

PREPS: Buckaroos tennis kicks off season with split against Baker

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said of his pitching staff, which got a combined no-hitter from Tony Flores and Adrian Renner last week and a five-inning perfect game from Dylan Grogan on March 17. “I think they’re throwing more strikes this year. The defense has been solid. We took two or three hits away from (Kennedy) by making good plays in the infield.”

Infielders Damien Curiel and Flores both made great outs to preserve the no-hitter. Woods threw just 66 pitches in five innings, never facing more than five batters in an inning.

“In high school, offense is great, but pitching and defense win championships,” Johnson said.

Ryan Bailey led the offense going 3 for 3 with a double, three RBI and a run scored. Shayne Keltz was 2 for 4 with a run, and Adrian Renner was 2 for 4 with two RBI. Flores also drove in two runs.

Bailey doubled in Thyler Monkus in the first inning for the eventual game-winner, and Stanfield then added runs on an error, wild pitch and balk to go up 4-0.

The Tigers host Umatilla on Friday at Madigan Field. First pitch is set for 1 p.m.

SHS	501	51	—	R	H	E
KHS	000	00	—	12	13	1
B.	Woods	D. Grogan	J. Suing	J. Inoue	(4)	O. Seiler
W	Woods	L	Suing	2B	R. Bailey	(SHS).

SHERMAN 15, UMATILLA 2 (5 innings) — At Umatilla, the Vikings were more aggressive at the plate but struggled to find open real estate in a five-inning loss on Tuesday.

Umatilla (2-3) coach Dave Dever thought his team had been too passive in its plate approach in recent games, and couldn’t fault his team much as numerous hard-hit line drives went directly at Sherman defenders.

The Huskies (6-0) scattered 14 hits and started scoring early off Viking starter Diego Soto.

Jacob Justesen led off the game with a sharp single into left field, then after an

out Maverick Winslow and Bradley Moe hit back-to-back singles to make it 2-0. After another out, Sherman’s Trey Homer lashed a three-run no-doubt home run to dead center field. Alex Fields led off the second inning with a home run that just cleared the wall in center and Treve Martin added a home run in Sherman’s five-run fifth.

Umatilla scored its only two runs in the fourth when a Jesus Ochoa fly allowed Andrew Wilson to tag and score from third, then Seth Cranston scored on a Sherman error.

Umatilla is back in action Friday at 1 p.m. for a double-header at Stanfield.

SHS	440	25	—	R	H	E
UHS	000	20	—	2	3	4
D.	Soto	C. Landon	(2)	C. Samson	(5)	Troutman
Moe	W	W	Troutman	L	Soto	2B
M.	Winslow	(SHS)	HR	T. Homer	T. Martin	A. Fields
(SHS).						

PILOT ROCK 11, HEPPNER 1 (6 innings) — At Heppner, Levi Thieme kept Heppner’s bats in check and Pilot Rock took advantage of five errors to win in six innings on Tuesday. It was Heppner’s first completed game of the season.

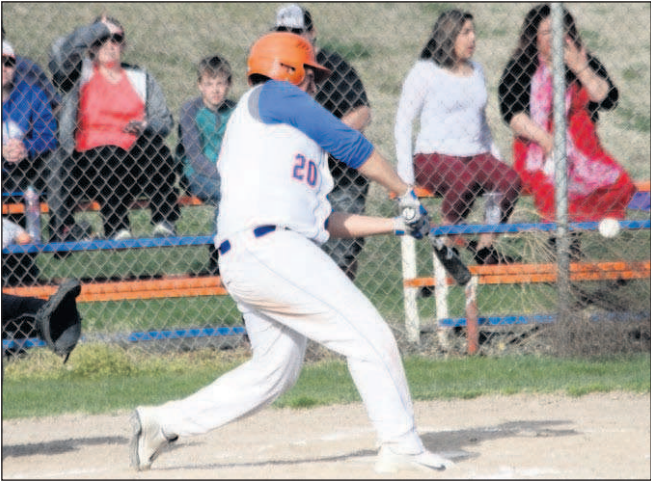
Thieme allowed three hits and struck out seven while walking two and hitting two as the Rockets improved to 7-0 on the season.

Heppner starter Patrick Collins struck out six and walked four, and didn’t get much help from his defense. He gave up four runs, but none earned, off three hits.

Two walks followed by an error plated Pilot Rock’s first two runs in the first inning. Connor McCall led the Rockets going 2 for 4 with two RBI. Thieme also had two RBI.

Next up for Pilot Rock is a doubleheader at Irrigon on Friday at 11 a.m.

