

FIRST PRACTICE: Season kicks off for area teams Sept. 2

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Both Hermiston coach David Faeteete and Pendleton coach Erik Davis reported strong turnout in their summer camps and weight lifting programs, and like the players were just happy to have the fall activities officially underway.

"We had about 75-80 kids out all summer long, working out, doing stuff and getting after it from freshmen on through seniors," said Faeteete, who enters his second season as the Bulldogs' head coach. "It's always exciting when we start. We wonder if all this hard work we put in is going to pay off."

Pendleton's turnout was a bit lower, but the players that are there are dedicated, Davis said.

"We took 55 kids down to the Western Oregon (University) camp and we have a great foundation coming into the fall," he said. "That just kind of spring-boarded into our summer workouts, and we had a consistent group that were lifting and running all summer long."

"The first day is always trying to get the paperwork and trying to get all the kids here and back from vacation and seeing who you have to work with, so I'm just excited to get everybody out here and going. Put the helmet on and get things started."

Pads come on Wednesday for both teams, and both teams open the season on Friday, Sept. 2. Hermiston hosts Union (WA) while Pendleton goes on the road to play



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Pendleton football head coach Erik Davis observes drills Monday during the first day of practice in Pendleton.

La Grande. Both kickoffs are set for 7 p.m.

Here are a few things to watch from each team this season:

PONDERING PASSERS: Hermiston will hold a quarterback competition between incumbent junior Dayshawn Neal and sophomores Andrew James and Wyatt Noland, "and maybe a freshman in there, we'll see," said Faeteete.

Neal won the starting job to open last year, but played just five games before an ankle injury ended his season with a 73.6 QB rating and 36-of-74 passing for 410 yards, three touchdowns and one interception. He also carried the ball 85 times for 421 yards and four

touchdowns.

Pendleton will replace graduated two-year starter Kai Quinn with junior Nick Bower, who was named top junior quarterback at the Western Oregon camp.

"Ever since I've been a kid it's always been a goal to potentially be that guy, so now that it's here it's kind of like a dream come true," Bower said. "I'm confident coming in, so we'll see."

Davis believes he's ready.

"He was our JV quarterback last year. We couldn't protect him and so he was kind of running for his life," Davis said. "So in order for him to really get the experience he needs to be a great varsity quarter-

back he was going to have to do a lot in the offseason too. And he did everything."

TIME TO FINISH: Hermiston felt like it didn't give itself a chance in the second half of several games last season, and is making that its biggest point of emphasis early.

"Just working on finishing is the biggest thing. I think it's just the mindset," said senior linebacker John Henry Line. "We just had a lot more people show up and worked harder (this summer). I think everybody is taking this more serious."

"Everybody's looking forward and being positive about their approach," Faeteete said. "Half the battle is attitude and showing up."

"It's a new conference and we've got a lot to prove."

CIRCLE THE DATE: Hermiston has five home dates on the schedule this season but one stands out right away — the Sept. 23 game that features the last two state champions when Summit and their 5A Player of the Year quarterback, senior John Bledsoe, come to Kennison Field on Oct. 28.

"Our hope is that they're healthy and undefeated and we'll go from there," Faeteete said. "That will be a fun night under the lights."

Hermiston also hosts league foes Mountain View (Sept. 16), Ridgeview (Oct. 7) and rival Pendleton (Oct. 28) in their regular-season finale. Hermiston has won the last four straight against the Bucks.

"Those things are exciting," Salinas said. "We're going to get to test ourselves against some better opponents in Oregon, and hopefully make it to the playoffs in this tough conference and just show everybody what we're made of."

LONG ROAD HOME: Pendleton won't play its home opener until Sept. 30 when it hosts Redmond for its third league game. The Bucks only have three home games this season, with their other two on back-to-back weeks against Hood River (Oct. 14) and Bend (Oct. 21).

"It is what it is," said Bower. "We'll just go play and I don't think it'll affect us."

