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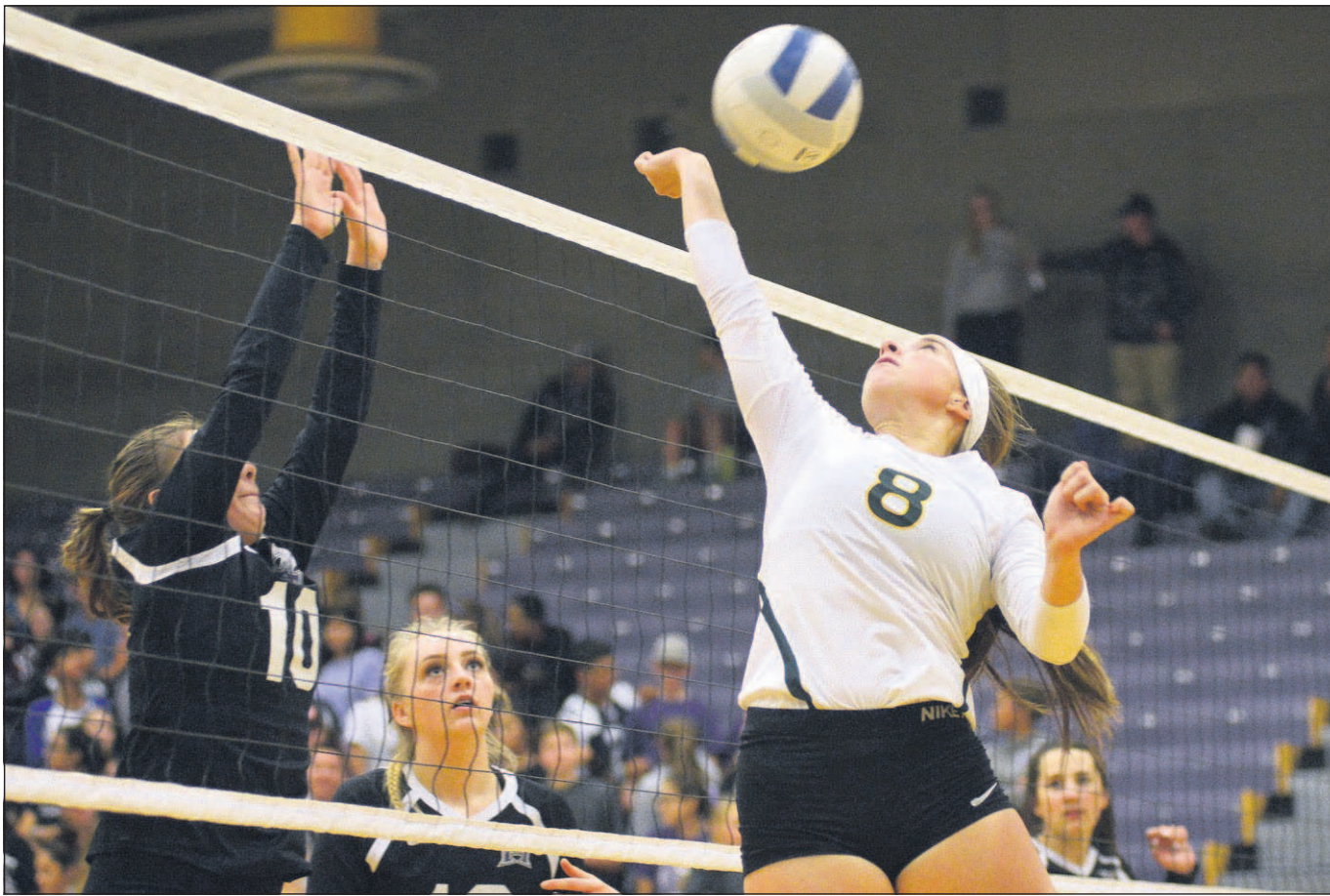
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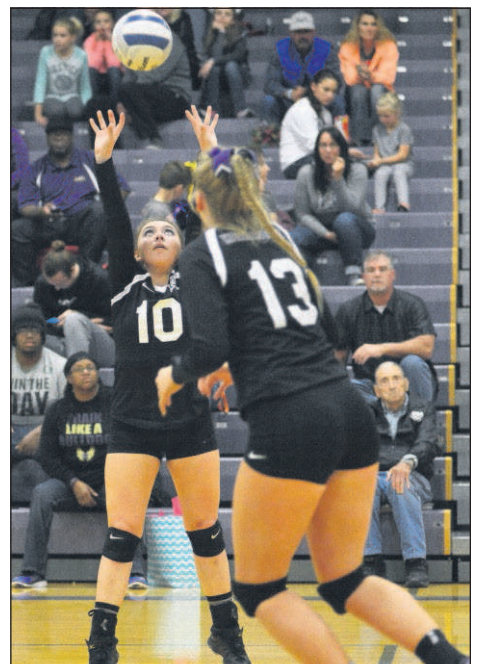
HERMISTON

