

Prep Roundup

# Irrigon baseball shuts out Riverside

East Oregonian

IRRIGON — The Irrigon baseball team jumped ahead of Riverside early, and Austin Rice and Johnny Phillips combined for a five-inning no-hitter as the Knights beat the Pirates 10-0 on Monday.

Fredy Vera led off the bottom of the first inning with a double, then scored two batters later on and Zack Henrichs groundout.

Irrigon added runs in the inning on a single by Cougar Kroske and a Riverside error, then tacked on six more in the second.

No Irrigon (3-2) player had more than one hit, but Henrichs led them with three RBI and Rice added two. Vera and Tanner Mills each scored twice.

Rice started and pitched two complete. He struck out five and walked one. Phillips fanned six and walked none in the final three innings.

Five of the nine runs scored on Riverside starter Derek Bingham were earned.

Irrigon's next game is Friday when it hosts Pilot Rock for a twin bill with first pitch at 11 a.m. River-

side (1-5) also plays a doubleheader Friday at Elgin starting at 1 p.m.

	RHS	000	00	-	R	H	E
	IHS	361	0X	-	10	6	0

D. Bingham, M. Hegar (4) and S. Bither, A. Rice, J. Phillips (3) and C. Kroske, W — Rice, L — Bingham. 2B — F. Vera (IHS).

## Softball

**ECHO 18, HEPPNER 4 (6 innings)** — At Heppner, Kenzie Blankenship homered twice in the sixth inning as the Echo Cougars piled on with 10 runs in the frame to pull away from the Heppner Mustangs in a non-league game on Monday.

Blankenship's first home run came with two on and no outs to make it 11-4, and her second went for two runs with two outs to make it 18-4. They were her only two hits of the game.

Monique Montoya went 4 for 5 and scored four runs for Echo (3-1), Erika Parks went 3 for 4 with two runs and Hannah McCarty was 2 for 3 with three runs. Cheyenne Hilliard, Jamie Christopher and Montoya all had two RBI.

Alyssa Ray pitched the entire game and finished with eight strike-

outs and two walks. She allowed four earned runs on nine hits.

Jessica Kempken (3 for 3) Miranda Lemmon (3 for 4) were the only Mustangs with multiple hits and Morgan Correa led Heppner (2-3) with two RBI. Lemmon pitched the first 4 1-3 innings and left with the score 7-1. She allowed four earned runs on eight hits with one strikeout and one walk.

	EHS	110	42(10)	-	R	H	E
	HHS <td>010 <td>030</td> <td>-</td> <td>4</td> <td>9</td> <td>4</td> </td>	010 <td>030</td> <td>-</td> <td>4</td> <td>9</td> <td>4</td>	030	-	4	9	4

A. Ray and E. Parks, M. Lemmon, D. Durfey (5) and T. Hamby, W — Ray, L — Lemmon. 2B — C. Hilliard 2, M. Montoya 2, H. McCarty 2 (EHS); M. Lemmon, M. Correa, J. Kempken (HHS). 3B — J. Christopher (EHS). HR — K. Blankenship 2 (EHS).

**IRRIGON 12, RIVERSIDE 2 (5 innings)** — At Irrigon, the Irrigon Knights won their fifth game in a row and got revenge against the only team to have beaten them this season with a non-league win over the Pirates on Monday.

Mya Chapman pitched the full five innings and Irrigon (5-1) scored in every inning to back her up. Jennika Mendoza had two hits and two RBI to lead the Irrigon offense and Jada Burns and Chapman each

added two RBI.

Kelly McLaughlin had two steals and turned a double into a run by taking advantage of a Riverside (3-3) error, and Lily Mills added a steal.

"It was just one of those games where it's not just one (player), all nine are doing their jobs," said Irrigon coach Jeff Botefuhr. "We're being aggressive and getting the extra bases when we can and that's been all season."

The Knights also played flawless defense behind Chapman.

"It was just once again an all-around great defensive effort," Botefuhr said. "Mya knows all she has to do is throw strikes and she's got a great defense behind her."

Irrigon will look for two more wins today in a twin bill against Umatilla that starts at 3 p.m. in Irrigon.

Riverside is at Elgin for a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. on Friday.

