

BUCKAROOS: Morris with fast start for Pendleton

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teams’ lead-off hitter and a key member of the pitching rotation.

Over the team’s six games, Morris has a .347 average (8-23) at the plate with 11 runs scored and six stolen bases, as well as allowing just one earned run and nine hits over 10 innings pitched in two starts.

Haguewood said that Morris’ start is no surprise to the coaching staff.

“Wyatt had a really good

summer,” he said. “He swings the bat and runs well, and he’s not overpowering on the mound but he throws a ton of strikes and lets the defense work behind him.”

The Buckaroos put pressure on Madison right from the start, taking a 1-0 lead just three batters into the game on an RBI single to right field by Cockburn to score Jack Peterson. The Bucks added on three more in the inning behind an RBI blast up the middle by Bower

to leave the first inning with a 4-0 lead.

Pendleton added five more runs over the next two innings before finally being retired in order in the top of the fourth inning. But in the fifth and final frame, Pendleton exploded for nine runs to increase their lead to 18-1 and kicking in the 10-run rule to cut the game short.

The Buckaroos will continue their round-robin tournament play tomorrow in Boise, Idaho against Skyline

(ID). Haguewood said that not much is known about their opponent, but that could be a blessing for his team.

“We know they’ve been solid in the past, but sometimes it’s more fun to not know what’s coming and to just go out and play baseball,” he said.

First pitch is set for 10:30 a.m.

				R	H	E
PHS	432	09	—	18	12	2
MHS	010	02	—	3	3	3

Morris and Russell. Evans, Parkinson (4), Orr (5), and XX. W — Morris, L — Evans. 2B — Roe, Bower (PHS), Rammell (MHS).

COUGARS: Gonzalez out in front with first-pitch strikes

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stolen bases. Overall, they played well today. I was pleased.”

Mackenzie Gonzales tossed an abbreviated complete game, tossing five innings, allowing just one earned run on two hits while striking out 10 and walking just two. Bailey wanted the junior hurler to work on starting at-bats ahead with first-pitch strikes.

“There’s no doubt that (Gonzales) brings a high standard when she steps in that circle,” Bailey said. “That was our big goal today. I said, ‘Let’s not walk any lead-off hitters and then work from there.’ And she did a great job. She threw strikes. She was consistent. Her defense backed her up.”

Of the 19 at-bats Gonzales pitched, 14 of them started with a strike and she finished with a strike rate of about 65 percent (91 pitches, 59 strikes).

“I trust my defense,” said Gonzales, whose change-up was particularly effective and accounted for three of her strikeouts. “They’re great.



Staff photo by Sam Barbee

Echo senior Cheyenne Hilliard swings at a pitch during the first inning of Echo’s 14-1 win over Colton on Thursday in Echo.

They work hard. They put themselves in front of every ball, no matter what.”

Offensively, nine Cougars scored, nine had hits, and seven had at least one RBI. Erika Parks, Cynthia Curiel and Alex Pollick each had two RBI and a double, and Cheyenne Hilliard, Jamie Christopher, Monique Montoya, Hannah McCarty

and Gonzales each scored twice.

The Cougars also capitalized on the numerous Colton errors, especially in the second inning. In that at-bat Echo sent 14 batters to the plate and scored eight runs, four unearned. Montoya led off with a double and when a hit batter and walk loaded the bases, Curiel smacked a

two-RBI double to make it 2-1. Hilliard then followed with an RBI single and then Curiel scored on an error. Hilliard and Christopher then both scored separate errors during the next play to make it 6-1.

“(We) took advantage of every mistake (Colton) made,” Bailey said. “We weren’t hesitant and took advantage of it.”

Echo had struggled with plate discipline in its first two games, but only struck out twice Thursday.

“It’s pretty easy to defend strikeouts. You don’t have to do anything,” Bailey said. “A lot of these teams, if you just put the ball in play, they have to field in cleanly, throw it cleanly and catch it cleanly, so there’s room for error. You can make things happen by just putting the ball in play.”

Echo is back on the diamond Monday for a 4:30 date at Heppner.

				R	H	E
CHS	100	00	—	1	2	5
EHS	080	4X	—	14	9	1

C. Weinburger and C. Neff. M. Gonzales and E. Parks. W — Gonzales, L — Weinburger. 2B — C. Curiel, E. Parks, K. Blankenship, M. Montoya, A. Pollick (EHS).

PREPS: Strong defense boosts Heppner softball over Knappa

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earned runs on four hits in a complete-game effort in the opener. He also batted 2 for 3 with a solo home run that put Pilot Rock (5-0) up 4-3 in the bottom of the fourth inning. He also drove in an insurance run with a double in the sixth, and later scored on an error.

Pierce went 2 for 4 in the morning game, and also helped his own cause in the afternoon game going 2 for 3 with three RBI and a run. Pierce pitched four complete innings and allowed no runs on two hits and three walks. He struck out nine.

