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Ana Zacarias (2), of Irrigon, grabs onto a fastbreak pass from a teammate and races Weston-McEwen's Ali Schroeder (12) to the basket during Saturday's Columbia Basin Conference Basketball Tournament at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



PENDLETON

Knights outlast TigerScots

Irrigon wins district championship in overtime

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

In the week leading up to the first district tournament game in program history, the Irrigon Knights girls basketball team went the extra distance in practice, adding on an extra half hour to each session.

The Knights went the extra distance again on Saturday when they knocked off league champion Weston-McEwen 46-43 in overtime to claim the program's first district title.

Sophomore Jada Burns, who led the Knights with 17 points and sealed the win with a free throw that

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points until Taylor Davis sank a pair of free throws with 1:35 left in the first quarter.

Burns hit the team's first field goal with :13 left in the frame and the Knights trailed 12-4 headed into the second.

"Honestly I think we were a little bit intimidated to start out with. We were nervous," said Davis, who scored 12 points and pulled in seven rebounds.

Irrigon coach Mike Royer could see the intimidation in his team's play.

"We told the girls, 'We have to start attacking more on offense and we have to keep taking the open shots, and they'll start falling.' Luckily our defense was good enough to where they couldn't extend the lead," he said. "We just started chipping away."

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Prep Wrestling

Bulldogs demolish District 4

Hermiston runs away with team title

East Oregonian

BEND — The Hermiston Bulldogs placed 19 wrestlers on the podium on Saturday afternoon to boost the team to another Special District 4 championship.

Hermiston finished in first place with 435 points, while Redmond finished second with 347 points and Bend at third place with 233.5 points. The Pendleton Buckaroos had a disappointing performance at the tournament, finishing in sixth place with 132 points.

The Bulldogs were paced by

See BULLDOGS/2B

Prep Wrestling

Pioneers qualify 13 for state

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — The Mac-Hi Pioneers fell two points shy of a team district title, but finished the day with 13 wrestlers qualifying for the state tournament next weekend.

The Pioneers finished in second place in the district with 253 points, while Baker claimed the district title with 255 points. La Grande finished third with 216.5 points and Ontario finished in fourth place with 133 points.

Mac-Hi was powered by its 13

See PIONEERS/2B

Prep Swimming

Buckaroo boys take sixth place

East Oregonian

GRESHAM — The Pendleton Buckaroo boys swimming team capped off a successful season with a sixth-place finish at the OSAA State Championships on Saturday afternoon.

Pendleton competed in four events in the finals, and placed in the top three in three of the four events. The 200 yard Medley Relay team of Jon Jennings, Dylan Clemons, T.J. O'Hanlon, and Lukas Johnson

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PENDLETON

Heppner holds off Irrigon



Heppner's Patrick Collins hugs head coach Jeremy Rosenbalm after winning Saturday's Columbia Basin Conference championship game against Irrigon.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Mustangs muscle back from second half deficit for win

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

The Heppner Mustangs achieved a feat on Saturday afternoon that no Mustangs boys basketball team has done in over a decade — win a district championship.

The Mustangs held off the Irrigon Knights 50-45 to secure the district crown, erasing a halftime deficit and out-hustling the Knights in the second half to win the game.

Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm said that he is happy to bring the trophy back to

Heppner. "It's so good for the boys," he said. "This is a stepping stone of where we ultimately want to get to, and it feels really good for the team, the school, and the community to bring the title back to Heppner."

The Mustangs were led by a solid performance from senior Patrick Collins as he finished with a game-high 21 points, while also grabbing 13 total rebounds, with six coming on the offensive end. Collins said winning the district title is a "surreal feeling."

"We knew from the beginning of the season we had a chance to be special, but we had to work hard and know that nothing would be given to us and we did that today," Collins said. "We got out-hustled in the first half, but we knew we had to stick together and keep fighting."

After Irrigon shot 10-22 (45 percent) from the floor in the first half, the Mustangs defense buckled down and held the Knights to just 6-21 shooting (28 percent) in the second half. But where the Mustangs really won the game was on the glass, outrebounding Irrigon 36-18 in the game — including a 25-11 advantage in the second half with 12 offensive boards.

"We knew we had to rebound better in order to win," Collins said. "We knew if we started

See HEPPNER/3B



Weston Putman (1), of Heppner, goes to the basket during Saturday's Columbia Basin Conference Basketball Tournament against Irrigon at the Pendleton Convention Center.



Fredy Vera (12), of Irrigon, goes airborne against Heppner's Patrick Collins (15) and Caden Hedman (12) during Saturday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

College Roundup

Dorsey leads Ducks over Beavers, back to share of Pac-12 lead

Associated Press & East Oregonian

EUGENE — When Tyler Dorsey showed up early for Oregon's shootaround before its rivalry rematch with Oregon State, his teammates could tell the freshman guard meant business.

"He came in 1 hour before

practice and started shooting," senior Chris Boucher said, "so we knew he was ready."

"He attacked more and made plays for others, and when he does that it really helps the team."

Dorsey matched his season high with 25 points, and No. 16 Oregon regained a share of the

Pac-12 lead with a 91-81 victory over Oregon State on Saturday night.

Dillon Brooks added 17 points and Elgin Cook had 16 for the Ducks (21-6, 10-4), who tied a school record with their 23rd consecutive home win. Oregon and No. 12 Arizona have a

one-game lead on Utah atop the conference standings with four games left in the regular season.

Boucher had 14 points, nine rebounds and three blocks for Oregon, which went 29 of 33 from the foul line. Brooks made all 10 free throws, and Boucher was 9 of 10.

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