



HERMISTON

# Defense keys Dawgs victory

Hermiston pulls away from The Dalles in second half

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**Girls Hoops**

	
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shooter's face, switching and helping."

Sara Ramirez led all scorers with 17 points for Hermiston (13-3, 1-0 CRC) and Jansen Edmiston added nine as the Bulldogs won their fourth in a row.

No player reached double digits for The Dalles (8-7, 0-1).

Hermiston holds its league home opener next Friday when it hosts Hood River at 7 p.m.

**HHS (13-3, 1-0) 8 12 13 11 - 44**  
**TD (8-7, 0-1) 7 9 8 - 32**  
 HERMISTON — S. Ramirez 17, J. Edmiston 9, K. Padilla 8, M. Juul 7, H. Meyers 2, K. Heehn 1, S. Gilbert, R. Anderson.  
 THE DALLES — B. McCall 9, K. Holyman 7, L. Cimmiyotti 7, I. Telles 5, J. Thomasian 2, S. Watson 2, J. Bonham.  
 3-pointers — HHS 4, TD 3. Free throws — HHS 8-11, TD 3-5. Fouls — HHS 10, TD 13.

THE DALLES — With their shots not falling, the Hermiston girls basketball team was able to lean on great team defense to survive their Columbia River Conference opener at The Dalles on Friday.

The Bulldogs didn't allow the Riverhawks to score in double digits in any quarter and pulled away in the second half for a 44-32 win.

"It was a very good hard-fought battle," said Hermiston coach Steve Hoffert. "Defensively we did a great job on them. They only had a few open shots the entire game and we did a great job of getting a hand in the

Boys Basketball

# Mustangs hold off Rockets

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PILOT ROCK — The Heppner Mustangs built a large lead by halftime and were able to make it stick when the Rockets surged after the break, holding on for a 57-41 victory to stay unbeaten in CBC play.

Heppner (15-1, 5-0 CBC) led 28-11 headed into the locker rooms in their Columbia Basin Conference game, and held Pilot Rock (7-12, 1-4) off with a 32-18 advantage on the glass and 43 percent field goal shooting for the game.

Weston Putman and C.J. Kindle paced Heppner with 16 points each and Patrick Collins added 10 points and eight rebounds.

Trucker Denny and Gunner McCall each scored nine to lead Pilot Rock, which shot 36 percent for the game. Chris Weinke added five points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Coach Mike Weinke commended his team's second-half play.

"We had a hard week of practice and I don't think the boys played up to it in the first half," he said. "But they didn't give up, they played hard."

Both teams are off for a week with Pilot Rock hosting Stanfield and Heppner hosting Irrigon next Friday.

**HHS (15-1, 5-0) 14 14 17 12 - 57**  
**PR (7-12, 1-4) 5 6 15 15 - 41**  
 HEPPNER — W. Putman 16, C. Kindle 16, P. Collins 10, L. Grieb 9, C. Hedman 6, J. Lindsay, K. Clark, K. Murray, K. Currin. (19-44)  
 PILOT ROCK — T. Denny 9, G. McCall 9, B. Pierce 7, I. Winter 6, C. Weinke 5, B. Postma 2, R. Lankford 2, D. Hasher 1, P. Roe. (18-50)  
 3-pointers — HHS 2-11, PR 2-12. Free throws — HHS 17-23, PR 3-6. Fouls — HHS 10, PR 15.

STANFIELD 67, WESTON-MCEWEN 51 — At Stanfield, the Tigers' full-court press eventually got the better of the Tiger-Scots and Stanfield pulled away with a 17-8 run in the third quarter on Friday in Columbia Basin Conference action.

Dylan Grogan paced all scorers with 21 points for Stanfield (12-3, 4-1 CBC) and every player that entered the game scored at least one basket.

Brett Speed netted 16 to lead Weston-McEwen (6-9, 2-3), which was able to give Stanfield trouble with tough man defense according to Tigers coach Victor Baros.

