

MISSION

Golden Eagles fall short in 1A girls semifinals

Nixyaawii’s offense goes flat against No. 1 seed

East Oregonian

BAKER CITY — The Nixyaawii Golden Eagles’ dreams of a state championship hit the end of the road on Friday evening, as

the Golden Eagles fell to Country Christian 58-37 in the 1A semifinals. The Golden Eagles simply did not match up well enough against the Cougars, as Country Christian had too much offense and too much size inside. The Cougars led the entire way, and finished the game with 20 more shot attempts than the Golden Eagles, helped out by an

astounding 28 offensive rebounds. Nixyaawii (25-3) was led in scoring by guard Mary Stewart with 21 points on 9-19 shooting, as she was the only team scorer to reach double-figures. The Golden Eagles shot 32 percent from the floor

Basketball



Nixyaawii

37



Country Christian

58

in the game, knocking in 14-44 shots. The team was also the victim of 18 turnovers in the game, which the Cougars turned into 20 points throughout the game. The first quarter set the Golden Eagles back, as Country Christian exploded to

a 17-8 lead and then carried that over to a 28-20 lead at halftime. After making some halftime adjustments, Nixyaawii drew first blood in the second half on a basket by Stewart to cut the lead to 28-22 — but that was as close as they could get. The Cougars kept their lead at more than 10 points for the majority of the second half as they cruised to the win. The season is not over

yet for the Golden Eagles, as they come back and play today at 1:30 p.m. against Hosanna Christian for third place at Baker High School.

NCS (25-3) 8 12 12 5 — 37
CCS (26-2) 17 11 19 11 — 58
NIXYAAWII — M. Stewart 21, D. Maddern 5, S. Fitzpatrick 5, A. Farrow 3, K. Melton 1, T. Oatman, E. Looney.
COUNTRY CHRISTIAN — K. Nofziger 18, C. McGrath 11, A. Farner 8, J. Parker 8, M. Lewandowski 7, M. McGrath 4, A. LaPointe 2.
3-pointers — NCS 2, CCS 4. Free throws — NCS 7-13, CCS 10-24. Fouls — NCS 19, 17.

MISSION

Sherman bumps Nixyaawii in semis

Golden Eagles to play for third

East Oregonian

BAKER CITY — The Nixyaawii boys basketball team will be playing for third place at the 1A state tournament after losing to Sherman 74-65 on Friday at Baker High School. Game details and statistics were not available at press time. The loss snapped the Golden Eagles’ 20-game winning streak that started on Dec. 18, 2015. The game was a rematch from the third game of the season for the Golden Eagles

Boys Basketball



Nixyaawii

65



Sherman

74

(26-2), which beat Sherman 79-48 in Mission on Dec. 7, 2015. The Golden Eagles are assured their second state trophy in as many years when they go up against Damascus Christian today at 3:15 p.m. The loser will take home fifth place. Sherman (25-4) will play Columbia Christian in the championship.

UMATILLA

Vikings stage comeback against Royals

East Oregonian

COOS BAY — The Umatilla Vikings overcame an early first quarter deficit and hung on to a late lead to defeat the Portland Christian Royals 51-50 in a 3A consolation game on Friday morning. The Vikings (22-6) took the final lead of the game with just 12 seconds left when Courtney Dohman sank one free throw for a 51-50 lead. The Royals then missed a 3-pointer with two seconds left to hand the Vikings the victory. Aleesha Watson led the Vikings on offense with 13 points on 4-9 shooting, including two made 3-pointers. Sidney Webb added 11 points and nailed three 3-pointers.

