

Prep Roundup

Scio scoots past Riverside; Weston-McEwen holds off Irrigon

East Oregonian

BOARDMAN — Two unearned runs in the seventh inning propelled the Scio Loggers past the Riverside Pirates 4-2 on Wednesday at the Columbia Bash baseball tournament.

The deciding inning began with Riverside relief pitcher Derek Bingaman hitting Scio’s Kevin McIntosh, who moved to second on a sacrifice fly and then scored on a Devin Hamlin single. Another sacrifice fly and a wild pitch scored Hamlin.

Scio’s Caleb Clevenger got two of his eight strikeouts in the seventh inning to secure the complete-game win. He allowed two runs (none earned) on five hits and two walks.

Scio (2-3) led 2-0 after Zach Powell scored in the first and third innings. The speedy Logger stole three bases and scored his first run from second on a ground-out to shortstop. His second run came on a double by Logan Gray.

Riverside tied the game in the bottom of the third when Wayne Killion drove in Andruw Sorensen and Ulises

Calvillo with a one-out single.

Riverside (1-4) starter Mason Hegar left in the fifth with the score tied 2-2 and allowed two earned runs on one hit, one hit batter and three walks, with two strikeouts.

Riverside with take the rest of the week off and pick back up Monday when it plays at Irrigon at 4 p.m.

			R	H	E
SC	101000	2	4	2	1
RHS	002000	0	2	5	1

C. Clevenger and B. Foster, M. Hegar, D. Bingaman (5) and S. Bither, W — Clevenger, L — D. Bingaman, 2B — L. Gray (SC).

WESTON-MCEWEN 15, IRRIGON 9 — At Irrigon, with both teams’ pitching staffs running on fumes, the TigerScots’ arms outlasted the Knights’ as each team played its third game in two days Wednesday tat the Columbia Bash.

The TigerScots (3-2) were gifted a run to open the game after four straight walks and added a run on Lake Albert’s single then an Irrigon error to take a lead they never relinquished.

The Knights (2-2) walked in two more runs in the second and then went down 7-1 when Albert hit a

two-RBI double.

The closest Irrigon came the rest of the way was 7-4 at the end of the second.

Albert finished 3 for 5 with three RBI and one run, Jimmy Patrick (2 for 4) added two RBI and one run, and Vince Roff (2 for 2) scored three times. Hunter Sater chipped in two RBI on his only hit, and Brent Hays and Brendan Dearing didn’t record a hit but each player scored three times.

Dearing and Shaw Broncheau combined on the mound for the win. Dearing went the first four complete and allowed seven runs (four earned) on nine hits and two walks with five strikeouts. Broncheau allowed two earned runs on four hits, two walks and had one strikeout.

Fredy Vera (2 for 4) paced Irrigon with two RBI and three runs, Cougar Kroske (3 for 5) added two RBI and one run, Austin Rice (2 for 4) had one RBI and one run, and Adrian Roa (2 for 3) scored three times. Johnny Phillips was 2 for 3.

Irrigon’s four pitchers combined to issue 14 walks and hit five batters. Eight of Weston-McEwen’s 15 runs were earned.

Irrigon hosts Riverside on Monday at 4 p.m. and Weston-McEwen doesn’t play again until Friday, April 1, in a doubleheader at Heppner scheduled for 2 p.m.

Softball

RIVERSIDE 17, KNAPPA 5 — At Boardman, the Pirates’ bats came alive at the Riverside/Irrigon Tournament in Boardman as Riverside went 2-1 with two blowout victories Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Riverside hammered Toledo 18-7 behind a strong performance from Skylar Wightman in the circle. On Wednesday, Riverside split its match-ups with a 17-5 win over Knappa, then dropped a tough 11-8 decision to Burns after leading early.

Shayne Arndt was happy with his team’s performance, especially Wednesday when each girl in the lineup got hits.

“As a team perspective, I saw that as a huge positive,” he said.

The Pirate bats were out in force on Wednesday. Unofficially the Pirates came through with eight extra base hits. Sadie Hasbell had a double and a triple. Stephie Stocco had a double. Wightman doubled and tripled. Ariana Corpus, who also caught all three games, had a double and five RBI against Knappa. Abby Hernandez doubled and tripled. Railyn Elliot also had a double.

“It was crazy,” Arndt said of the extra-base hit parade.

Wightman tossed all three games going 2-1 on the week. Riverside travels to Irrigon to take on the Knights on Monday. First pitch is at 3:30 p.m.

HERMISTON JV 14, HEPPNER 3 — At Heppner, the Hermiston Bulldogs junior varsity used an eight-run third inning to put away the Heppner Mustangs on Wednesday afternoon.

Morgan Correa racked up three hits for Heppner (1-1), while Meranda Lemmon and Cassidy McCullough each had one hit apiece.

