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PENDLETON

Lauren Richards (8) and Kalan McGlothlan (9), of Pendleton, prepare to block Riverhawk Kathryn Bradford's tip during Thursday's Columbia River Conference game against The Dalles at Warberg Court.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney




Bucks down Riverhawks


Pendleton sweeps The Dalles for first league victory

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Pendleton volleyball coach Amanda Lapp never imagined her team would still be looking for its first league win this late in the season, but missed opportunities, self-destructive play and some bad luck put the Buckaroos in danger of heading into October as the Columbia River Conference's designated spoiler.

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Instead, Pendleton proved itself very much a contender by sweeping The Dalles 25-17, 25-18, 25-7 on Warberg Court on Thursday, and gave itself a little room to maneuver within the playoff hunt as they round the halfway point.

"We've been talking about taking that first step all season ... and we just kind of get to the grindstone in practice, and tonight they took that first step," Lapp said.

"I think they did a great job of stepping up to the plate tonight and doing what they know they can do."

"We had a lot more communication and we said, 'We might as well give it our all,'" said sophomore libero Kirah McGlothlan. "And so we came out there, we won the first set, we

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Maureen Davies, of Pendleton, spikes the ball over a Riverhawks defender during Thursday's game at Warberg Court.
Staff photo by Kathy Aney

MLB

Mariners keep hopes alive

Seattle beats A's, stays two back in Wild Card race

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By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Struggling Mike Zunino delivered the go-ahead home run in the seventh inning and Seattle held on for a 3-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Thursday night, keeping the Mariners on the edge of the AL wild card chase.

Seattle is two games behind Baltimore and Toronto with three games to play. The Orioles defeated the Blue Jays 4-0 to pull even atop the wild card race. Detroit, which was rained out against Cleveland, is a half-game ahead of the Mariners. Zunino, hitting .139 over his last 25 games, opened the

seventh with his 12th home run, sending a 2-2 pitch from Liam Hendriks (0-4) deep over the wall in left.

Seattle added a run in the eighth on a two-out single by Leonys Martin, a walk to Zunino and Ketel Marte's RBI single.

Steve Cishek (4-6) came on to stifle an Oakland threat in the seventh with an inning-ending double play and added a perfect eighth. Rookie Edwin Diaz notched his 18th save, despite allowing a run and three hits in the ninth.

The Mariners took a 1-0 lead in the fourth on three consecutive singles before running themselves out of the inning. Kyle Seager

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Prep Roundup

Pioneers get bounce-back win

Copeland gets shutout for Mac-Hi girls soccer

East Oregonian

PENDLETON — The Mac-Hi Pioneers shut out the struggling Pendleton Buckaroos 3-0 at Blue Mountain Community College on Thursday afternoon.

"My girls played a good game. They knew what they needed to do today and wanted to boost themselves back after getting shutout by La Grande," Mac-Hi coach Martin Martinez said. "We were on (Pendleton) all game, we moved the ball well and built a comfortable lead."

Mac-Hi (5-3-1, 1-1) defender Anna Lonai scored the game's first goal in the

first half, when she joined the rush and buried a rebound on her only shot attempt of the game to give the Pioneers a 1-0 lead.

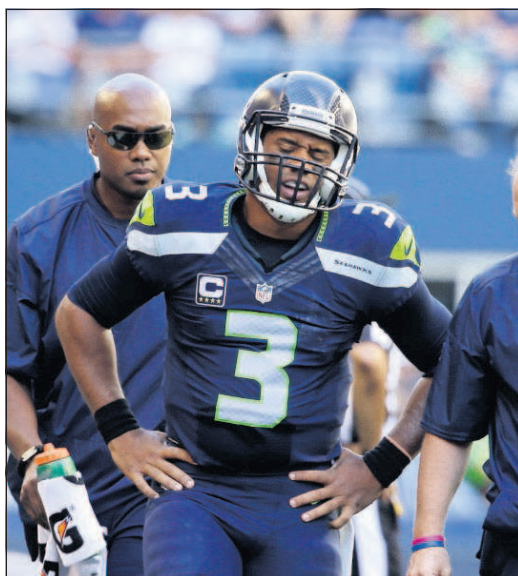
Jackie Gomez and Shara Carranza added a goal each in the second half for the Pioneers, and helped the team to a total of 27 shot attempts and 15 shots on goal in the game. Goalkeeper Mallory Copeland faced a total of four shots from Pendleton (0-6), and stopped all of them.