The Rockets scored the bulk of their runs in a 10-run third that saw Chris Weinke, Iverson Winters and Thieme each score twice. Winters, Thieme, Pierce and Wesley Purcell all hit RBI during the frame, which featured six hits, three walks, one hit batter, two passed balls and one error.

Of the nine runs allowed by Umatilla starter Diego Soto off seven hits, just three were earned. He struck out two and walked three.

Thieme went 3 for 4 at the plate with two RBI and Winters was 2 for 3 with two RBI.

Seth Cranston led Umatilla (2-2) going 2 for 3 with a run.

Umatilla’s next game is at home on Tuesday against Sherman at 4 p.m. Pilot Rock will play at Heppner the same day at 4:30 p.m.

Game 1				R	H	E
UHS	000300	0	—	3	4	4
PR	012103	X	—	7	9	0

C. Keller, J. Dever (6) and catcher. L. Thieme and catcher. W — Thieme, L — Keller. 2B — T. Sanguino (UHS); L. Thieme, B. Pierce, J. Brickey, I. Winters (PR). HR — L. Thieme (PR).

Game 2				R	H	E
UHS	000	02	—	2	5	3
PR	00(10) 2X	—	12	10	3	

D. Soto, A. Wilson (3) and catcher. B. Pierce, I. Winters (5) and catcher. W — Pierce, L — Soto. 2B — S. Cranston, J. Dever (UHS); B. Pierce (PR).

Softball

HEPPNER 13, KNAPPA 3 — At Heppner, steady run production and nearly flawless defense lifted Heppner to a five-inning win on Thursday against the Loggers.

Dakota Durfey pitched the first four innings and went 2 for 3 at the plate, and Miranda Lemmon threw the final inning as the Mustangs gave up just three hits.

Heppner coach Petra Payne said the pitchers were able to rely on their defense to keep the Loggers off the bases.

“We only struck out one girls and only walked one, so (Knappa) put the ball in play and we really played tough defense, which was

good for the girls,” she said. “Last season we’d be going right along and then we’d have that one bad inning that would undo all the girls’ hard work and so it was nice to see them avoid that today and have their hard work pay off.”

Onna DeLoach added a 3 for 4 game at the plate with a triple and two RBI, Jessica Kempken went 3 for 3 with a double and one RBI, and Morgan Correa added two RBI.

Heppner’s afternoon game against Enterprise was canceled due to weather.

Heppner (2-2) will host Echo for its next game on Monday at 4:30 p.m.

				R	H	E
KHS	001	20	—	3	3	4
HHS	141	34	—	13	14	1

P. Vanderburg and K. Truax. D. Durfey, M. Lemmon (5) and T. Hamby. W — Durfey, L — Vanderburg. 2B — J. Kempken (HHS). 3B — O. DeLoach (HHS).

From Thursday

IRRIGON 10, TOLEDO 0 — At Irrigon, Mya Chapman threw a one-hit shutout and Kelly McLaughlin hit a two-run home run to propel the Knights over the Boomers on Thursday at the Irrigon/Riverside Tournament.

Chapman struck out six and walked two, and Irrigon (3-1) benefited from seven

Toledo (3-4) errors.

Irrigon coach Jeff Bote-fuhr said it was another strong defensive performance for his team, which won its second straight game by a 10-0 score.

				R	H	E
THS	000000	—	0	1	7	
IHS	205201	—	10	4	1	

M. Retherford and K. McRobert. M. Chapman and L. Mills. W — Chapman, L — Retherford. 2B — B. Aguilera, C. Flemming (IHS). HR — K. McLaughlin (IHS).

IRRIGON 11, KNAPPA 1 — At Irrigon, the Knights combined for 12 hits to mow down the Knappa Loggers and finish 4-0 at the Irrigon/Riverside Tournament.

Casandra Fleming and Bea Aguilera were the only players with two hits for Irrigon (4-1). Kelly McLaughlin added a triple and Jada Burns and Mya Chapman hit doubles as 10 Knights recorded hits.

Julisa Garza pitched the entire game allowing just three hits while striking out four.

Irrigon has outscored opponents 42-6 during its four-game winnings streak and will host Riverside on Monday at 3:30 p.m.

				R	H	E
KHS	000001	—	1	3	3	
IHS	103304	—	11	12	3	

P. Vanderburg and K. Truax. J. Garza and L. Mills. W — Garza, L — Vanderburg. 2B — J. Burns, M. Chapman (IHS). 3B — K. McLaughlin (IHS).

SCOREBOARD

Local slate			
PREP BASEBALL			
Today			
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			
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 vs. Pilot Rock (at Union), 10 a.m.			
Estacada at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.			
Colton vs. Pilot Rock (at Union), 3:30 p.m.			
PREP LACROSSE			
Saturday			
Mt. Spokane at Hermiston, 3 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			
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.			
Basketball			
Men’s NCAA Tournament			
EAST REGIONAL			
Regional Semifinals			
Today			
Wisconsin (22-12) vs. Notre Dame (23-11), 4:27 p.m.			

