

PENDLETON

Bucks start fast, hold off Eagles

Pendleton's Shaw Jerome runs for a touchdown the first half of the Bucks' 33-23 win against Hood River on Friday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Shaw Jerome scores three touchdowns in first half for Buckaroos

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PENDLETON — Standing on his own 45-yard line, Pendleton junior Shaw Jerome cradled the punt from Hood River, made one quick cut and was off to the races.

He wouldn't be caught, and his 65-yard punt return touchdown gave the Buckaroos the lead before they even had an offensive series in Friday's homecoming football game against Hood River at the Round-Up grounds.

Jerome added two more touchdowns in the first half and Pendleton never trailed for a 33-23 Columbia River Conference win.

"Once I looked around I just saw a huge opening, and I had like three guys in front of me blocking, so it was just wide

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open," said Jerome, who finished with five catches for 71 yards.

The Eagles (0-7, 0-5 CRC) had no answer for Jerome's speed, and he also found the end zone on a 28-yard end around and a 16-yard catch before half-time for his only game with a touchdown on a return, a rush and a reception.

"After the first punt return I felt pretty good that they would hopefully come back to me," he said.

Pendleton (3-4, 2-3) lost its No. 1

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Pendleton's Jamal Vann attempts to break the tackles of Hood Rivers' Trenton Hough (10) and Jason Shaner in the Bucks' 33-23 win against the Eagles on Friday in Pendleton.

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HERMISTON

Dawgs run by Bend

Bulldogs get run game going, put away Lava Bears

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BEND — The Hermiston Bulldogs continued their recent dominance on Friday night with a big 28-7 victory over the Bend Lava Bears at Punk Hunnel Stadium in Special District 1 action.

Hermiston (4-3, 4-1 SD1) surprised the Lava Bears (5-2, 3-2) and leaned heavily on the ground game on Friday, combining for 257

yards on 44 carries (5.8 yard average) with three touchdowns. It was perhaps the team's best showing of the season in that department, as Andrew James, Jonathan Hinkle, and Peter Earl were able to knife their way through the Lava Bear defense with relative ease for the majority of the game.

Hermiston's offense picked up where it left off against Ridgeview in the first quarter Friday, scoring first in the game when James sprinted through the Lava Bear defense 49 yards into the end zone for the 7-0 lead. The Bulldogs found the end zone again on the ground when Jonathan Hinkle bullied his way in from 16 yards out

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Prep Roundup

Mental mistakes hurt Umatilla as Vale cruises in Viking battle

Umatilla's playoff chances take hit with loss

East Oregonian

UMATILLA — Missed opportunities and turnovers plagued the Umatilla Vikings on Friday night, as the defending 3A state champion Vale Vikings left town with the dominant 41-7 victory.

"We just didn't show up mentally," Umatilla coach Dan Durfey said. "The execution was there, the plays we ran were good, but mentally we just didn't show up."

Durfey cited a pair of dropped touchdown passes in the first half as a back-breaking turn of events for his team.

"If we get those touch-

downs it's probably a whole different game," he said.

Umatilla's lone touchdown came in the third quarter when quarterback Kaden Webb connected with Trent Durfey on a 34-yard pass with 36 seconds left. Webb finished with 160 passing yards on 17-34 completions with three interceptions, while Durfey led the team with 50 yards rushing on 12 carries and added 35 receiving yards on three catches.

Umatilla will now get ready to make the short trip west to Irrigon next Friday night.

VHS (4-3, 3-0) 14 13 7 - 41
UHS (5-2, 1-2) 0 7 0 - 7

Stats
PASSING — K. Webb 17-34-3, 160, TD 12-38; K. Webb 9-20.
RUSHING — C. Samson 5-34; S. Miller 4-60; J. Maret 4-25; T. Durfey 3-35, TD; D. Soto 1-6.

HEPPNER 22, CULVER 2 — At Culver, the Heppner



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Trent Durfey (34), of Umatilla, evades Vale's Seth Clark on Friday in Umatilla.

Mustangs clinched a playoff spot for the 20th straight season with a win over Culver on Friday night.

