

3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE

The Umatilla Vikings owned the Eastern Oregon League last season, winning eight of the nine league games on their way to a sixth place finish at the 3A state tournament. However the league could be up for grabs as Umatilla must replace four of its five starters, while teams like Nyssa and Vale return numerous all-league players. Also in the mix for the league's two automatic playoff berths is Burns and Irrigon, who were postseason teams at the Class 2A level one year ago.

Projected Finish

- Vale
- Burns
- Nyssa
- Umatilla
- Riverside
- Irrigon

2015-16 Final Standings

	EOL	Conf.	Ovr.
Umatilla*	8-1	23-6	
Nyssa*	6-3	17-10	
Vale	3-6	13-12	
Riverside	0-9	3-18	

*made postseason

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

Umatilla Vikings

Head coach: Scott Bow, 9th year
Returning starters: Aleesha Watson (All-EOL 1st team), G, sr.
Other returners: Lauryn Jurnot, G, so.
Newcomers: Ana Maldonado, G, sr.; Jackie Ortega, G, sr.; Celeste Rodriguez, G, jr.; Katelyn Lorence, G, jr.; Charlene Alvarez, G, so.; Christy Macias, G, so.
On offense: Bow will let score, opponent and available personnel determine the Vikings' offensive tactics.

"Prepared for all."
On defense: The Vikings will switch between full-court man-to-man and zone depending who's on the court.
Boy's expectations: "We have a new varsity team and we will bring the Umatilla tradition of strategic defense to each game."
2015-16: 23-6, 8-1 EOL (Umatilla won the league title 38-21 over Nyssa. The Vikings advanced to the final bracket in North Bend where they placed fourth with a 41-39 win over Portland Adventist.)

2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2 vs. Colton	L 35-40
Dec. 3 vs. Chemawa	W 39-36
Dec. 8 vs. Mac-Hi**	7 p.m.
Dec. 9 at Umatilla**	7 p.m.
Dec. 10 at Umatilla**	7 p.m.
Dec. 15 at Union***	TBD
Dec. 16 at Union***	TBD
Dec. 17 at Union***	TBD
Dec. 23 vs. River View	2 p.m.
Dec. 28 at Salem Acad.	TBD
Dec. 29 at Salem Acad.	TBD
Dec. 30 at Salem Acad.	TBD
Jan. 3 at Stanfield	5:45 p.m.

Jan. 10 vs. W-McEwen	6 p.m.
Jan. 14 at Irrigon*	1 p.m.
Jan. 17 at Riverside*	6 p.m.
Jan. 20 vs. Burns*	6 p.m.
Jan. 21 vs. Nyssa*	3 p.m.
Jan. 27 at Burns*	6 p.m.
Jan. 31 vs. Irrigon*	3 p.m.
Feb. 3 at Nyssa*	6 p.m.
Feb. 4 at Vale*	3 p.m.
Feb. 10 vs. Riverside*	6 p.m.
Feb. 11 vs. Vale*	4 p.m.

**denotes league game
 *-Columbia River Clash Tournament at Umatilla High School.
 ***-Union Holiday Tournament.

Riverside Pirates

Head coach: Clair Costello, 1st year
Assistant coach: Richard Moore, 1st year
Returning starters: Lacey Mashos, G, sr. (All-EOL 2nd team); Abby Hernandez, P, jr.; Skylar Wightman, G, jr.
Other returning lettermen: Alondra Caldera, G, so. (All-EOL HM); Estrella Daltoso, W, so.; Brendy Avalos, G, so. Impact newcomer: Faith Rosen, P, so.

On offense: Costello's vision for the Pirates' offense includes lots of screens to free up shooters.
On defense: The Pirates will run man-to-man, relying on speed to make up the difference when they're up against larger opponents.
Costello's expectations: "We will be better, give other teams a great game every time out."
2015-16 Season: 3-18, 0-9 EOL (The Pirates lost their last 10 games).

2016-17 Schedule

Nov. 30 at White Salmon	W 52-30
Dec. 2 vs. Touchet (WA)	L 39-30
Dec. 3 vs. Mac-Hi	W 45-18
Dec. 7 at W. Walla Vall.	6 p.m.
Dec. 9 vs. Tri-City Prep (WA)	6 p.m.
Dec. 10 at Helix	2:30 p.m.
Dec. 13 vs. W-McEwen	6 p.m.
Dec. 16 at Stanfield**	TBD
Dec. 17 at Stanfield**	TBD
Dec. 19 vs. White Salmon	4 p.m.
Dec. 29 vs. Ione	4 p.m.
Dec. 30 vs. Stevenson	4 p.m.

