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## HERMISTON

# Eagles escape Hermiston

No. 1 Hood River comes from behind to beat Dawgs

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The Hermiston Bulldogs were hoping for coming out party under the lights at Kennison Field on Tuesday as they hosted No. 1 Hood River Valley. What they got was more fuel for the fire as the Eagles responded quickly to the Bulldogs' only goal and then added another for a 2-1 Columbia River Conference win.

### Boys Soccer



Team  
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Team  
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Going against the two-time defending state champs, the No. 3 Bulldogs (7-2-1, 1-1 CRC) were hoping to turn a few heads by handing the Eagles (8-0-2, 2-0) their first loss since the 2013-14 championship game.

Instead, Noe Magana and Jorge Campos scored on crossing plays in the 62nd and 72nd minute to extend Hood River's unbeaten streak to 46 games.

"This was a tough one," said Hermiston coach Rich Harshberger. "We've just got to come out and work harder. We know what the competition looks like now."

"We were there, we were right with them, luck didn't go our way tonight."

For a brief moment in the second half, Hermiston had the lead after a set play at the top of the box. Following a Hood River foul in the 60th minute, Mark Mejia passed

See SOCCER/2B

## PENDLETON

# Bucks sweep Bulldogs



Pendleton celebrates a point during the Bucks 3-0 win against Hermiston on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

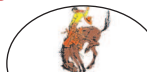
## Pendleton forces three-way tie for second place in CRC

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### Volleyball



Hermiston  
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Pendleton  
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Ask any Pendleton Buckaroo, and they'll tell you that the 2016 season has not gone the way they had hoped.

But in the last few weeks, the Bucks have picked up their pace as injuries have healed and the young players have gained experience. On Tuesday, the Buckaroos kept their play

tending upward as they swept the rival Hermiston Bulldogs 25-20, 26-24, and 25-23.

"The team effort really came together tonight and that's what

we've been trying to see all season long," Pendleton coach Amanda Lapp said. "(Their effort) is finally peaking, and peaking at a good time thank goodness, and we just want to keep driving it up and working hard for it."

After starting the season 1-6, the Buckaroos (6-9, 2-4 CRC) have won five of their last eight games and have worked their way into a three-way tie for

second place in the CRC with Hermiston and The Dalles. The win marks a big confidence boost for the Buckaroos, who lost to Hermiston (6-10, 2-4) in the season's first match-up in a tough five-set match, and then lost again to the Bulldogs 2-1 on Saturday at the Westview Tournament.

"We came in with a different mindset, we were ready to win

See VOLLEYBALL/2B

## HERMISTON

# Dawgs put Ridgeview in crosshairs

Hermiston hosts Ravens for homecoming

By MATT ENTRUP  
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Coming off his team's second win of the season, Hermiston football coach David Faaeteete said the Bulldogs haven't done enough to overlook any opponent.

Nevermind that this week's foe, Ridgeview, earned its only win by narrowly edging a Hood River team the Bulldogs handled easily a week ago. Also irrelevant to Faaeteete are the facts that the Ravens have scored just seven points in two road games this season, and the Bulldogs have a match-up with league-leading Bend waiting in the wings.

Faaeteete isn't worried about the Bulldogs getting ahead of themselves when Ridgeview comes to Kennison Field on Friday for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

"We have one more win than they do," he said of the Ravens (1-4, 1-2 CRC). "For us to think that we're better



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston quarterback Andrew James prepares to unleash a touchdown pass against Summit on Friday, Oct. 23, at Kennison Field as Coach David Faaeteete watches from the sidelines.

than any other team, oh no, anything can happen."

The Bulldogs (2-3, 2-1) aren't taking anything for granted, and they're also bringing a lot of motivation to win their homecoming match-up.

"There's going to be a lot of guys watching, the stadium will be packed with

lots of former players," said senior Jerry Ramirez, who is coming off a 10-catch game against Hood River.

"It's one of those games where it's not necessarily for the kids, it's for the legacy," Faaeteete said. "All the guys that came before and donned the jerseys, that ran out here on the field and put in the

### Football



Ridgeview Ravens  
(1-4, 1-2)



Hermiston Bulldogs  
(2-3, 2-1)

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

work, you know, paid the price with blood sweat and tears and effort — it's for them."

