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HERMISTON

Jaguars stun Bulldogs

Goal in 80th minute gives Century the win

By **MATT ENTRUP**
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The Bulldogs had barely finished celebrating their game-tying goal in the 79th minute when Century's Pablo Monteroso delivered up a final sobering drive off his left foot to lift



the Jaguars to a 3-2 win on Tuesday at Kennison Field.

It was the senior's third goal of the game, and came with just 25 seconds left when he beat his defender to a centering pass from Alonzo Beltran Campos at the top of the penalty box and laced a low line drive past charging goalkeeper Junior Lopez.

"We can't let this define us in a negative way," said Hermiston coach Rich Harshberger. "We've got to take inspiration from it and we've got to come out and make sure this never happens again."

"This has been our biggest test to date obviously, and Century's a good team, I don't want to take anything away from them. They just got the better of us today. ... It's just a tough one."

Just seconds prior, the Bulldogs (3-1) had knotted the game at two goals apiece when junior defender

See **BOYS SOCCER/2B**



Century's Jerin Baeza (14) shoves Hermiston's Isaac Munoz-Ortega (6) in the penalty box to set up the Bulldogs' first goal in their boys soccer game on Tuesday at Kennison Field in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Matt Entrup

PENDLETON

Bucks feeling good in Week 2

Opening win giving Pendleton confidence for Putnam

By **ERIC SINGER**
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Starting the season off with a victory in any sport is a big-time morale booster.

But in the sport of football when there are fewer than 10 chances to earn victories and very little room for error, getting win No. 1 checked off early is perhaps the most important step to success.

"I think it's crucial," Pendleton head coach Erik Davis said of starting off with a win. "It doesn't matter who you beat, getting that first 'W' is huge."

The Pendleton Buckaroos did just that last Friday when they toppled the La Grande Tigers 48-28 to improve to 1-0 on the season. But while the Buckaroos are happy for the self-confidence boost the victory brought with it, the team knows it can't linger over it very long.

"It's a good feeling but now we're looking at ourselves as 0-0," said Pendleton senior Deven Page following Tuesday's practice. "Now we're just working to get back to 1-0 again."

Junior quarterback Nick Bower agreed with Page.

"It's a huge boost to start the season off right," he said, "but we also have to put it into perspective to treat every game the same and come prepared to do our jobs again this week."

Standing in the Buckaroos way from another 1-0 week

See **BUCKS/2B**

Prep Roundup

Hermiston falls in home opener

Hermiston's Sophia Street-er hits the ball in the Bulldogs' game against La Grande on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Bulldogs mount comeback, but La Grande holds on

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After picking up their first two wins of the season on Friday afternoon, the Hermiston Bulldogs volleyball team stepped onto the Dawg House court on Tuesday evening for its 2016 home opener.

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Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, the La Grande Tigers were determined to spoil the Bulldogs' homecoming and that they did, defeating Hermiston 3-2. La Grande took the first two sets 25-20 and 25-13 and then won the fifth set convincingly 15-6.

Staring at a 2-0 deficit, Hermiston (2-1) was able to battle back and steal the third and fourth set wins with scores of 25-20 and 25-21, a comeback that head coach Elise Fleming said stemmed from a change in serve strategy.

"It was a big contributor and we started to put hits in the court and it allowed us to get back in it," Fleming said. "But in the fifth set it's all about coming together as a team and we'll get better at that as we go."

Senior outside hitter Hayden Meyers had a big game for the Bulldogs, registering a team-high 32 digs and six kills, while Regan Meyers tallied seven kills to lead the team. Other team leaders included senior setter Clarissa Nitz who tallied 16 assists and three aces and senior libero Baylee Powers with 31 digs.

Even with the loss, Fleming said the match will be a great learning tool for the rest of the season.

See **PREPS/2B**

HERMISTON

Bulldogs look to level out after uneven start

Hermiston preparing for Lewiston's passing attack

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The Hermiston Bulldogs aren't going to be making any knee-jerk reactions based off their 38-27 season-opening loss to Union (WA) last Friday. However, a couple decisions made in the heat of the moment could affect this week's



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game at Lewiston (ID) after two Bulldogs were ejected in Week 1.

Seniors Jerry Ramirez and AJ Fernandez were shown the door after referees said they saw them throw punches during separate

incidents. That would mean they have to sit out this week as well, but the Bulldogs are appealing on behalf of both players and hope to have an answer by today.

"Based off film, and then our HDTV team did a great job," said Hermiston coach David Faaeteete. "They were on the sidelines so they got the whole sequence from what caused it, to the reaction of players, to the separation of players. And in no way shape or form did our players throw a punch."

The Bulldogs will need all hands on deck when they travel out of state to play the Lewiston (ID)

Bengals for their first road game of the season.

It's the fourth-straight season the teams have played, and Hermiston leads the series 2-1. But the Bengals (2-0) took last year's game in Hermiston 56-37 and return big-armed senior quarterback Colton Richardson (6-foot-2, 225 pounds).

Richardson topped 400 yards passing in Lewiston's 53-28 win over Walla Walla last week, and so it's no surprise where Hermiston's defensive game plan has to begin.

"We've got to put the pressure on See **BULLDOGS/2B**

Sports shorts

Djokovic breezes into U.S. Open semis for 10th straight year

Novak Djokovic moved into the U.S. Open semifinals for the 10th consecutive year when No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga stopped because of a hurt left knee, the defending champion's third opponent to pull out with an injury.

After the top-seeded Djokovic won the first two sets 6-3, 6-2 on Tuesday night, Tsonga was visited by a trainer and had his left leg taped below the knee. Tsonga double-faulted on the opening point of the third set, then retired from the match.

Djokovic's second-round opponent, Jiri Vesely, withdrew from the tournament with a sore left forearm. The man Djokovic was supposed to play in the third round, Mikhail Youzhny, quit after six games because of a strained left hamstring.



Djokovic

"I think it's his right to be able to protest, and I think it's all right. That's what it's about. It's about people having that right to have their voice, and I think it's cool that Jeremy Lane is doing what he wants to do."

— **Michael Bennett**

Seattle Seahawks defensive lineman speaking on teammate Jeremy Lane's decision to follow in the footsteps of Colin Kaepernick and kneel during the national anthem before games to make a statement for social change.

Rangers down Mariners 10-7

SEATTLE (AP) Elvis Andrus had a homer and three doubles, Jonathan Lucroy hit a two-run homer and the Texas Rangers held off the slumping Seattle Mariners 10-7 on Tuesday night.

Texas, which leads the AL West by 8 games, had a season-high seven doubles among its 15 hits and won for the eighth time in 10 games.

Martin Perez (10-10) allowed four runs two earned and seven hits in six innings to earn the win.

James Paxton (4-6) allowed six runs four earned and nine hits, throwing 103 pitches in 7 1/3 innings.

The Rangers snapped a 4-4 tie with three runs in the fifth. Lucroy chased Paxton with his ninth homer since joining the Rangers. Drew Storen relieved and gave up doubles to Andrus and pinch-hitter Mitch Moreland.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1980 — John McEnroe beats Bjorn Borg of Sweden 7-6, 6-1, 6-7, 5-7, 6-4 to win his second straight U.S. Open men's title.

1993 — Mark Whiten of the St. Louis Cardinals has the greatest game at the plate in major league history in the nightcap of a doubleheader against Cincinnati. Whiten hits four home runs and drives in 12 runs, becoming the only player to accomplish both feats in one game.

1996 — Mike Tyson needs just 109 seconds to win the WBA heavyweight championship from Bruce Seldon in Las Vegas.

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