

**PENDLETON**

# Riverhawks block out Buckaroos on way to win

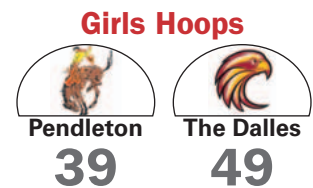
The Dalles posts' lead way to CRC win over Pendleton on Friday

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THE DALLES — The Pendleton Buckaroos were unable to match up with The Dalles' height in the front-court and fell 49-39 in their Columbia River Conference game on Friday.

The Riverhawks (8-8, 1-1 CRC) start four girls that stand 5-foot-10 or taller, and with 6-foot post Mareen Davies in Day 3 of a week-long mandatory concussion protocol the tallest player on the court for the Bucaroos (6-11, 1-1) was 5-9 Kalan McGlothlan.

"We had to go with a lot of small size (Friday) so we weren't as big in the inside as we usually have been in the past, so I think that made a difference rebounding-wise," said Pendleton coach Michelle Gomez. "We also kind of had to change our offense up a little bit because



we were a small guard team. "Defensive-wise I think our energy level was really high, we just kind of struggled on the offensive end because we had to change things up and we only had a couple of days to work that out. So we'll get back to the drawing board and try to figure things out."

Pendleton came out strong and led 14-9 after one quarter, but needed a last-second jump shot from Tatum Fell to tie the score at 18-all going into halftime.

The Dalles maintained its momentum in the second half and Gomez said the Bucks started to show the stress of playing on the road with a shuffled lineup.

"I think we just kind of lost our composure, got a little anxious," she said.

The Dalles 6-footer Jenifer Bonham scored eight of her game-high 12 points in

the second half and 5-10 post Lori Cimmiyotti was a thorn in Pendleton's side with five blocked shots and four steals.

Riverhawks guard Kailin Hoylman also gave Pendleton trouble with nine points and seven assists.

Pendleton was led by Haley Greb's 10 points and four assists, and McGlothlan added eight point to go with six rebounds.

Pendleton turned the ball over 24 times to The Dalles' 14.

The Bucks will hope to get Davies back before their next game — a rivalry showdown with first-place Hermiston — but aren't counting on it.

She'll have to be cleared by a medical professional and Tuesday is the earliest that could possibly happen.

Pendleton tips off against the Hermiston Bulldogs for a rivalry match-up on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. at The Dawg House. in Hermiston.

**PHS (6-11, 1-1) 144 11 10 - 39**  
**TD (8-8, 1-1) 9 11 15 16 - 49**  
 PENDLETON — H. Greb 10, K. McGlothlan 8, S. Greb 7, R. Gentner 5, T. Fell 4, L. Richards 3, C. Hoffman 2, H. Porter, J. Lemberger.  
 THE DALLES — J. Bonham 12, J. Thomasson 9, K. Hoylman 9, B. McCall 8, I. Taylor 5, I. Talles 3, L. Cimmiyotti 3, S. Watson.  
 3-pointers — PHS 4, TD 4. Free throws — PHS 7-11, TD 3-7. Fouls — PHS 15, TD 12.

**Women's Basketball**

# Wiese helps No. 9 Oregon State overwhelm Wildcats

Associated Press

CORVALLIS — With one star player unavailable, Oregon State point guard Sydney Wiese made her presence felt on Friday.

"Just the speed of the game was Syd's speed," said Beavers coach Scott Rueck. "That ball moved so quickly offensively. It was nice to have her back."

Wiese returned to the starting lineup after a hand injury and had 15 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists as No. 9 Oregon State overwhelmed Arizona 71-43.

"I got a full week of practice in leading up to the game, which helped a lot to help me feel more comfortable out there," Wiese said.

Deven Hunter scored 12 points and grabbed nine rebounds and Ruth Hamblin added 12 points for the Beavers (17-3, 8-1 Pac 12).

LaBrittney Jones scored 10 points for the Wildcats (11-10, 2-7), and was the only Arizona player in double digits.

Oregon State won its seventh in a row, despite the absence of leading scorer Jamie Weisner, who missed the game due to illness. Rueck hoped Weisner would return for Monday's game against No. 8 Arizona State.

Wiese missed eight games and had come off the bench in the Beavers' previous two games.

Oregon State used a considerable

size advantage to outrebound Arizona 44-32 and shot 46.6 percent from the field, including 9 of 18 on 3-pointers. The Wildcats shot 29.6 percent.

"I thought we did a good job defensively, keeping this team in front of us, making them take tough shots," Rueck said.