Both teams take a break for league play on Tuesday with Stanfield traveling to Sherman and Weston-McEwen playing at Mac-Hi.

**W-M (6-9, 2-3) 11 12 8 20 - 51**  
**SHS (12-3, 4-1) 19 16 17 15 - 67**  
 WESTON-MCEWEN — B. Speed 16, S. Broncheau 9, S. Mikesell 7, K. Rodriguez 5, X. Bailey 5, K. Scott 5, J. Patrick 4, E. Reger, J. West, A. Finifrock.  
 STANFIELD — D. Grogan 21, J. Carrillo 9, B. Woods 9, R. Bailey 8, T. Monkus 8, T. Flores 5, L. Moreno 3, J. Garcia 2, A. Nunez 2.

3-pointers — W-M 5, SHS 4. Free throws — W-M 10-15, SHS 19-27. Fouls — W-M 18, SHS 14. Fouled out — S. Mikesell (W-M), B. Woods (SHS).

PINE EAGLE 60, HELIX 51 — At Helix, the Grizzlies could not hold a halftime lead on Friday night as Pine Eagle rode a big second half from Nathan McCall to earn the victory.

Helix (2-14, 0-6 OOL) led Pine Eagle 25-24 at halftime, but came out a little flat in the third quarter offensively. And for Pine Eagle, McCall scored 15 of his game-high 31 points in the quarter to put the Grizzlies behind.

Helix tried to make a comeback in the fourth quarter, but Pine Eagle hung on in the end.

Justin Williams had a solid game for Helix, scoring a team-high 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds — seven offensive.

Helix next plays today at Echo at 5:30 p.m.

**PECS (2-12, 1-5) 9 15 24 12 - 60**  
**GHS (2-14, 0-6) 14 11 13 13 - 51**  
 PINE EAGLE — N. McCall 31, C. Marks 17, L. Seggerman 6, N. Seggerman 2, C. Waker 2, T. Gulick 2.  
 HELIX — J. Williams 24, J. Shaw 12, B. Cope 7, T. Fehrenbacher 6, T. Wilson 2.  
 3-pointers — PECS 3, GHS 2. Free throws — PECS 13-25, GHS 9-15. Fouls — PECS 18, GHS 19. Fouled out — N. McCall (PECS).

NIXYAAWII 68, JOSEPH 49 — At Joseph, the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles extended its season-high win streak to 10 games

with a win over Joseph on Friday night. No details were reported.

Nixyaawii (16-1, 6-0 OOL) next plays at Wallowa today at 5:30 p.m.

IRRIGON 68, CULVER 24 — At Culver, the Irrigon Knights got back on the winning track with a blowout win over Culver on Friday night. No details were reported.

Irrigon (12-5, 3-2 CBC) next plays next Friday at Heppner at 6 p.m.

DUFUR 75, CONDON/WHEELER 37 — At Condon, the Condon/Wheeler Knights fell to .500 in conference play with a loss to Dufur on Friday night. No details were reported.

Condon/Wheeler (7-8, 3-3 BSL) next plays at Sherman today at 3:30 p.m.

SHERMAN 75, ARLINGTON 40 — At Arlington, the Honkers dropped their fifth straight game in conference play, falling to Sherman on Friday night. No details were reported.

Arlington (7-10, 1-5 BSL) next plays at Dufur today at 5:30 p.m.

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Mac-Hi seniors Shannon Carter, left, and Jenny Field sign their letters of intent to play softball at Walla Walla Community College beginning in the 2017 season.

# Pioneers pair signs with Warriors

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MILTON-FREEWATER — Two valuable members of Mac-Hi's championship softball squad have signed letters of intent to continue their playing careers at the collegiate level.

Seniors Jenny Field (outfield) and Shannon Carter (infield) put pen to paper during a signing event at Walla Walla Community College on Wednesday.

Both players appeared in each of Mac-Hi's back-to-back 4A state championships the past two seasons.

