen TigerScots in a Columbia Basin Conference contest.

Irrigon coach Mitch Thompson said he was pleased to see his team respond with the win after a tough loss at home to Heppner on Friday.

"We did a much better job of executing tonight," said Irrigon coach Mitch Thompson.

Austin Rice was Irrigon's (9-4, 1-1 CBC) high scorer with 18 points, and Fredy Vera was next with 15 points. Hayden White turned in a nice all-around game as well, with 12 points and 14 rebounds.

The game was pretty much even through the first half, with Irrigon leading 29-22 at the break, but the Knights outscored the TigerScots 15-6 in the third quarter to help pull away.

Brett Speed led Weston-McEwen (4-6, 1-1) with 10 points.

Irrigon next plays at Horizon Christian, Hood River today at 7 p.m., and Weston-McEwen plays at Heppner on Friday at 6 p.m.

IHS (9-4, 1-1) 14 15 15 16 — 61
W-M (4-6, 1-1) 11 11 6 14 — 41
IRRIGON — A. Rice 18, F. Vera 15, H. White 12, X. Rambo 10, J. Phillips 4, D. Vera 2.
WESTON-MCEWEN — B. Speed 10, E. Regor 8, S. Broncheau 5, S. Mikese 4, A. Finifrock 4, J. Patrick 3, K. Scott 2, K. Rodriguez 2.
3-pointers — IHS 6, W-M 6. Free throws — IHS 13-15, W-M 3-10. Fouls — IHS 14, W-M 12.

HEPPNER 83, STANFIELD 65 — At Heppner, the Mustangs pulled away from the Stanfield Tigers in the second quarter and never looked back, handing the Tigers their first league loss of the season on Saturday night.

The game was close at the end of the first quarter with Heppner (12-1, 2-0 CBC) holding a 21-20 lead. However, the Mustangs outscored Stanfield 20-8 in the second quarter — and that was as much cushion as they would need.

"We were able to spread (Stanfield) out and attack the rim," said Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm. "We knocked down a handful of 3s, which helped, and our effort on defense picked up."

The Mustangs were paced by four of its five starters, led by Patrick Collins with a game-high 27 points on 10-15 shooting and 11 rebounds. C.J. Kindle was close behind

NCS (13-1, 3-0) 21 13 16 15 — 65
EHS (4-10, 2-2) 12 16 17 13 — 58
NIXYAAWII — F. Campos 21, H. Melton 16, H. McKay 13, I. Ashley 10, A. Corona 3, C. Case 2, L. Lewis, J. Quaepts.
ECHO — M. Thompson 25, C. Chavez 17, B. Gibbs 8, B. Moffit 4, T. Mulder 2, D. Craig 2, C. Medrano, J. Dorn, Z. Gerke.
3-pointers — NCS 9, EHS 5. Free throws — NCS 12-20, EHS 9-12. Fouls — NCS 11, EHS 12.

with 20 points, five assists, and five rebounds. Other top scorers were Logan Grieb with 17 points and Weston Putman with 15 points.

For Stanfield (8-2, 1-1), Dylan Grogan was the high scorer with 23 points on 10-21 shooting.

"That's a really good team," said Rosenbalm. "They have a lot of different people who could shoot it really well, and score (65 points) showed."

Heppner next hosts Weston-McEwen on Friday at 6 p.m., while Stanfield will travel to Echo today at 7:30 p.m.

STAN (8-2, 1-1) 20 8 19 18 — 65
HHS (12-1, 2-0) 21 20 19 23 — 83
STANFIELD — D. Grogan 23, Bailey 11, Flores 10, Woods 10, Carillo 6, Monkus 3, Garcia 2, Nunez, Brooks.
HEPPNER — F. Collins 27, C.J. Kindle 20, L. Grieb 17, W. Putman 15, K. Murray 2, C. Hedman 2, J. Lindsay, K. Clark, K. Currin.
3-pointers — STAN 9, HHS 8. Free throws — STAN 4-9, HHS 21-34. Fouls — STAN 24, HHS 14. Fouled out — Bailey, Carillo, Woods (STAN).

NIXYAAWII 65, ECHO 58 — At Echo, the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles bumped its season-best win streak to seven games on Saturday night, holding off the Echo Cougars in league play.