	RHS	002	00	-	R	H	E
	IHS	332	22	-	12	10	0

S. Wightman and Corpus, M. Chapman and L. Mills, W — Chapman, L — Wightman. 2B — C. Fleming, K. McLaughlin (IHS).

## PENDLETON

# T-Wolves split with Runners

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The Blue Mountain baseball team's winning streak came crashing to a halt Sunday in a split with Linn-Benton.

The Timberwolves won their fifth game in a row in the opener, edging the Roadrunners 10-8 thanks to a pair of home runs and strong relief pitching.

But then Linn-Benton teed off for 10 runs in the first inning of the afternoon game and cruised to a 22-0 victory.

The T-Wolves (6-8) battled back from deficits of 5-1 and 8-5 in the opener, and tied the score at 8-all in the seventh inning on back-to-back home runs by Ben Ross and Trevor Oldham. Ross' came with a runner on.

Then in the bottom of the eighth with two on and two out, Logan Cordiero and Ross hit back-to-back singles to plate the winning runs.

BMCC relievers Nathan Pena and Alex Scarver got the Roadrunners to hit into three consecutive outs in the seventh and eighth innings, and Oldham picked up the save when he struck out Caleb Smith with two on in the ninth.

Linn-Benton then took out its frustration by plastering Game 2 Timberwolves starter Brandon Cederholm for 10 runs on 10 hits in two-thirds of an inning.

Blue Mountain opens East Region play in its next game on Wednesday against Wenatchee Valley at 1 p.m.

	Game 1				R	H	E	
	LBCC	005	003	000	-	8	11	2
	BMCC	011	300	32X	-	10	13	2

D. Wallum, K. Strickland (6) and S. Stevenson, T. Wicklander, A. Wilson (4), B. Smith (6), N. Pena (7), A. Scarver (8), T. Oldham (9) and J. Rogers, W — Scarver, L — Strickland. 2B — J. Rogers 2 (BMCC), 3B — B. Serrano (BMCC). HR — B. Ross, T. Oldham (BMCC).

	Game 2				R	H	E	
	LBCC (10)	06	030	3	-	22	25	0
	BMCC	000	000	0	-	0	4	1

C. Qualley, J. Boyd (6) and S. Stevenson, B. Cederholm, R. Gunderson (1), A. Scarver (3), T. Rudd (5), C. Higginbotham (6) and C. Labbe, J. Salgado (7), W — Qualley, L — Cederholm. 2B — T. Deckwa, J. Bauer, J. Thompson (LBCC).

**BLUE MOUNTAIN 4-9, GRAYS HARBOR 1-2** — At Pendleton, the Timberwolves extended their win streak to four games on Saturday afternoon by sweeping the Grays Harbor Chokers 4-1 and 9-2.

In game one, the Timberwolves (5-7) had solid outings on the mound as four pitchers combined to allow just one run. Nathan Pena who got the win pitching three innings in relief with four strikeouts.

Trevor Oldham had a big day as well, ripping a team-high three hits and scoring one run, as well as pitching the ninth inning to earn the save.

In game two, the Timberwolves scored a combined eight runs in the sixth and seventh innings to run away with the win.

	Game 1				R	H	E	
	GH	000	000	100	-	1	10	1
	BM	000	000	22X	-	4	8	1

Jensen, MacMillan (7), Bruns (8), and Bang, Howell, Pedroza (4), Pena (5), Oldham (9), and Rogers, W — Pena, L — Jensen. 2B — Barry, Kelly (GH), Oldham (BM).

	Game 2				R	H	E	
	GH	000	000	020	-	2	9	0
	BM	100	004	40X	-	9	13	0

Takagi, James (6), Tucker (7), Streich (8), and Bang, Breshers, Johnson (5), Gunderson (9), Rudd (9), and Rogers, W — Breshers, L — Takagi. 2B — Bang, Withrow (GH), Chamberlain (BM).

# BLAZERS: Portland hits 11 three-pointers in first half

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younger guys," Sacramento coach George Karl said before the game when asked why he was sitting the trio. "It's time to open that window for younger guys to have more opportunity and take some responsibility."

The Kings were without Marco Belinelli for the second straight game because of a sore right foot.

That meant the team had just nine available players.

The Kings were also playing the second of a back-to-back, following a 133-111 win over Dallas in Sacramento on Sunday.

James Anderson's 3-pointer tied it at 31 in the opening quarter, but it was mostly all Portland from there. Lillard answered with his own 3 and the Blazers went on to lead 37-32 at the end of the first quarter.

Portland's Maurice Harkless led all scorers with 10 points in the period.