			R	H	E
HJV	228	000	2	14	9
HHS	200	100	0	3	6

Durphy, Lemmon (4), and Hamby, Deike, Roberts (4), and Melson.

ENTERPRISE 14, HEPPNER 6 — At Heppner, the Heppner Mustangs dropped the second game of their Wednesday doubleheader to the Enterprise Outlaws.

Heppner (1-2) racked up seven errors on defense and the pitching combination of Meranda Lemmon and Dakota Durphy combined to allow 12 hits and 14 runs in the six inning game.

“We’re trying some new things, moving some girls around, and just trying to figure out what’s best for us,” Heppner coach Petra Payne said. “The girls are working hard every day.”

Cassidy McCullough was Heppner’s top hitter going 2-4 in the game, but Enterprise’s Shelby Moncrief stole the show with a three hit performance.

Heppner plays again today with a doubleheader against Knappa and Enterprise with first pitch against Knappa set for Noon in Heppner.

			R	H	E
EHS	400	442	—	14	12
HHS	111	201	—	6	7

Plew and Scott, Lemmon and Durphy, Durphy and Hamby (5), W — Plew, L — Lemmon, 2B — Moncrief (EHS), 3B — Moncrief (EHS).

DUCKS: Teams have met only once before

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the magnitude of their date with the enigmatic Blue Devils (25-10) in the arena better known as the home of the NHL’s Anaheim Ducks.

Although Oregon won the Pac-12 title and reached the NCAA Tournament for a school-record fourth straight year under coach Dana Altman, these Ducks still fly under the national radar. They get only a fraction of the attention given to their school’s football program, or the West’s traditional hoops powers like Arizona, UCLA and Gonzaga.

A win over the defending national champions could help to turn a football school into a national hoops name.

“Our basketball tradition is not that great,” Altman said. “We’re working hard to improve that. This is a point in our time that we need to play well on the national stage against someone that is very good and has proven themselves.”

Altman sees Duke as “a brand all by itself in college basketball,” even in a year in which coach Mike Krzyzewski has only three big contributors left from last season’s run to the Blue Devils’ fifth title.

Duke lost four of its final seven games heading into the NCAAs, but still reached the Sweet Sixteen for the 15th time since 1998.

“I’m proud of our team,” Krzyzewski said after practice. “Young, kind of limited in numbers, but they’ve really grown tough together and earned their way here.”

With the rebuilt roster clicking around freshman phenomenon Brandon Ingram and sophomore scorer Grayson Allen, Duke has more than enough raw talent and refined scoring ability to make any opponent wary — even the deep, balanced Ducks.

“The (older) guys in our room, they’ve been here before and they tell us a lot of things,” said Ingram, who scored 45 combined points in Duke’s first two NCAA Tournament games. “We know that coming into these games, everyone is going to give us their best shot. So we’ve had to come out with a lot of poise and battle back.”



AP Photo/Chris Carlson

Oregon head coach Dana Altman yells during college basketball practice in Anaheim, Calif., Wednesday, March 23, 2016. Oregon plays against Duke in a regional semifinal game in the NCAA Tournament on Thursday.

Statistical match-up

• Game tonight, 7:07p.m. (TBS)

	UO	Duke
Record	30-6	25-10
Avg. Pts.	78.9	81.5
Opp. Avg. Pts.	68.5	72.2
Margin	10.4	9.3
FG Pct.	.468	.461
Opp. FG Pct.	.422	.442
3-Pt. FG Pct.	.345	.386
Opp. 3-Pt. FG Pct.	.357	.336
3-Pt. FG-Game	6.8	8.9
Opp. 3-Pt. FG-Game	7.0	6.0
FT Pct.	.719	.725
Rebound Margin	3.4	-0.3
TO Diff.	2.8	2.4
Avg Steals	7.3	6.2
Avg Blocks	5.9	4.3

Here are more things to watch in these schools’ second meeting:

THAT FIRST TIME: Oregon and Duke have met only once before. The Blue Devils were also the defending national champions in November 2010, and they routed the Ducks 98-71 in Altman’s sixth game at the school. “I’d rather forget that game,” Altman said. “That was our first year, and we were not very good. They got us pretty good.”

CAN’T TEACH HEIGHT: Big men could play a large role in this

game. Duke has an abundance of height with 7-footer Miles Plumlee, the 6-foot-9 Ingram and the 6-10 Chase Jeter, while Oregon shot-blockers Chris Boucher and Jordan Bell can alter any team’s plans to attack the basket. “I always wanted to play against Duke growing up,” said Bell, a native of nearby Long Beach. “That was my goal coming into college, just to play them at least one time. It’s great that I get to play them at home.”

