

Prep Basketball Roundup

Nixyaawii boys and girls extend winning streaks

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WALLOWA — The Nixyaawii Golden Eagles remain unbeaten in conference play following an 82-44 win over Wallowa on Saturday.

The win also extends Nixyaawii's season-high win streak to 11 games, which dates back to Dec. 18.

The Golden Eagles nailed 12 3-pointers in the game, and were led in scoring by Hunter McKay with 22 points and Fredy Campos with 21 points.

"I liked that we didn't let up," said Nixyaawii coach Shane Rivera. "Our defensive pressure was better in the second half ... the team work was great."

Nixyaawii (17-1, 7-0 OOL) next plays at Powder Valley on Saturday.

NCS (17-1, 7-0) 24 21 16 21 — 82
WHS (3-12, 2-5) 14 11 9 10 — 44
NIXYAAWII — H. McKay 22, F. Campos

21, H. Melton 11, A. Corona 10, C. Case 8, I. Ashley 2, L. Lewis 2, D. Barley 2.
WALLOWA — C. Nobles 14, D. Allen 10, R. Hafer 8, K. Frye 6, N. Allen 6.
3-pointers — NCS 12, WHS 4. Free throws — NCS 0-2, WHS 4-9. Fouls — NCS 6, WHS 6.

ECHO 50, HELIX 23 — At Echo, the Cougars doubled up the Helix Grizzlies in Old Oregon League action on Saturday evening.

Carlos Chavez led Echo (6-12, 4-3 OOL) with 15 points, grabbed five rebounds and dished out five assists. Miachel Thompson netted 13 points on 6-9 shooting.

After a slow first quarter resulted in an 11-10 lead for the Cougars, Echo came alive in the second quarter with 25 points on 11-18 shooting (61 percent) to bust open a 36-17 lead at halftime, which is all they would need. Helix netted just six second half points on 3-13 shooting. The Grizzlies' high scorer in the game was Jonathan

Shaw with nine points on 4-6 shooting.

Echo next plays at Pine Eagle on Friday and Helix hosts Wallowa on Friday.

GHS (2-15, 0-7) 10 7 4 2 — 23
EHS (6-12, 4-3) 11 25 8 6 — 50
HELIX — J. Shaw 9, J. Williams 4, T. Fehrenbacher 4, G. Newton 2, B. Cope 2, G. Christman 2, C. Marks, T. Wilson.

ECHO — C. Chavez 15, M. Thompson 13, T. Mulder 9, B. Gibbs 5, C. Caldera 4, R. Post 2, B. Moffitt 2, H. Gerlke, N. Scott, Z. Gerlke, J. Dorn, C. Medrano, D. Craig.
3-pointers — GHS 0, EHS 3. Free throws — GHS 3-8, EHS 5-7. Fouls — GHS 9, EHS 14.

SHERMAN 78, CONDON/WHEELER 42 — At Sherman, the Condon/Wheeler Knights dropped their second straight game on Saturday with a loss to Sherman.

No details were reported. Condon/Wheeler (7-9, 3-4 BSL) next plays at Horizon Christian on Friday.

HORIZON CHRISTIAN 62, IONE 33 — At Ione, the Cardinals did not

have enough offensive firepower to overcome Horizon Christian on Saturday.

No details were reported. Ione (2-12, 1-5 BSL) next hosts Sherman on Friday.

Girls Basketball

IONE 33, HORIZON CHRISTIAN 30 — At Ione, the Cardinals hung on against Horizon Christian for a victory on Saturday to stay tied atop the Big Sky League standings.

"We just hung on till time ran out," said Ione coach Nathan Heideman.

It was a sloppy game offensively on Saturday, as both teams combined for 52 turnovers. Ione had 31 of those turnovers, with the bulk of them coming in the first half.

Jessie Flynn led Ione with 13 points, and Morgan Orem added a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

Ione will prepare for a tough weekend of games next week when they host Sherman on Friday before traveling to Condon/Wheeler on Saturday.

HCHR (6-9, 3-4) 1 16 4 9 — 30
IHS (9-6, 8-1) 5 7 8 13 — 33
HORIZON CHRISTIAN — P. Finn 10, J. Hicks 8, K. Wenz 7, C. Carter 2, J. Stevens 2, J. Marx 1.

IONE — J. Flynn 13, M. Orem 10, R. Holland 9, H. Padberg 1, K. Gilbert, I. Sandford, S. Qualls.
3-pointers — HCHR 0, IHS 0. Free throws — HCHR 6-18, IHS 11-23. Fouls HCHR 19, IHS 15.