The Blazers pushed the margin to 64-48 late in the second quarter with Al-Farouq Aminu's 3, the 11th 3-pointer for the Blazers in the first half alone. Portland led 68-52 at the break. Portland finished with 14 3-pointers in the game.

## TIP-INS

Kings: It was the third loss for the Kings in the four-game series

with the Blazers. Sacramento has not dropped three or more to Portland since the 2009-10 season, when it was swept in four. ... The teams meet again next Tuesday in Sacramento.

Trail Blazers: With 11 first-half 3s, the Blazers were one 3-pointer shy of their record for a half. ... Crabbe has scored in double figures in all three games against the Kings this season.

# BUCKAROOS:

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Morris, Jack Peterson, James Bradt, and Correa were the lone Bucks to break into the hit column.

Pendleton did however show plenty of patience at the plate, drawing six walks on the afternoon to only four strikeouts.

That patience showed in the first inning as Morris started off the lineup with a walk and eventually stole second base to set up an RBI single up the middle by Peterson to give the Bucks a 1-0 lead.

Then in the second inning, Bradt, Nick Bower, and Ryan Russell drew three-straight walks to load the bases, and then Correa dribbled an infield single to score Bradt and increase the lead to 2-0. Three batters later, Pendleton would add another run as Russell scored on an error by the Riverhawks' second baseman to make it a 3-0 Buckaroos' lead.

Pendleton's fourth and final run came across in the fifth inning, as Morris led off with a double to left field and then eventually scored on a passed ball and a throwing error by the Riverhawks' catcher to push the lead to 4-0.

But in the top of the sixth inning, the Riverhawks were finally able to get to Lani, loading the bases with just one out to start the inning. The Riverhawks pushed across two runs on back-to-back at-bats to cut the lead to 4-2. And right as Lani loaded the bases again with two outs, he escaped the jam with an inning-ending line drive that was caught by Morris at shortstop to hold the lead and seal the win.

Pendleton hits the field again on Tuesday when they come back home to host La Grande at 4 p.m. at Bob White Field.

	CRG	000	002	0 <th>-</th> <th>R</th> <th>H</th> <th>E</th>	-	R	H	E
	PHS	120	010	X	-	4	4	2

Oneida, Lani, Correa (7), and Cockburn, W — Lani, L — Oneida. 2B — Rossas (CRG), Morris (PHS).

# BEAVERS: Baylor leads only twice

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without falling with 11 seconds left.

Hamblin, the 6-foot-6 center from Canada, grabbed the rebound and got the ball to Weise, who was fouled with 7.3 seconds left.

After Weise made both free throws, Baylor quickly got back down the court. Jones couldn't get off a shot, and Johnson's 3-pointer missed the mark.

Baylor led only twice, after scoring the game's first four points and when Davis made a layup with 6:54 left to put Baylor up 51-50.

The game's only four ties came after that, the first when Weisner made a free throw 24 seconds later.

The Beavers were tough and resilient throughout, and there was a point midway through the second quarter when Baylor coach Kim Mulkey was so frustrated after a non-call by the officials that she ripped off her gold jacket and flung it over the Lady Bears bench, drawing a technical foul.

Davis was almost knocked to the ground when missing a layup, and that was the boiling point after the coach was already upset by several other calls or non-calls by officials.

Weisner made her second free throw after the timeout, and Gabriella Hanson made a field goal after the Beavers kept possession for a 26-18 lead.



Oregon State guard Sydney Wiese, left, is fouled by Baylor guard Alexis Jones, center, as forward Nina Davis, right, looks on during the fourth quarter of a regional final of the women's NCAA Tournament Monday in Dallas.

The Lady Bears had cut the gap to 26-25 on a reverse baseline basket by Jones with 1:41 to go, but Oregon State scored the last eight points of the game for its largest lead of the game.

Wallace knocked the ball out of bounds under the Beavers basket with less than 3 seconds to go, but Weisner got open for a 3-pointer off Wiese's inbound pass to end the half.

Baylor started the second half with its first 3-pointer. Alexis Jones made that one, and then had a steal that set up a possession when she made a fadeaway jumper that quickly trimmed a nine-point halftime deficit to 34-30.

The Lady Bears were within

one after Khadijah Cave had a 6-0 run all by herself in a 48-second span.