Field was a first-team All-League and All-State outfielder last season and went 2 for 3 with a run scored in Mac-Hi's 4-0 win over Banks in the championship game. She batted for a .408 average with a .438

on base percentage during her junior season and scored 17 runs while hitting 10 RBIs.

Carter was a second-team All-League infielder as a junior. She led the Pioneers going 16 for 16 on stolen bases and scoring 44 runs. She batted for a .338 average with a .505 on base percentage. She also had a team-high 17 base on balls.

Walla Walla finished its 2015 campaign 17-29 and 11-17 in league play.

The Warriors are entering their first season under head coach Justin Speer, a former assistant baseball coach and player at Mt. Hood.

Former Mac-Hi player Makayla Kelly will be a freshman with the Warriors this season.

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fouls within 19 seconds of each other, and picked up his third just 40 seconds into the second quarter, forcing him to the bench.

"Oh, I don't know if it was a problem for us because he had some kids come in and play pretty well," Ego said of Flores' foul trouble. "Hunter Walls came in and played well. Preston Peterson played well tonight at times, particularly defensively and helped us get defensive stops."

But in the third, he caught fire. He made five of six 3-pointers in that quarter and helped turn a 12-point halftime lead into a 35-point lead heading into the final period. As a team, Hermiston shot 75 percent (12-16) from the floor and 73 percent (8-11) from the 3-point line.

"(The basket) just kept getting bigger and bigger as it went," Flores said of his monster third quarter. "They just were falling tonight and it felt good, so



The Dawgs' Preston Peterson (35) shoots under pressure from William Justesen (25) and Colin Noonan (2), of The Dalles, during Friday's Columbia River Conference game in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

I kept letting it fly."

It wasn't always so easy, though. Hermiston limped to a 16-13 first-quarter lead on 6-16 shooting, and started to stretch it toward the end of the first half. Up 21-20 with 2:50 on the clock,

Hermiston began a 12-2 run that lasted the rest of the quarter and put the Bulldogs up 33-22 at the half. Cesar Ortiz made his biggest contribution during the run, scoring eight points on two 3-pointers after missing on all his

field goal attempts in the first half.

"Everything was in and out," Ego said of Ortiz.

With the convincing win, Flores — who finished with a team-high 23 points — said there is reason for confidence, but also reason to temper the optimism.

"We can't look at this game and think, 'Next time we play 'em, we're gonna do it again,'" he said. "We gotta be humble about it."

Ego agreed. "You just gotta remember we have to go to their house, and that's a tough place to play, Ego said. "We just have to make sure we come out with the same kind of effort we had here."

Hermiston next plays on Thursday at Hood River at 7 p.m.

**TD (3-12, 0-1) 13 9 10 12 - 44**  
**HHS (8-8, 1-0) 16 17 34 9 - 78**  
 THE DALLES — C. Noonan 23, J. Miller 11, B. Belanger 4, D. Murr 2, W. Justesen 2, E. Flores 2, D. Seufalemua, O. Fernandez, P. Ayala, H. Lee, D. Arellano.  
 HERMISTON — C. Flores 23, D. Neal 14, C. Ortiz 12, A. Nailon 10, H. Walls 7, P. Peterson 6, A. James 5, J. Garcia 1, T. McCullough 1, P. Wicks.  
 3-pointers — TD 3, HHS 12. Free throws — TD 7-8, HHS 9-17. Fouls — TD 17, HHS 14.

# BUCKS: Greb sisters score Pendleton's first 16 points

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For the remainder of the game, the Bucks were looking for Greb to get as many attempts as she could to try and reach the record. Finally in the fourth quarter, Greb connected from the left wing for magic No. 8 to tie the record, which brought on a brief celebration from her teammates on the bench.

Greb said it's something that will keep her smiling for awhile.

"I was just pumped up," she said. "Everyone was yelling at me about the record, and I was just trying to make shots and have fun."

