

PREPS: Helix girls win team title at Condon/Wheeler track meet

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The second was a three-run shot in the sixth inning.

Heppner (2-11, 1-5 SD6) had some big performances of their own, headlined by Will Lutchger going 4-5 with a run and five RBI.

Game 1	R	H	E
HHS 030510	1	-	10 11 5
IHS 245113	X	-	16 10 1

Kindle, Lutchger (3), White, Verley (4), W — White, L — Kindle.
2B — Lindsay (HHS), Roa, Vera (IHS), HR — Vera 2 (IHS).

Game 2	R	H	E
HHS 010300	2	-	6 4 4
IHS 001330	X	-	7 6 2

Collins, Rice, Vera (5), W — Vera, L — Collins.
2B — Roa, Verley, Rice (IHS).

WESTON-MCEWEN 9-7, UNION 2-0 — At Union, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots ripped a combined 23 hits to help put away the Union Bobcats in a doubleheader sweep on Saturday afternoon.

The TigerScots (14-5, 5-1 SD7) had four players finish the day with three or more hits as Vince Roff had five, Brendan Dearing had four, Shaw Broncheau had four and Hunter Sater had three. Sater also threw six innings of relief between the two games combined.

Game 1	R	H	E
W-M 110411	1	-	9 13 0
UHS 000200	0	-	2 6 2

Hendley, Sater (4) and Shell, Nowak, Moore (7), W — Hendley, L — Nowak.
2B — Roff (W-M).

Game 2	R	H	E
W-M 202012	0	-	7 10 1
UHS 000000	0	-	0 2 1

Dearing, Sater (5), Runnels (7), and Shell, Rynearson, W — Dearing, L — Rynearson.
2B — Albert, Roff, Sater (W-M), Antoine (UHS).

Softball

MAC-HI 5, PILOT ROCK 1 — At Milton-Free-water, the Pioneers hit five doubles and Mallory Copeland didn't allow a runner past second base after the second inning as the Pioneers came from behind for a 5-1 non-league win on Monday.

Kaitlyn Slusarenko was 3 for 3 with one RBI for Mac-Hi (18-4) and Jacey Wilson went 2 for 4 to lead Pilot Rock (16-3).

PRH	010000	0	-	1 5 2
M-H	001310	X	-	5 10 2

T. Ostrom and R. Oates, M. Copeland

and J. Lesko, W — Copeland, L — Oates.
2B — K. Slusarenko, S. Carter, M. Fortune, R. Lyon, M. Copeland (M-H).

MAC-HI 6-6, ONTARIO 2-4 — At Ontario, the Mac-Hi Pioneers kept their GOL unbeaten mark intact as they swept the Ontario Tigers in a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon.

Rachel Lyon finished the day 4 for 8 with five runs scored out of the leadoff spot, while Mallory Copeland finished 4-8 with three RBI and a double for Mac-Hi (17-4, 8-0).

Game 1	R	H	E
MHS 400011	0	-	6 7 4
OHS 020000	0	-	2 7 8

Copeland and Lesko, Navarrette, W — Copeland, L — Navarrette.
2B — Erb (MHS).

Game 2	R	H	E
MHS 220101	0	-	6 12 1
OHS 110200	0	-	4 6 1

Copeland, Earls (6), Navarrette, W — Copeland, L — Navarrette.
2B — Copeland (MHS), 3B — Lyon (MHS).

ECHO 3, GRANT UNION 0 — At Grant Union, the Echo Cougars defeated the Grant Union Prospectors for the second time this season in a Saturday afternoon match-up.

Mackenzie Gonzales kept the Grant Union bats quiet allowing just two hits and one walk over 5 2-3 innings with six strikeouts.

EHS	200001	0	-	3 9 0
GUH	000000	0	-	0 3 7

Gonzales, Ray (6), Moulton, W — Gonzales, L — Moulton.
2B — Stearns, Zweggart (GUH).

PILOT ROCK 12-14, HEPNER 0-0 — At Pilot Rock, the Rockets broke the double-digit run barrier for the fourth straight game, sweeping the Heppner Mustangs in a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon.