North Carolina (30-6) vs. Indiana (27-7), 6:57 p.m.			
Regional Championship			
Sunday			
Semifinal winners			
SOUTH REGIONAL			
Regional Semifinals			
Thursday’s Games			
Villanova 92, Miami 69			
Kansas 79, Maryland 63			
Regional Championship			
Saturday’s Game			
Villanova (32-5) vs. Kansas (33-4), 5:49 p.m.			
MIDWEST REGIONAL			
Regional Semifinals			
Today’s Games			
Virginia (28-7) vs. Iowa State (23-11), 4:10 p.m.			
Syracuse (21-13) vs. Gonzaga (28-7), 6:40 p.m.			
Regional Championship			
Sunday			
Semifinal winners			
WEST REGIONAL			
Regional Semifinals			
Thursday’s Games			
Oklahoma 77, Texas A&M 63			
Oregon 82, Duke 68			
Regional Championship			
Saturday			
Oklahoma (28-7) vs. Oregon (31-6), 3:09 p.m.			
NBA			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct
x-Toronto	48	22	.686
Boston	42	30	.583
New York	30	43	.411
Brooklyn	20	51	.282
Philadelphia	9	63	.125
Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	42	30	.583
Miami	41	30	.577
Charlotte	41	30	.577
Washington	35	36	.493
Orlando	29	42	.408
Central Division			
	W	L	Pct
y-Cleveland	51	21	.708
Indiana	38	33	.535
Detroit	38	34	.528

Chicago	36	35	.507	14½
Milwaukee	30	42	.417	21
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	45	.366	34
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	50	22	.694	—
Portland	37	36	.507	13½
Utah	35	37	.486	15
Denver	30	42	.417	20
Minnesota	23	48	.324	26½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	64	7	.901	—
L.A. Clippers	44	27	.620	20
Sacramento	27	44	.380	37
Phoenix	20	51	.282	44
L.A. Lakers	15	56	.211	49
x-clinched playoff spot				
y-clinched division				
Thursday’s Games				
Indiana 92, New Orleans 84				
Brooklyn 104, Cleveland 95				
New York 106, Chicago 94				
Oklahoma City 113, Utah 91				
L.A. Clippers 96, Portland 94				
Today’s Games				
Minnesota at Washington, 4 p.m.				
Charlotte at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.				
Toronto at Houston, 5 p.m.				
Orlando at Miami, 5 p.m.				
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 5 p.m.				
Memphis at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.				
Phoenix at Sacramento, 7 p.m.				
Dallas at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.				
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.				
Hockey				
NHL				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	GP	W	L	OT Pts
Florida	74	41	24	9
Tampa Bay	73	42	26	5
Boston	75	39	28	8

Detroit	74	37	26	11	85	190	199
Ottawa	75	34	33	8	76	214	230
Montreal	75	34	35	6	74	199	216
Buffalo	74	30	34	10	70	176	200
Toronto	73	27	35	11	65	180	214
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA	
z-Washington	72	52	15	5	109	231	97
N.Y. Rangers	74	42	24	8	92	212	194
Pittsburgh	73	40	25	8	88	204	182
N.Y. Islanders	72	39	24	9	87	200	182
Philadelphia	73	36	24	13	85	192	195
New Jersey	74	36	31	7	79	169	189
Carolina	74	32	28	14	78	180	200
Columbus	74	30	36	8	68	193	228
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA	
x-Dallas	75	44	22	9	97	243	216
St. Louis	74	43	22	9	95	195	185
Chicago	74	42	25	7	91	205	185
Nashville	74	38	23	13	89	205	189
Minnesota	75	36	28	11	83	202	189
Colorado	74	38	32	4	80	200	208
Winnipeg	74	31	37	6	68	190	217
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA	
x-Los Angeles	74	44	25	5	93	200	171
x-Anaheim	73	40	23	10	90	190	174
San Jose	74	41	27	6	88	217	192
Arizona	74	33	34	7	73	195	220
Calgary	74	31	37	6	68	204	234
Vancouver	73	27	33	13	67	169	210
Edmonton	77	30	40	7	67	189	226
x-clinched playoff spot							
z-clinched conference							
Thursday's Games							
Nashville 3, Vancouver 2, SO							
Florida 4, Boston 1							
New Jersey 3, Pittsburgh 0							
Carolina 3, Columbus 2							
Toronto 6, Anaheim 5, OT							
Detroit 4, Montreal 3							
Minnesota 6, Calgary 2							
Winnipeg 4, Los Angeles 1							
Philadelphia 4, Colorado 2							
Arizona 3, Dallas 1							
Edmonton 6, San Jose 3							
Today's Games							
Washington at New Jersey, 4 p.m.							
N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.							
Vancouver at St. Louis, 5 p.m.							