Heppner (0-1) will play at Weston-McEwen on Friday, first finishing their rain-suspended game from March 15 which the Mustangs lead 6-3 in the top of the second inning. Then they’ll play another full game with everything slated to start at 2 p.m.



Staff photo by Sam Barbee

Umatilla first baseman Tristan Sanguino swings at a pitch during the Vikings 15-2 loss to Sherman County on Tuesday.

PRHS	200324	—	R	H	E
HHS	010000	—	1	6	1
L.	Thieme	B. Pierce	(6)	C. Weinke	P.
Collins	C. Kindle	(5)	and W.	Putman	W
Thieme	L	Collins			
2B	— McClaren	(PRHS);	W.	Lutcher	(HHS).

SOFTBALL UMATILLA 10, WALLA WALLA VALLEY ACADEMY 5 — At Umatilla, the Vikings picked up their first win in two years Tuesday.

Destinee Trujillo overcame a rough first inning that saw WWVA score four times on four singles and two Umatilla errors and tossed a complete game. She struck out seven and walked just one.

“Our pitcher did a great job, really kept us in the ball game,” first-year Umatilla (1-1) coach Kylee Lete said. Umatilla scored runs in each of the first four innings and took the lead for good in a four-run third that put it up 8-5.

All five Viking hits were singles, and Umatilla was helped by five Knight errors, but Lete was happy with the aggressiveness shown at the plate.

“It was nice to seem them hungry for a pitch and hungry for a win,” Lete said.

Umatilla hosts Heppner at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

WWA	410000	0	—	R	H	E
UHS	314200	X	—	5	4	5
D.	Trujillo	and S. Reyes	McShane	Hardy	(5)	Doyle
W	W	Trujillo	L	McShane	2B	Larson
(WWVA).						

TENNIS PENDLETON 4,

BAKER 3 — At Pendleton, the Pendleton boys tennis team got past its first match of the season with a win over Baker on Tuesday.

“I’ve got a lot of first-year players this year so I think there was a lot of first-match jitters,” said coach Chris Holdman.

Pendleton swept singles play while losing all three doubles matches. A forfeit at No. 4 singles gave the Bucks the team win.

Henry Holdman bounced back from a 1-6 loss to beat Zack Schwin 6-1 and 6-3 in the top singles match-up, and Lincoln Johnson cruised past Austin Emory 6-1, 6-0 in No. 2 singles.

Pendleton’s next match is at 4 p.m. on Friday at Mac-Hi.

Singles	Henry Holdman	(P)	def.	Zack Schwin	(B)
1-6, 6-1, 6-3	Lincoln Johnson	(P)	def.	Austin Emory	(B)
6-1, 6-0	Easton Phelan	(P)	def.	Carlos Grove	(B)
6-4, 7-6 (10)	Henry Scanlon	(P)	win by forfeit		
Doubles	R. Schwin/B. Stairs	(B)	def.	Silas Johnston/Peter Wallace	(P)
6-1, 6-2	H. Stone/E. Taylor	(B)	def.	Jeremy Sellers/Stanton Schmitz	(P)
6-1, 6-2	K. Sand/L. Barnes	(B)	def.	Elton Harrison/Donovan Costello	(P)
6-2, 6-0					

BAKER 5, PENDLETON 1 — At Pendleton, the Buckaroos girls tennis team kicked off its 2016 competition on Tuesday afternoon with a loss to Baker.

“It was good to get the girls out on the court for once,” Pendleton coach Rocky Dillenburg said. “After a couple weeks of just

hitting balls, it was nice to see where the girls are and learn what they need to do to get better.”

Pendleton’s only win of the day came in the No. 3 doubles match, when Denae Smith and Jessie Patterson took down Jose Bryan and H. Johnson 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 to grab the victory.

Pendleton next will host Mac-Hi on Friday at 4 p.m.

Singles	Gracie Huggins	(B)	def.	Jenna Senter	(P)
6-2, 6-3	Kayla Treanor	(B)	def.	Abby Williams	(P)
6-2, 6-2	Stella Bowers	(B)	def.	Brandy Brown	(P)
6-4, 6-4	Doubles	Hannah Wilson/Lena Bowers	(B)	def.	Anna James/Julia Livingston
6-2, 6-3	Tori Gentilli/Alex Wachtel	(B)	def.	Kayla Walker/Isabelle Chapman	(P)
6-4, 4-6, 6-4	Denae Smith/Jessie Patters	(P)	def.	Jose Bryan/H. Johnson	(B)
6-4, 3-6, 6-4					

WESTON-MCEWEN 10, STANFIELD 2, HELIX 1 — At Stanfield, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots were the big winners at a small-school three-way match on Tuesday.

