

5A SPECIAL DISTRICT 4

The Hermiston Bulldogs were once again kings of the district, winning with an 88-point cushion over Redmond at the district meet. Hermiston is expected to be great again this year, though they do have to replace star wrestlers like Sam Colbray and Bob Coleman. Redmond, Bend, and Mountain View are expected to be solid again, and Pendleton should be much-improved come district time.

Projected Finish

- Hermiston Bulldogs
- Redmond Panthers
- Bend Lava Bears
- Mountain View Cougars
- Pendleton Buckaroos
- Hood River Valley Eagles
- Summit Storm
- Ridgeview Ravens
- The Dalles Riverhawks

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

2015-16 Final District Results

CRC	Points
Hermiston	435
Redmond	347
Bend	233.5
Hood River	175
Mtn. View	173.5
Pendleton	132
Summit	126.5
Ridgeview	31
The Dalles	28

Returning district champs

Evan McLean, Mtn. View (106); Caleb Duhn, Mtn. View (120); Adrian Tuia, Hermiston (132); CJ Hendon, Hermiston (138); Morgan Holcomb, Pendleton (145); Valen Wyse, Hermiston (152); Mitchell Willett, Redmond (160); Mario Nonato, Redmond (220).

Hermiston Bulldogs



Valen Wyse was one of Hermiston's four individual champions last season, winning the 152 pound title, but is the the only one that returns to try and defend his title.

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Head coach: Kyle Larson, 2nd year (5th overall)
Assistant coaches: Doug Tovey, 5th year; Jason Lambert, 2nd year; Andy Hall, 1st year
Returning starters: Ruben Madrigal (106 lbs), so.; Jesus Rodriguez (132), sr.; Adrian Tuia (138), jr.; C.J. Hendon (145), sr.; Valen Wyse (170), sr.; Joey Gutierrez (182), jr.; John-Henry Line (195), sr.; Corey Mason (285), sr.; Beau Blake (285), jr.
Other seniors: Wade Kirkpatrick (145), Emelio Landin (285), Oscar Lopez (152), Evan Yzagurre (285).
Larson's key to the season: "We have a very tough schedule this season, I expect our wrestlers to be in phenomenal shape and work very hard from the first practice through the



state tournament in February. Hermiston wrestling wants to entertain and put on a show for our fans and the huge wrestling community ... In order to do that each individual needs to focus on getting better every day." Season outlook: Hermiston heads into the 2016-17 season fresh off its fourth-straight state championship and 10th overall. The Bulldogs return one individual champion in Valen Wyse, as well as two state placers in John-Henry Line and C.J. Hendon, but must quickly replace the presence of four-time champion Sam Colbray as well as Andy Wagner and Bob Coleman among others if they hope to defend the title.
2015-16 Season: 17-2, 3-0 CRC (Outscored league opponents 206-17)

2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 3	at Oregon City	TBD
Dec. 9	vs. Post Falls	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. Kuna	2 p.m.
Dec. 16	Tri-State Tourn. (at N. Idaho)	TBD
Dec. 17	Tri-State Tourn. (at N. Idaho)	TBD
Dec. 21	at Pasco (WA) Tournament	TBD
Dec. 22	at Pasco (WA) Tournament	TBD
Dec. 30	at Rochester, Minnesota	TBD
Dec. 31	at Rochester, Minnesota	TBD
Jan. 11	vs. The Dalles*	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Redmond	TBD
Jan. 14	at Redmond	TBD
Jan. 20	at Liberty	TBD
Jan. 21	at Liberty	TBD
Jan. 24	at Hood River*	7 p.m.
Jan. 28	Home Tournament	TBD
Feb. 1	vs. Pendleton*	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Oregon City	TBD
Feb. 10	Districts (Hermiston)	TBD
Feb. 11	Districts (Hermiston)	TBD
Feb. 24	State Meet (at Portland)	TBD
Feb. 25	State Meet (at Portland)	TBD