Mac-Hi next hits the road again for a league game at Baker on Saturday at 2 p.m., while Pendleton will regroup and travel to The Dalles on Tuesday.

VOLLEYBALL
HOOD RIVER 3, HERMISTON 1 — At Hood River, the Hermiston
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In this Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, file photo, Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson walks off the field after being brought down against the San Francisco 49ers in the second half of an NFL football game Seattle.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren



NFL

Wilson says 'no doubt' he'll play against Jets

Sprained MCL won't keep Wilson from starting

By CURTIS CRABTREE
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — There is zero doubt in Russell Wilson's mind that he'll be able to play Sunday against the New York Jets.

Wilson participated fully in practice with the Seattle Seahawks for a second consecutive day Thursday after suffering a sprained MCL in last Sunday's 37-18 win over the San Francisco 49ers.

 **Seattle Seahawks**
(2-1)

 **New York Jets**
(1-2)

• Sunday 10 a.m.
• at MetLife Stadium
• TV: FOX

"It was kind of a freak thing, obviously. A scary moment, but tons of rehab and it's been feeling great, feeling strong, so I'll be ready to go," Wilson said.

Wilson hasn't wavered in his optimism. He was just as certain after the 49ers victory that he would be able

to play this week. It's led head coach Pete Carroll to be equally confident in Wilson's chances to play.

"He's pretty determined to get this done," Carroll said. "He's upbeat and feeling good and he's worked really, really hard to do everything to be right and he's going to go."

Wilson said he was able to do everything in practice Wednesday. After suffering a high-ankle sprain in Seattle's Week 1 victory over Miami, Wilson was also able to take part in every part of practice with the team the following week. Despite the argument that Wilson would be better served by

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Sports shorts

Stewart named WNBA's top rookie

NEW YORK (AP) — Breanna Stewart is the WNBA rookie of the year.

The league announced Thursday that the Seattle Storm forward received 38 of the 39 votes from a national media panel. San Antonio's Moriah Jefferson got the other vote.

The No. 1 overall pick in the 2016 draft out of Connecticut, Stewart averaged 18.3 points, 9.3 rebounds and 1.9 blocks, becoming the sixth player in league history to reach those averages in the same season. She helped the Seattle Storm reach the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

It's the second consecutive season a Storm player won the award, marking the first time in the league's 20-year history that the same team has back-to-back winners. Jewell Loyd was the rookie of the year in 2015.



Stewart

"We really don't have reason to trust the NFL ... They're a bottom line business. If you can increase their bottom line, then they'll love you. If you're not making them money, then at the end of the day, they're going to find somebody else."

— Richard Sherman
Seattle Seahawks CB in a video for The Players Tribune, says that the NFL does not really care about the players and their safety, even though it claims to.

Cubs, Pirates play to MLB's first tie game in 11 years

PITTSBURGH (AP) The Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates played to the first tie game in the major leagues since 2005 when rain forced the teams to stop in the sixth inning Thursday night with the score 1-1.

The Cubs and Pirates aren't scheduled to play again this season, and the game won't be made up because it doesn't affect postseason positioning. So instead of becoming a suspended game, the stats count and it was declared a tie the first since Houston and Cincinnati went seven innings on June 30, 2005, before rain halted them.

Willson Contreras had two hits and scored for the Cubs, who have already clinched the best record in the majors.

The game was called after a delay of 1 hour, 23 minutes.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1972 — Roberto Clemente hits a double against New York Mets left-hander Jon Matlack during Pittsburgh's 5-0 victory at Three Rivers Stadium. The hit is the 3,000th and last for the Pirates' star, who dies in a plane crash during the offseason.

1984 — The Los Angeles Rams set an NFL record with three safeties in a 33-12 victory over the New York Giants.

2007 — Brett Favre passes Dan Marino to become the NFL leader in career touchdown passes, throwing Nos. 421 and 422 in Green Bay's 23-16 victory over Minnesota.

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