

**5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE**

The Columbia River Conference playoff race could be a three-horse race for the 2016-17 season. Hermiston, which has won each CRC title since the conference's inception in 2010, does not project to be the dominant team it has been, which could leave the door open for either The Dalles or perhaps Pendleton to take the crown. The CRC is guaranteed one automatic qualifier for the postseason, and two play-in spots as well.

**Projected Finish**

- The Dalles Riverhawks
- Hermiston Bulldogs
- Pendleton Buckaroos
- Hood River Valley Eagles

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

**2015-16 Final Standings**

CRC	Conf.	Overall
Hermiston*	9-0	24-4
The Dalles*	5-4	13-12
Pendleton*	4-5	9-16
Hood River	0-9	3-19

\*made postseason

**Returning All-League**

**The Dalles:** Brooke McCall, G, sr.; Iliana Telles, G, sr.  
**Pendleton:** Haley Greb, G, sr.; Lauren Richards, G, jr.; Kalan McGlothan, F, jr.  
**Hermiston:** Maddy Juul, F, jr.; Kynzee Padilla, F, sr.

In this Nov. 30, 2016 file photo, Hermiston's Maddy Juul (20) gets ready to shoot during a non-conference game against Walla Walla. Juul is one of two returning starters from last year's state placing Bulldog team.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



**Hermiston Bulldogs**

**Head coach:** Juan Rodriguez, 1st year  
**Assistant coaches:** Maloree Moss, 1st year; Dennis Stefani, 1st year; Rylee Christiansen, 1st year; Ron Sivey, 24th year; Amanda Rodriguez, 5th year  
**Returning starters:** Maddy Juul (All-CRC 1st team), F, jr.; Kynzee Padilla (All-CRC 2nd team), G/F, sr.; Raleigh Andreason, G, sr.  
**Other returners:** Shaelyn Gilbert, G, sr.; R; Hayden Meyers, F, sr.  
**Other seniors:** Kilie Harrison, G  
**Newcomers:** Jazlyn Romero, G, fr.; Regan Meyers, G, jr.  
**On offense:** Hermiston will look to break down opposing defenses with lots of screens and crisp passing within its Motion offense.  
**On defense:** The Bulldogs will look to keep the pressure high with an aggressive man-to-man scheme.  
**Rodriguez's expectations:** "The make the 5A playoffs and be in a position to make the state tournament."  
**2015-16 finish:** 24-4, 9-0 CRC (The Bulldogs won their 6th-straight league title and made their 7th-straight appearance in the state's final bracket where they finished fourth with a 64-36 win over Marist Catholic.)



**2016-17 Schedule**

Nov. 30	vs. Walla Walla (WA)	W 60-42
Dec. 2	vs. Wilsonville	W 46-40
Dec. 3	vs. Lewiston (ID)	L 55-35
Dec. 6	at Hanford (WA)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Chiawana (WA)	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 10	vs. Kamiakin	5:45 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Hillsboro Union	5 p.m.
Dec. 20	at Clackamas	7 p.m.
Dec. 27	at Lake Oswego Tournament	TBD
Dec. 28	at Lake Oswego Tournament	TBD
Dec. 29	at Lake Oswego Tournament	TBD
Dec. 30	at Lake Oswego Tournament	TBD
Jan. 3	at La Grande	7 p.m.
Jan. 10	vs. Sunnyside	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	vs. West Valley	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. The Dalles*	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Hood River*	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Pendleton*	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 3	at The Dalles*	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	vs. Hood River*	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	vs. Pendleton*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	vs. The Dalles*	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	at Hood River*	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	at Pendleton*	7:30 p.m.

\*-denotes league game

**Pendleton Buckaroos**

**Head coach:** Kevin Porter, 1st year  
**Assistant coaches:** Kim Taber, 1st year; Ron Murphy, 3rd year; Jeremy Talbot, 1st year.  
**Returning starters:** Haley Greb (All-CRC 2nd team), G, sr.; Kalan McGlothan (All-CRC 1st team), F, jr.; Lauren Richards (All-CRC 2nd team), G, jr.  
**Other returners:** Tatum Fell, G, sr.; Maureen Davies, F, jr.; Hallie Porter, PG, jr.; Jaiden Lemberger, PG/W, jr.; Katie Bradt, P, so.; Elli Nirschl, W, so.  
**Newcomers:** Kale'a Broker, F, sr.; Sequoia Suppah, G, sr.; Megan George, W, so.; Hunter Kiele, P, so.; Uliyana Guerrero, so. PG  
**On offense:** Porter wouldn't reveal much, saying only the Bucks will run multiple offenses throughout the season.  
**On defense:** The first-year coach remained tight-lipped on his defensive philosophy as well, and the Bucks will again use multiple looks throughout the season.  
**Porter's expectations:** "Our expectations for this season are to compete hard in every game, participate with a positive attitude and work as a team."  
**2015-16 finish:** 9-16, 4-5 CRC (The Bucks placed third in the CRC and lost on the road to Liberty 67-50 in the state playoffs play-in round.)