NIXYAAWII 71, WALLOWA 19 — At Wallowa, the Golden Eagles extended their win streak to 17 games with a blowout win over Wallowa on Saturday.

In the teams' two meetings this season, Nixyaawii has won by a combined score of 138-29. No details were reported.

Nixyaawii (17-1, 7-0 OOL) next plays at Powder Valley at 4 p.m.

CONDON/WHEELER 48, SHERMAN 32 — At Sherman, the Condon/Wheeler Knights improved to 6-1 in conference play with a win over Sherman on Saturday.

No details were reported. Condon/Wheeler (15-2, 6-1 BSL) next plays at Horizon Christian on Friday.

DUFUR 41, ARLINGTON 40 — At Dufur, the Arlington Honkers were upset by Dufur on Saturday afternoon, knocking the Honkers out of first place in the Big Sky League.

No details were reported. Arlington (12-6, 5-2 BSL) next play at South Wasco on Friday night.

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Prep Swimming

Bucks take 2nd at Hood River

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HOOD RIVER — The Pendleton Buckaroos kept its solid 2015-16 season going as the boys and girls swim teams each turned in second place finishes at the Hood River meet on Saturday.

The girls team finished with 129 points, just behind Hood River who took first. And on the boys side, Pendleton garnered 153 points and finished behind La Grande in first place with 216 points.

The Hermiston Bulldogs finished in 10th place in the girls competition with 18 points and eighth place in the boys with 36 points.

Jon Jennings had a big day for Pendleton, taking first place in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 22.53 and later also taking first in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 57.81.

Jennings also anchored Pendleton's 200 yard freestyle relay team that also included Lukas Johnson, Grant Banister and Dylan Clemons to a first place finish with a time of 1:34.72.

Hermiston's top finisher was Sidney Tovee, who turned in a fifth place finish in the 200 yard freestyle race with a time of 2:29.09.

College Basketball

Mountaineers use outside shooting to defeat Warriors

East Oregonian & Associated Press

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon Mountaineers picked up their 10th conference win on Saturday by defeating Corban 81-55.

Jordan Klebaum hit six 3-pointers and 8-17 total shots to lead the Mountaineers (14-8, 10-3 CCC) in scoring with 22 points. She also added a team-best seven assists.

Darian Gasselting netted 12 points and put EOU up for good with consecutive layups late in the first quarter.

Eastern Oregon hit 12 3-pointers and shot 51 percent (32-62) from the floor to pull away. The team improved to 8-0 on the season when they make 10 or more 3-pointers, according to EOUSports.com.

OREGON STATE 61, COLORADO 47 — At Boulder, Colo., Ruth Hamblin scored Oregon State's first 10 points and finished with 20, and the 11th-ranked Beavers defeated Colorado on Sunday.

Jamie Weisner added 14 points and Marie Gulich had 10 rebounds to go with eight points as Oregon State (16-3, 7-1 Pac 12) outrebounded the Buffaloes 47-32.

Haley Smith had 16 points for Colorado (5-14, 0-8), which went 1 of 7 from 3-point range and shot 36 percent.

OREGON 77, UTAH 65 — At Salt Lake City, Jillian Alleyne had 23 of her 26 points in the first half and grabbed 12 rebounds to match the Pac 12 record of 85 double-doubles and Oregon defeated Utah 77-65 on Sunday.

Alleyne tied Stanford's Chiney Ogwumike for the league record for double-doubles and is three behind Bev Smith's school record, established before the NCAA sponsored women's sports.

Emily Potter led Utah (12-7, 4-4)

with 22 points and 10 rebounds, her 11th double-double this season.

Midway through the second quarter, Alleyne reached 18 points before Utah did.

WENATCHEE VALLEY 78, BLUE MOUNTAIN 50 — At Wenatchee Valley, the Knights scored a combined 56 points in the first and fourth quarters to run away with a victory on Saturday over the Blue Mountain Timberwolves.

Blue Mountain (8-11, 2-3 East) trimmed the deficit to 43-34 at the end of the third quarter, but then Wenatchee Valley (17-3, 5-0) exploded for 35 points in the final frame to seal the win.

Blue Mountain was led in scoring by Savannah Heugly with 13 points but the Timberwolves shot a meager 28 percent from the floor and made just 4-18 attempts from 3-point range.

