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PENDLETON

Pendleton Buckaroo s quarterback Nick Bower avoids a tackle during Friday night's game against the Redmond Panthers at the Round-Up Arena.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Panthers outlast Buckaroos

Redmond shuts down Pendleton offense in second half to secure win

By **MATT ENTRUP**
East Oregonian

Within two minutes of the opening whistle both the Pendleton Buckaroos and Redmond Panthers were celebrating touchdowns in Friday night's Special District 1 battle at the Round-Up grounds.



But what started as an offensive free-for-all that saw the teams combine for 49 points in the first half quickly became a defensive grind after intermission.

Redmond held the Bucks to just 43 yards of offense and three first downs in the second half to pull away for a 49-21 victory. The Panthers (2-3, 3-1 SD1) rushed for 393 yards and five

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton's Shaw Jerome (5) gains long yardage during Friday night's game against the Redmond Panthers at the Round-Up Stadium.

HERMISTON

Bulldogs dominate Eagles

Hermiston rebounds for big win over Hood River

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HOOD RIVER — The Hermiston Bulldogs rolled into Hood River and took care of business just as they intended on Friday night, defeating Hood River Valley 36-6 in Special District 1 action.

Sophomore quarterback Andrew James completed 21-34 passes for 218 yards and two touchdowns on the night, with one touchdown to Brady Christianson and one touchdown to Tucker Salinas. James also ran for one touchdown in the third quarter.

Hermiston's running game got plenty of work in as well, as the team combined for 250 rushing yards on 35 carries — an average of 7.1 yards per carry — and one touchdown.

The Bulldogs started their scoring barrage with 4:45 left in the first quarter when James connected with Christianson from eight yards out for the early 6-0 lead. The only other score Hermiston developed in the first half was a seven yard scamper by Peter Earl — his first of the season — and bumped the halftime lead to 14-0 after James found Jerry Ramirez for the two-point conversion.

In the second half, Hermiston's offense took off as it continually wore down the Eagles defense, scoring twice in each quarter. In the third quarter, James plunged into the end zone from two yards out for the touchdown for the 20-0 lead, and then with 48 seconds left John-Henry Line punched it in from two yards out as well for the 28-0 Bulldog lead.

Then in the fourth quarter, James completed an 18 yard touchdown pass to Salinas with 10:46 left to put Hermiston up 36-0. Hood River did not score until 1:51 left in the fourth.

Hermiston will return home next week to host Ridgeview on Friday at 7 p.m.

HHS (2-3, 2-1)	6	8	14	8	— 36
HRV (0-5, 0-3)	0	0	0	6	— 6

Statistics
PASSING — Andrew James 21-34-1, 218, 2 TD.
RUSHING — Andrew James, 9-73, 1 TD; Jonathan Hinkle 16-95; Peter Earl 8-64, 1 TD; Wyatt Noland 1-15; John-Henry Line 1-3.
RECEIVING — Brady Christianson 2-12, 1 TD; Jordan Ramirez 1-7; Tucker Salinas 3-39, 1 TD; Vaemu Ena 1-13; Jerry Ramirez 10-74; Joey Gutierrez 3-74.

STANFIELD 62, CULVER 28 — At Stanfield, the Tigers ran for more than 400 yards as a team for the fourth time in five games as they dominated the Culver Bulldogs 62-21 on Friday night.

"We just stuck to what we do best and that's run the ball," Stanfield coach Davie Salas said following the win. "We were patient and we ran

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Prep Roundup

Irrigon beats Riverside in EOL debut

Knights defense comes up big against Pirates

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IRRIGON — The Irrigon Knights won their Eastern Oregon League debut with a big 27-6 win over the Riverside Pirates on Friday night.

"The kids did really well tonight," Irrigon

coach Steve Sheller said. "It was a dang struggle all night ... those Riverside kids played really hard."

Irrigon (2-3, 1-0 EOL) did its offensive damage on the ground on Friday, as their backfield trio of Joshua Aguilera (31 rushes, 96 yards), Carlos Zacarias (10 rushes, 61 yards, TD), and Lino Covarrubia (12 rushes, 63 yards, TD) combined for 220 yards. Quarterback Austin Rice also ran in

two touchdowns.

