

**PENDLETON**

# Scott edges out district title

## Weston-McEwen runner heads back to state for second straight year

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Weston-McEwen's Hayden Scott punched his ticket to the OSAA 3A/2A/1A state cross country meet for the second straight season on Friday by winning the District 5 boys championship at Community Park in Pendleton.

Scott ran hard throughout the 5,000 meter race and crossed the finish line at 16:08.4 which was enough to give him the win by the narrowest of margins — one-tenth of a second over Union's Tim Stevens who finished second with a time of 16:08.5. Scott's time was a new personal record and was nearly 16 seconds faster than his previous PR that he set at the 2015 district championship when he finished in second place. His time was also 26 seconds faster than his previous 2016 best, a 16:34.2 that Scott turned in at the George Fox XC Classic on Oct. 15.

Also qualifying on Friday was Heppner sophomore Hunter Nichols, who finished

fourth at districts with a time of 16:59 to earn his first trip to the state meet after missing the cut last season with an 11th place finish at districts. Nichols' time was also a personal record, beating his previous PR of 17:06.6 that he set on Oct. 6 at the Mustang Invitational.

Just missing the cut on the boys side was Riverside senior Alejandro Llamas in sixth place (17:14.3), who missed the final spot by five seconds, and Umatilla sophomore Zayne Troeger who finished in 10th (17:55.6).

On the girls side, no locals earned state championship berths in 2016 as Riverside senior Selene Andrade was the top finisher in 21st place (22:32.8).

The 3A/2A/1A state championship meet will take place on Saturday, Nov. 5 on the campus of Lane Community College in Eugene.

**3A/2A/1A District 5 championships**

State qualifiers	
<b>Boys</b>	
1. Hayden Scott, Weston-McEwen	16:08.4
2. Tim Stevens, Union	16:08.5
3. Jeremy Baxter, Union	16:48.6
4. Hunter Nichols, Heppner	16:59.0
5. Emmet Klus, Burns	17:09.7
<b>Girls</b>	
1. Delia DeLeon, Nyssa	20:03.5
2. Isabelle Tingelstad, Enterprise	20:07.2
3. Olivia Page, Nyssa	20:14.9
4. Jaimee Baxter, Union	20:22.3
5. Eliza Inish, Enterprise	20:22.8

**STANFIELD**

# EOFT takes sixth place at Grandmaster's Legacy Cup

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Despite being one of the smaller teams at the 2016 Grandmaster's Legacy Cup, Stanfield's Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo (EOFT) held their own with a sixth-place team finish on Saturday, Oct. 15 at Mt. Hood Community College. More than 300 competitors ages 5-50 from more than 30 schools from Oregon, Washington and California were in attendance.

Points were awarded for placings and participation, and the seven-member EOFT team was up against schools with more than 20 in tow.

Every EOFT student won a gold medal in at least one of the four categories — forms, sparring, breaking and weapons — to give the team 99 total by the tournament's end.

Aaron Sanchez and Luis Ibarra each won two golds, Sanchez in sparring, Ibarra in breaking, and both in forms. Sanchez brought home three



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**BACK (Left to Right): Melissa Shilhaneck, Mario Sanchez, Natividad Sanchez. MIDDLE: Head Instructor/Owner Erwin Watson, Luis Ibarra, Misael Sanchez, Osvaldo Sanchez. FRONT: Aaron Sanchez.**

medals when he added a silver in breaking.

Other medals for EOFT contestants went to: Melissa Shilhaneck, gold in forms and bronze in breaking; Mario Sanchez, gold in breaking and bronze in forms; Natividad Sanchez, gold in breaking, bronze in

sparring and forms; Misael Sanchez, gold in forms and bronze in breaking; Osvaldo Sanchez, gold in forms.

The Legacy Cup is biannual event held each April and October to honor the late grandmaster Tae Hong Choi. It is hosted by his son Grandmaster Hung Kyu Choi.