"I always look forward to the road trips and the preparation and everything," Jerome said. "Seven o'clock, it's fun."

HEAD COUNT: Although the Bucks had 55 show up for game at Western Oregon, that number was a bit lower for Monday's first practice.

"There's no doubt, numbers are down. We've had a couple small classes, but that ebbs and flows," Davis said. "Our senior class is pretty small, but they're fairly talented. But again that doesn't help with numbers."

"We're going to continue to press the halls and make sure the kids that need to be out here are out here, but right now we're playing with the kids that are up here ready to go."

FARM-CITY: Utah cowboy Rhen Richard wins all-around championship

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The Hermiston cowboy was a bit disappointed with the overall performance, but was happy he could have one more run at the arena.

"It's just so much fun here," he said, "I'm so fortunate that my hometown rodeo is so nice and so fun, because a lot of people don't have that luxury. It's an awesome event from the committee and the fans that come out."

The Hermiston native that had the best evening came in barrel racing as Callahan Crossley sped her way to a time of 17.21 seconds which earned her the top time of the night and a third place finish overall. The placing brought her a nice \$2,920 check and a \$100 dash-for-cash bonus.

"It was definitely one of the best rides I've ever had," Crossley said following her run, "So I guess I just gave the best for last here."

Also competing on the night in front of their hometown fans were Stanfield's Travis Taruscio in steer

wrestling (16.8 seconds on two), Hermiston's Dalton Massey in steer wrestling (5.6 seconds on one), Hermiston's Andy Carlson in team roping (5.5 seconds on one), and Hermiston bull rider Cody Ford.

Ford, a 2006 graduate of Echo High School, fell just short of a qualified ride getting bucked off his bull at 6.4 seconds in his first professional trip back to the Farm-City rodeo. After finding out it would be the last rodeo in the fairgrounds arena, he knew he had to come back.

"I've watched so much rodeo here since I was a kid, and it woulda been cool to come here and win it," he said, "but there's always next year, I guess."

Saturday also brought the most successful night for bull riders of the week, as four riders garnered qualified rides after only five did in the three nights prior. Liberty, Texas' Cole Melancon mastered Corey & Lange's Comatose for the eight seconds he needed and the judges liked what they



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Cole Melancon of Liberty, Texas, rides Comatose for 83.5 points in bull riding Saturday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

saw as they awarded him an 83.5 point ride, vaulting him into the victory and a \$4,935 payday.

"It feels good, it's been a rough few weeks for me, but I think it's turning around," Melancon said, who sat in 25th in the PRCA world standings coming into the weekend.

In bareback, Jessy Davis of Power, Montana kept his hot streak going with an 86.5 point ride on Korkow's Onion Ring for the top score

of the night and a second place overall finish with a \$4,394 payout. Davis only started competing in May after missing the previous six months rehabbing from a shoulder injury, and has since worked his way up to 15th in the world standings. He said following his ride that he was happy to be healthy enough to make the trip to Hermiston, which is a staple on his schedule each year.

"I love it here. You can

always win a lot of money and the best contractors come here and the bucking horses are really good," Davis said. "You gotta take advantage of a great rodeo like this."

In saddle bronc, Cody DeMoss of Heflin, Louisiana, took advantage of his re-ride chance with the top score of the night with an 80.5 on Korkow's Free Sample. His score put him into a tie for fourth place overall behind co-champions Sterling Crowley and Tyrell Smith's 83 points. Elsewhere, Terrebonne's Shane Erickson had the best night with a 9.3 second time in calf roping and Wenatchee, Washington's Colinn Wolfe sped through steer wrestling with a time of 5.8 seconds.

Roosevelt, Utah's Rhen Richard took home the coveted trophy saddle and a \$5,333 paycheck as the top all-around cowboy.

