

PENDLETON

Bucks shock Eagles

Pendleton gives Hood River first league loss

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

The looks on their faces seemed to say it all. A quick scan of the opposing huddles during a timeout late in the fifth set of Tuesday's Columbia River Conference volleyball match between the Pendleton Buckaroos and Hood River Valley Eagles showed two very different demeanors.

Volleyball



Hood River

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The Eagles had just taken the lead and were two points away from victory, and were all smiles as they circled coach Scott Walker in front of their bench. The Bucks wore furrowed brows, which could have been construed as nervousness, as they listened to coach Amanda Lapp's message.

But looks can be deceiving, and the Bucks proved they had no qualms about what would See BUCKS/2B

Pendleton's Lauren Richards sets the ball as teammate Maureen Davies looks on in the Bucks' game against Hood River on Tuesday in Pendleton.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Pendleton's Maureen Davis spikes the ball into Hood River's Shae Duffy (12) and Hannah McNerney in the Bucks' game against the Eagles on Tuesday in Pendleton.

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Prep Roundup

'Scots breeze past Tigers

Set tone with 22-point first set win

East Oregonian

STANFIELD — The Weston-McEwen TigerScots put forth one of their most complete efforts of the season on Tuesday night when the team took down Stanfield 3-0 in a Columbia Basin Conference game.

Volleyball



Weston-McE.

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Stanfield

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Weston-McEwen (16-10, 4-2 CBC) came right out of the gates against Stanfield (3-11, 1-5) and took the first set by a whopping 25-3 margin, which coach Shawn White said was a direct result of how well his team worked together.

"We hardly had any aces because Stanfield moved really well, but the girls did a great job with their transitional offense," White said. "All of the hitters did well, the setters did well, it was just a really great set for us."

Weston-McEwen then responded to finish off Stanfield 25-12 and 25-10 to win the match.

See PREPS/2B

PENDLETON

Pendleton in need of complete effort

Second half struggles have plagued Pendleton

By MATT ENTRUP
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Buckaroos football coach Erik Davis knows his players are in a difficult situation.

With a smaller roster in both scope and size than other teams in Special District 1, Pendleton has struggled in the second half of its three league losses.

That was again the case last week as the Bucks scored their only points after halftime on an 85-yard pass from Nick Bower to Jamal Vann on one of the first plays of the third quarter in what ended up a 35-18 loss at Mountain View.

That followed a second-half shutout against Redmond after the Bucks

Football



Hood River Eagles

(0-6, 0-4)



Pendleton Buckaroos

(2-4, 1-3)

• Friday, 7 p.m.
• at Round-Up Arena

had moved seemingly at will and put up 21 points in the first two quarters.

The cause for the drop-off is twofold, Davis said, but he can only give his players so much leeway.

"I can contribute that a little bit to wearing down, and a little bit to an effort issue," said Davis, who has several players that never leave the field. "I think one of the things we've looked at is just getting worn down a little bit. We've played a lot of teams that were big and physical in back-to-back weeks, and then went into Mountain View

See PENDLETON/2B

HERMISTON

Bulldogs face big test from Lava Bears

Hermiston hoping to keep momentum from last two games going

By ERIC SINGER
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After six weeks of play, the Hermiston Bulldogs appear to be peaking at just the right time.

As an offense, Hermiston (3-3, 3-1 Special District 1) has scored 90 points combined from the previous two weeks — it scored only 89 points in the previous four weeks — and are averaging more than 400 yards per game with a balanced attack that's keeping opposing teams at bay. And on defense, the Dawgs have been just as good, giving up a mere six points to Hood River and then pitching a shutout against Ridgeview — and limiting those two teams to a combined total of 392 yards of total offense.



Hermiston's Jonathan Hinkle runs the ball on his way to a touchdown in the Bulldogs' 54-0 win against Ridgeview on Friday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

"We're getting more and more confident by the day," Hermiston senior Jerry Ramirez said after practice on Tuesday. "We just have to keep our spirits high, listen to what our coaches tell us to do and be ready to go for the rest of the season."

However, with all that being said, the Bulldogs know that those performances came against teams with a combined win total

of one so far this season and can't get too full of themselves moving forward.

"We can't be too confident ... not now," Hermiston senior Damian McLeod said following Friday's game against Ridgeview. "We know a good team lies ahead."

And that team is the Bend Lava Bears.

The Lava Bears (5-1, 3-1) have asserted themselves as

Football



Hermiston Bulldogs

(3-3, 3-1)



Bend Lava Bears

(5-1, 3-1)

• Friday, 7 p.m.
• at Bend High School
• Radio: KOHU 1360AM

one of the top teams in Class 5A this season, starting a season-opening victory on the road against the now-No. 9 ranked Central Panthers team and then rolling to a 5-0 start. However, the Bears took their first hit last week when they suffered a 26-0 loss to Summit.

A win over the Lava Bears would do a lot for the Bulldogs playoff resume, as the two teams are currently tied along with Redmond for second place in the district.

"It would be a huge win for us," Ramirez said. "Every game we will approach like a playoff game, but this game is everything for us right now. We're playing for a See BULLDOGS/2B

Sports shorts

49ers name Kaepernick starter

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) Colin Kaepernick will start at quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers this week against the Buffalo Bills.

Coach Chip Kelly announced the decision Tuesday to bench Blaine Gabbert and give back the job Kaepernick lost midway through last season. Kaepernick has only played briefly in the opener but has generated attention with his refusal to stand for the national anthem.

"We were very analytical and sat down as a staff and watched tape and went over everything," said Kelly. "We've had a couple days to digest everything where we are. I think offensively, we just need to be better and we just need to make a move."

Gabbert is last in the NFL in yards per attempt (5.9) and has the second-worst passer rating (69.6) in the league.



Kaepernick

"For the rest of my career I will not say 'Indian' or 'Brave' and if I was in the NFL I would not say 'Redskins'."

— Jerry Howarth
Toronto Blue Jays radio play-by-play voice during a radio interview on Tuesday ahead of the upcoming Toronto-Cleveland match-up in the ALCS this week. Howarth said he has avoided using the Native American team names while calling games since 1993 out of respect for the Native people.

Dustin Johnson named PGA Tour Player of the Year

NAPA, Calif. (AP) Dustin Johnson's first major was only part of a dream season that culminated with the PGA Tour player of the year award on Tuesday.

Johnson made it a clean sweep of the tour's biggest honors that are named after its most prominent players. He won the Jack Nicklaus Award as player of the year, the Arnold Palmer Award for leading the money list and the Byron Nelson Award for having the lowest adjusted scoring average.

The 32-year-old American ended his string of disappointment in the majors by winning the U.S. Open at Oakmont under extraordinary circumstances. He followed that up with by winning a World Golf Championship at Firestone, and he won the BMW Championship at Crooked Stick.



Johnson

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1920 — In the final race of his career, 3-year-old Man o War defeats 1919 Triple Crown winner Sir Barton in a match race, the Kenilworth Park Gold Cup.

1946 — The No. 2 Texas Longhorns beat No. 1 Oklahoma 28-7. It's the eighth 1-2 matchup in AP poll history and the first time the second-ranked team wins the game.

1986 — Walter Payton becomes the first NFL player to accumulate 20,000 all-purpose yards in the Chicago Bears' 20-7 victory over the Houston Oilers. Payton has 76 yards rushing and 30 yards receiving for a career total of 20,045.

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