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## HERMISTON

# Bulldogs boys stay unbeaten

Ortiz's big second half lifts Hermiston over Aloha

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BEAVERTON — Sometimes in the sports it's not about how a team wins, it's about just finding a way to win.

That was a philosophy the Hermiston Bulldogs boys basketball team took to heart this weekend, finishing off a perfect 2-0 record at the Aloha Tournament with a gritty 51-44 win over the host Aloha on Saturday afternoon. Hermiston started fast with a 12-3 lead after one quarter, but then fell into a funk that's become a theme in the team's first three games this season.

"We jumped out with lots of energy but stumbled in the second quarter, turned the ball over and just got sloppy," Hermiston coach Casey Arstein said.

Hermiston (3-0) went to halftime trailing Aloha 22-18, but got a big boost from Cesar Ortiz in the second half to make a run. Ortiz, a sophomore guard, sank five 3-pointers in the second half and finished the game with 18 points to lead the Bulldogs.

"We really battled in the second half," Arstein said, "and Ortiz off the bench gave us a good spark. After that we never looked back and had a good second half overall."

See BULLDOGS/2B

### Boys Hoops



Hermiston  
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Aloha  
44

## PENDLETON

# McGlothan paces gritty win



Pendleton's Kalan McGlothan (34) muscles her way up for a shot as Mikayla Hill (21) and Anna Sharp (3), of Clarkston, defend on Saturday during the Red Lion Classic basketball tournament at Warberg Court.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton girls hold off Clarkston in home opener

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In another big showing for Pendleton's posts, Kalan McGlothan turned in her second-straight double-double to lead the Buckaroos over Clarkston (WA) 62-59 in the Red Lion Invite on Saturday afternoon at Warberg Court.



Clarkston  
59



Pendleton  
62

McGlothan finished with 19 points and 14 rebounds to pace Pendleton (2-0), and forwards Katie Bradt and Maureen Davies each added nine points in the team's home opener. McGlothan was coming off a 28-point, 15-rebound game in Pendleton's season-opening win at Baker.

That was also a three-point win, and first-year head coach Kevin Porter said it's great to see the team passing these early-season tests.

"I'm extremely happy because winning those close games at the start of the year can set a tone for the rest of the season," he said. "We had lots of kids crashing the boards and diving on the floor going after loose balls. I love the effort this early in the season."

Pendleton led 43-38 to start the third quarter and never allowed Clarkston (0-1) to pull even. The Bantams hit a shot at the buzzer to give the game its final margin.

See BUCKS/2B

## National Finals Rodeo

# Landingham on his way up at NFR

Former BMCC cowboys in the running at finals

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LAS VEGAS — R.C. Landingham's week just keeps getting better.

He topped the aptly named Mucho Dinero for 87 points in the bareback riding at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo on Monday, and posted his third-straight score in the 80s.

It wasn't the top score of the round, but it was enough to grant the former Blue Mountain Timberwolf with third place and a check for \$15,654. Jake Vold took home the winner's check for \$26,231 with an 89-point ride on Hi Lo ProRodeo's Wilson Sanchez.

Landingham's still got some ground to gain in the aggregate, but with the rodeo at just the halfway point there's still lots of action coming at Thomas and Mack Arena.

World standings leader Tim O'Connell is the man to beat in the aggregate with



Chase Stevens/Las Vegas Review-Journal via AP

R.C. Landingham rides Must Have while competing in the bareback riding event during the 3rd go-round of the National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016.

424.5 points on five head, and Landingham has 378.5 thanks to a disastrous first round that brought him just 49 points.

The world No. 7 rider who called Pendleton home for eight years earned his first check in Las Vegas on Sunday with an 84.5 ride that was tied for fourth and worth \$8,885. He finished out of the money on Saturday with an 80.

Another former BMCC competitor is challenging for the title in steer wrestling

as Dakota Eldridge found himself in fifth in the aggregate following Monday's round.

He timed in at 4.1 seconds to tie for sixth and a check of \$2,115, and is fifth on five with 31 even. Mount Vernon's Trevor Knowles is trying to work his way up through the standings and got some help with a 4.0 on Monday that was fifth in the round and paid \$6,769. World leader Tyler Waguespack and No. 4 Matt Reeves are tied for the aggregate lead with

20.0 on five.