Farm-City Pro Rodeo All-around cowboy: Rhen Richard, \$5,533, tie-down roping and team roping. **Barrel racing:** 1. Jake Vold, 87 points on Calgary Stampede's Explosive Skies, \$5,732; 2. Jessy Davis, 86.5, \$4,394; 3.

Mason Clements, 84, \$3,248; 4. (tie) Orin Larsen and R.C. Landingham, 81.5, \$1,719 each.

Steer wrestling: Second round: 1. Mike McGinn, 4.1 seconds, \$1,986; 2. Taz Olson, 4.5, \$1,644; 3. Trevor Knowles, 4.8, \$1,301; 4. Jacob Shofner, 4.9, \$959; 5. Chason Floyd, 5.0, \$616; 6. Ryan Bothum, 5.1, \$342. Average: 1. Clayton Hass, 10.3 seconds on two head, \$2,979; 2. Ty Erickson, 11.1, \$2,465; 3. Ethen Thouvenell, 11.2, \$1,952; 4. Josh Boka, 11.5, \$1,438; 5. (tie) Taz Olson and Seth Brockman, 11.7, \$719 each.

Team roping: Second round: 1. Cody Snow/Dugan Kelly, 4.5 seconds, \$1,980 each; 2. J. Dees/Matt Zancanella, 4.8, \$1,722; 3. Levi Simpson/Jeremy Buhler, 4.9, \$1,463; 4. (tie) Kaleb Driggers/Junior Nogueira and Erich Rogers/Cory Petksa, 5.1, \$1,076 each. Average: 1. Garrett Tonozzi/Wyatt Cox, 10.1 seconds on two head, \$2,970 each; 2. Erich Rogers/Cory Petksa, 10.4, \$2,582; 3. Riley Minor/Brady Minor, 10.6, \$2,195; 4. Aaron Tsingine/Kinney Harrell, 10.7, \$1,808; 5. Dustin Bird/Russell Carroza, 11.2, \$1,420.

Saddle bronc riding: 1. (tie) Sterling Crowley on Calgary Stampede's Weary Joke, and Tyrell J. Smith, on Kesler Rodeo's Navajo Sun, 83 points, \$4,758 each; 3. Brady Nicholes, 81, \$3,052; 4. (tie) Zeke Thurston and Cody DeMoss, 80.5, \$1,616 each.

Tie-down roping: Second round: 1. Jayce Johnson, 8.0 seconds, \$2,139; 2. Jake Pratt, 8.4, \$1,860; 3. Rhen Richard, 8.5, \$1,581; 4. Tyler Crin, 8.6, \$1,302; 5. (tie) Joe Keating and Shane Erickson, 9.3, \$883 each. Average: 1. Tyler Crin, 16.7 seconds on two head, \$3,208; 2. Rhen Richard, 17.4, \$2,790; 3. Jayce Johnson, 18.9, \$2,371; 4. Reese Riemer, 19.1, \$1,953; 5. Jake Pratt, 19.4, \$1,534.

Barrel racing: 1. Kimmie Wall, 17.09 seconds, \$4,492; 2. Kathy Grimes, 17.15, \$3,594; 3. Callahan Crossley, 17.21, \$2,920; 4. Amber Leigh Moore, 17.27, \$2,246; 5. (tie) Rachel Stoller and Jana Griemsmann, 17.31, \$1,572 each.

Bull riding: 1. Cole Melancon, 83.5 points on Corey & Lange Rodeo's Comatose, \$4,935; 2. Garrett Smith, 83, \$3,784; 3. Kurtis Turner, 81, \$2,797; 4. Brady Portenier, 79.5, \$1,810.

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"I don't remember a first-year guy having a first game that was that obvious like that," Carroll said of Powell.

The more important developments were the play of the offensive line and Boykin's performance.

The projected starting line has been the most watched position group during training camp because of its perceived weakness. Justin Britt seemed to adjust well to his move to center, tackles Bradley Sowell and Garry Gilliam played well and rookie Germain Ifedi made a few mistakes but overall held up in his first professional game.