**2016-17 Schedule**

Nov. 30	at Baker	W 61-58
Dec. 3	vs. Clarkston (WA)	W 62-59
Dec. 6	vs. Southridge (WA)	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	at Walla Walla (WA)	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Wilsonville	7 p.m.
Dec. 20	vs. South Albany (at BMCC)	3 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Summit Tournament	TBD
Dec. 29	at Summit Tournament	TBD
Dec. 30	at Summit Tournament	TBD
Jan. 3	vs. Sunnyside (WA)	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	vs. Redmond	2:45 p.m.
Jan. 10	vs. La Grande	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Lewiston (ID)	4 p.m.
Jan. 17	vs. Baker	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Hood River*	7 p.m.
Jan. 24	at La Grande	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. The Dalles*	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	vs. Hermiston*	5:45 p.m.
Feb. 3	vs. Hood River*	7 p.m.
Feb. 7	at The Dalles*	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Hermiston*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Hood River*	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	vs. The Dalles*	7 p.m.
Feb. 21	vs. Hermiston*	7:30 p.m.

\*denotes league game



The Bucks' Haley Greb dribbles the ball downcourt against Clarkston during Saturday's Pendleton Red Lion Classic basketball tournament at Warberg Court. Greb is one of three all-CRC players back for Pendleton for 2016-17.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

**SWIMMING**

**5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE**

The 2016-17 swimming season was threatened for both the Pendleton Buckaroos and Hermiston Bulldogs this summer when Blue Mountain Community College debated on whether to repair the pool that the Bucks and Dawgs use to train in. But BMCC decided to keep the pool going and the Bucks and Dawgs are ready to give it their all this season. Pendleton's boys team was district champs a year ago, but returns just one state placer in 50M freestyle champion Jon Jennings. The Bulldog boys were a young team a year ago, and with the experience gained are hoping to make noise in the district this season. Pendleton and Hermiston girls teams are both young, but have high expectations for the upcoming year.

**Boys Projected Finish**

- Hood River
- Pendleton
- Hermiston
- The Dalles

**Girls Projected Finish**

- Hood River
- The Dalles
- Pendleton
- Hermiston

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

**Hermiston Bulldogs**

**Head coach:** Kevin Hamblin, 11th year  
**Assistant coach:** Karri Hodge, 3rd year  
**Returning starters:** (Boys) Ryan Wiley, sr.; Caleb Jorgensen, sr.; Carson Wrathall, jr.; Keaton Mikami, jr.; Jose Roman, jr.; Ryan Barnard, so.; Lane Stevenson, so. (Girls) Hannah Walker, jr.; Lindsey McAllister, jr.; Jailee Vogt, jr.  
**Newcomers:** Ean Buck, sr.; Seth Buck, so.  
**Hamblin's expectations:** "Take two swimmers and a relay to the state swim meet."  
**2015-16:** Senior Jacob Snell was Hermiston's only state qualifier.



**2016-17 Pendleton/Hermiston Schedule**

Dec. 10	at Baker	Noon
Dec. 17	at La Grande	Noon
Dec. 17	at Bend	1 p.m.
Jan. 7	at The Dalles	10:15 a.m.
Jan. 14	at Madras	10 a.m.
Jan. 21	at Hood River	10 a.m.
Jan. 28	at La Grande	Noon
Feb. 10	Districts (at Hood River)	10 a.m.
Feb. 11	Districts (at Hood River)	10 a.m.
Feb. 17/18	State Meet (at Mt. Hood CC)	TBD

**Pendleton Buckaroos**

**Head coach:** Amy Ashton-Williams, 3rd year (14th overall)  
**Assistant coaches:** Nick Lapp, 3rd year; Tony Nelson, 3rd year.  
**Returning starters:** (Boys) Jon Jennings\*, sr.; Avery Madril, sr.; Matt Larsen, sr.; Rylan Headley\*, sr.; Shane Miltonberger\*, so.; (Girls) Sam Schmitz\*, sr.; Olivia Broker, sr.; Oceane Schreier\*, sr.; Landry Huth\*, so.  
**Ashton-Williams' expectations:** "Our varsity team is smaller than in years past which gives us the opportunity to train in each swimmer's specialty. We have less swimmers this year and more pool time, I'm excited to see how out swimmers perform with the extra space and time."  
**2015-16:** The Buckaroos' boys won the district title and the girls placed second. Overall Pendleton sent three boys' relays, one girls' relay and three boys in individual events to state. The boys' 200-yard freestyle placed third, and their 200 medley relay placed sixth. Jennings won a state title in the 50 freestyle and placed third in the 100 freestyle. The boys were sixth as a team.



(\*denotes state qualifier)

**Other returners:** (Girls) Abby Williams, sr.; Kayla Lee, sr.

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