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HERMISTON

Panthers hold off Bulldogs

Hermiston turns ball over five times in loss to Redmond

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REDMOND — Despite a disastrous first half, the Hermiston Bulldogs were in position to escape with a victory after Andrew James ran in from five-yard touchdown to take the lead for the first time with 10:54 left in the fourth quarter.

Redmond had other designs, though, and added two more touchdowns before the game was over to hold on for a 26-14 win on Friday in Special District 1 play.

After turning the ball over just twice in the last three games, the Bulldogs (4-4, 4-2 SD1) coughed the ball up five times in the first half — twice on interceptions and three fumbles.

Hermiston's defense made the most of a bad situation, though, and kept the Bulldogs in the game at 13-0 at halftime.

See BULLDOGS/2B

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HEPPNER

Tigers bring home title



Stanfield's Dylan Grogan scrambles out while looking downfield pursued by Heppner's Trevin Horne in the Tigers' 14-0 win against the Mustangs on Friday in Heppner.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Stanfield shuts out Heppner in defensive battle

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The Stanfield Tigers picked up one of the biggest wins in program history Friday after outlasting the

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Heppner Mustangs 14-0 in a defensive battle of Columbia Basin Conference unbeaten.

The Tigers scored on their second possession when quarterback Dylan Grogan connected with Brody Woods for a 30-yard touchdown, See TIGERS/2B

PENDLETON

Buckaroos stall in out muddy mess

Pendleton mathematically eliminated from playoffs with loss

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Friday night's game against the Bend Lava Bears was Pendleton's last chance.

The Buckaroos needed to beat the Lava Bears to keep their playoff hopes alive for one more week, which could set up an even bigger rivalry game against Hermiston in the season finale. However, Mother Nature did not want to cooperate with the Buckaroos pass-focused offense on Friday, as rain showers for most of the afternoon and intermittent rain showers during the game left the Round-Up Arena looking like a swamp.

In the messy conditions, Pendleton compiled only 101 yards of total offense and failed to



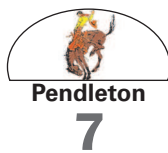
Pendleton running back Deven Page jumps over two Bend defenders in a 22-7 loss Friday night.

Photo by Joe Tierney for the East Oregonian

develop any offensive consistency as the Buckaroos fell to the Lava Bears 22-7 in Special District 1 action. The loss mathematically eliminated the Bucks from playoff contention for the second straight

year. "We just didn't do our jobs tonight," Davis said. "We thought we had a pretty good gameplan to run the football and walking out there it's hard to get footing,

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but like I said to the kids there are 22 guys playing on the field and they're all in the same conditions.

"We got some things going in the second half but when you can't throw the football, it made putting points on the board difficult."

All of the scoring came in the first half, and the rain in the second half made it even more difficult for the Buckaroos (3-5, 2-4 SD1) to put quick scoring drives together as the passing game still could not find a rhythm. Quarterback Nick Bower finished the game 5-21 for a meager 37 yards and one interception in the game, with 33 of those yards coming on one pass to Sebastian Corona late in the second half.

"We had a tough time completing any balls, we had

See BUCKAROOS/2B

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T-Wolves earn road sweep

Blue Mountain keeps pace in playoff race

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ONTARIO — The Blue Mountain Timberwolves won for the fifth time in six matches with a sweep over Treasure Valley on Friday in NWAC East volleyball.

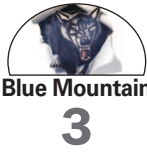
The T-Wolves dominated the Chukars 25-16, 25-13, 25-15 to keep pace in a tight playoff race with four matches remaining in the regular season.

Individual statistics were not available, but as a team Blue Mountain (17-14, 6-4 East) hit at a .304 clip with 38 kills, and were active on defense with 43 digs.

Treasure Valley (8-18, 1-10) struggled mightily and finished with more hitting errors (25) than kills (20) for a negative hitting percentage.

The next week will present a much tougher test for the fourth-place T-Wolves as they host second-place North Idaho on Wednesday and first-place Walla Walla on Friday, Oct. 28. Both matches will begin at 6 p.m.