"I thought we were tight in our pass protection and really hit some runs against a really nice front," Carroll said.

Boykin was 12 of 22 passing before the final drive when he hit all four passes, including the touchdown to McEvoy. Carroll said Boykin had some issues in the huddle that led to miscommunication but the coach was pleased overall as Boykin tries to show he can serve as Russell Wilson's backup.

"He showed the big plays and showed the confidence and the poise to get through it and the clock is ticking down on that last play and the clock is running out and had great poise to finish it off like he did," Carroll said.

Michael exhibited the continuing maturation he first displayed when he was re-signed by the Seahawks late last season. Michael has received the bulk of the work in training camp as Thomas Rawls recovers from the ankle injury he suffered in December.

"I'm just here to contribute. Whether that's a 1-2 punch or backing Thomas up or starting, I have to be consistent, I have to do my job, I have to be trustworthy and know what I'm doing," Michael said.

Olympics

TV SCHEDULE	
TODAY	NBC — Track & Field (LIVE): Men's Triple Jump - Gold Medal Final, Women's Discus - Gold Medal Final; Men's Water Polo - Quarterfinal (LIVE); Equestrian - Team Jumping Qualifying; Women's Volleyball - Quarterfinal (LIVE); Men's Diving - Springboard Semifinal; Beach Volleyball - Semifinal (LIVE); 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Track & Field - Gold Medal Finals (LIVE): Men's High Jump, Women's 1500m, Men's 110m Hurdles; Gymnastics - Individual Event Gold Medal Finals: Men's Parallel Bars, Women's Floor, Men's High Bar; Beach Volleyball - Semifinal (LIVE), 8 p.m. - Midnight. Men's Diving - Springboard Gold Medal Final, 12:35-1:35 a.m.
NBCSN	— Canoe/Kayak - Sprint Gold Medal Finals (LIVE); Track & Field (LIVE): Men's Triple Jump - Gold Medal Final, Women's Discus - Gold Medal Final; Men's Swimming - Open Water 10k Gold Medal Final; Women's Soccer - Semifinal (LIVE); Cycling - Track Events; Canoe/Kayak - Sprint Gold Medal Finals; Women's Soccer - Semifinal (LIVE); Badminton - Doubles Semifinals; Women's Basketball - Quarterfinal (LIVE); Wrestling - Greco-Roman Gold Medal Finals; Light Gold Medal Final; Men's Weightlifting - Superheavy Gold Medal Final; Women's Volleyball - Quarterfinal (LIVE); Women's Table Tennis - Team Gold Medal Finals, 8 a.m. - Midnight.
MSNBC	— Wrestling - Greco-Roman Qualifying; Women's Handball - Quarterfinal (LIVE); Men's Water Polo - Quarterfinal (LIVE); Sailing - Gold Medal Finals, Noon-5 p.m.
USA	— Women's Volleyball - Quarterfinal (LIVE); Men's Field Hockey - Semifinal (LIVE); Badminton - Doubles Semifinal; Synchronized Swimming - Duet Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Women's Table Tennis - Team Bronze Medal; Men's Beach Volleyball - Semifinal (LIVE); Badminton - Doubles Semifinal, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
NBC	— Cycling - Track Gold Medal Finals (LIVE); Women's Volleyball - Quarterfinal (LIVE); Men's Field Hockey - Semifinal, 5-8 p.m.
GOLF CHANNEL	— Golf Central Live From the Olympics, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. & 6-8 p.m.
NBC BASKETBALL CHANNEL	— Women's Basketball - Quarterfinal 1 (LIVE), Quarterfinal 1 encore, Quarterfinal 2 (LIVE), Quarterfinal 2 encore, Quarterfinal 2 encore, Quarterfinal 3 (LIVE), Quarterfinal 3 encore, Quarterfinal 4 (LIVE), 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
NBC SOCCER CHANNEL	— Women's Soccer - Semifinal 1 (LIVE), Semifinal 1 encore, Semifinal 2 (LIVE), Semifinal 2 encore, Semifinal 2 encore, Noon-11 p.m.
TELEMUNDO	— News Recap; Women's Soccer - Semifinal; Synchronized Swimming, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
NBC UNIVERSO	— Women's Soccer - Semifinal; Beach Volleyball - Semifinal; Boxing - Elimination Matches, 3-8 p.m.