# PREPS: Echo back to playoffs for first time since 2012 season

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of the OSAA's 2A rankings — the last playoff spot in the classification.

The 2A rankings freeze today at 10 p.m., but with no games being played in the classification all signs point to a TigerScot road playoff game next weekend.

**Weston-McEwen statistics**

**PASSING** — B. Speed 6-12, 105 yds, TD.

**RUSHING** — E. Reger 13-45, TD; J. Speed 10-108; K. Scott 8-31, 2 TD; B. Speed 7-10; D. Cain 2-9; K. Rodriguez 1-7

**RECEIVING** — K. Rodriguez 2-65, TD; J. Speed 2-33; T. Henley 2-11.



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**Weston-McEwen's Ethan Reger (9) wraps up Culver ball carrier Jaiden Jones (5) Friday in Athena.**

Friday with time and opponent TBD.

**PRHS (0-8, 0-4)**

**14 SSS (8-1, 4-0)**

**54**

**Stanfield statistics**

**PASSING** — D. Grogan 9-17, 200 yds, TD; B. Woods 1-1, 75 yds, TD.

**RUSHING** — D. Grogan 12-137 TD; M. Blankenship 7-116; J. Keeney 6-44, TD; A. Renner 4-58, TD.

**RECEIVING** — B. Woods 6-147, TD; A. Renner 4-116.

**STANFIELD 54, PILOT ROCK 12** — At Stanfield, the Tigers finished off an unblemished Columbia Basin Conference schedule with a 54-12 defeat of the Pilot Rock Rockets on Friday night.

The win also completes one of the best regular seasons in school history for the Tigers (8-1, 4-0 CBC), which saw the team average more than 34 points per game on offense and allow an average of just 16.7 points on defense.

"It's been fun," Stanfield coach Davie Salas said of Stanfield's season. "I told the kids at the beginning of the year I wanted to ride this season as long as we can and we got a good start."

Quarterback Dylan Grogan had a big game for Stanfield on Friday, completing 9-17 passes for 200 yards and one touchdown, while also running the ball 12 times for 137 yards and a touchdown. Wideout Brody Woods hauled in six of Grogan's passes for 147 yards and one touchdown.

On the ground, Makiah Blankenship led the way with 116 yards on seven carries, while Adrian Renner carried it four times for 58 yards and one touchdown and Justin Keeney six times for 44 yards and one touchdown.

Senior running back Thyler Monkus, who got banged up a bit last week against Heppner, was held out of the game for precautionary reasons.

Stanfield will host a first round playoff game next

**ECHO 52, JORDAN VALLEY 6** — At Echo, the Cougars clinched a spot in the 1A state playoffs with a blowout of Jordan Valley in a Special District 1 playoff game on Friday night.

It's the first time Echo (5-3, 4-2 SD1) has been to the postseason since 2012.

"It's been a long time coming and a hard three years for our seniors," said Echo coach Rick Thew, "and for the guys to get to this spot, I couldn't be more proud."

Echo ran the ball 42 times for 397 yards and eight touchdowns as a team in the game, led by fullback Logan Butler with 167 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. Quarterback Devan Craig also ran it 13 times for 105 yards and four touchdowns.

The number 52 was also Echo's magic number once again on Friday, as Echo scored 52 points for the third straight game — all victories — and it also marks the fourth time in its five wins that the team scored 52.

"I'll take it," Thew said. "If that's what we need to do next week, too, then let's go

do it." Echo will now wait to find out its first round playoff match-up that will be played on Friday, Nov. 4.

**JV EHS Statistics**

JV	6	0	0	0	—	6
EHS	0	34	6	12	—	52

**PASSING** — D. Craig 2-4, 48 yds, TD.

**RUSHING** — (Team: 42-397, 8 TD) L. Butler 21-167, TD; D. Craig 13-105, 4 TD; D. Curiel 3-62, TD; B. Lowrance 6-32, TD.