Bucks blank Bulldogs



Pendleton's Lauren Richards attempt to bump the ball over the net guarded by Hermiston's Clarissa Nitz (10) and Sophia Streeter in the Bucks' win against the Bulldogs on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



TOP: Hermiston's Sophia Streeter (13) and Kynzee Padilla attempt to block a shot from Pendleton's Haley Greb. BOTTOM: Hermiston's Clarissa Nitz (10) sets the ball for Sophia Streeter.

Pendleton clinches home play-in game with win

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

The month of October has been very kind to the Pendleton Buckaroos.

After starting the season in the basement of the Columbia River Conference with a 4-8 overall record and an 0-4 mark

in league play, Pendleton was 3-2, 3-0 for the month heading into Tuesday's CRC finale with Hermiston.

The Bucks success continued on Tuesday with another dominant 3-0



competitive game when you come into Hermiston and the girls

victory over the Bulldogs, winning 25-20, 26-24, 25-15. It was the second sweep for the Bucks over the Dawgs this season.

"It's always a competitive game when you were definitely thinking about the first match here against them and they didn't want to see that result again," Pendleton coach Amanda Lapp said, referencing Hermiston's 3-2 win over Pendleton on Sept. 22. "They kind of struggled a little bit at the beginning and we

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PENDLETON

Buckaroos' win over Eagles proves costly

Pendleton dealing with injuries going into must win game against Bend

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Pendleton's win over Hood River last Friday kept the Buckaroos' playoff hopes alive, but it ended up costing the team two of its top playmakers when wide receivers Shaw Jerome and Cam Sandford were ruled out for the season due to injuries sustained in the win.

Jerome was headed for a career night with three touchdowns in the first half before suffering a knee injury

returning the opening kickoff of the second half. He was on crutches after the game, and further tests revealed torn meniscus in his knee that will put him out of action for at least six weeks.

Sanford had four catches for 31 yards before he left the game with his second concussion of the season, and Pendleton coach Erik Davis said they're shutting the sophomore down. "Two big playmakers going down, it hurts, especially this late in the year," he said.

The silver lining for the Bucks (3-4, 2-3 SD1), who face another must-win game this week against Bend (5-2, 3-2) to remain in the race for one of

See BUCKAROOS/2B



Pendleton quarterback Nick Bower looks down field to pass the ball in the Bucks' 33-23 win against Hood River on Friday, Oct. 15 in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

HERMISTON

Hermiston rolling into road contest at Redmond

Bulldogs football hitting its stride, still looking for more

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Friday night was a coming-out party for the Hermiston Bulldogs.

The team pounded the Bend Lava Bears, who previously had just one loss, by a 28-7 score to claim sole possession of the second spot in Special District 1. Hermiston was able to do so

by straying away from its normal pass-happy offensive blueprint and ran the ball 44 times for 257 yards and three touchdowns while only throwing it 24 times for 195 yards.