Nixyaawii (13-1, 3-0 OOL) finished the game with four players in double-figures, led by Fredy Campos with a team-best 21. Hunter Melton was close behind with 16 points, followed by Hunter McKay with 13 points and Ira Ashley with 10 points.

For Echo (4-10, 2-2), Michael Thompson continued his strong season with a game-high 25 points on 10-18 shooting, and also turned in 10 rebounds.

Echo next hosts Stanfield today at 7:30 p.m. Nixyaawii next hosts Helix on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

PVHS (9-3, 3-1) 20 27 17 9 — 73
GHS (2-11, 0-3) 5 8 2 6 — 21
POWDER VALLEY — G. McGinn 23, S. Dixon 19, T. Eubanks 10, I. Colton 9, C. Brown 5, J. Zink 3, H. Davis 2, O. Benites.

POWDER VALLEY 73, HELIX 21 — At Helix, the Helix Grizzlies suffered their worst loss of the season on Saturday, falling to Powder Valley in a league game.

Bradey Cope was Helix's (2-11, 0-3 OOL) leading scorer with six points and Justin Williams added four points.

Powder Valley's (9-3, 3-1) leading scorer was Gus McGinn with 23 points. Seth Dixon was close behind with 19 points.

Helix next plays at Nixyaawii on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

HELIX — B. Cope 6, J. Williams 4, T. Fehrenbacher 3, C. Dunn 2, T. Wilson 2, J. Shaw 1, G. Newton 1.
3-pointers — PVHS 2, GHS 1. Free throws — PVHS 11-16, GHS 6-12. Fouls — PVHS 10, GHS 11. Fouled out — H. Davis (PVHS).

PILOT ROCK 61, CULVER 51 — At Culver, the Pilot Rock Rockets earned their first CBC win of the year, defeating the Culver Bulldogs on Saturday afternoon.

No details were reported. Pilot Rock (7-9, 1-1 CBC) next plays on Friday when they host Irrigon at 6 p.m.

SHERMAN 83, IONE 43 — At Sherman, the Ione Cardinals dropped their second-straight league game, falling to Sherman on Saturday.

No details were reported. Ione (1-9, 0-2 BSL) next play on Friday when they host Arlington at 7:30 p.m.

SOUTH WASCO 49, ARLINGTON 26 — At Arlington, the Honkers dropped its first league game of the season, falling to South Wasco County on Saturday at home.

No details were reported. Arlington (7-6, 1-1 BSL) next play on Friday when they host Ione at 7:30 p.m.

HORIZON CHRISTIAN 61, CONDON/WHEELER 49 — At Fossil, the Condon/Wheeler Knights snapped their two-game win streak, falling to Horizon Christian on Saturday night.

No details were reported. Condon/Wheeler (5-6, 1-1 BSL) next plays on Friday against South Wasco in Fossil.

Girls Basketball

LEBANON 54, PENDLETON 45 — At Lebanon, the Pendleton Buckaroos fell just short of their fourth-straight win on Saturday, falling on the road to Lebanon in a non-league game.

Lauren Richards led Pendleton (4-8) with 13 points and four steals, while Haley Greb totaled 10 points, four assists, three steals in the game. Kalan McGlothlan led Pendleton with nine rebounds.

"We played good defense, but some key turnovers at the end of the game kinda did it for us," said Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez.

Pendleton next plays at La Grande today at 7 p.m.

PHS (4-8, 0-0) 12 16 8 9 — 45
LHS (7-4, 0-1) 15 19 9 11 — 54
PENDLETON — L. Richards 13, H. Greb 10, C. Hoffman 8, M. Davies 5, K. McGlothlan 5, R. Gentner 2, J. Lemberger 2.
LEBANON — M. Aranda 16, K. Skipworth 14, K. Garcia 13, B. Gerson 4, C. Wittig 4, M. Cox 3.
3-pointers — PHS 5, LHS 7. Free throws — PHS 18-29, LHS 11-17. Fouls — PHS 14, LHS 20.

STANFIELD 36, HEPPNER 29 — At Heppner, the Stanfield Tigers picked up their first league win of the season on Saturday evening, holding off the Heppner Mustangs.

Stanfield (4-5, 1-1 CBC) was led in scoring by Yazzmin Chavez with 14 points. Chavez also added a team-high seven rebounds and nailed Stanfield's lone 3-pointer in the game.

