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HERMISTON

Bulldogs beat Buckaroos

Hermiston volleyball wins rivalry match in five games

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East Oregonian

Leave to the Pendleton Buckaroos to get the best out of the Hermiston Bulldogs.

Hermiston's volleyball team snapped its three-match losing streak in thrilling fashion with a 3-2 conference win over its rival on Thursday at The Dawghouse.

After dropping the first game, the Bulldogs rallied for come-from-behind wins in the next two before holding Pendleton off in the fifth game with scores 21-25, 25-23, 26-24, 20-25 and 15-12.

The Buckaroos (1-6, 0-3 Columbia River Conference) led the first game from start to finish to hand the Bulldogs (5-6, 2-1 CRC) their eighth-straight defeat in battle, but Hermiston was determined to win the first installment of the War on 84 this season.

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Volleyball



Pendleton
2



Hermiston
3



The Bulldogs react with joy after defeating Pendleton in game two Thursday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



LEFT: Ellen Nirschl (3), of Pendleton, deflects Kynzee Padilla's hit Thursday at Hermiston High School.

RIGHT: Lauren Richards, of Pendleton, sets the ball during Thursday's game against the Bulldogs in Hermiston.

Staff photos by Kathy Aney



Prep Roundup

Irrigon sweeps Umatilla

Knights keep their 2016 success going

East Oregonian

IRRIGON — The 2016 season has been quite a ride for the Irrigon Knights volleyball team.

After winning a combined 13 games over the past three seasons — and a 4-17 record just last year — the Knights have started their first year in Class 3A on a completely different level, reaching the 10-win plateau and holding an above-.500 record in mid-September.

Volleyball



Umatilla
0



Irrigon
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On Thursday night Irrigon added one more win to that total, beating the Umatilla Vikings 3-0 in its Eastern Oregon League home opener.

Irrigon (11-6, 2-0 EOL) beat the Vikings 25-12, 25-19, and 25-23.

"I'm so proud of how well my girls played in our second league game tonight," Irrigon coach Laura Combes said. "We were solid at the net, consistent with our serves and did a terrific job defensively!"

Freshman Emma Combes had a monster game with 14 kills for the Knights, while junior Mya Chapman added six and McKenzie Wilson had three. Other stat leaders for Irrigon included Wilson with two blocks and Mya Chapman with 12 assists. Statistics for Umatilla (1-12, 0-2) were not available.

Irrigon will next travel to Sherman for tournament action on Saturday and Umatilla will aim to get back in the win column with tournament play at Salem Academy on Saturday as well.

WESTON-MCEWEN 3, STANFIELD 0 — At Athena, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots snapped their four game losing streak with a hard-fought sweep of the Stanfield Tigers on Thursday.

"Stanfield came out and played us incredibly hard," Weston-McEwen

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Prep Football

Philomath laments loss of football season due to hazing



The gate is locked to Philomath High School at the entrance to the football field and track in Philomath, Ore., Sept. 12, 2016.

AP Photo/Andrew Selsky

Quiet Friday nights an unsettling feeling for the town of 4,500 people

By **ANDREW SELSKY**
Associated Press

PHILOMATH — The scoreboard at the edge of Philomath High School's football field is dark. The stands are empty. This year, there are no varsity games that brought together many of the town's 4,500 people.

Hazing inflicted by upperclassmen on 11 freshman players at a conditioning camp has led to the season's cancellation, investigations by authorities and the school district, and calls for healing

and for the tradition to stop.

Studies show more than half of college students in sports teams, clubs and organizations have experienced hazing. Many were hazed in high school. Just last week in California, three varsity high school football players were charged in a separate incident.

Breaking the cycle is difficult, but Philomath is tackling the issue head on.

"The school district is paying attention to both what happened and what could prevent this from happening again," Superintendent Melissa Goff told The Associated Press. "We're paying very close attention to the mental health needs of our students and how we, as a community, can pull together."

Philomath is a small, sleepy town. Traffic barrels past shuttered businesses on Main Street, a highway heading into

the Coastal Range to the west. Corvallis, home to Oregon State University, lies 3 miles (4.8 kilometers) to the east.

The town formed around Philomath College, which existed from 1865 to 1929. Its name is Greek for "lover of learning."

Philomath has little in the way of entertainment, and several people said the loss of the football season will be a blow.

"It's a little bitty town, and there's not much else to do, so there was usually a pretty big turnout there," said Rhonda Lewis, a waitress at the C D & J Cafe, on Main Street. "I don't know what's going to happen now."

Pastors representing seven churches have made themselves available "to listen, pray for and offer counseling to

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Sports shorts

Brissett leads Patriots over Texans

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) Another week, another new quarterback, another win for the New England Patriots.

Jacoby Brissett had a 27-yard touchdown run in his first NFL start at quarterback, LeGarrette Blount added scoring runs of 1 and 41 yards, and the Patriots beat the Houston Texans 27-0 on Thursday night.

It was the Patriots' first shutout win since 2012. It was the first time the Texans have been shutout since a 27-0 loss at Jacksonville in 2003.

Brissett started in place of Jimmy Garoppolo, who was inactive because of an injured right shoulder. It was the first time since Drew Bledsoe in 1993 that New England had started a rookie quarterback.

Brissett finished 11 of 19 passing for 103 yards, and ran eight times for 48 yards.



Brissett

"We grind and grind and grind. We understand, there's a lot that that factors into it. I'm just saying, the city wanted a winner -- the last five years we got 'em a winner. the ones that come every night, thank you."

— **Adam Jones**

Baltimore Orioles centerfielder speaking about the recent sparse crowds recently at home games.

Baltimore drew an average of 19,400 fans this week against Boston, a team which the Orioles are battling for a playoff spot.

NFL monitoring Charlotte protests

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) The NFL said its plans are for Sunday's game between the Vikings and Panthers to be played as scheduled, although the league will continue to monitor the ongoing violent protests that have gripped Charlotte.

Gov. Pat McCrory declared a state of emergency in Charlotte on Wednesday night and has sent the National Guard in to help restore peace.

NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in an email to The Associated Press on Thursday, "We are monitoring events in Charlotte and have been in communication with local officials and authorities, and both the Carolina Panthers and the Minnesota Vikings."

What began as a peaceful protest Wednesday night led to more rioting and looting in the city with one person shot and four police officers injured.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1995 Keyshawn Johnson catches 13 passes for 171 yards, the first player in NCAA history with 12 straight 100-yard receiving games, as USC beats Arizona State 31-0.

2007 Green Bay's Brett Favre wins his NFL-record 150th game as a starter, beating San Diego 31-24.

2010 Jose Bautista drives in the only run with his major league-leading 50th homer, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Seattle Mariners 1-0. Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki also becomes the first player with 10 straight 200-hit seasons, breaking his own record with a fifth-inning single.

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