Pilot Rock (16-2, 8-1 SD6) dominated Game 1 behind a no-hitter from starting pitcher Teyha Ostrom, as she struck out seven Mustangs and walked one over five innings.

Then in game two, it was the Bekah Roe show as Roe went a perfect 4-4 at the plate with two home runs, a triple and a double.

IRRIGON 16-6,

BURNS 6-15 — At Irrigon, mounting injuries caught up with the Knights in Game 2 of their Special District 6 doubleheader on Saturday.

Irrigon (10-7, 3-6 SD6) won the opener 16-6 in five innings but lost Cassandra Fleming to an ankle injury that took her out of Game 2 and likely the next couple weeks of action. With starters Mya Chapman and Bea Aguilera already out with injuries, the shuffled Knights lineup struggled in the second game.

Irrigon left the bases loaded twice in the 15-6 loss, and committed six errors in the field to help Burns (13-5, 6-3).

Game 1	R	H	E
BHS 201 21	-	6 7 5	
IHS 312 73	-	16 8 4	

A. Sutcliffe and S. Peasley, J. Graza and L. Mills, W — Garza, L — Sutcliffe.
2B — K. McLaughlin (IHS).

Game 2	R	H	E
BHS 100150	7	-	15 11 3
IHS 030201	0	-	6 11 6

C. Feist and S. Peasley, J. Garza and L. Mills, W — Feist, L — Garza.
2B — S. Blute (BHS); K. McLaughlin, L. Mills (IHS), HR — S. Skinner (BHS)

Track & Field

HEINZ INVITATIONAL — At Ontario, the Pendleton boys edged Emmett by half of a point for the title while the girls team finished in fourth place at the 21-team meet on Saturday.

Pendleton's event winners were Nolan Bylenga in the boys' 400 meter dash (50.85 seconds), Delaney Clem in the girls' 3,000 meter run (11:20.45), and the boys' 4x400 relay team comprised of Garrison Alger, Andrew Porter, Dakotah Rimbach, and Soren Wolf (3:31.34).

Mac-Hi was also at the meet and had one first place finish by Amber Wells in the girls' javelin (111 feet, 2 inches). She also was second in shot put (34-0) and fifth in discus (103-3).

STRANDBERG INVITATIONAL — At Spokane, Wash., the Hermiston Bulldogs boys track team finished second out of 24 teams and the girls tied for ninth out of 20 teams on Saturday afternoon.

The Bulldogs boys earned

91 points in the meet and trailed only the host Central Valley with 112 points, while the girls had 28 points.

The Bulldogs were led by numerous top-five individual finishes, but no event wins.

Senior field athlete Tre Neal had a strong meet finishing second in the shot put (55-10.0), third in the discus (157-03), fourth in the javelin (167-01) and second in the hammer throw (163-01).

CONDON/WHEELER INVITATIONAL — At Condon, the Helix Grizzlies girls team earned first place and their boys earned fifth on Saturday afternoon at the 18-team meet.

The girls scored 112 points followed by South Wasco (61) and Pilot Rock (57). The boys' top three teams were Goldendale, Wash., (88), Condon/Wheeler (51.5) and Sherman (45).

Helix's event winners were Emma Feherenbacher in the 400-meter dash (1:05.79), Lucy Case in both the 1,500 (5:34.36) and 3,000 (12:21.77), and MaKenzie Mize in discus (122-10).

Pilot Rock's Abby Rigby won both the 100 (12.83) and 200 (26.36), Rachel Willingham won the 300 hurdles (50.48), and the 4x100 relay team of Willingham, Siobhan Holman, Rigby and Olivia Warner earned gold with a time of 53.23.

Heppner's Kaelyn Lindsay won the 100 hurdles (17.38).

On the boys' side, event wins for locals came from Heppner's Kaden Clark in the 100 (11.32), Pilot Rock's Gunner McCall in the 200 (23.0), Stanfield's Elias Esquivel in the 3,000 (10:29.59), Arlington's Shawn Hauner in discus (117-9), Pilot Rock's Devin Hasher in high jump (5-10), Echo's Logan Butler in long jump (19-9.5), and the Condon/Wheeler 4x100 relay team of Jose Cortez, Alex Lindsay, Jake Bold and Sam Colgan (47.04).