Later in the quarter, Greb nailed her ninth 3-pointer for a new record — but it was waved off because of an offensive foul on the Bucks. Greb went on to miss her last three attempts from deep to fall just short of the record.

"I've been waiting for her talent to come out like this," Gomez said. "I'm excited for her future."

Aside from Greb's 32 points, she also added five assists and four steals. The next highest scorer for Pendleton on Friday was Greb's older sister Shelby with 11 points. The two sisters took the game by storm to start, as they combined to score all of Pendleton's first 16 points.

"That was so much fun," Haley said. "I love playing with (Shelby). We have a great connection and being



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hallie Porter (23) and Tatum Fell (12), of Pendleton, battle for a rebound with The Dalles' Cassidy Davidson (20) during Friday's Columbia River Conference game at Warberg Court.

it's her senior year, it's just awesome playing with her."

The sisters' streak was broken on a made lay-in by Kalan McGlothlan at the 3:15 mark of the quarter. McGlothlan had a solid

game inside for Pendleton, finishing with nine points, five assists and four steals.

As if the scoreboard didn't tell enough, the game was complete at the hands of the Buckaroos. Pendleton

shot 53 percent from the floor and 48 percent from 3-point range, and held Hood River (3-11, 0-1) to 35 percent shooting and forced 21 turnovers.

"Everything was working tonight," Gomez said. "Building team stuff is sometimes difficult, but the girls to come together and enjoy each other like they did tonight makes it exciting."

The win was quite the start to conference play for the Buckaroos, who's previous season high in points was the 59 points scored in their two wins over Baker this season. Greb said that it was what the team needed to start conference play with a bang.

"It's a huge confidence booster," she said with a grin. "We needed to come out pumped and we did. Our plan coming in was that we were 0-0, but now we're 1-0 and it's an awesome feeling."

Pendleton next hosts La Grande on Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**HRV (3-11, 0-1) 11 6 9 9 - 34**  
**PHS (6-9, 1-0) 24 21 19 17 - 81**  
 HOOD RIVER — M. Bloomster 10, E. Curtis 9, L. Orr 6, A. Kinoshita 4, K. Davidson 4, N. Lopez 1, A. Walker, M. Malone, J. Lara.  
 PENDLETON — H. Greb 32, S. Greb 11, L. Richards 10, K. McGlothlan 9, M. Davies 7, R. Gentrner 6, H. Porter 4, C. Hoffman 2, J. Lemberger, T. Fell.  
 3-pointers — HRV 1, PHS 11. Free throws — HRV 1-3, PHS 12-14. Fouls — HRV 11, PHS 7.

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# TOC: Crook County gets six through to semifinals

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a 9-3 decision. He'll face No. 2 seed Tanner Earhart of Dallas in the semis.

Coleman was the No. 2 seed at 182 and earned a major decision in his first match by beating Roseburg's Gage Maddux 13-5, then pinned seventh-seeded Joey Vigue of Marshfield in 1:16 in the quarterfinals. His semifinal matchup is against No. 3 seed Cavin Gillispie of Crater.

The top seed at 195, Colbray didn't let either of his matches on Friday get out of the first round as he pinned North Medford's Joshua Robbins in 1:57, then pinned Sprague's Justin Vazquez-Ellis in 1:16. His semifinal opponent is No. 4 seed

Carson Raymond of Crook County.

Five other Hermiston wrestlers will still be trying to earn team points in the consolation bracket today as well: Liam Tarvin (113), Andy Wagner (126), CJ Hendon (138), Brock McDonough (170) and Beau Blake (285).

Hermiston has an uphill battle to bring back the team title, though, after finished Day 1 in fourth place with 91 points.

Crook County trailed Roseburg by 3.5 points at the top of the standings, but with six wrestlers in the semifinals the Cowboys are poised for a big boost with a strong Day 2.

Roseburg can hold them off with four wrestlers in the semifinals, and third-place Redmond (94) advanced three.