Jacee Currin led Heppner (2-11, 0-2) with 12 points. Heppner struggled shooting the ball Saturday, hitting just 9-48 (19 percent) shots from the field, and also made just 10-29 (34 percent) from the free throw line.

Heppner next plays on Friday at home against Weston-McEwen at 7:30 p.m. Stanfield will travel

to Echo today for a 6 p.m. tip-off.

STAN (4-5, 1-1) 9 11 9 7 — 36
HHS (2-11, 0-2) 9 6 4 10 — 29
STANFIELD — Y. Chavez 14, G. Chavez 5, N. Esquivel 4, C. Curriel 4, B. Braithwaite 3, S. Connell 2, C. Hopper 2, M. Griffin 2, M. Banderas, A. Carillo.
HEPPNER — J. Currin 12, J. Kempken 6, K. Gray 5, R. Kollman 4, M. Correa 2, K. Lindsay, R. Dompier, M. Combe.
3-pointers — STAN 1, HHS 1. Free throws — STAN 11-21, HHS 10-29. Fouls — STAN 27, HHS 22. Fouled out — B. Braithwaite (STAN), G. Chavez, (STAN).

WESTON-MCEWEN 57, IRRIGON 38 — At Athena, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots dominated the Irrigon Knights throughout the teams' CBC match-up on Saturday evening, earning the TigerScots second league win in two tries.

"The girls allowed their defense to drive their game today," said Weston-McEwen coach Amber Doremus. "(And) offensively we moved the ball well and were willing to wait for a great opportunity."

Weston-McEwen (5-6, 2-0 CBC) combined for 11 assists and out-rebounded Irrigon by a 36-20 margin. Bailey Hillmick led the TigerScots' charge with a game-high 19 points, six rebounds and two assists. Ashley Hill also had a strong game, with 12 points and seven rebounds.

Jada Burns led Irrigon (4-8, 1-1) with 13 points and four rebounds, but had a game-high seven turnovers.

Weston-McEwen next plays on Friday at Heppner at 7:30 p.m. Irrigon next plays today at Horizon Christian at 6 p.m.

IHS (4-8, 1-1) 9 12 11 6 — 38
W-M (5-6, 2-0) 13 19 10 15 — 57
IRRIGON — J. Burns 13, T. Davis 12, B. Augliera 6, L. Mills 4, K. McLaughlin 2, A. Zacarias 1, L. Ramirez, K. Gale, O. Luna, A. Rice, N. Romero, H. Vera.
WESTON-MCEWEN — B. Hillmick 19, A. Hill 12, C. Quaepts 11, S. Finifrock 8, S. von Borstel 3, A. Broncheau 2, A. Finifrock 2, A. Schroeder, J. Lambert.
3-pointers — IHS 2, W-M 4. Free throws — IHS 12-23, W-M 9-17. Fouls — IHS 17, W-M 16.

PILOT ROCK 46, CULVER 36 — At Culver, the Rockets were too reliant on the 3-pointer to open Saturday's league game, so coach Butch Wilson outlawed long shots in the second quarter.

After getting his point across Wilson opened the offense back up to start the second half and the Rockets took off with a 17-9 frame that put a game that went into halftime tied 18-18 firmly in their possession.

Madison Dave led all scorers with 20 points and added 10 rebounds to lead Pilot Rock (11-5, 2-0 CBC). Kayla Deist added 10 points and nine rebounds.

Culver (7-6, 0-2) was led by Hannah Lewis with 13 points and Jessica Johnson added 10.

Pilot Rock plays again on Friday at home against Irrigon at 3 p.m.

PR (11-5, 2-0) 18 17 11 — 46
CHS (7-6, 0-2) 12 6 9 9 — 36
PILOT ROCK — M. Dave 20, K. Deist 10, B. Roe 8, J. Wilson 3, R. Villingham 2, S. Weinko 2, T. Ostrom 1, R. Oates.
CULVER — H. Lewis 13, J. Johnson 10, M. Gamboa 4, M. Beeler 4, I. Retano 4, R. Slaght 1.
3-pointers — PR 2, CHS 1. Free throws — PR 12-19, CHS 9-17. Fouls — PR 13, CHS 15.

NIXYAAWII 52, ECHO 43 — At Echo, the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles rode a big performance from sophomore guard Mary Stewart to put away the Echo Cougars in league play Saturday night.

