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Spartans extend Dawgs' struggles

Torres scores first goal of season as Hillsboro quiets Hermiston

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The 2016 season started off extremely strong for the Hermiston girls soccer team, winning its first three games of the season and outscoring its opponents 9-0 in doing so.

However, the next three games haven't been as positive for the Bulldogs.

Hermiston lost its third straight game on Tuesday afternoon as the Hillsboro Spartans traveled to Kennison Field and headed home with a 3-1 victory. The offense was sputtering for most of the game for Hermiston (3-3), as the Spartans controlled the ball and limited the Bulldogs to just three shots on goal.

"I think we're doing really good, but I feel like we can get kind of nervous and caught up for moments," said Hermiston junior Kali Torres following the game.

Hillsboro (5-1) scored the game's first goal just eight minutes in when Icela Garcia shot it past Hermiston goalkeeper Kilie Harrison for the 1-0 lead. That score stood for the final 32 minutes of the half as Hermiston's defense tightened up and kept the Spartans from getting many good looks at the net. Hermiston's offense was non-existent in the first half, registering zero shots and possessing the ball in Hillsboro's zone just two times for minimal time.

Early into the second half, Hermiston started to develop some offensive momentum, pushing the ball deeper into Hillsboro territory and getting a few breakaway looks at the net. The first came in the 47th minute when Hermiston had a three-on-two running at the Spartan goal, but a long dribble by Hermiston's Makayla Akers gave the Spartan goalkeeper enough space to sprint out and grab the ball just before Akers got there.

Just five minutes later, Akers got free again on a long pass from midfield as she split a pair of Spartan defenders and had a breakaway chance at the goal. But once again, Akers dribbled the ball too far out in front of her and the goalkeeper once again sprinted out and grabbed the ball away at the top of the box a



The Bulldogs' Makayla Akers hurdles the Hillsboro goalie after being beaten to the ball Tuesday in a girls soccer game at Kennison Field in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

mere two steps in front of Akers.

But in the 56th minute, Hermiston's luck finally changed.

The Bulldogs were deep into the Spartans zone, trying to get something going to keep the offensive momentum going in their direction. That's when Alysia Garcia dropped a looping pass into the middle of the field, where Torres settled the ball and blasted a kick with her left foot toward the goal.

"I called for the ball, (Garcia) dropped it in and it was a perfect set up," Torres said. "I couldn't really see the goalie, honestly, because the sun was in my eyes. I'm left footed so I just kicked it with what ever I could."

The ball lofted the air toward the Spartan goalkeeper, who appeared to catch the kick with both hands, but then somehow lost control and

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Girls Soccer



Hermiston's Audrey Lincoln (6) heads the ball during Tuesday's girls soccer game against Hillsboro at Kennison Field in Hermiston.

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Bulldogs ready to defend their turf

Hermiston hosts defending 5A champs Summit

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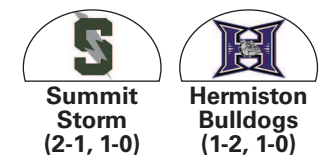
For the first two-plus weeks of the season, the Hermiston Bulldogs football team practiced with a bitter taste in their mouths.

Opening the season with two straight losses is a tough pill for any team to swallow, but with a failed comeback attempt and a blowout loss in its first two weeks, Hermiston had enough. On Friday night, the Bulldogs washed out that bad taste with win No. 1 on the season with a 35-21 win over the previously undefeated Mountain View Cougars.

"The guys were hungry

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Football



• Friday, 7 p.m.
• at Kennison Field, Hermiston
• Radio: KOHU 1360 AM

PENDLETON

Bucks feeling pressure

Pendleton calls game at Ridgeview a must win

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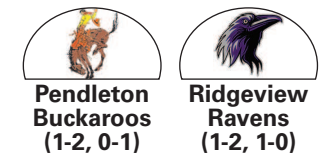
It's just four weeks into the 2016 football season, but the Pendleton Buckaroos are already speaking imperatively.

"I just truly believe that this is a must-win game for us to move toward our goals," said head coach Erik Davis of Friday's Special District 1 game at Ridgeview (1-2, 1-0 SD1).