Volleyball



Prep Roundup

Vikings run over Knights to keep playoff hopes alive

Umatilla beats Irrigon with 359 rushing yards

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IRRIGON — With its playoff hopes still holding on by a thread, the Umatilla Vikings took the short drive west to Irrigon on Friday night and took care of business, defeating the Knights 33-13.

Umatilla (6-2, 2-2 EOL) ran the ball 41 times for 359 yards in the game, an average of 8.7 per carry, as its offensive line overpowered the Irrigon front seven

all night long. Cody Samson ran for 190 yards and one touchdown on 20 carries, while Trent Durfey tallied 93 yards and two scores on 12 carries.

"We switched up our plays and got back to running the ball inside more tonight," Umatilla coach Dan Durfey said. "Our offensive line did really well up front, opening up big holes and our running backs benefitted."

Kaden Webb had a solid game passing, going 8-18 for 108 yards

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and two scores — a 56-yard pass to Diego Soto in the first quarter and a 18-yard pass to Sean Miller in the third quarter.

Durfey said he was proud of his defense's effort as well, holding an Irrigon team that had put up 26 points or more in its last two games to just 13 on Friday.

"We had our linebackers key off on their running backs and we just played disciplined football," Durfey said. "They kept everything in front of them, tackled well,

and just played a great game."

Irrigon (2-6, 1-3) coach Steve Sheller said his team just didn't have it on Friday.

"We just never got going," Sheller said. "We just kind of played flat all night. (Umatilla) punched us in the mouth and we just didn't react to it well."

Umatilla will finish up the regular season next week at Nyssa, needing a win to keep its playoff hopes alive. Irrigon will finish up at Burns next Friday.

UHS (6-2, 2-2) 7 14 7 - 33
IHS (2-6, 1-3) 0 7 6 0 - 13
Stats

See PREPS/3B

Sports shorts

Beckham Jr. fined again by NFL

NEW YORK (AP) New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. was fined \$24,309 by the NFL on Friday for taking off his helmet during a touchdown celebration last Sunday against Baltimore.

After scoring the go-ahead 66-yard TD with 1:24 left in the Giants' 27-23 win, Beckham drew an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty when he removed his helmet while in the back of the end zone. He then ran toward the sideline, tossed his helmet and kept celebrating.

It is the fourth time this season that Beckham has been fined by the league, with those four fines totaling more than \$96,000. Beckham leads the Giants with 35 receptions for 581 yards and three touchdowns this season.



Beckham, Jr.

"We are obviously disappointed in the way the past two weeks have gone, having such strong cars. But it puts us in a pretty simplistic situation for this weekend."

— Chase Elliott

Sprint Cup driver on his recent finishes near but not in front of the pack. Anything but a win will likely eliminate the rookie phenom from NASCAR's playoffs Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway, where the Chase for the Sprint Cup will trim the title contenders from 12 to eight.

Oregon men's basketball is preseason favorite Pac-12

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Defending Pac-12 champion Oregon is picked to repeat as the regular-season conference winner.

The Ducks received 23 first-place votes from a panel of 27 media members covering the conference, the Pac-12 announced Friday at its media day. Oregon returns four starters from last season's team that won a school-record 31 games and earned a top seed in the NCAA Tournament, led by junior forward Dillon Brooks, who averaged 16.7 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists.

Arizona received four first-place votes and was picked second, with UCLA third.

The Pac-12 sent a conference-record seven teams to the 2016 NCAA Tournament. Commissioner Larry Scott expects to announce next month the conference's plans regarding games played in China.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1950 — The Los Angeles Rams beat the Baltimore Colts 70-27.

2001 — New York routs Seattle 12-3 in Game 5 to win the AL pennant for the 38th time. The Yankees become the first team since their predecessors in 1960-64 to win four straight pennants.

2012 — Lance Armstrong is stripped of his seven Tour de France titles and banned for life by cycling's governing body following a report from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency that accuses him of leading a massive doping program on his teams.

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