Jan. 5 vs. Mac-Hi	6 p.m.
Jan. 13 vs. Irrigon*	6 p.m.
Jan. 14 at Burns*	5 p.m.
Jan. 17 vs. Umatilla*	6 p.m.
Jan. 20 vs. Nyssa*	6 p.m.
Jan. 21 vs. Vale*	3 p.m.
Jan. 27 at Nyssa*	5 p.m.
Jan. 28 at Vale*	2 p.m.
Feb. 3 at Irrigon*	6 p.m.
Feb. 4 vs. Burns*	5 p.m.
Feb. 7 at Baker	6 p.m.
Feb. 10 at Umatilla	6 p.m.

*-denotes league game

Irrigon Knights

Head coach: Mike Royer, 3rd year
Assistant coach: Jody Saunders, 2nd year
Returning starters: Jada Burns, G, jr.; Lily Mills, F, sr.; Taylor Davis, F, jr.; Ana Zacarias, G, soph.
Other returners: Natalie Romero, G, soph.; Brianna Rice, G, soph.
Other seniors: Kayla Gilman, G; Courtney Case, F.
Newcomers: Kylie Wyant, F, jr. (transfer from Hermiston); Olivia Luna, G, jr.
On offense: The Knights struggled to find options outside of Burns on offense last year, but with more experience on the

court this season look to be more balanced while running an up-tempo scheme.
Royer's expectations: "Moving up to 3A will be a challenge, but we finished the season strong last year and I feel like we're carrying some momentum into this season. The girls are playing with some confidence and they're excited to get started."
2015-16: 11-13, 5-5 CBC (The Knights entered the district tournament as a third seed, but beat Weston-McEwen 46-43 for the district title to earn the program's first state playoff game ever. They lost on the road to Kennedy 38-28.)

2016-17 Schedule

Nov. 30 vs. Stanfield	W 56-9
Dec. 2 vs. Enterprise	W 29-27
Dec. 3 vs. W-McEw.	L 43-41
Dec. 6 vs. W-McEw.	3 p.m.
Dec. 13 at Heppner	6 p.m.
Dec. 16 at Grant Un.	6 p.m.
Dec. 17 vs. Yak Tribal	1 p.m.
Dec. 19 at Lib. Christian	3 p.m.
Dec. 20 vs. Mac-Hi	3 p.m.
Dec. 29 Irrigon Invite	TBD
Dec. 30 Irrigon Invite	TBD

Jan. 3 at W-McEwen	6 p.m.
Jan. 13 at Riverside*	6 p.m.
Jan. 14 vs. Umatilla*	1 p.m.
Jan. 20 vs. Vale*	3 p.m.
Jan. 21 vs. Burns*	3 p.m.
Jan. 27 vs. Riverside*	3 p.m.
Jan. 31 at Umatilla*	3 p.m.
Feb. 3 at Vale*	2 p.m.
Feb. 4 at Nyssa*	Noon
Feb. 10 vs. Nyssa*	3 p.m.
Feb. 11 at Burns*	5 p.m.

*-denotes league game

Mac-Hi Pioneers

Boys Head coach: Jordan Poyner, 3rd year
Assistant coaches: Tyler Mitchell, 1st year; Mark Michaud, 3rd year.
Returning starters: Luis Garcia (All-GOL HM), G, jr.; Alex Delgado, G, jr.;
Other returners: Adrian Martinez, G, jr.; Robert Walton, P, sr.; Miguel Garcia, F, sr..
Newcomers: Michael Armenta, G/F, sr.; Alec Earls (transfer from Rainier, Ore.), G, sr.; Austin Leonetti, G, sr.; Jesus Vela, F, jr.; Gabe Podolski, F, jr.; Alexis Pios, G, so.; Zach Hodgen, F, so.
Poyner's expectations: "I have high expectations for this young group of players. We have guys with