In team roping, Helix's Garrett Rogers and Ellensburg, Washington's Jake Minor had a 9.5 that was seventh on Monday but out of the money. After two no-times over the weekend, the pair has yet to win a check in its first WNFR. World leaders Luke Brown and Jake Long are atop the aggregate with 28.6 seconds on five head.

In saddle bronc, world No. 1 Jacobs Crawley won the round with an 89 on Frontier Rodeo's Medicine Woman, and Jake Wright leads the aggregate with 414.5 on five.

In tie-down roping, Caleb Smidt had the top time of the night in 6.7 seconds, and Matt Shiozawa is the aggregate leader with 41.4 on five.

In barrel racing, Amberleigh Moore of Keizer won the round in 13.62 seconds and also holds the aggregate lead with a total of 68.9.

In bull riding, Scottie Knapp's 87 points on Rafter H Rodeo Livestock's Breaking Bad edged the 86.5 from Shane Proctor, but Proctor holds a big lead in the aggregate as the only rider with five scores. He's got 422 on five.

## NBA

# Balanced Blazers beat Bulls for third straight win

By JAY COHEN  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Damian Lillard and the Portland Trail Blazers learned from last month's blowout loss to Chicago.

They turned that knowledge into their own road win Monday night.

Lillard had 30 points and seven assists, CJ McCollum scored 24 and the Trail Blazers beat the Bulls 112-110 for their third consecutive victory.

Portland had won five of six before Chicago visited the Moda Center on Nov. 15 and rolled to a 113-88 win. That loss started the Blazers on a bit of a slide, but they are rounding into form again.

"I think the game in Portland helped us prepare for what kind of game it was going to be," Lillard said. "We saw how physical they were. They compete on both ends of the floor. ... We just came in with the right mindset, knowing what to expect."

Allen Crabbe added 17 points for Portland, which opened a five-game trip with its fourth win in five games. Maurice Harkless had 11 and Evan Turner finished with 10, providing a nice boost in the fourth quarter.

"I'm really pleased the way we responded after the way they beat us the first time," Trail Blazers coach Terry Stotts said.

See BLAZERS/3B



Portland  
112



Chicago  
110

## Sports shorts

### Thompson drops 60 on Pacers

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Klay Thompson had 60 points, an NBA season high and the most by a Golden State player in more than 42 years, as the Warriors whipped the Indiana Pacers 142-106 on Monday night.

Thompson scored 40 by halftime in just 18-plus minutes. He had a career-best 60 points through three quarters and called it a night, sitting down with 1:22 left in the period as fans jumped to their feet for an extended ovation.

Thompson joined Hall of Famers Wilt Chamberlain, Rick Barry and Joe Fulks as the only Warriors to score 60 points in a game. Barry was the last to do so, going off for 64 on March 26, 1974, against Portland.

Thompson shot 21 for 33 and 8 of 14 on 3-pointers 15 of 22 with five 3s in the first two quarters and converted 10 of 11 free throws in 29 minutes.



Thompson

"Obviously the league hasn't seen something like this in a long, long time."

— Billy Donovan

Oklahoma City Thunder coach on Russell Westbrook's sixth-straight triple double with 32 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists in a 102-99 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Monday.

### USC earns Rose Bowl berth

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Southern California and Penn State followed two difficult paths to reach a remarkable reunion eight years later in the Rose Bowl.

The Trojans will face the Big Ten champions on Jan. 2 in the 103rd edition of the Granddaddy of Them All. The rematch of the 2009 game showcases two venerable football programs that have emerged from bad times since their last trip to the Rose Bowl destination for their conferences.

"I can't think of a better reward for our football team after this season," USC coach Clay Helton said. "These are the things you dream about as a little kid."

USC (9-3) will meet Penn State (11-2) in a rematch of the Trojans' 38-24 victory eight years ago the last trip to the Rose Bowl for either team.



### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1961 — Syracuse running back Ernie Davis becomes the first black player to win the Heisman Trophy.

1992 — Jerry Rice becomes the NFL's career leader in touchdown receptions with his 101st scoring pass during the fourth quarter of the San Francisco 49ers' 27-3 victory over Miami. Rice surpassed Steve Largent's mark of 100.

2008 — Florida quarterback Tim Tebow throws three touchdown passes and rallies the No. 2 Gators over No. 1 Alabama for a 31-20 win in the Southeastern Conference championship game.

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