Cave had a put-back basket before an Oregon State miss. Cave then scored on a pass from Jones, and the 6-foot-3 junior Cave then stole the inbound pass and made another layup that led to a Beavers timeout with them up only 44-43.

## TIP-INS

Oregon St.: The Beavers missed their first five shots at the start of both halves. ... Oregon State had seven 3-pointers, all in the first half.

Baylor: The Lady Bears' most recent Final Four was in 2012, part of their 40-0 national championship.

# PIONEERS: Top of lineup consistently producing for Mac-Hi

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this season, as well as her first start. "Estacada put the ball in play a lot, we just had a great defense behind her," Mac-Hi coach Nicole Christian said. "(Earls) had total faith in her teammates behind her today and pitched great."

Copeland was the Pioneers' catcher for the 2015 campaign, but jumped at the chance to be the No. 1 starter this season. She started against Twin Falls and pitched five innings of one-run ball allowing just four hits with two strikeouts.

Christian said both pitchers have her confident moving forward.

"They're really good pitchers who trust their defense behind them, which is a different mindset from last year where we were dependent on Colette's power," she said. "They're both multi-talented athletes that can play anywhere, too, which is nice as a coach."

But as good as she was on the rubber, Copeland was a force at the plate for the Pioneers going 5-7 with 13 RBIs, two doubles, and two home runs — including a grand slam — over the two games. Copeland has thrived in the four games since moving to the No. 4 spot in the lineup with speedy players such Rachel Lyon, Shannon Carter, and Micha Fortune ahead of her. She is hitting

.750 (9-12) with three home runs and a staggering 17 RBIs over that span.

"Having the heavy speed in front of her works really well," Christian said. "(Copeland's) the one you want at the plate in these situations and she's done great for us."

Lyon and Carter were solid in both games on Saturday, combining to go 6-11 at the plate and score 12 runs, while Fortune went 2-3 with three runs scored.

But as good as the top of the lineup has been, Christian said she's still trying to figure out how to get more consistency from the bottom of the lineup.

"We're still trying to figure out our groove, and find the lineups that click," she said. "We're looking for the little things in the at-bats to get the hitters in the sixth, seventh, eighth spots to keep improving."

Mac-Hi hits the field again on Saturday when they host Yamhill-Carlton and Banks at Yantis Park starting at Noon.

	Game 1				R	H	E
	TFS	000	01	-	1	2	0
	M-H	102	53	-	11	13	2

Solosoball, Barmont (4), Copeland and Lesko, W — Copeland, L — Solosoball. 2B — Copeland (M-H).

	Game 2				R	H	E
	EHS	000	00	-	0	0	1
	M-H	331	04	-	11	15	1

Gant, Peterson (3), Earls and Copeland, W — Earls, L — Gant. 2B — Copeland, Field. HR — Copeland (2).



Sydney Earls pitches Saturday against Estacada during the Spring Break Crossover Tournament in Milton-Freewater. Mac-Hi won the game 10-0.

## Softball

**EDMONDS 12-15, BLUE MOUNTAIN 1-6** — At Pendleton, the Blue Mountain Timberwolves continued their early season struggles on Saturday afternoon, dropping a doubleheader with the Edmonds Tritons 12-1 in six innings and 15-6 in five innings.

In Game 1, Blue Mountain (2-14) scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the first inning after a leadoff double by Sarah Bonner and an RBI single by Megan Ulrey gave it a 1-0 lead.

The Tritons came back in the second inning to plate four runs, and then scored in each of the next four innings to run away with the win.

In Game 2, it was more of the same for both teams as the Tritons offense put pressure on the Timberwolves from the get-go, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning.

	Game 1				R	H	E
	EDCC	042	114	-	12	13	0
	BMCC	100	000	-	1	6	2

Malakowski and Watson, Ulrey and Daubert, W — Malakowski, L — Ulrey. 2B — Kanae, Watson (EDCC), Bonner, Snyder (BMCC). HR — Senner (EDCC).

	Game 2				R	H	E
	EDCC	246	21	-	15	16	1
	BMCC	004	02	-	6	7	4

Budnick, Malakowski (3), and Watson, Snyder, Reser (3), Cagle (5), and Daubert, W — Malakowski, L — Snyder. 2B — West, Kanae, Watson (EDCC), Cagle, Chaulsett-Ulrey, Ulrey (BMCC), 3B — Brown (EDCC), HR — West, Kanae, Hedman (EDCC), Ulrey (BMCC).