The Beavers closed out the first quarter on a 10-0 run, capped by a Wiese 3-pointer, to go ahead 23-12.

Oregon State went on a 19-1 run in the second quarter to take a commanding lead, and seven players scored during the stretch.

The Beavers led 47-19 at halftime, and were up by as many as 32 points in the third quarter.

"We let it get away from us in the first half. I thought we started off pretty well and then they started hitting those threes. Those points add up pretty quickly," said Arizona coach Niya Butts.

**TIP-INS**

**Oregon State:** In the last seven games, no Oregon State opponent has shot better than 35.3 percent. ... Weisner, one of three Beavers on the Naismith Trophy Early Season Watch List, is averaging 16.8 points and 5.4 rebounds per game.

**BIG GAME:** Wiese said the strong team effort on Friday was a good tune-up for Monday, when Oregon State takes on No. 8 Arizona State. "It was good for us to build confidence going into Monday, because we need to be firing on all cylinders," Wiese added.

**BRIEFLY**

## Rugby association to hold meeting next week

PENDLETON — East Oregon Sasquatch Rugby Association (EOSRA) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel in Pendleton.

EOSRA assists the local rugby clubs on an administrative level and helps provide players with opportunities to do fundraisers, volunteer projects, creating a club atmosphere and increasing the regional profile of the local clubs by helping to organize match socials.

EOSRA is a non-profit corporation and member of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce and is in need of volunteers willing to help out in any way they can.

With a new season just around the corner, EOSRA is in search of new members that will bring fresh ideas to the process.

All parents of current players, Sasquatch alumni and rugby fans are encouraged to attend if able.

## Several Oregon coaches honored by national body

BURNS — Burns High School volleyball coach Paula Toney was recognized by the National Federation of Sate High School Associations (NFHS) as Volleyball Coach of the Year, the organization announced on Friday.

Canby boys track and field coach Tom Millbrook also was named NFHS National Coach of the Year.

Fifteen coaches were named Section 8 Coach of the Year, an area that encompasses Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Alaska. They were: Horizon Christian (Tualatin) football's George Grace, South Eugene boys basketball's Dave Hancock, North Medford baseball's Brent Wolfe, Hood River boys soccer's Jaime Rivera, Culver wrestling's JD Alley, Barlow boys cross country's Jim Babson, Grant boys tennis' John Carolan, Henley boys swimming's Dan Zimmer, Lost River girls track and field's Dan Duncan, Summit girls soccer's Jamie Brock, Dayton softball's Rob Umbenhower, Seaside girls cross country's Neil Branson, Junction City girls tennis' Justin Corey, Willamette girls swimming's Gina Dhom, and St. Mary girls golf's Dan Friedhoff.

The Oregon Athletic Coaches Association's State Coach of the Year was Josh Grotting of Sutherlin girls basketball.

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# KNIGHTS: Defense holds Heppner to 35 percent shooting

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one's. Heppner got to within five points at 45-40 with one minute left in the game when Logan Grieb banked home a layup. And after an Irrigon missed free throw, C.J. Kindle also banked in a driving layup from left of the basket to cut the deficit to 45-42 with 40 seconds remaining.

Heppner was forced to foul, bringing the Knights' lone senior Vera to the free throw line with two attempts to seal a victory. Vera had missed three-straight attempts to that point, a factor keeping fans on the edge of the bleachers.

But Vera toed the line, got set, and fired off back-to-back makes to push Irrigon's lead to 47-42 with just 24 seconds left to secure the win. Vera led Irrigon in scoring with 18 points on 7-17 shooting.

"(Vera) came back and just trusted what he knows," Thompson said. "He's played in three straight state championships so he's the guy we want to have the ball in his hands and as he goes we go, he's becoming a better leader every day."

As a team, Irrigon made 18-39 total shot attempts (46 percent) and knocked in 6-16 from 3-point range. Daniel Vera made four of those 3-pointers — and missed only one — on his way to a 14 point performance.

The win was a must for the Knights, who were sitting in third place in the CBC behind Heppner and Stanfield coming into the



Irrigon's Freddy Vera drives on Heppner's Kevin Murray in the Knights' 49-42 win against the Mustangs on Friday in Heppner.

game. Thompson said that his team has responded well over the past few weeks in practice to get to this point.

"It just validates what we've been telling the guys that they

can play with anybody," he said. "Heppner's really, really good and will probably be at the (Pendleton) convention center, so for our young guys to start believing means so much and I think this game showed

it."