**RECEIVING** — D. Curiel 1-43, TD; Z. Gehrke 1-5.

**IONE 54, SOUTH WASCO 0** — At South Wasco, the Ione Cardinals ended their 2016 campaign on a high note, shutting out the South Wasco Redsidies on Friday night.

"We're all very excited," Ione coach Todd Knop said of the win. "I told the kids that football's not always fun with all the work in practice and the weight room, but it is fun when that work let's you get out on the field and play like we did tonight."

Ione (2-7, 2-4 SD4) played well enough that it gave Knop a chance to empty his bench and play every player in the game, giving him a good look at the talent that will be back next season.

"They all played really well tonight," Knop said. "The kids all stepped up when they were called on and impressed us."

Knop also pointed out exchange student Daniel Kelly and Henry Padberg as standout players, with Kelly scoring a pair of touchdowns and Padberg turning in a great game on defense.

# RIVALRY: Hermiston now prepares for postseason, will likely play on the road

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two interceptions of senior Vaemu Ena, the Hermiston defense dominated for three and a half quarters and Pendleton's offense had accrued just two first downs (one on penalty) and less than 100 yards before its rally in the final six minutes.

Pendleton's defense also came to play, and led by senior linebackers Cade Anderson and Morgan Holcomb, was constantly in Hermiston's backfield.

"(Hermiston's offense) was pretty predictable looking at the film," said Anderson, who was hitting the line of scrimmage with a head of steam as he correctly predicted the snap cadence on nearly every play. "The got us on a few, they changed up their (snap) count and got us a few times, but pretty predictable."

The Bulldogs were unable to make the most of some good field position on its first two drives, and quarterback Andrew James was never able to get into a rhythm finishing just 11-of-30 for 122 yards with one interception and one touchdown.

"(Pendleton) played a really tough game and you've got to give it to them playing a game like that," said James, who got his first win in the rivalry series. "It feels great. I mean, there's a lot of things we can do better and we'll see it tomorrow morning, but bask in our glory tonight."

But unlike the Bucks, the Bulldogs were at least moving the chains with some success, and finally broke through on consecutive passes just before halftime.

Ena intercepted a floating pass from Pendleton's Nick Bower (8-20-1, 78) at the Pendleton 39 with 3:28 left before halftime, then on first down Jerry Ramirez made a diving catch on a tipped ball over the middle to get the Bulldogs down to the 23.

James lofted a pass to the corner of the end zone on the next play, and Dayshawn Neal hauled it in for his 12th touchdown of the season. He entered the game tied for the season lead in Class 5A.

A missed extra point kept the lead at 6-0, but with the way Pendleton's offense was playing, it was a lead that appeared safe.

The Bucks had only moved the chains once in the first half on their own when senior Deven Page broke free for a 39-yard run up the sideline into Hermiston territory, and their opening drive of the second half didn't inspire much confidence when Line's second sack on a third down forced another punt.

Since it's offense couldn't score, the Bucks defense took matters into its own hands, and when James dropped back for another screen pass senior lineman Jamal Vann was ready and stepped in front of the ball and returned it 10 yards to tie the score.

In a game full of costly penalties on both sides, Pendleton picked up a big one with a delay of game on the extra point. After moving the ball back five yards, Sebastian Corona's kick went wide left to preserve the tie.

Pendleton finished the game with nine penalties for 85 yards, but Hermiston really shot itself in the foot with 17 for 127 yards.

With James struggling in the passing game, Hermiston went back to run with some success late in the third quarter, and a 20-yard run by Peter Earl highlighted a string of six-straight runs to bring the Bulldogs down to Pendleton's 10-yard line to start the fourth quarter.

On first and goal James took the snap and rolled to the left where a Pendleton defender was waiting. James made the first would-be tackler miss, then lowered his shoulder pads and pushed through the tackles of two more Bucks before getting an escort for the last five yards into the end zone. The extra point was good to make it 13-6 with 11:27 to play.

