

2A COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE

The Columbia Basin Conference is down to five teams after Irrigon left for Class 3A, but the league will still receive two playoff berths.

Projected Finish

- Culver Bulldogs
- Weston-McEwen TigerScots
- Pilot Rock Rockets
- Stanfield Tigers
- Heppner Mustangs

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes.)

2015 Final Standings

	Conf.	Overall
Culver*	10-0	30-4
Weston-McEwen*	8-2	22-11
Heppner	5-5	12-13
Pilot Rock	4-6	12-13
Stanfield	3-7	8-11
Irrigon	0-10	4-17

*-Made playoffs

Weston-McEwen TigerScots

Head coach: Shawn White, 14th year
Assistant coaches: Debra Sheard, 13th year; KC Ashley, 7th year; Alaina Wright, 2nd year.
Returning lettermen: 7

2016 Schedule

Aug. 25	vs Dufur & Imbler	4/7 p.m.
Aug. 27	at Grant Union Tourney	8 a.m.
Sept. 2	at Union	4 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Heppner Tourney	9 a.m.
Sept. 6	vs Dayton (WA)	5 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Reedsport Tourney	TBD
Sept. 13	vs WWVA (WA)	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Imbler	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	vs Culver*	4 p.m.
Sept. 22	vs Stanfield*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	at La Grande Tourney	8 a.m.
Sept. 27	at Heppner*	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Pilot Rock*	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Culver*	4 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Stanfield*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	vs Heppner*	5 p.m.
Oct. 18	vs Pilot Rock*	5 p.m.
Oct. 22	at CBC Districts (Heppner)	Noon

*-League game

Returning All-CBC: Ali Schroeder, S, sr.; Sara von Borstel, OH, sr.; Sarah Finifrock, OH, sr.; Alyssa Finifrock, MH, jr.
Other returning starters: Tiah Benedict, DS, sr.; Bailey Hillmick, DS, sr.; Maddi Muilenburg, MH, jr.
On offense: The TigerScots bring back all-state setter Schroeder as well as all of her top hitters making Weston-McEwen one of the most dangerous teams at the net in their classification. Improved serving will mean very few free points for opponents. Sarah Finifrock led them with 248 kills last season.
On defense: White said the TigerScots have also seen an up-tick in performance in blocking and digging. Alyssa Finifrock was their top net defender last season with 63 blocks and Sara von Borstel led them with 364 digs.

White's keys to the season: "We have improved our skills greatly from last year and will have outstanding serving and blocking in front of an excellent defense."



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
All-State setter Ali Schroeder is back as a senior to lead the TigerScots offense again.

Heppner

Head coach: Dieter Waite, 13th year
Assistant coach: Mindy Wilson, 10th year
Returning lettermen: 5
Returning All-CBC: Onna DeLoach, L, sr.; Sophie Grant, OH/MB/S, jr.; Morgan Correa, OH, jr.



Other returning starters: Riane Dompier, MB/OH, sr.
Other seniors: Taylor Hamby
On offense: Waite's offensive philosophy begins with a strong serve-serve and stresses court vision.
On defense: Proper positioning on the back line and accurate serving are the two things Waite said will give the Mustangs the best chance at keeping opposing offenses in check.
Waite's keys to the season: "Utility, selflessness and teamwork."

2016 Schedule

Aug. 27	at Grant Union Tournament	8 a.m.
Sept. 1	vs Echo & Sherman	4 p.m.
Sept. 3	vs Heppner Invite	9 a.m.
Sept. 6	at Irrigon	5 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Condon Tournament	9 a.m.
Sept. 13	at Culver*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	vs Pilot Rock*	5 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Dufur/vs Perrydale	2 p.m.
Sept. 27	vs Weston-McEwen*	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Stanfield*	5 p.m.
Oct. 4	vs Culver*	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Pilot Rock*	5 p.m.
Oct. 8	vs Irrigon	10 a.m.
Oct. 13	at Weston-McEwen*	5 p.m.
Oct. 18	vs Stanfield*	5 p.m.
Oct. 22	vs CBC Districts (at Heppner)	Noon

*-League game

Pilot Rock

Head coach: Elaine Howland, 5th year
Assistant coach: Penny Gibbs
Returning lettermen: 9
Returning All-CBC: Abby Rigby, OH/DS, jr.; Tehya Ostrom, S, sr.; Kayla Deist, OH/MB, jr.; Rhyanne Oates, L/OH, jr.
Other returners: Rachel Willingham, MB, sr.; Shayla Walker, RS/OH, sr.; Sara Weinke, RS, jr.; Siobhan Holman, S/RS, jr.; Grace Austin, MB, soph.