Girls Basketball



Umatilla

51



Portland Christian

50

Umatilla shot 18-37 (48 percent) from the field and made 7-18 (39 percent) from 3-point range as a team, while Portland Christian shot 17-47 (36 percent) and made 10-28 (35 percent) from the 3-point line. The Vikings started the game slow, falling into a 12-0 hole halfway through the first quarter. In fact, the Vikings did not score until the 3:58 mark on a jumper from Dohman. When the first quarter horn sounded, the Vikings were staring at a 19-9 deficit with their

season hanging in the balance. But in the second quarter, the Vikings woke up and went on a 13-3 run to start and eventually tied up the game at 22-22 with 3:55 left in the half. The Vikings took their first lead of the game at 24-22 just 50 seconds later and went on to take a 29-27 lead at halftime. In the third quarter, Umatilla grew its lead to eight points before the Royals battled back and cut the deficit to 44-40 by the end of the quarter. And in the fourth quarter the Royals were the ones to grab the momentum, starting the quarter on a 7-0 run to take a 47-44 lead with 5:02 left. But the Vikings answered right back with a 3-pointer from Webb to tie

it back up at 47-47 with 4:39 remaining, and the score would stay the same until the Royals re-took the lead with under three minutes left at 50-47. After a made free throw from Watson, she then nailed a jumper with 1:25 left to tie the game at 50-50, setting up the win for the Vikings. Umatilla will now play Portland Adventist in the consolation bracket for fourth place today at 6:30 p.m. at North Bend High School.

UHS (22-6) 9 20 15 7 — 51
PCS (22-7) 19 8 13 10 — 50
UMATILLA — A. Watson 13, S. Webb 11, C. Dohman 9, M. Paz 8, T. Coffey 8, B. Campos 2, G. Contreras.
PORTLAND CHRISTIAN — D. Guild 22, K. Brownell 15, A. Osborne 7, A. Stumetz 4, S. Remington 2, C. James, J. Lown, J. McKinney.
3-pointers — UHS 7, PCS 10. Free throws — UHS 8-13, PCS 6-9. Fouls — UHS 11, PCS 12.

HEPPNER: ‘They fought until the end, until the final buzzer’

Continued from 1B

the players knew how proud he and their community was of their accomplishments. “I told them, ‘We can’t let these two games justify our whole season,’” he said. “Going 21-5 is a heck of a season. There are a lot of teams around the state at every level who would love to be 21-5. “They did represent Heppner extremely well. They’re high character people, on the floor they’re not complaining, they’re playing the way basketball is supposed to be played. For me, as a coach, that’s what I’m proud of. This is a special group, and a group like this doesn’t come around very often at all. They’re better men off of the court and off of the field than they are on it.” Heppner’s shooting woes in Pendleton — they went 14 for 49 (28.6 percent) in a 41-33 quarterfinal loss to Bandon — were certainly perplexing for a team that entered the final bracket averaging 56.5 points a game. “Our offense went away from us for two game, and that’s the bottom line,” Rosenbalm said. “That was the difference. We had our looks. We did what we’ve done for the previous 24 game coming into this weekend. We attacked the rim, we got good looks, we got to the free throw line, we got open perimeter looks — nothing’s changed in that aspect. The ball just didn’t go in the cylinder for us for two games.” Don’t be mistaken, though, Burns (22-6) wasn’t gifted their win. The Hilanders hit the big shots they needed to, when they needed them, and generally made life difficult for any Heppner (21-5) player trying to get to the rim. Senior guard Ty Hueckman provided many of Burns’ early highlights as he scored 16 of his game-high 19 points in the first half to lead the Hilanders to a 23-13 halftime lead. “Coming off a tough loss we knew we had to come out firing,” he said, referencing their 44-42 loss to Vernonia in the quarterfinals. “I’ve been kind of in a slump the last few games but I knew it would come out sometime, just keep shooting.” The only other player to sink a basket in the first half for Burns was senior guard Trace Tiller, but the Hilanders added some balance in the second half that started with senior post Zach McDonald’s first of three 3-pointers. “Zach’s always been clutch for us,” Hueckman said. “Anytime a big shot



Heppner’s Kevin Murry and Weston Putman wrestle for the ball with Burns’ Zach McDonald in the Mustangs’ 49-29 loss to the Hilanders on Friday in Pendleton.