BMCC (8-11, 2-3) 14 13 16 — 50
WVC (17-3, 5-0) 21 13 9 35 — 78
BLUE MOUNTAIN — S. Heugly 13, E. Ramsey 11, K. Collins 10, B. Haringa 8, K. Reyna 5, B. Gregory 3, S. McHone, L. Cagle.
WENATCHEE VALLEY — J. Jacobs 15, T. Swan 12, K. Malcolm 12, S. Johnson 11, D. Carlos 10, A. Horn 7, T. Farmer 6, L. Johnson 4, T. Redman 1, R. Stevenson, A. Ingraham.
3-pointers — BMCC 4, WVC 7. Free throws — BMCC 10-19, WV 13-21. Fouls — BMCC 25, WVC 19. Fouled out — B. Haringa (BMCC), K. Collins (BMCC).

FROM FRIDAY

BLUE MOUNTAIN 97, YAKIMA VALLEY 93 — At Yakima, the Blue Mountain Timberwolves won in a high-scoring affair over Yakima Valley on Friday night.

Savannah Heugly had a huge game for the Timberwolves with 35 points and 13 rebounds in 35 minutes of action. She connected on 14-21 total shots, went 6-8 from the free throw line and even nailed a 3-pointer.

Blue Mountain shot 44 percent from the floor and made 5-9 from 3-point range.

BMCC (8-10, 2-2) 23 24 25 — 97
YVCC (3-15, 0-4) 10 24 28 31 — 93
BLUE MOUNTAIN — S. Heugly 35, K. Collins 20, S.

McHone 13, E. Ramsey 9, K. Reyna 8, B. Gregory 8, B. Haringa 4, L. Cagle.
YAKIMA VALLEY — A. Gratton 34, L. Smoot 14, B. Garcia 10, T. Salazar 8, P. Gomez 8, A. Darden 7, T. Bremer 4, A. Biermann 3, M. Ciriaco 2.
3-pointers — BMCC 5, YVCC 6. Free throws — BMCC 32-37, YVCC 21-30. Fouls — BMCC 20, YVCC 33. Fouled out — B. Gregory (BMCC), B. Garcia (YVCC), A. Darden (YVCC).

Men's Basketball

EASTERN OREGON 85, CORBAN 54 — At La Grande, the Eastern Oregon Mountaineers used a late first half surge and dominant second half to pull away from Corban to earn a victory on Saturday evening.

Rada led Eastern Oregon with 21 points on 8-12 shooting and 2-3 from 3-point range in 28 minutes of action. Kentrell Washington posted a double-double with 12 points and 16 rebounds and also had seven assists.

Eastern Oregon shot 55.7 percent (34-61) from the floor as a team compared to Corban's 34.8 percent (24-69).

OREGON 86, UCLA 72 — At Eugene, Dillon Brooks scored 25 points and Chris Boucher had 18 points and 10 rebounds to lead Oregon to an 86-72 win over UCLA on Saturday afternoon.

Elgin Cook added 17 points and six assists for the Ducks (16-4, 5-2 Pac-12), who won their 20th consecutive home game. Boucher led Oregon to a 42-32 rebounding advantage, including an 18-13 edge on the offensive glass.

Freshman Aaron Holiday led the Bruins (12-8, 3-4) with a season-high 19 points.

OREGON STATE 85, SOUTHERN CAL 70 — At Corvallis, Southern California coach Andy Enfield says his team needs to focus on defense, especially after giving up 50 points in the paint to Oregon State on Sunday.

Gary Payton II had 22 points, 15 rebounds, eight assists and four

steals, leading Oregon State over the No. 21 Trojans.

Elijah Stewart had 16 points and nine rebounds and Katin Reinhardt scored 14 points for the Trojans (15-5, 4-3), who lost both games of their Oregon road trip.

WENATCHEE VALLEY 92, BLUE MOUNTAIN 76 — At Wenatchee Valley, the Blue Mountain Timberwolves did not have enough offense to keep up with the Wenatchee Valley Knights in the second half on Saturday night.

The Knights shot 63 percent from the floor in the second half, hitting on 19-30 shot attempts, while Blue Mountain made 15-40 attempts (37.5 percent) in the half.

Blue Mountain was led by D'Quan Crockett in scoring with 23 points on 9-18 shooting.