The only touchdown that Irrigon allowed came on a Riverside (1-4, 0-1) hail mary as time expired in the first half, but shut down the Pirates the rest of the way.

"Our defensive backs played outstanding," Sheller said.

Sheller said that junior cornerback Ryan Verley stood out in the game, making plays all over the field and playing

solid coverage on his receivers. Also standing out for Irrigon was Omar and Daniel Vera as each hauled in one interception in the game.

"While we're young, I have kids that show up ready to play every day," Sheller said, "and I think that was the difference for us in the game."

Irrigon next plays at Vale next Friday and Riverside will travel to Umatilla.

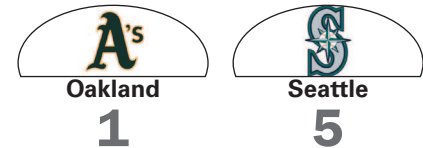
MLB

Mariners win again, tighten wild-card race

Seattle one game back of second Wild Card spot

By **JIM HOEHN**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Robinson Cano hit two home runs, Taijuan Walker pitched six effective innings and the Seattle Mariners moved within one game of the second AL wild-card spot, beating the Oakland Athletics 5-1 Friday night.



Seattle, which has won seven of nine, is one game behind Toronto for the second spot. The Mariners also trail Detroit by a half-game.

Cano had a two-run homer in the first. He added his 38th home run in the third, a solo shot that gave him 100

RBI's for the season. Norichika Aoki and Nelson Cruz also homered off Raul Alcantara (1-3), who was tagged for five runs on seven hits in two-plus innings.

Walker (8-11) allowed one run on two hits in six innings, but walked five in a 113-pitch outing. The only run came on Ryon Healy's 13th homer to open the sixth. Evan Scribner, Nick Vincent and Steve Cishek each pitched a scoreless inning of relief.

Cano drove a 1-1 pitch over the wall in center to give the Mariners to a 2-0

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AP Photo/John Froschauer

Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano hits a two-run home run during the first inning of Friday's game in Seattle.

Sports shorts

Seattle WR has gotten death threats

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin has told "60 Minutes Sports" that he's received death threats in the wake of his decision to speak out about the need for reviewing police tactics.

In a transcript of the interview released Friday, Baldwin says that in the wake of expressing support for 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick he has received death threats.

"I had a few. A couple of people told me to watch my back," Baldwin is quoted as saying. The interview is scheduled to air on Showtime next Tuesday.

Baldwin says that despite the threats, he will not stay silent, adding "if something was to happen to me, I think that would just further prove my point that there are issues in our culture, in our society that need to be changed."



Baldwin

"I won't get to see it, but you will. That will be fun to watch."

— **Brad Keselowski**

NASCAR driver on the lineup for Sunday's Sprint Cup race at Dover International Speedway. The 16 Chase drivers make up the first eight rows in the field with Keselowski in pole position after Friday's qualifying was rained out for the third straight year and owner points were used to set the order.

Red Sox beat Blue Jays as AL Wild Card race gets closer

BOSTON (AP) Opening his final weekend with yet another game-winning homer, David Ortiz lined a two-run shot into the right-field stands to break a seventh-inning tie and help the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 5-3 on Friday night.

The AL East champion Red Sox snapped a three-game losing streak and stayed one game ahead of Cleveland in the race for home-field advantage for the playoffs.

The Blue Jays fell one game behind Baltimore in the wild-card race and are now within range of Detroit and Seattle in the fight for the AL's final postseason berth.

"We needed it. We need every game," said Blue Jays starter Marco Estrada, who lasted five innings but left with a 3-1 lead. "We're still in it. We're right there."



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1903 — The Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Boston Pilgrims 7-3 in the first World Series game. Jimmy Sebring hits the first Series homer, Deacon Phillippe is the winning pitcher and Cy Young the loser.

1975 — In the "Thrilla in Manila," Muhammad Ali beats Joe Frazier in 14 rounds to retain his world heavyweight title.

2004 — Ichiro Suzuki sets the major league record for hits in a season, breaking George Sisler's 84-year-old mark with a pair of early singles as the Seattle Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 8-3.

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