Heppner’s Logan Grieb shoots the ball over Burns’ Ty Hueckman and Scott Davies (3) in the Mustangs’ 49-29 loss to the Hilanders on Friday in Pendleton.

comes he’s going to nail it, every time.” Heppner was able to trim the lead to single digits three times in the third quarter, but it was McDonald that pushed it back to double digits for the remainder when he dropped in a trey with 1:25 left in the frame to make it 35-23. He finished tied with Tiller with 11 points. Heppner was led by senior forward Weston Putman with 10 points going 3 for 5 from beyond the 3-point arc, and hit one of those to give the

Mustangs a 9-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. Junior post Kevin Murray chipped in four points on 2-of-2 shooting, but the Mustangs’ primary scorers were limited to 13 total points. Senior post Patrick Collins finished with seven, junior guard Logan Grieb had five, and senior guard C.J. Kindle was held to a single free throw. “They’re a physical team,” Hueckman said of the Mustangs. “We’ve played physical teams all

year though. Our league is extremely physical, I mean, playing through the refs, playing through everything, we were used to that.” Rosenbalm was happy with how the players represented themselves on the court, though, and the Mustangs continued to play like the game was on the line even as Burns put it out of reach in the fourth quarter. “They fought until the end, until the final buzzer,” he said. “That’s we talked about. You have to play with whatever you have for 32 minutes and that’s what they did. They never gave up, they never hung their heads, they never got wrapped up in anything else, they just played basketball. And as a coach that’s all you can ask for.” He said the end of the season always hurts, whether it’s in defeat or victory — like their football season that finished with a state title. “Even in football, it was terrible to say the goodbyes, to have that group split up one last time, and we won the state championship,” said Rosenbalm, who was an assistant coach for the football team. “It’s emotional both ways and it’s just bad that all this group won’t be together again. That’s the worst part of it.” Win or lose, Burns will go through that process today when it plays Imbler in the 4th/6th place game at 10:45 a.m. at Pendleton Convention Center.

BHS (22-6) 8 15 12 14 — 49
HHS (21-5) 9 4 10 6 — 29
BURNS — T. Hueckman 19, Z. McDonald 11, T. Tiller 11, S. Davies 5, N. Moady 2, T. Reid 1, B. Friedrichsen, T. Recanzzone, J. Blackburn, T. Case, A. Stewart-Graf. (17-48)
HEPPNER — W. Putman 10, P. Collins 7, L. Grieb 5, K. Murray 4, W. Steagall 2, C. Kindle 1. (10-43)
3-pointers — BHS 7-22, HHS 3-16. Free throws — BHS 8-14, HHS 6-15. Fouls — BHS 11, HHS 14. Fouled out — P. Collins (HHS).

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Today

5A first round: Springfield at Pendleton, 5 p.m.

5A first round: Hermiston at Wilsonville, 6 p.m.

1A third place: Nixyaawii vs. Damascus Christian (at Baker HS), 3:15 p.m.

GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL

Today

1A third place: Nixyaawii vs. Hosanna Christian (at Baker HS), 1:30 p.m.

3A consolation: Umatilla vs. Portland Adventist (at North Bend HS), 6:30 p.m.

Basketball

OSAA

2A state tournament schedule (at Pendleton Convention Center)

BOYS

Today

G9: Imbler vs. Burns, 10:45 a.m.

G10: Western Mennonite vs. Bandon, 3:15 p.m.

G11: Regis vs. Vernonia, 8:30 p.m.

GIRLS

Today

G9: Imbler vs. Grant Union, 9 a.m.

G10: Western Mennonite vs. Monroe, 1:30 p.m.

G11: Kennedy vs. Burns, 6:30 p.m.

