

PENDLETON

Buckaroos see improvement



Pendleton's Andrew Moran (17) and Sandy goalkeeper Brandon Moreno meet at the ball during a non-league boys soccer game on Thursday at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton. The game ended in a 2-2 draw.

Staff photo by Eric Singer

Prep Roundup

Bucks shut down Tigers

Pendleton volleyball notches first win of season

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Buckaroo volleyball team earned their first win of the 2016 season in its home opener on Thursday night, taking down the La Grande Tigers 3-1.

"We started out a little slow, but were able to work into our groove and really make the plays count when we needed it," said Pendleton coach Amanda Lapp.

Pendleton (1-3) dropped the first set to La Grande (3-3) 25-21, but rebounded in the second set to win it 25-16. The Buckaroos then followed up with an easy 25-17 victory in the third set and finished off the Tigers 26-24 in the fourth to claim the victory. The team also tallied 13 serving aces on the night.

"Our passing was on point tonight," Lapp said. "We were able to defend most anything that was coming over the net."

Senior Haley Greb led the Buckaroos with a team-high nine kills and junior Maureen Davies was close behind with seven kills. The Buckaroos got a big performance from

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Pendleton halts losing streak in best effort of season

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Thursday's game against Sandy was a tale of two halves for the Pendleton Buckaroos.

In the first half, the Bucks spent the majority of the 40 minutes playing defense as Sandy played a glorified game of keep-away and the two teams went to the break with Sandy holding a 1-0 lead. But in the second half, Pendleton looked like a much different team as it was the one controlling the ball and tallying numerous scoring opportunities. At the end of the day, it was the most complete performance the Buckaroos have put together this season, which resulted in a 2-2 tie with the Sandy Pioneers.

Pendleton (0-3-1) coach Jeremy Talbot agreed that it was the team's best game yet, in the shadows of being outscored 18-1 in its first three losses.

Boys Soccer	
 Sandy 2	 Pendleton 2

"Today was our third time in four games that we had been down by one goal at the half, but the other times we let it get away," he said. "In the past games when we gave up goals or had things not go our way we would panic and today the guys handled it a lot better and stayed composed."

"It was nice to see that we didn't fall for that trap again today."

Talbot added that the main focus at practice over the last several days has been better efforts on the defensive end of the field, and the team reaped the rewards on Thursday.

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Staff photo by Eric Singer

Pendleton's Jose Rodriguez, in white, battles Sandy's Hernan Hernandez for control of the ball Thursday during their boys soccer game at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

College Football

Mountaineers going after another upset

EOU meets second-straight ranked opponent

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon football coach Tim Camp knows exactly how long the Mountaineers had No. 2 Southern Oregon in their cross-hairs.

"We started thinking about Southern Oregon with 287 days left, I put it on the countdown clock," he said in his weekly

interview with EOUsports.com. "It was the next opportunity."

The Mountaineers didn't squander it, and handed their coach a 45-40 win last week at Community Stadium that moved Camp into a tie with Bob Quinn for most wins in program history.

He was much more excited for what the win could mean for the Mountaineers' season.

"You could see (the team

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chemistry) was coming around during fall camp, but to get the win in the first game, that's the way you need to start your season," he said. "And it's a better win when it's against your in-state rival Southern Oregon."

"For them to be carrying the No. 2 ranking makes that even more special for us. So I'm very proud of the team, coaches, all the sports staff that was able to help put that game on. It was probably

one of the best games that's ever been played here at Eastern."

The Mountaineers (1-0) will try to make it two in a row against ranked teams when they travel to Dillon, Montana, to take on No. 25 Montana Western on Saturday.

It's the home opener for the Bulldogs (2-0), which are coming off a 26-13 win over College of Idaho. Jay Owens intercepted two passes in that win and Zach Janis led the Frontier Conference's No. 1 defense with 14 tackles (six solo).

Montana Western is ranked first in the Frontier in scoring defense (13 points per game),

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MLB

Seager, Lee power M's past Texas

By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Kyle Seager hit a two-run homer and Dae-Ho Lee added a solo shot to lift the Seattle Mariners to a 6-3 victory over Texas on Thursday night, the Rangers' fourth loss in five games.

Taijuan Walker (5-10), who lasted just two-thirds of an inning in his previous start, shook off two game-opening walks to finish five innings, giving up three runs and seven hits to win for the first time in six starts.

Evan Scribner and Nick Vincent combined for three scoreless innings and rookie Edwin Diaz pitched a perfect ninth for his 13th save in 14 chances.

Derek Holland (7-7) allowed four runs and 10 hits in 4 1/3 innings, walking three and striking out five. Despite the loss, Texas still leads the AL West by 8 1/2 games.

Seager's home run off Jake Diekmann, his career-high 27th, put the Mariners up 6-3 in the seventh.

Seattle erased a 2-1 deficit with three runs in the third on a two-run, bases-loaded double by Chris Iannetta and Guillermo Heredia's RBI infield single.

Ian Desmond pulled Texas within 4-3, opening the fifth with his 22nd homer.

Texas went in front with two runs in the third. Carlos Beltran singled in Robinson Chirinos from second, whose reach-back slide narrowly beat the throw home from right fielder Franklin Gutierrez.

Adrian Beltre followed with another single, but left fielder Heredia threw out Desmond at home. Rougned Odor then delivered an RBI single.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1968 — Arthur Ashe wins the U.S. Open by beating Tom Okker 14-12, 5-7, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Ashe is the first African-American male to win a Grand Slam tournament.

1990 — Pete Sampras, at the age of 19 years and 28 days, becomes the youngest U.S. Open men's singles champion, defeating Andre Agassi, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

2000 — Yale becomes the first school to win 800 football games as Rashad Barholmew scores three touchdowns and rushes for 201 yards in a 42-6 victory over Dayton.

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Tebow signs minor league contract with New York Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — Having flopped with the New York Jets, Tim Tebow will try to revive his career as an outfielder with the Mets.

Four years removed from his last regular-season snap as an NFL quarterback, the 29-year-old agreed Thursday to a minor league contract with the Mets that includes a \$100,000 signing bonus.

He will report Sept. 18 to the Instructional League in Port St. Lucie, Florida, and test his baseball skills for three weeks against players just months removed from high school and college.

The Mets then will decide whether he goes to the Arizona Fall League, a winter league or gets personal tutoring to prepare for spring training.



Tebow

"It's not my job to question the officials. I really like this officiating crew, so it wasn't something I know they did intentionally. But it's not fun getting hit in the head."

— Cam Newton

Carolina Panthers quarterback after his team lost to Denver 21-20 on a missed 50-yard field goal with four seconds left in the NFL season opener on Thursday. Newton took a shot to the helmet in the final minute that was flagged, but was also called for intentional grounding on the play leading to offsetting the penalties.

Lochte loses bonuses, banned through June 2017

(AP) — Ryan Lochte is banned from swimming through next June and will forfeit \$100,000 in bonus money that went with his gold medal at the Olympics, part of the penalty for his drunken encounter at a gas station in Brazil during last month's games.

The U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Swimming announced the penalties Thursday. Lochte agreed to a ban that includes next year's world championships.

He'll get no monthly funding from either organization, can't access USOC training centers, must perform 20 hours of community service and will miss Team USA's post-Olympics trip to the White House.

Agreeing to four-month suspensions were Gunnar Bentz, Jack Conger and Jimmy Feigen, who were with Lochte at the gas station.



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