SURVIVE AND ADVANCE: Don’t turn off the TV if one team takes a big lead. Both teams proved their tenacity last weekend when they overcame late-game trouble to reach the Sweet Sixteen. Duke blew 24 points of a 27-point lead against underdog Yale before holding on for a 71-64 win, while Oregon trailed Saint Joseph’s by seven points in the final minutes of a 69-64 comeback victory.

ONE ON SIX: Oregon is the only Pac-12 team left in the tournament after the conference’s embarrassing flop last week, while the ACC still has six teams left in the field. The Ducks don’t feel any pressure to carry the banner for their conference, however. “We haven’t done well, and that’s fair,” Altman said. “But I think the future is really good for our league.”

BUCKS: Lyon throws complete game for Pendleton

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Dick (1 for 1) went yard for three.

“It was actually a pretty good game and then Sandy made a pitching change and we hit that number two pitcher really well,” Pendleton coach Tim Cary said. “Sandy really didn’t make many mistakes in the field at all, we just happened to have a very good day with the bats, and they really seemed to wake up there in that sixth inning.”

Pendleton finished with 14 hits and McGlothan, Payton Hergert (2 for 5, 3 RBI), Alexis Morrison (2 for 2) and Madison Parker (1 for 2) hit doubles. Lauren Richards (2 for 4) added three RBI. Kiersten Murphy (2 for 3) and Ellie Richards (2 for 4) also had multiple hits.

Gracie Lyon pitched the complete game for the win and didn’t allow a run until the bottom of the sixth inning. She finished with 3 hits allowed, two strike outs and two walks.

“Gracie did an outstanding job today getting ground ball after ground ball,” Cary said. “She had good control of her pitches and did exactly what we want our pitchers to do, which is to get ground balls and keep the defense busy.”

Pendleton (7-1) will come back from its spring break on Tuesday to host La Grande at 4:30 p.m.

			R	H	E
PHS	210	22(12)	—	19	14
SHS	000	001	—	1	3

G. Lyon and K. Solomon, Seifert, Wolf (5) and Brisbane, W — Lyon, L — Seifert, 2B — A. Morrison, M. Parker, K. McGlothan, P. Hergert (PHS), HR — K. McGlothan, F. Dick (PHS).

TIGERS: Stanfield leads all classifications with 91 runs

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seven strikeouts. Adrian Renner came on in relief to pitch the fifth inning, where he allowed just one run (unearned) and one walk to finish off a combined no-hitter.

On offense, the Tigers’ bats started off slow against Pirates starter Wayne Killion, managing four hits and three runs through the first three innings. But in the fourth inning, it went off the rails for Riverside, as Stanfield batted through the lineup twice to put up 14 runs to grab a stranglehold on the game.

Stanfield netted those runs as 15 men reached base — nine hits, four walks, and two hit-by-pitches — including a stretch of nine of the last 10 in the inning.

Ryan Bailey, Tony Flores, and Jason Fitzpatrick each had a team-high three hits in the game, while Bailey led with five RBIs. Thyler Monkus and Keith Wampler each scored four times.

It was the second time this season that Stanfield eclipsed the 20-run plateau, as well as the fourth time that the game finished early due to the 10-run differential.

The Tigers have now scored 91 runs in their six games this season — an average of 15.2 per game — which is the most in all of the OSAA by more than 30 runs. In the same span, the team has allowed just 10 runs — or 1.7 per game — as the pitching staff has thrown a perfect game and a combined no-hitter in the young season.

So what is the teams’ secret to the surge?

“We’ve just been putting together good games all the way around,” Stanfield coach Bryan Johnson said. “We’ve emphasized good at-bats up and down the order and throwing strikes on the mound ... we haven’t played perfect baseball, but they’ve played pretty well so far.”

Stanfield has been propelled by its wealth of experience as well, as the team returned all but one player from the 2015 roster that finished with 20 wins and a trip to the state quarterfinals.

On the mound, Dylan Grogan and Tony Flores have been solid at the front end of the pitching

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staff, combining for five runs allowed, 12 hits, 40 strikeouts and seven walks over 19 innings so far.

And in the batters box, Stanfield has combined for a .462 team batting average as the lineup has established itself with tough at-bats every time up.

Johnson said with this type of roster he knew a good start was capable, but he did not expect to see this type of outburst.

“I didn’t expect us to win by these wide margins, that’s for sure,” he said. “But these kids work hard and they have high goals and aspirations for the season. They show up early and ready to go at practice and are a bunch of team-first guys.”

Stanfield has perhaps its best test yet next Tuesday when they travel to The Dalles to take on the Kennedy Trojans. The Trojans currently hold a 4-2 record and have scored 55 runs (9.2 average), and recently lost to Riverside 6-5 earlier on Tuesday.