### SCOUTING RIDGEVIEW

Ridgeview won't try to hide what it's going to do against the Bulldogs, who know they're in for a physical battle in the trenches as the Ravens rarely pass the ball on offense.

"They run the ball," Faaeteete said of the modified double wing offense used by the Ravens. "That's their m.o. and that's been their m.o. for a few years now. We've got to put our guys in the best possible situations to make plays, or the best positions to make plays. It's just repetition."

The most challenging prospect the Ravens will present is how to avoid getting steamrolled by 6-foot-4, 400 pound lineman

See DAWGS/2B

## PENDLETON

# Buckaroos nearing crunch time

Pendleton needing wins as season's end draws near

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### Football



Pendleton Buckaroos  
(2-3, 1-2)



Mtn View Mascot  
(2-3, 0-3)

• Friday, 7 p.m.  
• at Mountain View  
• Radio: KTIX 1240 AM

Two weeks ago, Pendleton head coach Erik Davis called his teams Week 4 game at Ridgeview a must-win.

Davis admits that the statement caused him to catch some heat from some fans, but he stood by it as his Buckaroos hit the field and came away with the 29-25 victory.

Following practice on Tuesday, Davis again agreed that the team's upcoming game — this time a road game at Special District 1 cellar-dweller Mountain View — was again a must-win, though with only four weeks left in the season and the Bucks currently on the outside-looking-in of the postseason, that is a given. For the last four games of the season, Pendleton plays two winless teams

in league play (Mountain View and Hood River), and undefeated Bend team that has all but locked up one of the league's four playoff bids, and Hermiston — who currently sits one game ahead of Pendleton at 2-1 and in the fourth-and-final playoff spot.

"I know our kids have a goal and for us to obtain that goal, this one for sure is a must-win," Davis said. "Every game from here on out is in that situation. We're late enough in the season where there's enough (teams) in the middle of the pack that every game is crucial."

### SCOUTING MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mountain View was a team with higher expectations for 2016, coming off

See BUCKAROOS/2B

## Sports shorts

### Sharapova has 2-year ban reduced

LONDON (AP) Maria Sharapova will be eligible to return to competitive tennis in April after her two-year doping ban was reduced to 15 months on Tuesday by a sports court that found the Russian star did not bear "significant fault" for her positive drug test.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport cut nine months off the suspension imposed on Sharapova, who tested positive for the banned heart medication meldonium at the Australian Open in January.

Sharapova appealed to CAS in June seeking to overturn or reduce the two-year penalty imposed by the International Tennis Federation.

Sharapova's ban, which took effect on Jan. 26, was originally due to run until Jan. 25, 2018. Now she can return on April 26, 2017, a month ahead of the French Open, a Grand Slam tournament she has won twice.



Sharapova

"I wouldn't do it. That's just not who I am. I might just have too much pride for that or be too much of a competitor where I couldn't bring myself to do it. But it also makes it more fun. You get to take a monster down, and that's always fun."

— Damian Lillard

Portland Trail Blazers guard speaking about the NBA's "super teams" on SiriusXM's NBA Radio on Monday. Lillard has often said he wants to play his entire career in Portland.

### Blue Jays take AL Wild Card on Encarnacion's walk-off

TORONTO (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion hit a three-run homer in the 11th inning off Ubaldo Jimenez, and Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-2 in Tuesday night's AL wild card game to advance to a Division Series matchup against Texas.

Jimenez relieved Brian Duensing with one out in the 11th, and Devon Travis singled in a 1-1 pitch. Reigning AL MVP Josh Donaldson singled on the next pitch, and Travis went all the way to third as left fielder Nolan Reimold bobbled the ball.

Toronto opens the Division Series at Texas on Thursday. Last year, the Blue Jays beat the Rangers in five-game Division Series, sparked by Jose Bautista's memorable bat flip following a three-run home run in Game 5.



### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1994 — The NBA shortens the 3-point distance to a uniform 22 feet.

2001 — The Mariners win their 115th game of the year to become the winningest team in American League history, passing the record the Yankees set three years earlier.

2013 — Marcus Mariota throws five touchdown passes and runs for two scores as No. 2 Oregon routs Colorado 57-16. The Ducks reach the 50-point plateau for a school record fifth straight time. Oregon have scored at least 55 points in all of its games under first-year coach Mark Helfrich.

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