2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2 vs. College Pl.	W 47-43
Dec. 3 vs. Touchet	W 37-32
Dec. 6 vs. Waitsburg	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8 at Umatilla	7 p.m.
Dec. 9 at Umatilla**	TBD
Dec. 10 at Umatilla**	TBD
Dec. 13 at DeSales	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 at Pilot Rock***	TBD
Dec. 17 at Pilot Rock***	TBD
Dec. 19 at W.-McE.	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 20 at Irrigon	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 29 at Irrigon Invite	TBD
Dec. 30 at Irrigon Invite	TBD
Jan. 5 at Riverside	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 7 vs. Ontario*	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 10 at Hood River	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 14 at Baker*	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 17 vs. The Dalles	5:45 p.m.
Jan. 24 at Touchet	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28 at Ontario*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 31 vs. La Grande*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3 at Baker*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10 at La Grande*	7:30 p.m.

some varsity experience and they play well together. I'm excited to see what they can do as a team."
2015-16 season: 7-17, 2-4 GOL.

*denotes league game

Mac-Hi Pioneers

Girls Head coach: Brooke Garton, 2nd year
Assistant coaches: Nicole Christian, 3rd year; Tim Hutchison, 2nd year.
Returning starters: Sydney Richwine (All-GOL 1st team), P, sr.; Brooke Smiley (All-GOL HM), P, sr.
Other returners: McKenna Yensen, P, jr.; Brianna Hernandez, W, jr.; Becca Jones, G, jr.
Newcomers: Cynthia Flores, W, sr.; Chelsey Holford, P, sr.; Melissa Martinez, G, jr.; Hannah Hair, W/P, jr.; Kayla Casillas, G, so.; Sydney Earls, G/W, so.
On offense: Garton said the team will vary its offensive attack based on whether it's seeing a man-to-man or zone defense.
On defense: The Pioneers

are hoping to be known as a tough defensive team, and will switch between man-to-man and zone within games.
Garton's expectations: "We expect to come out and play tough each and every game. Our goal is to finish in the top two in our district this year. The team has many players that can play in various positions on the floor, so it should be fun to see the different combinations of players that can be put together to best match up with our opponents."
2015-16: 13-12, 2-4 GOL (The Pioneers were third at districts after a 58-37 loss to Baker, and their season ended in the state play-in round with a 71-33 loss to Valley Catholic.)

4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE

The La Grande Tigers and Baker Bulldogs had a grasp on the top spots in the GOL for boys and girls one year ago, and all four squads are expected to do so again this year. The Mac-Hi Pioneer boys have the makings of a team that could surprise people, while the Pioneer girls may take a step back. The league has just one playoff berth, but two play-in spots.

Projected GOL Boys Finish

- La Grande
- Baker
- Mac-Hi
- Ontario

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

Projected GOL Girls Finish

- La Grande
- Baker
- Mac-Hi
- Ontario

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

2015-16 Boys Final Standings

GOL	Conf.	Overall
Baker*	6-0	14-11
La Grande*	4-2	10-10
Ontario	0-6	7-17
Mac-Hi	2-4	7-17

*made postseason

2015-16 Girls Final Standings

GOL	Conf.	Overall
La Grande*	6-0	20-6
Baker*	4-2	13-13
Mac-Hi	2-4	13-12
Ontario	0-6	2-18

*made postseason

2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2 vs. College Pl.	L 34-37
Dec. 3 vs. Riverside	L 18-45
Dec. 6 vs. Waitsburg	6 p.m.
Dec. 8 at Umatilla	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 9 at Umatilla**	TBD
Dec. 10 at Umatilla**	TBD
Dec. 13 at DeSales	6 p.m.
Dec. 16 at Pilot Rock*	TBD
Dec. 17 at Pilot Rock*	TBD
Dec. 19 at W.-McEw.	4 p.m.
Dec. 20 at Irrigon	3 p.m.
Dec. 29 at Irrigon***	TBD

Dec. 30 at Irrigon***	TBD
Jan. 5 at Riverside	6 p.m.
Jan. 7 vs. Ontario*	3 p.m.
Jan. 10 at Hood River	7 p.m.
Jan. 14 at Baker*	3 p.m.
Jan. 24 at Touchet	6 p.m.
Jan. 28 at Ontario*	4 p.m.
Jan. 31 vs. La Grande*	6 p.m.
Feb. 3 at Baker*	6 p.m.
Feb. 10 at La Grande*	6 p.m.

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 ***-Irrigon Invitational.

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