"It says that these kids have grown up a lot," Heppner coach Greg Grant

said after the game. "They thought they could, and thought they might, and with hard enough work they did it."

The Mustangs (6-1, 3-0 CBC) had to overcome

what Grant called "one of the sloppiest first quarters of football I've ever seen." In the quarter, Heppner ran a mere two offensive plays with the first one resulting in a lost fumble and the second one a safety that gave Culver a 2-0 lead.

But once the quarter changed over, the Mustangs got it together and started to show why they were the better team. With 9:38 remaining in the second quarter, Heppner finally put points on the board when Logan Grieb sprinted past the defense for a 32 yard touchdown run. Following a successful two-point conversion, Heppner held an 8-2 lead.

A little more than four minutes later, Heppner found the end zone again when Kevin Smith connected with Grieb for an 18 yard touchdown pass to put the

Mustangs up 14-2. The pass from Smith was Heppner's only completion of the game, with Smith finishing 1-2.

In the second half, Grieb found the end zone for the third time on a 38 yard touchdown run to put the Mustangs up 22-2. Grieb led the team with 168 yards on the ground.

"I did like the way we responded," Grant added. "The kids were disappointed and frustrated with themselves, but they stepped up and got it done."

Heppner will now prepare for its season finale with Stanfield next Friday, with the CBC title on the line.

HHS (6-1, 3-0) 14 8 0 - 22
CHS (1-5, 0-2) 0 0 0 - 2

Stats
PASSING — K. Smith 1-2, 18, TD.
RUSHING — L. Grieb 12-186, 2 TD; C. Daugherty 13-44; B. Walters 6-27; G. Hanna 3-23; K. Smith 2-45.
RECEIVING — L. Grieb 1-18, TD.

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Sports shorts

Indians pitcher cuts finger on drone

CLEVELAND (AP) — A drone dropped into the AL Championship Series before the first pitch was even thrown.

No, this isn't a pre-Halloween hoax.

Indians starter Trevor Bauer cut open his right pinkie while fixing one of the hovering objects he likes to build and fly. Bauer won't start Game 2 of the AL Championship Series against Toronto, again diverting the Indians' pitching plans for the playoffs.

Cleveland manager Terry Francona, who has had to juggle his rotation for weeks because of injuries, managed to keep a sense of humor about the latest — and by far the strangest — setback.

"It's kind of self-explanatory," Francona quipped at the start of his news conference. "Probably everybody in here probably at some point or another had a drone-related problem."



Bauer

"This year's more about just growing and getting better and experimenting the first couple months of the season."

— Steve Kerr

Golden State Warriors coach on his approach to the season. The Warriors won their first 24 games and an NBA-record 73 last season, but lost to Cleveland in the NBA Finals. Kerr said he's learned from that experience, and the Warriors' only goal this season will be winning a championship.

Las Vegas NFL stadium plan clears Nevada Legislature

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — The Nevada Legislature has signed off on a plan that would use \$750 million in public money to build an NFL stadium in Las Vegas, despite opposition to a project partly funded by billionaire casino mogul Sheldon Adelson.

A cadre of lobbyists for the project worked hard to firm up enough of the shaky votes to meet the necessary two-thirds threshold and scraped by with the minimum amount of support Friday when lawmakers called for a quick vote without the customary speeches. Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval is expected to sign the deal Monday.

The measure would raise hotel taxes by up to 1.4 percentage points in the Las Vegas area to fund a convention center expansion and build a 65,000-seat domed stadium backers hope will lure the Oakland Raiders.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1983 — The Chicago Blackhawks and the Toronto Maple Leafs score five goals in 84 seconds, an NHL record for fastest five goals by two teams.

2000 — For the first time in NFL history, a game starts with back-to-back touchdown returns on kickoffs. Atlanta's Derrick Vaughn returns the opening kickoff 96 yards for a touchdown, and St. Louis matches the Falcons immediately as Tony Horne takes the ball 3 yards deep in the end zone and runs down the sideline for a game-tying score. St. Louis also sets an NFL record by scoring four two-point conversions in the 45-29 win.

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