2016 Schedule

Aug. 27	at Grant Union Tournament	8 a.m.
Sept. 2	vs Irrigon	5 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Umatilla/vs Helix	4 p.m.
Sept. 8	vs Enterprise	5 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Condon Tournament	9 a.m.
Sept. 15	vs Stanfield*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	vs Union	3 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Irrigon	5 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Heppner*	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Culver*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	vs Umatilla	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	vs Weston-McEwen*	5 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Stanfield*	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	vs Heppner*	5 p.m.
Oct. 11	vs Culver*	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Weston-McEwen*	5 p.m.
Oct. 22	at CBC Districts (Heppner)	Noon

*-League game

Stanfield

Head coach: Angie Connell, 2nd year
Returning lettermen: 5
Returning All-CBC: Shyanne Connell, S/RS, sr.
Other returning starters: Kenzie Gonzales, OH, sr.; Brittinn Braithwaite, MH, sr.; Maya Gadsden, MH, sr.
Other seniors: Yakima Guzman, L
On offense: With an all-conference setter and several senior hitters back on the court, Connell is stressing great passing to make sure the Tigers can put those tools to proper use.
On defense: Connell has been stressing footwork and anticipation in coverage to get her team ready for the season.
Connell's keys to the season: "Play as a team, and keep the mentality on the floor positive and aggressive. Play up to our abilities and not the abilities of the other team."



2016 Schedule

Aug. 27	vs Stanfield Tournament	9 a.m.
Sept. 2	at Echo	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	vs Imbler	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs Nixyaawii	1 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Pilot Rock*	6 p.m.
Sept. 17	vs Union	1 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Weston-McEwen*	6 p.m.
Sept. 27	vs Culver*	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	vs Heppner*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	vs Pilot Rock*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Umatilla	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	vs Weston-McEwen*	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Culver*	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Heppner*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	at CBC Districts (Heppner)	Noon

*-League game

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4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE

Many of the conference's top players return to lead their teams in pursuit of a playoff berth. The league champion will get a bye into the Round of 16, while the runner-up will start in the play-in round.

Projected Finish

- La Grande Tigers
- Ontario Tigers
- McLoughlin Pioneers
- Baker Bulldogs

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes.)

2015 Final Standings

	Conf.	Overall
La Grande*	5-1	9-4-1
Ontario*	5-1	12-3-1
McLoughlin	2-4	6-7-2
Baker	0-6	0-11

*- Made playoffs

Around The League

La Grande returning All-GOL: (Player of the Year) Lewis Wright, M, sr.; Efrain Rivas, D, sr.; Cristian Miramontes, M, jr.; Michael Ebel, F, jr.; Jon Gonzalez, GK, sr.
Ontario returning All-GOL: Hector Aguado, F, sr.; Saul Guardado, M, sr.; Andy Sanchez, D, jr.
Baker returning All-GOL: Jake Gentili, F, sr.; Mason Tomac, D, jr.; Omar Benites, M, so.

McLoughlin

Head coach: Jose Garcia, 24th year
Assistant coach: Francisco Saldana, 1st year
Returning lettermen: 10
Returning starters: Juan Salazar, F, sr.; Eduardo Corona, D, sr.; Roberto Epifanio, D, sr.; Humberto Villagomez, GK, sr.



Impact transfers: Albert Garcia (Wa-Hi)
On offense: The Pioneers like to attack down the sideline looking for crosses that can be headed or volleyed into the net. They scored 44 goals last season.
On defense: Staying disciplined and playing together as a unit are Garcia's biggest points of emphasis on defense, two he felt the team came up short in last season as the Pioneers allowed 30 goals.
Garcia's key to the season: "Keeping possession of the ball."

2016 Schedule

Aug. 30	at Hermiston	4 p.m.
Sept. 2	at Stayton	3 p.m.
Sept. 3	at Hood River	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	vs The Dalles	4 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs Prescott (WA)	Noon
Sept. 17	vs Ontario*	Noon
Sept. 24	at La Grande*	Noon
Sept. 27	at Riverside	4 p.m.
Sept. 29	vs Pendleton	4 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Baker*	2 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Ontario*	Noon
Oct. 13	vs Riverside	4 p.m.
Oct. 15	at La Grande*	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	vs Baker*	2 p.m.