BMCC (10-10, 1-4) 41 35 — 76
WVC (4-14, 1-4) 39 53 — 92
BLUE MOUNTAIN — D. Crockett 23, J. Schultz 21, L. Hawkins 10, R. Bell 9, L. Meyers 9, J. Mathews 2, Q. George 2, A. Dean, G. Blankenship, I. Harris, T. Thurman.
WENATCHEE VALLEY — B. Michaels 34, E. Driessen 19, D. Boyd 15, D. Hagan 12, R. Slack 4, K. Crafton 4, C. Baker 2, N. Wirth 2, B. Frohlich, C. Solovey, K. Spencer.
3-pointers — BMCC 5, WVC 5. Free throws — BMCC 5-12, WVC 17-23. Fouls — BMCC 21, WVC 18.

FROM FRIDAY

YAKIMA VALLEY 88, BLUE MOUNTAIN 87 — At Yakima, the Blue Mountain Timberwolves could not hold a halftime lead against Yakima Valley as the Yaks pulled out a one-point victory on Friday night.

Jared Mathews had a big game for the Timberwolves, scoring a team-high 21 points on 9-13 shooting, while also grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds.

BMCC (10-9, 1-3) 41 46 — 87
YVCC (9-9, 3-1) 36 52 — 88
BLUE MOUNTAIN — J. Mathews 21, R. Bell 18, I. Harris 16, J. Schultz 11, D. Crockett 9, L. Meyers 9, L. Hawkins 3, G. Blankenship, T. Thomas.
YAKIMA VALLEY — D. Trammell 23, T. Cluff 23, C. Jensen 16, D. Berry 9, M. Jones 7, M. Clark 6, C. Morsa 3, D. Luckett 2, J. Gaudette, D. Kambala.
3-pointers — BMCC 2, YVCC 12. Free throws — BMCC 15-23, YVCC 14-16. Fouls — BMCC 15, YVCC 20.

PIONEERS: Erb has big second half for Mac-Hi girls

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even closer to knocking off a program that has only missed the postseason twice in the last 12 years in a 47-45 nail-biter that came down to a Hail Mary inbound pass in the closing seconds.

"I keep telling people that's something that's so special about this group. They come out and they play hard and they believe that when they're behind they can come back and still win a game," said Mac-Hi girls coach Brooke Garton. "They never give up and you can't teach that."

"Baker is a team that gave us a lot of trouble last year and to be able to come out and have a tight game against them is huge for us in terms of our mental game and being able to go to Baker and be confident that we can try and get one from them at their house."

Both squads battled through key players in foul trouble and erased sizable deficits in the second half to prove they belong in the discussion of GOL contenders.

The boys trailed by as many as 15 points in the first half and went into intermission down 27-16 as Baker shot 50 percent from the field in the first two frames.

But an 11-3 run out of the locker room cut the lead to 30-27 when Hunter Yensen nailed a three-pointer with 5:14 left to play in the third quarter, and although Baker (8-10, 2-0 GOL) never surrendered the lead it was all the Bulldogs could do to hold on from there.

With starting guard and leading scorer Adrian Zaragoza strapped to the bench with four fouls early in the third, Mac-Hi (6-12, 1-1)

was able to lean on Yensen and supporting players like Armando Garcia and Alex Delgado to keep the Bulldogs close.

"The fact that we can be competitive without (Zaragoza) is very promising," Poyner said. "It makes me very happy because it means those other guys are building and getting better."

Baker pushed the lead back to nine points in the fourth quarter, but a basket by Yensen followed by a three-pointer from Zaragoza made it a 46-42 game with 3:38 to play.

Free throws from Baker's Grant Berry and Mac-Hi's Zaragoza and Bailey Debore brought the score to 47-44 with 2:49 showing on the clock, but that was where the Bulldogs were finally able to stop the bleeding and secure the win with free throws and defense as the Pioneers struggled to regain the offensive rhythm that had come so fluidly in the third quarter.

"They were the most aggressive defensive team that we've faced all year really," Poyner said of Baker. "It's hard to get into an offense when a team is causing a lot of havoc, and they did a great job of that in their man-to-man defense, getting into passing lanes and making it difficult for us to set anything up."

"We just didn't have enough in the tank at the end, but overall they're just playing so hard for us right now, and playing hard for each other most importantly. We just couldn't ask for a better group of guys right now."

Zaragoza led the game with 18 points and Yensen added 17 for Mac-Hi while Brad Zemmer paced

Baker with 15.

The Lady Pioneers ran into their foul trouble much earlier in the game as guards Shannon Carter and Kitanya Crisman each picked up three fouls in the first half, leaving Mac-Hi (11-6, 1-1) without its starting and back-up point guard to face a suffocating Baker (8-9, 1-1) half-court trap that was the biggest reason for Mac-Hi's 19 turnovers in the first two frames.