The Bucks are looking to

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Football



• Friday, 7 p.m.
• at Ridgeview High School, Redmond
• Radio: KTIK 1240 AM

Maddy Juul (14), of Hermiston, spikes the ball Tuesday as Hood River's Ireland McDonough (9) attempts to block during a volleyball match at Hermiston High School.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Prep Roundup

Eagles outpace Hermiston netters

Pendleton also dropped in CRC volleyball

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HERMISTON — The Bulldogs netters weren't able to keep up with Hood River Valley in a Columbia River Conference volleyball match on Tuesday at The Dawghouse.

The Eagles bounced back from their first loss of the season to take down the Bulldogs in three games, 25-16, 25-14 and 25-9.

Hermiston (4-6, 1-1 CRC) struggled to find room at the

net and were led in kills with two apiece from Maddy Juul and Hayden Meyers while Brenna Wadekamper had five assists. Ebony Wilson had a pair of blocks. No statistics were reported for Hood River (12-1, 2-0).

Hermiston's next game is Thursday at 6:30 p.m. when it hosts Pendleton in the first meeting of the season between the rivals.

THE DALLES 3, PENDLETON 2 — At The Dalles, the Buckaroos played a strong game around the net but miscues piled up throughout the match and helped lead to a five-set loss on Tuesday night.

"We played an awesome game at the net tonight, Maureen Davies really shut down (The Dalles) offense," Pendleton coach Amanda Lapp said. "(We) had a hard time picking up the little things coming over the net tonight. The Dalles was good about making sure no matter what the ball was coming over (the net) and we couldn't always pick up the pieces."

Our entire offense really had a great night tonight, The Dalles was just always right there to pick up the ball and send it back."

Pendleton started the match off with a 25-20

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Sports shorts

Tebow homers in batting practice

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — Tim Tebow says he's just trying to get better each day in the New York Mets' instructional league.

After two days, so far, so good.

Tebow homered to right during batting practice on Tuesday, one day after the quarterback-turned-baseball-hopeful put three balls off the fence at the Mets' training complex. A Mets' staff member went behind the fence a few minutes later and returned with a baseball, though it wasn't clear if it was the actual one Tebow hit.

"Felt a little more comfortable with a day under my belt, just getting more used to everything, the preparations," said Tebow, the 2007 Heisman Trophy winner from Florida and former NFL quarterback. "All those silly things that you have to go through, right? Getting in the building, finding everything that you need, cafeteria, everything, and just getting used to the routine."



Tebow

"He asked me, 'Why you looking at me?' I asked him why he was looking at me."

— Yasiel Puig

Professional baseball player for the Los Angeles Dodgers on his stare down with San Francisco Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner that resulted in the benches clearing during Tuesday's game.

The Dogers won 2-1.

US out at World Cup of Hockey

TORONTO (AP) — Patrick Kane was on the verge of tears as the final horn sounded on another American loss to Canada.

A 4-2 wipeout eliminated the United States from the World Cup of Hockey on Tuesday night, ending what was perhaps the best chance for this generation of players to win an international competition. Instead, the U.S. flamed out in two games, leaving disappointment, frustration and questions about the direction of the program.

In the aftermath of a dominant, clinical performance by the tournament favorite, and a lackluster showing by the U.S., top players were shell-shocked by the early exit.

"Two games here and you're done," said Kane, who doesn't have a goal in nine consecutive games in a Team USA uniform. "It's just amazing. It's crazy the way hockey is."



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1940 — For the first time in the history of photo finishes a triple dead heat for first place is recorded, at Willow's Park, Victoria, British Columbia.

1985 — Montana State's David Pandt catches 21 passes for 169 yards against Eastern Washington to set an NCAA record.

1997 — The Buffalo Bills stage the third-biggest comeback in NFL history, overcoming a 26-0 deficit to beat the Indianapolis Colts 37-35. The Bills made the greatest comeback in the 1992 AFC playoffs, wiping out a 35-3 deficit to beat the Houston Oilers 41-38 in overtime.

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