Stewart netted a game-high 33 points on 10-18 shooting — including 2-3 from the 3-point line. Stewart also turned in a game-high 13 rebounds and one assist in a full 32 minutes of action for Nixyaawii (13-1, 3-0 OOL).

"She was just being aggressive," said Nixyaawii coach Jeremy Maddern. "We were a little shorthanded tonight, and she just kind of took over."

Echo (6-8, 1-3) had a big night from Hannah McCarty as well, scoring 18 points on 6-10 shooting and grabbing eight rebounds, also in a full 32 minutes of action.

The two teams were tied at 19-19 at halftime, but the Golden Eagles pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring the Cougars 17-10.

Nixyaawii next plays Friday against Helix at 6 p.m.

NCS (13-1, 3-0) 12 7 17 16 — 52
EHS (6-8, 1-3) 13 10 14 — 43
NIXYAAWII — M. Stewart 33, D. Maddern 6, T. Oatman 6, S. Fuentes 4, A. Farrow 3, E. Looney.
ECHO — H. McCarty 18, K. Ranger 11, E. Parks 6, T. Swaggart 5, D. Tarvin 2, L. Cox 1.
3-pointers — NCS 3, EHS 3. Free throws — NCS 13-18, EHS 8-19. Fouls — NCS 16, EHS 13. Fouled out — D. Maddern (NCS).

HELIX 43, POWDER VALLEY 38

At Helix, the Grizzlies shut down Powder Valley's offense in the fourth quarter to seal its third league win of the season on Saturday night.

"We played a great fourth quarter with great defense," said Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger. "And we're rolling right along."

Sadie Wilson led Helix (10-3, 3-0 OOL) in scoring with 14 points on five made shots, but the Grizzlies also saw nice performances from Macey Tullis with 13 points and Charmayne Bennett with 10 points. It was the first game that Bennett has scored in double figures this season.

Flerchinger said that the Grizzlies' were getting shots to fall in the fourth quarter — including three big 3-pointers by Tullis to help seal a 22-10 advantage in the fourth quarter to seal the win.

Helix next plays at Nixyaawii on Friday at 6 p.m.

PVHS (6-7, 2-2) 11 6 11 10 — 38
GHS (10-3, 3-0) 12 3 6 22 — 43
POWDER VALLEY — S. Stephens 10, H. Feik 10, K. Williams 6, S. Kerns 6, A. Jimenez 4, M. Hufford 2.
HELIX — S. Wilson 14, M. Tullis 13, C. Bennett 10, F. Flerchinger 2, M. Mize 2, E. Fehrenbacher 2.
3-pointers — PVHS 3, GHS 3. Free throws — PVHS 3-7, GHS 10-23. Fouls — PVHS 19, GHS 9.

ARLINGTON 38, SOUTH WASCO 26 — At Arlington, the Honkers brought its win streak to three games with a win over South Wasco on Saturday afternoon.

No details were reported. Arlington (9-4, 2-0 BSL) next plays at Ione on Friday at 6 p.m.

CONDON/WHEELER 39, HORIZON CHRISTIAN 19 — At Fossil, the Condon/Wheeler Knights ended their short two-game losing streak by defeating Horizon Christian on Saturday night.

No details were reported. Condon/Wheeler (10-2, 1-1 BSL) next plays at Fossil on Friday against South Wasco at 6 p.m.

IONE 51, SHERMAN 40 — At Sherman, the Ione Cardinals picked up their second league win of the season, putting away the Sherman Huskies with an 11-point victory.

No details were reported. Ione (5-5, 2-0 BSL) next plays at home against Arlington on Friday at 6 p.m.

Swimming

HOOD RIVER — The Pendleton Buckaroos continued its strong swimming season on Saturday, as the girls took first place overall and the boys team took second place at The Dalles meet.

The girls racked up 433 points at the meet, carried by some strong showings in relay competition. The boys earned 406 points and were headline by first place finishes by Jon Jennings in the 50 yard freestyle and Lukas Johnson in the 100 yard freestyle. The boys also took first place in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 1:35.86 with the team of Grant Banister, Lukas Johnson, Dylan Clemons, and Jon Jennings.

The Hermiston Bulldogs struggled in competition, as the girls turned in 142 points and the boys with 144 points.

Hermiston was paced by a fifth place finish by the boys 200 yard freestyle relay team of Ryan Barnard, Ryan Stewart, Carson Wrathall, and Jacob Snell for a 28 point performance.