Pendleton Buckaroos

2016-17 SCHEDULE

Dec. 1	Home meet	3 p.m.
Dec. 3	at Kennewick (WA)	TBD
Dec. 9	at La Grande	TBD
Dec. 10	at La Grande	TBD
Dec. 15	at Liberty	TBD
Dec. 16	at Banks	TBD
Dec. 17	at Liberty	TBD
Dec. 29	Rollin Schimmel Invite	8 a.m.
Dec. 30	Rollin Schimmel Invite	8 a.m.
Jan. 7	at Dallas	TBD
Jan. 12	at Mountain View	TBD
Jan. 13	at Redmond	TBD
Jan. 14	at Redmond	TBD
Jan. 19	vs. Hood River*	7 p.m.
Jan. 25	at The Dalles*	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Hermiston*	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	at Oregon City	TBD
Feb. 10	Districts (at Hermiston)	TBD
Feb. 11	Districts (at Hermiston)	TBD

*denotes district duals

Head coach: Fred Phillips, 16th year
Assistant coaches: Steve Utter, 22nd year; Erik Davis, 5th year; Wade Sauer, 5th year; Wes Armstrong, 1st year.
Returning starters: Lane Evens* (113 lbs) so.; Chris Chambers (120) so.; Blake Davis (126) so.; Coby Jones (126) so.; Alex Rendon* (132) so.; Brendon Bedolla (138) jr.; Shawn Yeager (145), so.; Morgan Holcomb* (152), sr.; Scott Chambers* (160), sr.; Aiden Henderson (170), so.; Josh Mendoza (182), sr.
Other returners: Caleb



Pendleton's Morgan Holcomb has finished the state tournament on the podium twice — finishing in third both times — and will look to finish his career off with a state championship at 152 pounds this season.

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Tremper (106), so.; John Swaggert (145), so.; Ian Bannister (152), so.; Mychael Pointer (152), so.; Jacob Dickerson (285), sr.; Josh Whaley (182), so.; Dalton Cortazar (126), jr.
Newcomers: Jeff

Kovach* (145, transfer from Ontario), sr.; Jamal Vann (220), sr.; Trevor Ulicni (285), sr.; Tom Mentzer
 *-denotes state qualifiers
Phillips' expectations: "We expect to be very

competitive and surprise people along the way." **2015-16:** 8-4, 2-1 CRC (The Buckaroos placed six at the district meet with Holcomb winning their only title at 145 pounds. Holcomb was

1A Girls Basketball

Ione Cardinals

Head coach: Nathan Heideman, 2nd year
Assistant coach: Kemmerly Burreight, 2nd year
Returning starters: Morgan Orem, F, jr.; Maggie Flynn, G, jr.
Other returners: Ivy Sandford, G, jr.; Katelyn Bass, F, sr.; Ashley Medina, G, sr.; Katie Gilbert, G, sr.; Sydney Qualls, F, sr.
Newcomers: Emily Taylor, G, jr.; Renee Peterson, G, so.; Zoey Gilbert, G, fr.;



Elaina Ehrmantraut, G, fr.; Annabelle McDaniel, F, fr.
Expectations: "Hope to make it back to districts, this will be a building year for our bench we are pretty young past the returning varsity. I expect a fast learning curve though."
2015-16: 15-10, 11-3 (The Cardinals finished second at the district tournament to Condon/Wheeler to earn a state playoff game. Their season ended with a first-round loss to Helix 47-39.)

2016-17 Schedule

Dec. 2	vs. Weston-McEwen	L 58-21
Dec. 3	vs. Enterprise	L 67-16
Dec. 9	vs. Prairie City (at Condon)	3 p.m.
Dec. 10	vs. McKenzie (at Condon)	11 a.m.
Dec. 13	at Echo	6 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Stanfield Tourney	TBD
Dec. 17	at Stanfield Tourney	TBD
Dec. 20	vs. Helix	6 p.m.
Dec. 29	at Riverside	4 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Condon/Wheeler*	6 p.m.
Jan. 7	vs. Sherman*	4 p.m.
Jan. 13	at Arlington*	6 p.m.
Jan. 14	vs. Dufur*	4 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Mitchell/Spray*	6 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. South Wasco*	6 p.m.
Jan. 21	at Horizon Christian*	4 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Sherman*	6 p.m.
Jan. 28	vs. Condon/Wheeler*	4 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Dufur*	6 p.m.
Feb. 4	vs. Arlington*	4 p.m.
Feb. 7	vs. Mitchell/Spray*	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	at South Wasco*	6 p.m.
Feb. 11	vs. Horizon Christian*	4 p.m.

*denotes league game

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