"It was a blown play on a bad snap, and I was just trying to get into the end zone," James said. "It was a tough game, but I tried to do my best to do what I could for my team."

Pendleton went three-and-out for the fifth time on its next drive,



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**Pendleton's Nick Bower (15) fakes the handoff to Deven Page in the Hermiston's 13-12 win against the Bucks on Friday in Hermiston.**



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**Hermiston's Vaemu Ena (32) and Bradlee Giusti wrap up Pendleton's Deven Page in the Bulldogs' 13-12 win against the Bucks on Friday in Hermiston.**

but an offensive pass interference on Neal negated a touchdown and forced a punt on Hermiston's possession to give the Bucks the ball with 6:11 to play.

Pendleton finally showed a spark when Vann caught a short pass on first down and took it out near midfield for a gain of 24.

Defensive holding gave the Bucks four more downs, but the drive stalled at Hermiston's 39 when Bower's fourth-down pass under duress came up short.

That was exactly where the

Bucks would get the ball back with 1:39 to play after Hermiston was pushed back with a pair of penalties before muffing the punt.

Defensive pass interference got Pendleton moving, but they still found themselves facing fourth-and about three from the 27 with time running out.

The Bucks got the look the wanted at the line of scrimmage, and when one safety was left to cover two receivers, senior Nick Lani was able to haul in Bower's pass at the goal line with :19.3 left.

"It was just crazy. It was surreal," Line said of the game's final two minutes. "I couldn't believe it, it was so fun and exciting."

Looking for the win, the Bucks went for two but Bower was forced to scramble and his pass into traffic was easily broken up by Ena and another Bulldog.

"I knew that (Bower) was going to roll out and I expected it," Ena said. "And I just got it. Then I got hyped, then I cramped."

The Bucks weren't ready to concede, but couldn't gain any ground after recovering the onside kick at Hermiston's 47, forcing the long field goal try as time expired.

"I'm incredibly proud of the team," Anderson of Pendleton's gritty second half. "There were thousands of people that thought it would not be that close, and for us to come out here and do that, I'm proud of them."

Pendleton finished with just 114 total yards while Hermiston mustered 270.

The loss ended the season for Pendleton, while the Bulldogs hope they can use the win to get themselves a little momentum heading into the first round of the playoffs next week.

"I mean it wasn't the prettiest win, but we won, and our confidence has just got to build because lately we've been struggling," Ena said. "But we've just got to keep going."

**PHS HHS Scoring plays**

PHS	0	0	6	6	—	12
HHS	0	6	0	7	—	13

**2nd Quarter**  
2:17 — HHS, Dayshawn Neal 23 pass from Andrew James (Neal kick missed), 6-0

**3rd Quarter**  
8:24 — PHS, Jamal Vann 10 yard interception return (Sebastian Corona kick missed), 6-6

**4th Quarter**  
11:27 — HHS, James 10 run (Neal kick), 13-6  
.19 — PHS, Nick Lani 27 pass from Nick Bower (pass incomplete), 13-12

**Individual statistics**

**PASSING** — Pendleton (8-20-2, 78, TD): Nick Bower 8-19-1, 78, TD; Nick Lani 0-1-1, Hermiston: Andrew James 11-30-1, 122, TD.

**RUSHING** — Pendleton (28-36): Deven Page 15-65; Gabe Walker 3-16; Nick Lani 2-10; Nick Bower 8-4-55; Hermiston (41-148, TD): Andrew James 14-38, TD; Jonathan Hinkle 18-52; Peter Earl 7-43; Jerry Ramirez 1-5; Dayshawn Neal 1-0.

**RECEIVING** — Pendleton: Nick Lani 3-37, TD; Tanner Stepan 2-13; Sebastian Corona 2-8; Jamal Vann 1-20, Hermiston: Dayshawn Neal 4-66, TD; Tucker Salinas 2-7; Jerry Ramirez 2-19; Vaemu Ena 1-36; Jonathan Hinkle 2-4-6.