Johanna Albert and Caleb Olson won in girls and boys No. 1 singles, respectively. Albert beat Stanfield’s Yakima Guzman 8-1 and Olson clipped Stanfield’s Hank Gerkhe 8-6.

The TigerScots also claimed the No. 1 boys doubles win when David Froese and Michael Shafer beat Gerkhe and Noel Montes 8-4.

Stanfield got one of its wins at No. 1 girls doubles when Yazzmin and Guitzell Chavez beat Weston-McEwen’s Amanda Kidd and Rebecca Taylor 8-3. Helix’s only win was at No. 2 boys singles when Erik Jones beat Weston-McEwen’s Ryan Schmidtgaill 8-3.

Stanfield’s next tennis match is at lone on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. Helix and Weston-McEwen meet the same day at 4 p.m.

Girls Singles	Johanna Albert	(W/M)	def.	Yakima Guzman	(St)
8-1	Emmaline Irvine	(W/M)	def.	Lydia Hurty	(St)
8-5	Krysta Calvert	(W/M)	def.	Natalie Cornejo	(St)
8-4	Amanda Carrillo	(St)	def.	Mecalia Espy	(He)
8-2	Girls Doubles	Yazzmin Chavez/Guitzell Chavez	(St)	def.	Amanda Kidd/Rebecca Taylor
8-3	Christina Swafford/Mary Bagdon	(W/M)	def.	Candida Rojas/Brianna Cornejo	(St)
8-5	Sami Ford/Hannah McIntyre	(W/M)	def.	Brenna Holt/Payton Henning	(St)
8-1	Boys Singles				

Caleb Olson	(W/M)	def.	Hank Gerkhe	(St)
8-6	Kellen Fairchild	(W/M)	def.	Allen Holden
(He)	8-3	Erik Jones	(He)	def. Ryan Schmidtgaill
(W/M)	8-3	Robbie Davison	(W/M)	def. Noel Montes
(St)	8-1	Robbie Davison	(W/M)	def. Moro Gabriel
(He)	8-1	Boys Doubles		
David Froese/Michael Shafer	(W/M)	def.	Hank Gerkhe/Noel Montes	(St)
8-4				

TRACK & FIELD HERMISTON 136.5, HOOD RIVER 134.5 — At Hood River, the Hermiston track and field team split its matchups on Tuesday with the Hood River Valley Eagles in Hood River.

The Bulldogs girls accrued 75.5 points to Hood River’s 59.5, while the Eagle boys earned 75 points to Hermiston’s 61.

Boys thrower Tre Neal finished first in javelin (152 feet, nine inches), second in shot put (52-09) and second in discus (149-00). Tyler Rohrman was first in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles (15.92 and 44.64). Hermiston had the top two finishers in the long jump, Andrew Horn (20-02) and Alexis Mercado (19-09), and Brayden Byrd was tops in the triple jump (40-09.5).

On the girls side, freshman 200-meter sprinter Elsa Torres continues to impress. and won with a time of 27.04, a personal best. Standout sprinter Audrey Lincoln won the 400 (1:03.67) and Melanie Solorio dominated the 1,500 meters in 5:26.8. Macey Foley was tops in the 300 hurdles (51.57) and both girls relays won.

Hermiston nearly swept the girls throwing podiums. Maddy Juul was first in javelin (98-01), second in shot put (33-00.5) and third in discus (82-07). Ayleen Sandoval won discus (89-11), was second in the javelin (92-11) and third in shot put (32-11.5). Stephanie Meyers was tops in the shot put (36-04).

Ebony Wilson took the long jump and was the only girl to break 15 feet, her best jump coming in at 15-07.5.

Hermiston’s next event is the East County Classic at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham on Friday. Events begin at 4 p.m.

BUCKAROOS: Pendleton score 12 runs on seven hits in third inning

Rylee Gentner, of Pendleton, slides safely into second as La Grande’s Alaina Carson fields the ball Tuesday at Steve Cary Field.

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a few hits and all of the sudden our energy was back and we ended up having the big inning.”

Pendleton started off the bottom of the third with a double from Lauren Richards which started a string of 10-straight batters that came to plate before the Bucks recorded an out. When all was said-and-done, 16 batters stepped in the box and left the inning with seven hits, four walks and 12 runs to take the lead.

“I think we were able to get a little more comfortable at the plate,” Buckaroos outfielder Alexis Morrison said. “We got more intense in the game and were able to really come together and work as a team and get those runs back really quick.”

