

Pendleton Buckaroos



Pendleton's Haley Greb (4) spikes the ball in a match against Hood River Valley at Warberg Court last season. Greb returns to lead a young but experienced front line for the Buckaroos in 2016.

Head coach: Amanda Lapp, 3rd year (5th overall)
Assistant coaches: Kristan Garton, 2nd year; Sonia Cooley, 1st year; Xayna Robinson, 1st year; Shelby Greb, 1st year
Returning lettermen: 7
Returning All-CRC: Haley Greb, OH, sr.
Other returning starters: Lauren Richards, DS, jr.; Rylee Gentner, OH/DS, jr.; Maureen Davies, MB/RS, jr.; Elli Nirschl, MB/OH, so.
Other seniors: Haley Bradley, Raylee Lehnert
On offense: Lapp is looking for the Buckaroos to take the next step in their evolution as attackers in 2016, and is emphasizing ball placement over heavy striking. She wants the Bucks to be able to see and attack the weak points in the opposing defense, and have a purpose for the placement of each shot.
On defense: The Buckaroos should have good size at the net, but Lapp is looking for better focus all around this season.
Lapp's key to the season: "Compete with the mentality that the ball is coming to me, and be in a position to make the play when it comes to you."

2016 Schedule

Aug. 27	at Lewiston (ID) Tournament	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 2	at Mtn View Tournament	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 6	at Baker	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	vs La Grande	6:15 p.m.
Sept. 13	vs Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	at The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Hermiston*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Oregon City Tournament	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 27	at Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	vs The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Westview Tournament	8:30 a.m.
Oct. 4	vs Hermiston*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at La Grande	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	vs Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Hermiston*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	vs Baker	6:30 p.m.

*-League game

5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

The Columbia River Conference playoff race should come down to the very last point as three teams will earn an extra match. Only the champion is guaranteed a spot in the 16-team OSAA bracket, though, and the runner-up and third-place team will go through the play-in round.

Projected Finish

- 1. The Dalles Riverhawks
- 2. Hood River Valley Eagles
- 3. Pendleton Buckaroos
- 4. Hermiston Bulldogs

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes.)

2015 Final Standings

Team	Conf.	Overall
Hood River*	3-0	4-6
The Dalles*	2-1	5-5
Pendleton	1-2	3-6
Hermiston	0-3	1-7

*-Made playoffs

Around The League

Hood River returning All-CRC: Rebecca Johnston, L/OH, sr.; Shae Duffy, OH, jr.; Emily Curtis, S, so.; Katie Kennedy, MB/OH, so.
The Dalles returning All-CRC: Iliana Telles, OH, sr.

Hermiston Bulldogs

Head coach: Elise Fleming, 1st year
Assistant coaches: Cristina Null, 6th year; Amy Dyck, 1st year; Maloree Moss, 1st year
Returning lettermen: 10
Returning All-CRC: Kynzee Padilla, MB, sr.; Clarissa Nitz, S, sr.
Other returning starters: Hayden Meyers, OH, sr.; Alexandra Barton, L/DS, sr.; Regan Meyers, OH, jr.; Maddy Juul, MB, jr.
Other seniors: Baylee Powers, DS/L; Ebony Wilson, RS
On offense: Fleming is emphasizing accurate passing, and always wants the team to take the most aggressive option available.
On defense: Fleming has installed a less complicated base defense, which should allow the Bulldogs to transition and adjust quicker, and hopefully dig more balls.
Fleming's key to the season: "We are going to make simple yet significant changes that allow us to be highly efficient and consistent."



2016 Schedule

Sept. 2	at Mtn View Tourney	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 6	vs La Grande	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Canby Tourney	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 15	at The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Yakima (WA) Tourney	TBD
Sept. 20	vs Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	vs Pendleton*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	vs The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Westview Tourney	8:30 a.m.
Oct. 4	at Pendleton*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	at The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	vs Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	vs Pendleton*	6:30 p.m.

*-League game



Hermiston's Kynzee Padilla (12) goes for the kills in a match against Hood River Valley last season at The Dawg House in Hermiston. Padilla is one of four returning starters at the net for Hermiston.

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