3A state tournament scores

GIRLS

Dayton 51, Coquille 30

Amity 34, Salem Academy 31

Umatilla 51, Portland Christian 50

Portland Adventist 50, Santiam Christian 46

BOYS

De La Salle 68, Dayton 59

St. Mary's 80, Portland Adventist 62

Colton 67, Santiam Christian 49

Blanchet Catholic 51, Amity 38

2A state tournament scores

GIRLS

Kennedy 48, Western Mennonite 32

Burns 48, Monroe 41 (OT)

Imbler 40, Bonanza 29

Grant Union 41, Lost River 37

BOYS

Regis 47, Western Mennonite 25

Vernonia 51, Bandon 39

Imbler 41, Kennedy 39

Burns 49, Heppner 29

1A state tournament scores

GIRLS

Country Christian 58, Nixyaawii 37

North Douglas 54, Hosanna Christian 42

Rogue Valley 24, Adrian 19

BOYS

Columbia Christian 50, Damascus Christian 36

Yoncalla 75, Crosshill Christian 41

Hosanna Christian 68, Siletz Valley 47

Sherman 74, Nixyaawii 65

NCAA

Men's Top 25

Friday's Games

No. 23 Texas at Oklahoma State, 6 p.m.

Today's Games

Vanderbilt at No. 20 Texas A&M, 9 a.m.

Ohio State at No. 2 Michigan St., 9 a.m.

Georgetown at No. 3 Villanova, 9 a.m.

No. 6 Oklahoma at TCU, 10 a.m.

LSU at No. 22 Kentucky, 11 a.m.

No. 10 West Virginia at No. 19 Baylor, 11 a.m.

Creighton at No. 5 Xavier, 11:30 a.m.

No. 21 Iowa St. at No. 1 Kansas, 1 p.m.

No. 7 Miami at Virginia Tech, 1 p.m.

Stanford at No. 16 Arizona, 1 p.m.

No. 9 Oregon at UCLA, 1 p.m.

No. 8 N. Carolina at No. 17 Duke, 3:30 p.m.

No. 16 Iowa at Michigan, 5 p.m.

No. 25 Cal at Arizona State, 5 p.m.

No. 11 Louisville at No. 4 Virginia, 5:30 p.m.

Colorado at No. 13 Utah, 6:30 p.m.

Oregon St. at UCLA, 3:30 p.m.

Women's Top 25

Friday's Games

No. 21 Miami 74, No. 14 Florida State 56

No. 5 Maryland 75, Iowa 55

No. 3 South Carolina 57, Auburn 48

No. 2 Notre Dame 83, Duke 54

No. 13 Kentucky 92, No. 25 Florida 69

California 75, No. 10 Arizona State 64

No. 12 UCLA 72, Arizona 51

No. 7 Louisville 60, Georgia Tech 50

Tennessee 70, No. 15 Texas A&M 60

No. 9 Ohio State 73, Rutgers 58

NC State vs. No. 17 Syracuse, 5 p.m.

Vanderbilt vs. No. 16 Mississippi St., 5 p.m.

Purdue vs. No. 19 Michigan State, 6 p.m.

No. 22 Colorado St. vs. Air Force, 6 p.m.

USC vs. No. 8 Oregon State, 6 p.m.

Today's Games

No. 24 Oklahoma vs. Oklahoma State, 9 a.m.

No. 21 Miami vs. No. 2 Notre Dame, 9 a.m.

East Carolina vs. No. 1 Uconn, 11 a.m.

Texas Tech vs. No. 4 Baylor, 11:30 a.m.

Northwestern vs. No. 5 Maryland, Noon

No. 13 Kentucky vs. No. 3 South Carolina, 2 p.m.

SMU vs. No. 20 South Florida, 3 p.m.

Cal vs. No. 12 UCLA, 6 p.m.

