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# SPORTS

PENDLETON

## Buckaroos bounced around by Kingsmen

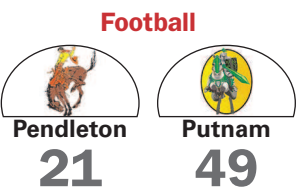
Pendleton gashed by Putnam running game

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MILWAUKIE — After a strong showing both defensively and offensively in Week 1 against La Grande, the Pendleton Buckaroos were feeling very confident about

Friday’s game against Putnam. However, once the game was played it was clear the Buckaroos may have been a little too confident.

The Putnam Kingsmen and their Wing-T offense ran all over the Buckaroos on Friday, sending Pendleton back home with a 49-21



(on defense) like we had all week in practice, we didn’t tackle well, and then we came out a little flat on offense ... and that combination

defeat. “We had a tough time stopping their offense,” Pendleton coach Erik Davis said. “We didn’t play assignment football

didn’t work out for us.” Pendleton quarterback Nick Bower was inconsistent throwing on Friday, completing 19-37 passes (51 percent) for 175 yards and one touchdown with one interception. Sophomore quarterback Trent Sorey also saw his first varsity action and completed 6-8 passes for 49 yards and an 18-yard touchdown pass to Shawn Yeager in the fourth quarter.

After Putnam scored the first touchdown of the game, Pendleton struck right back at the 4:22 mark of the first quarter with a five-yard touchdown toss from Bower to Beau Skinner to tie the game at 7-7. But from that point on, Putnam ran into the sunset. The Kingsmen scored four more times in the first half — all on touchdown runs — and led at the

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HERMISTON

## Bengals run over Bulldogs

Hermiston remains winless on the season

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LEWISTON, Idaho — For the second straight week, the Hermiston Bulldogs started the fourth quarter facing a four touchdown deficit, but this week there was no comeback attempt.

Hermiston headed home on Friday night still in search of its first win as the Lewiston (ID) Bengals blew out the Bulldogs 38-13. Lewiston (3-0) tore the Bulldogs defense apart with its passing game, as quarterback Colton Richardson completed 27-37 (73 percent) passes for 344 yards and three touchdowns.

For Hermiston (0-2), sophomore quarterback Andrew James was not nearly as sharp on Friday as he completed 16-29 passes (55 percent) for 194 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions, while adding a team-best 67 rushing yards on 13 carries.

Tucker Salinas was the top receiver for Hermiston with 108 yards and a touchdown off of four total receptions.

Hermiston will return home next week as they host Mountain View at 7 p.m. for its first league game of the season.



UMATILLA

## Vikings ground Rockets



Viking running back Jesus Ramirez (2) scrampers downfield as Logan Weinke (4), of Pilot Rock/Nixy-aawii, works to make a tackle Friday in Umatilla.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

## Umatilla shuts out Pilot Rock to stay undefeated on season

By MATT ENTRUP  
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On a frustrating night for its offense, the Umatilla Vikings defense turned in its most dominant performance in years to beat the Pilot Rock Rockets 20-0 in an inter-classification match-up on Friday.

With turnovers and penalties limiting its ability to put up points,

Umatilla’s defense set the tone right away by forcing Pilot Rock to go three-and-out on the game’s opening drive when Elijah Pine crashed through the line and dragged down Chris Weinke for a sack on third down. The Vikings (2-0) held the



Rockets (0-2) to just 90 total yards of offense and gave up only four first downs. The Rockets were 1-for-9 on third down. “I think we did what we needed to do to stop them,” said Umatilla linebacker/running back Trent Durfey. “It was

a good win.” “It could have been better, but shutouts are pretty good too,” said Umatilla running back Jesus Ramirez. “We haven’t had one of those in awhile.” The Vikings’ last shutout was five seasons ago when they did it twice, the second time a 9-0 win over Vale on Oct. 21, 2011. Umatilla’s first drive would be

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Cord Flynn (22), of Ione, races downfield on his way to the end-zone during Friday’s game against Echo.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



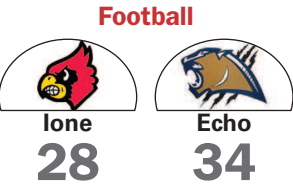
ECHO

## Cougars rally to beat Cards

Ione erases halftime deficit, comes up short against rival Echo

By WILL DENNER  
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Echo stayed true to its season mantra in defeating rival Ione 34-28 at home – finish strong. “We’ve adopted that in



all our sports and (tonight) they did it,” head coach Rick Thew said. “... We kept playing hard. Let them back in it a little bit but stayed strong.” The Cougars (1-1) held a 22-8 lead at halftime over

the Cardinals (0-2) in front of their fans, but went quiet as they came back out in the third quarter. Though Echo received the second half kickoff and put together a competent drive that burned nearly 10 minutes of clock, it halted in the red zone. Quarterback Devan Craig led Ty Mulder on a 4th and 18 pass, but the sure-handed tight end dropped what could’ve been a touchdown. See COUGARS/2B

### Sports shorts

#### Buescher on verge of Chase berth

(AP) — Chris Buescher’s task, should he accomplish it Saturday night at Richmond International Raceway, is no small feat. Buescher will try to parlay his improbable victory at a rain-shortened race this summer into a coveted berth in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Making NASCAR’s playoffs would be a coup for Buescher and Denver-based Front Row Motorsports, an improbable participant in the Chase. Buescher is eligible for the Chase by virtue of his August victory at Pocono. But the rules require the 16 drivers that make the Chase to be ranked 30th or higher in the standings, and Buescher is barely at that mark. He goes into Saturday night’s race with an 11-point lead over David Ragan for 30th in the standings. Buescher was last year’s Xfinity Series champion.



Buescher

“I’m confident in my preparation. To me, it’s never too late to start something. If you think otherwise, I’m sorry your dreams are so small.”

— CM Punk

Former WWE wrestler, birth name Phil Brooks, who will make his MMA fighting debut at age 38 on Saturday in UFC 203. Punk will fight 24-year-old Mickey Gall before heavyweight champion Stipe Miocic defends his title against Alistair Overeem.

#### Johnson sets course record, ties for lead at BMW

CARMEL, Ind. (AP) — U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson doesn’t care about the physics behind his new putter. Seeing more putts drop is enough for him. Johnson made two eagles in a span of seven holes, shot 31 on the back nine and set the course record at Crooked Stick on Friday with a 9-under 63 that gave him a share of the lead with Roberto Castro in the BMW Championship. Johnson didn’t even know he set the course record until Tony Pancake, the golf director at Crooked Stick, congratulated him on the way to the clubhouse. “I guess no one was ever better than 63,” Johnson said with a shrug and a smile. Castro was the first player to reach 14-under 130 on the rain-softened course.



Johnson

#### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1972 — The United States men’s basketball team loses its first game in Olympic competition. The Soviet Union wins 51-50 with the help of a controversial ending. Dr. William Jones, secretary general of the International Amateur Basketball Federation, tells the referees to have the players replay the final three seconds and the Soviets score a last-second bucket. The Americans, who had the lead when the buzzer sounded the first time, protest in vain. The U.S. team later refuses to accept the silver medal. 2004 — Zippy Chippy, thoroughbred racing’s lovable loser, makes it 0-for-100 when he finishes last in an eight-horse field at the Three-County Fairgrounds in Northampton, Mass. Contact us at 541-966-0838 or sports@eastoregonian.com