But with Baker shooting just 28.5 percent from the field and Sydney Richwine pouring in 13 of her game-high 17 points in the first half, the Pioneers trailed just 22-19 at halftime.

Baker came out strong in the third quarter and extended its lead to its largest point at 34-25 after a pair of free throws from Brie Sand with 51 seconds left in the frame, but the Pioneers never let doubt creep into their minds.

Brittney Erb caught fire for eight of her 15 points in the fourth quarter and pulled the Pioneers within 41-40 on a three-pointer with 3:34 to play. It was her second of the game.

"We've been working a lot on our outside shooting this week and I've got a bunch of girls that can shoot out there, they just haven't been in games," Garton said. "I'm excited they're starting to be confident enough to take those shots and to start looking for them."

Baker's Gracie Huggins pushed the lead to 44-40 with a deep basket with 1:18 to play, and after a jump shot in the key by Mac-Hi's Abi Biggs cut it to 44-42, Sand came through with a crucial three-point play to make it 47-42 with 37

seconds left.

A running bank shot by Sam Tveidt and a free throw by Erb gave the Pioneers a chance to win at 47-45, but with just 8.9 second left. Both teams missed free throws in those final eight ticks of the clock, and Mac-Hi's final desperation heave from its own baseline was intercepted to seal the win for Baker.

Despite leaving plenty of opportunities for the win on the court, Garton was happy with how her team held its own.

"The term they use is, 'This year we want to shock the world.' I think they're really earning some street cred," she said.

Both teams will get one more shot at the Bulldogs in the regular season when they play at Baker on Feb. 5. Their next games will be Tuesday in a non-league rivalry meeting against Weston-McEwen at 6 and 7:30 p.m. in Milton-Freewater.

Girls
BHS (8-9, 1-1) 15 17 14 11 — 47
M-H (11-6, 1-1) 13 11 15 — 45
BAKER — B. Sand 12, M. Hampton 10, G. Huggins 10, S. Phillips 4, K. Severson 2, H. Collard 2, J. Ramos 1, R. Hughes, K. Lehman, Team 6. (16-54)
MAC-HI — S. Richwine 17, B. Erb 15, S. Tveidt 5, A. Biggs 4, B. Smiley 2, B. Hernandez 2, S. Carter, K. Crisman. (19-49)
3-pointers — BHS 2-10, M-H 3-6. Free throws — BHS 13-19, M-H 4-12. Fouls — BHS 20, M-H 18. Fouled out — B. Sand (BHS), S. Carter (M-H).

Boys
BHS (8-10, 2-0) 13 14 14 16 — 57
M-H (6-12, 1-1) 3 13 18 17 — 51
BAKER — B. Zemmer 15, B. Smith 13, L. Sand 10, T. Taylor 10, T. Dunn 6, G. Berry 3, J. Gentili. (18-44)
MAC-HI — A. Zaragoza 18, H. Yensen 17, A. Garcia 7, L. Garcia 5, A. Delgado 3, B. DeBore 1, A. Martinez, R. Walton. (15-41)
3-pointers — BHS 2-10, M-H 9-20. Free throws — BHS 18-36, M-H 13-18. Fouls — BHS 20, M-H 25. Fouled out — B. Zemmer (BHS), B. DeBore (M-H).

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College Track & Field

EOU's England leads nation in triple jump

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NAMPA, Idaho — Eastern Oregon junior Eric England placed set the No. 1 mark in the country in the triple jump on Saturday to highlight the final day of action at the Boise State Bronco Invitational on Saturday.

England's mark of 50 feet, 10.25 inches not only set a school record, but it also qualified the Idaho native for the NAIA Indoor Championships.

He wasn't the only Mountaineer jumping into the record books, though.

Amanda Fowler of Pendleton set the seventh-best women's triple jump in EOU history with her leap of 33-0.25 that placed 17th.

Rachel Roelle trounced her own school record by 3.1 seconds and ran 3:07.54 to take third overall in the 1,000 meters.

Jebari Cumberbatch continued to shine in his first year as a Mountaineer, as he broke his one-week old school record and ran 22.11 in the 200. He tied for fifth.

Codi Blodgett improved to No. 3 all time at EOU in the 200 with a mark of 22.73, which put three freshmen (Cumberbatch, Devin Lewis-Allen, Blodgett) in the top four all time in program history.

Those three combined with Ryan Rosenau to run the second-fastest 1,600 relay in the EOU record books with a 3:23.67 that placed fifth.