Kansas State vs. No. 22 West Virginia, 6:30 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W

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Pct

GB

Toronto 41 19 .683 —

Boston 38 25 .603 4½

New York 25 38 .397 17½

Brooklyn 18 44 .290 24

Philadelphia 8 54 .129 34

Southeast Division

W

L

Pct

GB

Miami 36 26 .581 —

Atlanta 33 28 .541 2½

Charlotte 33 28 .541 2½

Washington 30 31 .492 5½

Orlando 27 34 .443 8½

Central Division

W

L

Pct

GB

Cleveland 43 17 .717 —

Indiana 32 30 .516 12

Detroit 31 30 .508 12½

Chicago 30 30 .500 13

Milwaukee 26 36 .419 18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W

L

Pct

GB

x-San Antonio 52 9 .852 —

Memphis 37 24 .607 15

Dallas 33 29 .532 19½

Houston 30 31 .492 22

New Orleans 23 37 .383 28½

Northwest Division

W

L

Pct

GB

Oklahoma City 42 20 .677 —

Portland 33 30 .524 9½

Utah 28 33 .459 13½

Denver 24 38 .387 18

Minnesota 19 43 .306 23

Pacific Division

W

L

Pct

GB

x-Golden State 55 5 .917 —

L.A. Clippers 40 20 .667 15

Sacramento 25 35 .417 30

Phoenix 16 46 .258 40

L.A. Lakers 12 50 .194 44

x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Games

Miami 112, Philadelphia 102

Phoenix 102, Orlando 84

Charlotte 108, Indiana 101

Toronto 117, Portland 115

Boston 105, New York 104

Milwaukee 116, Minnesota 101

Memphis 94, Utah 88

Cleveland 108, Washington 83

Brooklyn 121, Denver 120, OT

Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Utah at New Orleans, 4 p.m.

Boston at Cleveland, 4 p.m.

Indiana at Washington, 4 p.m.

Detroit at New York, 4 p.m.

Brooklyn at Minnesota, 5 p.m.

Houston at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.

Sacramento at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.

Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Tampa Bay 64 38 22 4 80 179 152

Florida 64 36 20 8 80 176 151

Boston 65 36 23 6 78 201 178

Detroit 64 32 21 11 75 163 168

Ottawa 65 30 29 7 67 189 204

Montreal 65 30 28 6 66 177 181

Buffalo 65 26 31 8 60 154 175

Toronto 63 21 32 10 52 150 187

Metropolitan Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Washington 64 47 13 4 88 210 149

N.Y. Rangers 65 38 21 6 82 184 165

N.Y. Islanders 62 35 20 7 77 178 154

Pittsburgh 63 33 22 8 74 171 161

Philadelphia 63 29 23 11 69 157 172

New Jersey 66 31 28 7 69 147 164

Carolina 65 29 26 10 68 158 174

Columbus 65 27 30 8 62 173 199

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Chicago 66 40 21 5 85 187 159

Dallas 66 39 20 7 85 213 191

St. Louis 66 37 20 9 83 166 162

Nashville 65 32 21 12 76 176 166

Minnesota 65 30 25 10 70 172 163

Colorado 66 33 29 4 70 178 189

Winnipeg 63 26 32 5 57 164 190

Pacific Division

GP

W

L

OT

Pts

GF

GA

Los Angeles 63 38 21 4 80 168 145

Anaheim 63 36 19 8 80 161 147

San Jose 63 35 22 6 76 191 169

Vancouver 63 24 27 12 60 152 181

Arizona 64 27 31 6 60 169 203

Edmonton 67 25 35 7 57 165 200

Calgary 64 26 34 4 56 173 203

Friday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2

Columbus 6, Edmonton 3

Dallas 4, New Jersey 2

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Calgary at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m.

Nashville at Colorado, 12 p.m.

Anaheim at Los Angeles, 1 p.m.

Washington at Boston, 4 p.m.

Ottawa at Toronto, 4 p.m.

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.

Columbus at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Montreal at Winnipeg, 4 p.m.

Florida at Arizona, 6 p.m.

Vancouver at San Jose, 7 p.m.