*-League game

1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

The Old Oregon League expands to eight members with the addition of Cove. The top three teams at the end of the season will earn berths in the postseason, but only the league champion gets a bye straight to the Round of 16.

Projected Finish

- Powder Valley Badgers
- Echo Cougars
- Joseph Eagles
- Helix Grizzlies
- Cove Leopards
- Pine Eagle Spartans
- Wallowa Cougars
- Nixyaawii Golden Eagles

(Rankings based on coaches and media votes.)

2015 Final Standings

	Conf.	Ovr
Powder Val.*	10-2	22-9
Helix*	10-2	19-6
Echo*	8-4	17-9
Joseph	8-4	12-9
Pine Eagle	4-8	7-12
Nixyaawii	1-11	3-15
Wallowa	1-11	1-21

*-Made playoffs

Helix Grizzlies

Head coach: Dianna Anderson, 1st year
Assistant coach: Cecelia Bonifer, 1st year
Returning lettermen: 6
Returning starters: Macey Tullis, L, sr.; Charmayne Bennett, S/DS, jr.; Kailey Mize, MB/OH, jr.; Sadie Wilson, MB/OH, jr.



Sadie Wilson (30) returns on the line for Helix this season.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

On offense: Anderson's scheme is largely opponent-based, so the Grizzlies will adjust their base set throughout the season as Anderson becomes more familiar with her own team and those in the OOL.
On defense: Regardless of who is in her rotation, Anderson is looking for quick and aggressive net play to lead the Grizzlies.
Anderson's key to the season: "Having the utmost respect and trust in our team and pushing them to compete at their maximum level."

2016 Schedule

Sept. 1	vs Riverside & Mac-Hi	4/6 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Umatilla/vs Pilot Rock	4 p.m.
Sept. 8	vs Cove*	5 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs Helix Tournament	10 a.m.
Sept. 13	vs Joseph*	5 p.m.
Sept. 20	at Echo*	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs Elgin	5 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Pine Eagle*	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	vs Echo*	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Cove*	5 p.m.
Oct. 1	vs Pine Eagle*	10 a.m.
Oct. 4	at Powder Valley*	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	vs Nixyaawii*	5 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Wallowa* & Joseph*	1/3 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Ione	5 p.m.
Oct. 12	at Nixyaawii*	5 p.m.
Oct. 15	vs Pow. Val.* & Wallowa*10 a.m./1 p.m.	10 a.m./1 p.m.
Oct. 22	at OOL Districts (at La Grande)	TBD

*-League game

Echo

Head coach: Janice Scott, 7th year
Returning lettermen: 7
Returning starters: Hannah McCarty, OH/S, sr.; Samantha McQuown, OH, sr.; Alyssa Ray, MB, jr.; Taylor Swaggart, DS, jr.
Other seniors: Devyn Tarvin, MB/S
Impact transfer: Marti Huff, jr. (Hermiston)
On offense: Echo's 6-2 formation allows the Cougars to put three hitters on the front row at all times.
On defense: Scott wants the Cougars focused on proper positioning in coverage.
Scott's key to the season: "To out-hustle and out-play any opponent we face."



2016 Schedule

Sept. 1	at Heppner/vs Sherman	4 p.m./TBD
Sept. 3	at Riverside Tournament	10 a.m.
Sept. 9	vs Irrigon & Lone	10 a.m./4 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Pine Eagle*	1 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Cove*	5 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Powder Tournament	4 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Powder Tournament	10 a.m.
Sept. 20	vs Nixyaawii*	5 p.m.
Sept. 23	vs Pine Eagle*	4 p.m.
Sept. 24	vs Cove & Powder Valley*	1/3:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	at Helix*	5 p.m.
Sept. 30	vs Wallowa*	4 p.m.
Oct. 1	vs Joseph*	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	at Nixyaawii*	5 p.m.
Oct. 7	at Powder Valley*	4 p.m.
Oct. 13	at Wallowa*	5 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Joseph*	4 p.m.
Oct. 22	at OOL Districts (at La Grande)	TBD

*-League game

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