But La Grande wasn’t waving the

white flag just yet. In the top of the fifth inning, the Tigers had a pair of singles and a double off of pitcher Gracie Lyon to score a run and get within 12-11, forcing Cary to make a pitching change to bring on Lauren Richards with two-runners on and only one out.

Richards allowed the tying run to score on a fielders choice, but was able to retire the next two batters to escape with a tie at 12-12.

But then the Buckaroos added five runs on six hits over the next two innings to jump out to a 17-12 lead they would not give up. Richards dazzled over the final two frames, throwing two perfect innings with four strikeouts to seal the win.

“I think it shows true character and perserverance that nobody gave up, nobody was pointing fingers,” Cary said. “I think the team handled this very, very well and used this

game as a learning tool to get better.”

At the plate, Pendleton was powered by Payton Hergert and Rylee Genter as each contributed three hits and two runs scored in the game. Hergert had a pair of singles and a two-RBI double in the third inning, and Gentner had a pair of singles and a two-RBI triple.

Murphy added two hits in the game, including a two-RBI single in the sixth inning to put Pendleton ahead for good.

But out of all the lessons that the team learned from the game, Cary said one will stick the most.

“We certainly never want to be down like that ever again.”

LHS	9100200	—	R	H	E
PHS	0012023X	—	12	13	4
Bell and Avila	Avila	(3)	and Givens	Murphy	Lyron
(4)	Richards	(5)	and Solomon	W	Lyron
L	— Avila	2B	— Albrecht	Hagerman	(LHS)
L. Richards	Hergert	E. Richards	McGlothlan	(PHS).	3B
— Gooderham	(LHS)	Morrison	(PHS).		

PENDLETON: Cockburn throws 17 of 26 first-pitch strikes, 103 total pitches

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against some of the tougher teams and battling. ... Today he started off pretty well but then had a couple walks in there but he got stronger as the game went along.

“We talked about maybe shortening him but he felt good and this was a good game to extend him a little bit and get his pitch count up there.”

Cockburn finished with 103 pitches and threw first-pitch strikes

to 17 of the 26 batters he faced.

“Today he was just rolling,” said catcher Ryan Russell, “hitting his spots, hitting his pitches, doing really good and controlling the curve ball well. ... We stuck with the curve ball first pitch a lot which was good tonight.”

“I felt really loose today,” Cockburn said. “My arm felt really good. I was getting some good pop in the fastball and when that happens everything else comes.

“My goal every time is to throw

harder as the game goes along. ...

And I have to credit Ryan Russell a lot. He called a really good game today and that’s half of the reason we played so good was because of the pitches he’s calling.”

Pendleton missed opportunities to end the game even sooner and stranded eight runners in the first four innings, but added two in each the fifth and sixth after bringing in some reserves.

Nick Lani drove in Austin Zaugg, the Daniel Naughton

scored on a passed ball in the fifth. Then Dakkota Bridges scored on a Russell groundout and Zaugg singled in Shaw Jerome in the sixth.

“We’ve got some good young talent that steps and does a good job as far as working and so it’s fun to see some of these guys,” Haguewood said.

“Anytime we can score 10 runs in a game it’s good for the team, it’s a good confidence booster,” Russell said. “Every game we’re

just trying to improve ourselves. Everyone’s got work to do, just trying to get better.”

Quinn led Pendleton at the plate going 2 for 3, and Jerome and Bridges each scored twice.

Pendleton’s next game is against Walla Walla which it hosts at 4 p.m. on Monday.

LGHS	000000	—	R	H	E
PHS	060022	—	10	7	0
R.	Adams	J. Gonzalez	(2)	T. Shafer	(6)
G.	Vaughn	Q. Cockburn	and R. Russell	W	Cockburn
L	— Adams				

