

3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE

The Eastern Oregon League was a two-horse race last season, with the Nyssa Bulldogs earning their third-straight league title and the upstart Riverside Pirates clinching the league's second postseason spot. This season should be filled with more excitement, though, as the league adds Burns and Irrigon to the mix. Both the Hilanders and Knights were playoff teams in Class 2A last season and should make it an interesting race to pick up the EOL's two automatic postseason berths this season.

Projected Finish

- Nyssa Bulldogs
- Burns Hilanders
- Riverside Pirates
- Umatilla Vikings
- Irrigon Knights
- Vale Vikings

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

2015-16 Final Standings

EOL	Conf.	Overall
Nyssa*	9-0	16-11
Riverside*	6-3	11-14
Umatilla	3-6	11-14
Vale	0-9	3-21

*made postseason

Returning all-league players

Nyssa — Andres Gonzalez, sr., 1st team; Boston Thompson, jr., 1st team; Jaylin Fuentes, sr., Honorable mention.
Riverside — Eon Castillo, sr., 1st team; Noe Madrigal, sr., 1st team.
Umatilla — Kaden Webb, jr., 1st team; Trent Durfey, soph., 2nd team.
Irrigon — Austin Rice, sr.; 2nd team all-CBC; Hayden White, sr., 2nd team all-CBC.

Burns back in EOL

Burns put together a 22-7 overall record and a 11-1 mark in the Wapiti League last season. The Hilanders made it to the 2A state tournament last year and finished with a sixth place trophy. Burns last played in the Eastern Oregon League in 2012-13, when the Hilanders finished 7-1 and captured the EOL district crown.

Umatilla Vikings

Head coach: Derrek Lete, 4th year
Assistant coach: Dan Durfey, 2nd year
Returning starters: Kaden Webb (All-EOL 1st team), G, jr.; Trent Durfey (All-EOL 2nd team), F, so.; Sebastian Garcia, G, so.
Other returners: Sean Miller, F, sr.; Justin Marret, F, sr.; Daniel Silverio, G, sr.; Seth Cranston, G, jr.; Gio Arrieta, G, jr.
On offense: The Vikings run a variation of the Motion offense, which uses screens and cutters to create confusion for the defense.
On defense: Umatilla's defense will depend on its opponent and they'll have several different looks in the playbook.
Lete's expectations: "Expectations are big."
2015-16: 11-14, 3-6 EOL (The Vikings' season ended with a 62-59 loss to Riverside in the first round of the district tournament.)



2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2	vs. Colton	W 55-47
Dec. 3	at W. Mennonite	L 50-44
Dec. 8	vs. Mac-Hi**	7 p.m.
Dec. 9	Columbia River Clash**	7 p.m.
Dec. 10	Columbia River Clash**	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Union Tourney	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Union Tourney	7 p.m.
Dec. 17	at Union Tourney	7 p.m.
Dec. 23	vs. River View (WA)	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Salem Acad. Tourney	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	at Salem Acad. Tourney	7 p.m.
Dec. 30	at Salem Acad. Tourney	7 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Kennewick (WA)	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	vs. Weston-McEwen	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Irrigon*	1 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Riverside*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. Burns*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	vs. Nyssa*	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Burns*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	vs. Irrigon*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Nyssa*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Vale*	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Riverside*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	vs. Vale*	5:30 p.m.

*denotes league game
 **-Columbia River Clash Tournament hosted by Umatilla

Irrigon Knights

Head coach: Davie Salas, 1st year (3rd overall).
Assistant coach: N/A
Returning starters: Hayden White (All-CBC 2nd team), F, sr.; Austin Rice (All-CBC 2nd team), G, sr.;
Other returners: Johnny Philips, F, jr.; Daniel Vera, F, jr.; Omar Vera, G, jr.; Adrian Roa, G, jr.; Lino Covarrubia, G, so.
Newcomers: Eric Carillo, G/W, jr.; Jesus Sandoval, W, jr.; Abe Gomez, G/W, jr.; Keith Fleming, C, so.; Leo Carillo, F/W, so.
2015-16 season: 17-8, 7-3 CBC (The Knights finished second at districts with a 50-45 loss to Heppner, then lost in the first round of the Class 2A state tournament as a No. 8 seed at home to No. 9 seed Kennedy 48-45.)



2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2	vs. Enterprise	L 40-42
Dec. 3	at Ione	W 72-34
Dec. 6	vs. Weston-McEwen	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	vs. Crane	3 p.m.
Dec. 10	vs. Toledo	Noon
Dec. 13	at Heppner	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Grant Union	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	vs. Yak. Tribal (WA)	1 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Lib. Christian (WA)	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	vs. Mac-Hi	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Waitsburg (WA)	6 p.m.
Dec. 30	vs. Pilot Rock	6 p.m.
Jan. 3	at Weston-McEwen	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Riverside*	3 p.m.
Jan. 14	vs. Umatilla*	1 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. Vale*	3 p.m.
Jan. 21	vs. Burns*	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Vale*	2 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Nyssa*	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Umatilla*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	vs. Riverside*	3 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Nyssa*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 11	at Burns*	7 p.m.

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 **-Games to be played at Heppner for Heppner Kick-off

Riverside Pirates

Head coach: Clair Costello, 27th year
Assistant coach: Juan Reyna, 1st year

Returning starters: Noe Madrigal, G, sr. (All-EOL 1st team); Eon Castillo, G, sr. (All-EOL 1st team); Felix Aparicio, P, jr.; Mason Hegar, P, jr.



Other returning lettermen: Jorge Garcia, G, sr.; Ricardo Rosales, G, sr.; Jassiel Carmona, G, sr.; Andrew Martinez, W, sr.; Daniel Rodriguez, W/P, jr.

Other seniors: Dominic Valenzuela, G, sr.; Abram Hernandez, P, sr.; Brian Altamirano, G, sr.

On offense: The Pirates run a Spread and Go which is designed to be fast, easy to run, and allows players to showcase their individual strengths. It's also an offense that doesn't rely on great height.

On defense: The Pirates will play man-to-man. Costello's expectations: "When everyone gets healthy, we could challenge for a state berth."

2015-16 Season: 11-14, 6-3 EOL (Placed second at districts, lost first-round state playoff to Dayton 81-35; Costello was voted EOL Coach of the Year.)

2016-17 Schedule

Nov. 30	at White Salmon	W 56-44
Dec. 2	vs. Touchet (WA)	L 35-29
Dec. 3	vs. College Place	W 51-38
Dec. 6	at Walla Walla Vall.	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	vs. T-C Prep (WA)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 13	vs. Weston-McE	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Stanfield Tourn.	TBD
Dec. 17	at Stanfield Tourn.	TBD
Dec. 19	vs. White Salmon	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	vs. Hood River	5 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Ione	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	vs. Stevenson	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	vs. Mac-Hi	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 13	vs. Irrigon*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 14	at Burns*	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	vs. Umatilla*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. Nyssa*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	vs. Vale*	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Nyssa*	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Vale*	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Irrigon*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4	vs. Burns*	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 7	at Baker	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Umatilla*	7:30 p.m.

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