For Heppner, the game was frustrating from start to finish. The Mustangs shot just 35 percent from the floor (16-46), knocked in just one 3-pointer and had quiet games from key contributors Logan Grieb and Weston Putman as Irrigon's lock-tight man-to-man defense held them to a combined seven points on 3-14 shooting, not allowing either player much space to find a rhythm.

Kindle led Heppner in scoring with 17 points on 5-14 shooting and added eight rebounds. Patrick Collins had a quiet 14 points and nine rebounds as Irrigon's interior defense led by Hayden White prevented Collins from taking over.

The loss drops Heppner into a tie with Stanfield atop the CBC standings with matching 5-1 records, while Irrigon sits just one game behind at 4-2. First place will be decided today, as Heppner travels to Stanfield for a 5:30 p.m. game with the Tigers.

Heppner won the first match-up 83-65 at home.

Irrigon squares off at home against Weston-McEwen at 5:30 p.m.

**IHS (13-5, 4-2) 1614 9 10 - 49**  
**HHS (15-2, 5-1) 11 7 11 13 - 42**  
 IRRIGON — F. Vera 18, D. Vera 14, H. White 11, X. Rambo 3, A. Rice 3, O. Vera.  
 HEPPNER — C.J. Kindle 17, P. Collins 14, L. Grieb 5, C. Hedman 4, W. Putman 2, K. Murray, K. Clark.  
 3-pointers — IHS 6, HHS 1. Free throws — IHS 7-16, HHS 9-12. Fouls — IHS 14, HHS 17.

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# HERMISTON: Bulldogs next prepare for bout with Pendleton

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The Bulldogs stayed in the press most of the first quarter, and Hood River couldn't figure it out. In total Hood river coughed it up 13 times in that first period as Hermiston jumped to a 30-8 lead.

"We have to make sure we send our message early and get it done early," Hoffert said. "We let The Dalles hang around. They're a good team, but I don't think we played well enough where we put them away."

"You want to make sure you play well enough and you put the teams away that you should just so they lose that confidence factor."

The starters played the rest of the first half, with some future talent getting some run, as well. Hannah Thompson was the first deep reserve to see the floor Friday night, and she scored four points.

Jordan Thomas, a 6-foot-1 freshman forward, started the third quarter for Hermiston, and showed why there is so much optimism surrounding her. She netted eight points, battled for rebounds and played tough defensively. Edmiston said the improvement is obvious.

"She never gives up," Edmiston said of the freshman. "She keeps running down the court and she always tries for every rebound. And she's usually there for the pass."

But that's not all. "She's starting to jump," the senior laughed.

Also getting significant minutes were freshman Sidney Stefani and

junior Kylee Smith. Smith was looking to score during her stint in the third quarter, aggressively driving the ball and looking for 3-pointers. Stefani was a little more skittish in terms of shooting the ball, and committed some silly turnovers passing the ball. Hoffert, however, wasn't displeased with their play, saying they'll learn.

"They have to learn, there's some things they have to learn," he said. "Sid's still learning how to take care of the ball and how to make the right pass, right decision. And she'll learn that the next few weeks and the next couple years."

Hermiston's biggest lead of the night came in the fourth quarter, when Stefani's layup pushed the count to 71-31. By that point, though, Hoffert had long called off the dogs.

Hermiston hosts rival Pendleton on Tuesday with a scheduled tip set for 7:30 p.m. The game will be a pink-out in recognition of the recent social media campaign #YoungmanOnEllen, which is endeavoring to send two-time cancer survivor, current cancer patient, former Hermiston High Spanish teacher and current Pendleton High Spanish teacher Kathryn Youngman to appear on the popular daytime television show "Ellen."

**HRV (3-12, 0-2) 8 12 11 12 - 43**  
**HHS (14-3, 2-0) 30 24 14 10 - 78**  
 HOOD RIVER VALLEY — L. Orr 13, A. Kinoshita 10, M. Bloomster 10, E. Curtis 5, N. Lopez 3, M. Malone 2, K. Davidson, A. Walker.  
 HERMISTON — J. Edmiston 12, R. Andreason 12, M. Juul 8, S. Ramirez 8, J. Thomas 8, H. Meyers 5, S. Gilbert 5, K. Smith 5, S. Stefani 4, K. Padilla 4, H. Thompson 4, K. Heesh 3.  
 3-pointers — HRV 2, HHS 8. Free throws — HRV 7-14, HHS 8-10. Fouls — HRV 12, HHS 13.



Hermiston senior guard Sara Ramirez (with ball) drives around Hood River's Emily Curtis during the Bulldogs' 78-43 win Friday night in Hermiston.

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