Local slate PREP BASEBALL Today Hermiston at La Salle Prep, 4:30 p.m. Friday Pilot Rock at Irrigon (DH), 11 a.m. Umatilla at Stanfield (DH), 1 p.m. Riverside at Elgin/Imbler (DH), 1 p.m. Heppner at Grant Union (DH), 1 p.m. Umatilla at Echo (DH), 1 p.m. Hermiston at Reynolds (DH), TBD Saturday Mac-Hi vs. Yamhill-Carlton, Noon Mac-Hi vs. Banks, 2:30 p.m. PREP SOFTBALL Thursday Umatilla vs. Heppner, 4:30 p.m. Friday Riverside at Elgin/Imbler, 1 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Nyssa (DH), 1 p.m. Heppner at Grant Union (DH), 1 p.m. Umatilla at Echo (DH), 1 p.m. Hermiston at Reynolds (DH), TBD Saturday Mac-Hi vs. Yamhill-Carlton, Noon Mac-Hi vs. Banks, 2:30 p.m. PREP TRACK & FIELD Friday Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Umatilla, Riverside, Pilot Rock, Weston-McEwen, Irrigon, Helix, Echo at Mac-Hi Carnival of Speed, Noon	PREP GOLF Thursday Mac-Hi at Walla Walla CC, 2:30 p.m. Friday Pendleton, Hermiston at Eagle Ridge GC, 8 a.m. Heppner at Pendleton CC, 9 a.m. Mac-Hi at Milton-Freewater Municipal GC, Noon PREP TENNIS Today Hermiston (girls) at Davis (WA), 3:30 p.m. Thursday Riverside at Umatilla, 4 p.m. Helix vs. Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m. Stanfield at lone, 4:30 p.m. Friday Stanfield at Condon, 3 p.m. Pendleton (boys) at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m. Pendleton (girls) vs. Mac-Hi, 4 p.m. lone at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m. PREP LACROSSE Saturday Hermiston at Mt. Spokane (WA), 1 p.m.	COLLEGE BASEBALL Today Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain (DH), 1 p.m. Saturday Blue Mountain at Walla Walla (DH), 1 p.m. COLLEGE SOFTBALL Friday Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin (DH), 2 p.m. Saturday Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 2 p.m. Basketball NCAA Men's Tournament FINAL FOUR At NRG Stadium Houston Saturday Villanova (33-5) vs. Oklahoma (29-7), 3:09 p.m. North Carolina (32-6) vs. Syracuse (23-13), 5:49 p.m. NCAA Women's Tournament FINAL FOUR At Indianapolis Sunday	UConn (36-0) vs. Oregon State (32-4), 6 or 8:30 p.m. Washington (26-10) vs. Syracuse (29-7), 6 or 8:30 p.m. NBA Tuesday's Games Chicago 98, Indiana 96 Charlotte 100, Philadelphia 85 Orlando 139, Brooklyn 105 Detroit 88, Oklahoma City 102 Houston 106, Cleveland 80 Golden State 102, Washington 94 Today's Games Atlanta at Toronto, 4:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 5 p.m. Phoenix at Milwaukee, 5 p.m. Denver at Memphis, 5 p.m. New Orleans at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m. New York at Dallas, 5:30 p.m. Golden State at Utah, 6 p.m. Washington at Sacramento, 7 p.m. Miami at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m. Hockey Tuesday's Games N.Y. Islanders 2, Carolina 1, SO Pittsburgh 5, Buffalo 4, SO	New Jersey 2, Boston 1 Montreal 4, Detroit 3 Toronto 5, Florida 2 Minnesota 4, Chicago 1 St. Louis 3, Colorado 1 Dallas 5, Nashville 2 San Jose 4, Vancouver 1 Today's Games Chicago 98, Indiana 96 Charlotte 100, Philadelphia 85 Orlando 139, Brooklyn 105 Detroit 88, Oklahoma City 102 Houston 106, Cleveland 80 Golden State 102, Washington 94 Today's Games Atlanta at Toronto, 4:30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 5 p.m. Phoenix at Milwaukee, 5 p.m. Denver at Memphis, 5 p.m. New Orleans at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m. New York at Dallas, 5:30 p.m. Golden State at Utah, 6 p.m. Washington at Sacramento, 7 p.m. Miami at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m. Hockey Tuesday's Games N.Y. Islanders 2, Carolina 1, SO Pittsburgh 5, Buffalo 4, SO	Miami Open Tuesday's Results At The Tennis Center at Crandon Park Key Biscayne, Fla. Singles Men Fourth Round Tomáš Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Richard Gasquet (10), France, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. Milos Raonic (12), Canada, def. Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 6-0, 6-3. David Goffin (15), Belgium, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 7-5, 6-3. Gilles Simon (18), France, def. Lucas Pouille, France, 6-0, 6-1. Nick Kyrgios (24), Australia, def. Andrej Kuznetsov, Russia, 7-6 (3), 6-3. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Dominic Thiem (14), Austria, 6-3, 6-4. Gael Monfils (16), France, def. Grigor Dimitrov (26), Bulgaria, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-3. Kei Nishikori (6), Japan, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (17), Spain, 6-2, 6-4. Women Quarterfinals Timea Babcsinszky (19), Switzerland, def. Simona Halep (5), Romania, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. Svetlana Kuznetsova (15), Russia, def. Ekaterina Makarova (30), Russia, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-3.
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