Monday's scores and results	
BASKETBALL	
Men	Brazil 86, Nigeria 69 Spain 92, Argentina 73 Croatia 90, Lithuania 81

FIELD HOCKEY	
Women	
Quarterfinals	New Zealand 4, Australia 2 Germany 2, United States 1 Britain 2, Spain 1 Netherlands 3, Argentina 2

TEAM HANDBALL	
Men	Slovenia 25, Poland 20 Germany 31, Egypt 25 France 33, Denmark 30 Sweden 30, Brazil 19 Croatia 41, Tunisia 26 Qatar 22, Argentina 18

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL	
Men	Argentina 3, Egypt 0 (25-16, 25-19, 25-20) United States 3, Mexico 0 (25-23, 25-11, 25-19) Russia 3, Iran 0 (25-23, 25-16, 25-20) Poland 3, Cuba 0 (25-18, 25-15, 25-17) Canada 3, Italy 1 (25-23, 25-17, 16-25, 25-21) Brazil 3, France 1 (25-22, 22-25, 25-20, 25-23)
Women	United States 13, Brazil 3 Hungary 13, Australia 11 Russia 12, Spain 10 Italy 12, China 7
BEACH VOLLEYBALL	
Men	Quarterfinals Alison Cerutti and Bruno Oscar Schmidt, Brazil, def. Phil Dalhausser and Nicholas Lucena, United States, 21-14, 12-21, 15-9. Alexander Brouwer and Robert Meeuwssen, Netherlands, def. Reinder Nummerdor and Christiaan Varenhorst, Netherlands, 25-23, 21-17. Paolo Nicolai and Daniele Lupo, Italy, def. Nikita Li-amin and Dmtrii Barsuk, Russia, 21-18, 20-22, 15-11. Vladislav Krasnikov and Konstantin Semenov, Russia, def. Nivaldo Nadhir Diaz Gomez and Sergio Reynaldo Gonzalez Bayard, Cuba, 22-20, 22-24, 18-16.
TRACK AND FIELD	
Men	
800M	Final 1. David Lekuta Rudisha, Kenya, 1:42.15. 2. Taoufik Makhloufi, Algeria, 1:42.61. 3. Clayton Murphy, United States, 1:42.93.
Pole Vault	Final 1. Thiago Braz da Silva, Brazil, (6.03), 19.9-1.4. 2. Renaud Lavillenie, France, (5.98), 19.7-1.4. 3. Sam Kendrick, United States, (5.85), 19.2-1.4.
Women	
400M	Final 1. Shaunae Miller, Bahamas, 49.44. 2. Allyson Felix, United States, 49.51. 3. Shericka Jackson, Jamaica, 49.85.
3000 Steeplechase	Final 1. Ruth Jebet, Bahrain, 8:59.75. 2. Hyvin Kiyeng Jepkemoi, Kenya, 9:07.12. 3. Emma Coburn, United States, 9:07.63.
BOXING	
Heavy (91kg)	Gold Medal Evgeny Tishchenko, Russia, def. Vassiliy Levit, Kazakhstan, 3-0.
GYMNASTICS	
Women	
Beam	Final 1. Sanne Wevers, Netherlands, 15.466. 2. Liloupe Hernandez, United States, 15.333. 3. Simone Biles, United States, 14.733.