So can the Tigers sustain this torrid pace?

“I don’t know, we’re going to be facing some better competition coming up in our (non-league) and league schedules,” he said. “If the team can stay healthy I think we can make a deep run into the postseason.”

			R	H	E
SHS	021	145	—	22	17
RHS	000	01	—	1	0

Flores, Renner (5), and Monkus. Killion, Calvillo (4), Sorenson (4), 2B — Bailey, Renner, Flores, Grogan (SHS).

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL	
Today	Umatilla at Pilot Rock (DH), Noon/1 p.m.
Pendleton vs. Madison (at Boise, Idaho), Noon	
Friday	Pendleton vs. Skyline (at Boise, Idaho), 10:30 a.m.
Hermiston at Kamiakin, 2 p.m.	
Orofino at Mac-Hi, 2 p.m.	
Pendleton vs. Jerome (at Boise, Idaho), 3:30 p.m.	
Hermiston at Kennewick, 4 p.m.	
Saturday	Pendleton vs. Canyon Ridge (at Boise, Idaho), 10:30 a.m.
PREP SOFTBALL	
Today	Knappa at Heppner, Noon
Colton at Echo, 3 p.m.	
Enterprise at Heppner, 4 p.m.	
Friday	Pilot Rock vs. Bonanza (at Union), 12:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Pasco (DH), 4/6 p.m.	
Stayton at Mac-Hi, 6:30 p.m.	
Saturday	Twin Falls at Mac-Hi, 9:45 a.m.
North Douglas at Pilot Rock, 10 a.m.	
Estacada at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.	
Colton at Pilot Rock, 3:30 p.m.	
COLLEGE BASEBALL	
Saturday	Grays Harbor at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.
Sunday	Linn-Benton at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL	
Today	Lower Columbia at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Friday	Northwest Christian at Eastern Oregon (DH), 2/4 p.m.
Saturday	Corban at Eastern Oregon (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Edmonds at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.	

Prep scores

SOFTBALL	
Wednesday	Irrigon 10, Toledo 0

Irrigon 11, Knappa 1

Basketball

NCAA

Men's Tournament

SOUTH REGIONAL

Regional Semifinals

Today

Villanova (31-5) vs. Miami (27-7), 4:10 p.m.

Kansas (32-4) vs. Maryland (27-8), 6:40 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL

Regional Semifinals

Today

Oklahoma (27-7) vs. Texas A&M (28-8), 4:37 p.m.

Oregon (30-6) vs. Duke (25-10), 6:40 p.m.

NIT

Quarterfinals

Wednesday

George Washington 82, Florida 77

San Diego State 72, Georgia Tech 56

Semifinals

Tuesday, March 29

Valparaiso (29-6) vs. BYU (26-10), 4 p.m.

George Washington (26-10) vs. San Diego State (28-9), 6:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W

L

Pct

GB

x-Toronto

48

22

.686

—

Boston

42

30

.583

7

New York

29

43

.403

20

Brooklyn

19

51

.271

29

Philadelphia

9

63

.125

40

Southwest Division

W

L

Pct

GB

Atlanta

42

30

.583

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Miami

41

30

.577

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Charlotte

41

30

.577

½

Washington

35

36

.493

6½

Orlando

29

42

.408

12½

Central Division

W

L

Pct

GB

y-Cleveland

51

20

.718

—

Indiana

37

33

.529

13½

Detroit

38

34

.528

13½

Chicago

36

34

.514

14½

Milwaukee

30

42

.417

21½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W

L

Pct

GB

y-San Antonio

60

11

.845

—

Memphis

41

31

.569

19½

Dallas

35

36

.493

25

Houston

35

37

.486

25½

New Orleans	26	44	.371	33½
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	49	22	.690	—
Portland	37	35	.514	12½
Utah	35	36	.493	14
Denver	30	42	.417	19½
Minnesota	23	48	.324	26
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	63	7	.900	—
L.A. Clippers	43	26	.623	19½
Sacramento	27	44	.380	36½
Phoenix	20	51	.282	43½
L.A. Lakers	15	56	.211	48½

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Wednesday's Games
Cleveland 113, Milwaukee 104
Atlanta 122, Washington 101
Boston 91, Toronto 79
Detroit 118, Orlando 102
New York 115, Chicago 107
Minnesota 113, Sacramento 104
Utah 89, Houston 87
San Antonio 112, Miami 88
Denver 104, Philadelphia 103
Phoenix 119, L.A. Lakers 107
Portland 109, Dallas 103
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, late finish

Thursday's Games
New Orleans at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Utah at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Islanders 3, Ottawa 1
N.Y. Rangers 5, Boston 2

Today's Games
Florida at Boston, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Anaheim at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Montreal at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Los Angeles at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.