"We saw a couple holes in their defense on film and we did what our coaches told us to do," said Hermiston senior Jerry Ramirez. "We just wanted to establish our physi-



cality and wanted to pound the ball down (Bend's throats.) This week, Hermiston (4-3, 4-1 SD1) embarks on another tough test as it will hop on a bus for the second straight week and take the 202 mile trip back to central Oregon to battle the Redmond Panthers. Redmond (3-4, 3-2) is coming off of what could be its best game of the season when it

took the No. 1 Summit Storm to double overtime before the Storm ended up with the 41-35 victory.

It's the last road trip of the regular season for the Bulldogs, though they hope it's not the last bus ride of the season, with hopes of making it back to the state championship game.

"We hope to be on the bus again to Hillsboro next month," Ramirez said.

SCOUTING REDMOND

For the third straight week, the Hermiston defense will face a

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Local coaches to enter EOU Hall of Fame

Jerry Ewing first recipient of Athletic Legacy Award

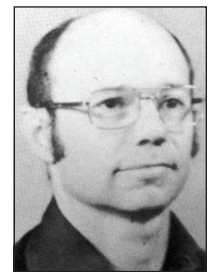
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LA GRANDE — The 29th class to enter the Eastern Oregon University Hall of Fame will have a Umatilla County feel as two former Mountaineers that excelled on the wrestling mats in the 1960's before going on to distinguished coaching careers for local schools are among those to be honored.

Former Pendleton athletic director and wrestling coach Rollin Schimmel also will be inducted posthumously along with his teammates from the 1966-67 wrestling team, and EOU will bestow former McLoughlin wrestling coach Jerry Ewing with the first-ever Mountaineer Athletic Legacy Award.

The award was created to recognize individuals who have made positive

See HALL OF FAME/2B



Ewing



Schimmel

Sports shorts

Hossa's 500th aids Chicago win

CHICAGO (AP) — Marian Hossa scored his 500th career goal, Artem Anisimov snapped a third-period tie with his first score of the season and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Philadelphia Flyers 7-4 on Tuesday night.

The 37-year-old Hossa slid a backhand through Neuvirth's legs at 5:04 of the second, becoming the 44th player to reach 500 career goals. The rugged winger, long one of the NHL's best two-way players, then skated behind the net and threw his arms in the air before celebrating with his teammates in front of Chicago's bench.

The crowd of 21,263 at the United Center roared when the milestone goal was announced, and Hossa waved his stick to acknowledge the standing ovation. But it looked as if he left in the third with an injury.



Hossa

"I still think they got some of the same issues this year. Can they rebound the ball? They're going to still be shooting jumpers. They're not going to get any low-post scoring. Can that type of play hold up through the rigors of the NBA playoffs?"

— Charles Barkley
The NBA analyst for TNT believes that even with Kevin Durant, the Warriors are not a perfect team.

Mariners trio go under the knife

SEATTLE (AP) — Mariners pitcher Taijuan Walker had surgery Monday to remove a bone fragment from his right ankle, one of three Seattle pitchers to undergo surgery since the end of the regular season.

Walker is expected to start rehabbing immediately and should be ready for the start of spring training. Walker was bothered in the second half of the season by ankle and foot issues, including a stint on the disabled list.

Reliever Steve Cishek underwent surgery last week to repair a torn labrum in his left hip. His rehab is expected to take four to six months, putting his status for the start of spring training in question.

Reliever Tony Zych had surgery last week on his right shoulder to repair a biceps tendon transfer. He is expected to be ready for the start of spring training.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2013 — Connor Halliday completes 58 of 89 passes for 557 yards and four touchdowns with four interceptions for Washington State in a 62-38 loss to Oregon. He breaks the FBS-level attempts record of 83 set by Drew Brees at Purdue in 1998.

2014 — Peyton Manning breaks Brett Favre's NFL record of 508 touchdown career passes and he throws four TD passes in Denver's 42-17 victory over the San Francisco 49ers. Manning reaches the milestone in his 246th regular-season game. Favre needed 302.

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