West Division	
W	L Pct GB
Texas	70 50 .583 —
Seattle	63 54 .538 5½
Houston	61 57 .517 8
Oakland	52 67 .437 17½
Los Angeles	49 69 .415 20
Monday's Games	
Boston 3, Cleveland 2	
N.Y. Yankees 1, Toronto 0	
Kansas City 3, Detroit 1	
Tampa Bay 8, San Diego 2	
Texas 5, Oakland 2	
Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 2	
Tuesday's Games	
Boston (Rodriguez 2-5) at Baltimore (Gallardo 4-4), 4:05 p.m.	
Toronto (Estrada 7-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 6-10), 4:05 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 9-8) at Cleveland (Kluber 12-8), 4:10 p.m.	
Kansas City (Duffy 9-1) at Detroit (Verlander 12-6), 4:10 p.m.	
Minnesota (Santana 5-9) at Atlanta (De La Cruz 0-5), 4:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Jackson 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Snell 3-5), 4:10 p.m.	
Oakland (Triggs 0-1) at Texas (Harrell 3-2), 5:05 p.m.	
St. Louis (Garcia 9-8) at Houston (Keuchel 7-11), 5:10 p.m.	
Seattle (Miranda 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Chacin 3-8), 7:05 p.m.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
East Division	
W	L Pct GB
Washington	70 47 .598 —
Houston	62 56 .525 8½
New York	59 59 .500 11½
Philadelphia	56 63 .471 15
Atlanta	44 74 .373 26½
Central Division	
W	L Pct GB
Chicago	73 43 .629 —
St. Louis	62 56 .525 12
Pittsburgh	60 56 .517 13
Milwaukee	52 64 .448 21
Cincinnati	48 69 .410 25½
West Division	
W	L Pct GB
San Francisco	66 52 .559 —
Los Angeles	65 52 .556 ½
Colorado	56 63 .471 10½
San Diego	50 68 .424 16
Arizona	49 69 .415 17
Monday's Games	
Miami 6, Cincinnati 3	
Tampa Bay 8, San Diego 2	
Washington 5, Colorado 4	
Arizona 10, N.Y. Mets 6	
Pittsburgh 8, San Francisco 5	
Tuesday's Games	
Milwaukee (Garza 4-4) at Chicago Cubs (Cahill 1-3), 10:20 a.m., 1st game	
L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 11-7) at Philadelphia (Velazquez 8-4), 4:05 p.m.	
Miami (Urena 1-3) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 6-1), 4:10 p.m.	
Minnesota (Santana 5-9) at Atlanta (De La Cruz 0-5), 4:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Jackson 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Snell 3-5), 4:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee (Anderson 7-10) at Chicago Cubs (Hammell 12-5), 5:05 p.m., 2nd game	
St. Louis (Garcia 9-8) at Houston (Keuchel 7-11), 5:10 p.m.	
Washington (Gonzalez 8-9) at Colorado (Bettis 10-6), 5:40 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 9-7) at Arizona (Shipey 2-1), 6:40 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (Taillon 3-2) at San Francisco (Samardzija 10-8), 7:15 p.m.	

MLB

NORTHWEST LEAGUE	
North Division	
W	L Pct GB
Everett (Mariners)	12 6 .667 —
Spokane (Rangers)	8 10 .444 4
Tri-City (Padres)	7 11 .389 5
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	7 11 .389 5
South Division	
W	L Pct GB
Eugene (Cubs)	13 5 .722 —
Hillsboro (Dbacks)	10 8 .556 3
Boise (Rockies)	8 10 .444 5
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	7 11 .389 6
Monday's Games	
Boise 5, Tri-City 2	
Eugene 4, Spokane 2	
Salem-Keizer 7, Everett 0	
Vancouver 6, Hillsboro 5	
Tuesday's Games	
Vancouver at Hillsboro, 1 p.m.	
Tri-City at Boise, 6 p.m.	
Eugene at Spokane, 6 p.m.	
Salem-Keizer at Everett, 7 p.m.	
Soccer	
EASTERN CONFERENCE	
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W	L T Pts GF GA
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