JO-HIGH INVITE — At

Joseph, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots competed against six teams on Saturday afternoon and the girls finished in third (76 points) with the boys fourth (35 points).

The TigerScots girls were paced by wins from Katie Vesco in the 1,500-meter run (5:48.70) and pole vault (7 feet, 6 inches), Maddi Muilenburg in javelin (94-01), and Bryce Thul in long jump (14-10.25).

The lone winner on the boys' side was Hayden Scott in the 800 meters with a time of 2:04.26 — seven seconds ahead of second place.

MADRAS INVITATIONAL — At Madras, the Irrigon boys placed third out of five teams on Saturday while the girls were fifth.

The boys scored 114 points and were led by numerous top-three placings. Their highest finishes were second by Manny Gutierrez in the 800 meters (2:08.96) and Luke Meyers in shot put (39-9.25).

The girls had 48 points and were led by Ana Zacarias with first place in the 200 (26.79) and second in the 100 (13.0).

Tennis

HERMISTON — Ione, Weston-McEwen, Umatilla and Stanfield won titles at the Helix Invite on Saturday in Hermiston. It was the prime seeding tournament for this weekend's sub-district bracket.

- Boys Singles**
1st place: Kai Arbogast (Ione) def. Giovanni Madrigal (Umatilla) 6-3, 6-2
3rd place: Douglas Gomez (Umatilla) def. Luke Lawrence (Sherman) 8-1
4th place: Deazen Zerba (Mac-Hi) def. Erik Jones (Helix) 8-4
- Boys Doubles**
1st place: Olson/Schmidtgall (Weston-McEwen) def. Thompson/Altamirino (Riverside) 7-6 (5), 6-2
3rd place: Walters/Fowler (Ione) def. Abrego/Robledo (Mac-Hi) 8-1
4th place: Bedello/Gonzales (Riverside) def. Froese/Shaffer (Weston-McEwen) 8-4
- Girls Singles**
1st place: Sydney Webb (Umatilla) def. Elise Griffith (Mac-Hi)
3rd place: Meghan Belshe (Sherman) def. Lynne Roberts (Helix), 8-2
4th place: Paige Ackerman (Condon/Wheeler) def. Adrianna Leal (Riverside) 8-3
- Girls Doubles**
1st place: Chavez/Chavez (Stanfield) def. Reyes/Castillo (Mac-Hi) 6-3, 6-2
3rd place: Rodriguez/Cuellar (Mac-Hi) def. Bagdon/Swofford (Weston-McEwen) 9-7
4th place: Kaseberg/Rubio (Sherman) def. Bass/Fuchs (Ione)

BLAZERS:

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Back home in the East Bay, Lillard was hoarse as he has been battling a chest cold in recent days but noted Monday: "I've always said there are no excuses. The bottom line is my team needs me to perform better than I did. Tomorrow, I've got to be better. I will be. Our team will be better."

He said the Blazers must match Golden State from the tipoff.

"We've just got to understand that they are a good first-quarter team. We've got to be better from the start of the game," Lillard said. "So once we fix that and continue to compete the way we did, we'll have a chance."

A look at Game 2 on Tuesday night at Oracle Arena:

Kerr expects Portland to push all game, never surrendering on the offensive end even if the Blazers trail by double digits.

That's what makes Golden State's defensive energy for 48 minutes so important if the Warriors are going to take a 2-0 series lead at home.

"They're not going to be a team that's going to panic and all of a sudden it goes from 25 to 35 and it's game over," Kerr said. "They're the kind of team, they're going to stay with it. They've got such great shot-makers, they're always going to be on your tail, so our defense has to be locked in for 48 minutes."

Slowing down Klay Thompson, who scored 37 points while handling the load of guarding Lillard, must be a top priority for Portland.

Portland coach Terry Stotts is eager to see his team bounce back. The Blazers not only fell way behind in the first quarter and shot just 40 percent — 10 for 31 on 3-pointers — they also were outrebounded 55-40 and gave up 16 offensive boards.

"Well, we can't get down 20. Anything less than 20 would be a better start," he said Monday. "They're a first-quarter team. They're the best in the league at getting off to good starts. So, we have to be able to match that."

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