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## HERMISTON

# Mired in turnovers, Bulldogs routed by Pirates

### Boys Hoops



Davis  
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## Hermiston goes quiet in middle quarters

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For the first time this season the Hermiston Bulldogs were run out of the gym.

Head coach Casey Arstein was hard-pressed to find positives in Tuesday's 82-59 non-league loss to Davis out of

Yakima, Washington.

"It was a butt-kicking," he said. "I'd use a different word but that's what it was. There was nothing positive that we did today."

"Giving up twenty-plus points in three of the four quarters, this was definitely ugly."

Hermiston (8-3) only trailed 25-20 after the first quarter, but Arstein said turnovers and an inability to let them go plagued the Bulldogs as they scored just

19 more points in the second and third quarters combined. Davis took a 66-39 lead into the final frame.

"We let (Davis) rattle us," Arstein said. "At times we attacked decent, but we definitely spent too much time pouting, not moving on to the next play."

Collin Kelley led all scorers with 17 points for Davis (8-2), and Hermiston's Xavier Rambo led his squad with 16.

Hermiston's next game is Friday's

home tilt against Dallas that tips off at 7 p.m. The Bulldogs then host Mountain View on Saturday at 3:45 p.m. in a game that was rescheduled from tonight.

DHS	25	20	21	16	-	82
HHS	20	10	9	20	-	59

DAVIS — C. Kelley 17, B. Williams 13, A. Delgado 13, I. Kimble 11, A. Guerrero 9, M. Gordon 8, K. Hooper 4, A. Meza 4, C. Chavez 3, I. Pastrana.  
HERMISTON — X. Rambo 16, H. Walls 11, J. Ramirez 11, A. Mendez 7, A. James 5, C. Ortiz 4, T. McCullough 3, A. Earl 2, K. Moss 2, J. Hinkle.  
3-pointers — DHS 4; HHS 6. Free throws — DHS 11-20; HHS 11-21. Fouls — DHS 19; HHS 19. Fouled out — A. James (HHS).

### Prep Roundup

# Vera's buzzer beater lifts Knights

## Irrigon boys beat Weston-McEwen for second time

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ATHENA — With the score deadlocked at 52-52 with just 3.6 seconds left on the clock on Tuesday night, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots looked to inbound the ball and set up a potentially game-winning shot.

But instead, the Irrigon Knights got their hands on the inbound pass and junior guard Omar Vera layed in the game-winning shot as the buzzer sounded to give the Knights a 54-52 non-league win. The basket was Vera's only points of the game.

Hayden White led Irrigon (6-4) with 20 points, Johnny Philips had 16 and Austin Rice added 13 points for the game. Brett Speed led Weston-McEwen (6-5) with 19 points, while Shaw Broncheau pitched in 20 points to go with eight rebounds, six assists and five steals.

It was the second time this season that the two teams met, as Irrigon won big against Weston-McEwen 72-43 back on Dec. 6 in Irrigon.

Weston-McEwen next plays at Enterprise on Friday with a 7:30 p.m. start, while Irrigon plays at Grant Union on Friday with a 6:30 p.m. start.

IHS	12	9	21	12	-	54
W-M	13	13	11	15	-	52

IRRIGON — H. White 20, J. Philips 16, A. Rice 13, D. Vera 3, O. Vera 2.  
WESTON-MCEWEN — B. Speed 19, S. Broncheau 17, G. Hungerford 8, E. Reger 5, J. West 3.  
3-pointers — IHS 3, W-M 4. Free throws — IHS 7-14, W-M 8-12. Fouls — IHS 15, W-M 17.

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### Sports shorts

## Report: Seahawks sign record-holding returner Devin Hester

SEATTLE — The Seattle Seahawks filled their hole at kick returner ahead of Saturday's first-round playoff game against the Detroit Lions by signing the best return man in NFL history.

In a move reported by several news outlets, the team agreed to terms with veteran Devin Hester on Tuesday. The 34-year-old is the NFL record-holder with 20 return touchdowns with a record 14 of those on punt returns.

The Seahawks are trying to replace Tyler Lockett, who broke his leg in Week 16, and used the trio of J.D. McKissic and Paul Richardson on kicks and Richard Sherman on punts last week.

The Baltimore Ravens waived Hester last month after injuries and hesitancy limited him to 7.2 yards per punt return on the season (17th in the NFL) and 24.5 yards per kickoff return.



Hester

"I thought they wanted me back. I thought I did everything I could to help them win a Super Bowl, was in the community, was a good guy. But you know, it worked out."

— Golden Tate

Detroit Lions WR on his departure from the Seattle Seahawks as a free agent following the 2013 season. Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said Tuesday he felt the team's desire to retain Tate wasn't properly conveyed. Detroit and Seattle meet in the first round of the NFL playoffs Saturday.

## PENDLETON

# Buckaroos come up short



Pendleton's Maureen Davies (24) eyes the basket as Jessica Mendoza (22), of Sunnyside, defends during Tuesday's non-conference game at Warberg Court.

## Pendleton falls to Sunnyside for fourth straight loss

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

On a night where the outside temperatures plunged below 20 degrees, the Sunnyside (WA) Grizzlies and Pendleton Buckaroos were anything but cold when it came to shooting the ball.

Both teams shot above 40 percent from the floor and combined for more than 120 points on Tuesday night, but in the end it was the unbeaten Sunnyside team that prevailed with a 67-60 victory at Warberg Court in Pendleton.

It was the fourth straight loss for Pendleton (3-4), though head coach Kevin Porter didn't seem to be too worried about it following the game.

"That team (Sunnyside's) undefeated, they're the No. 2 team in the second largest classification in the state of Washington and we played them to a seven point game," he said, "and I'm pretty happy with that."

The 60 points were the third highest the Bucks have put up this season, and the first time crossing the 60-point threshold since Dec. 3. Pendleton shot 25-48 (52 percent) from the floor in the game and 7-12 from 3-point range, but it was hurt by 29 turnovers which most came against a Sunnyside full-court press that the Bucks couldn't seem to figure out.

"I think we underestimated how fast some of their players were," Pendleton forward Maureen Davies said. "They would get in some of the passing lanes or jump in as soon as the pass was made, and then some of our passes were a little more lackadaisical, but we got

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### Girls Hoops



Sunnyside  
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Pendleton  
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## Huskies lose trio to NFL Draft

SEATTLE (AP) — Washington announced Tuesday that wide receiver John Ross, safety Budda Baker, defensive tackle Elijah Qualls and cornerback Sidney Jones will forgo their senior seasons and enter the NFL draft.

Each player is expected to be an early-round selection.

Baker was a second-team AP All-American after leading the Huskies with 71 tackles while grabbing two interceptions. Baker started all 41 games during his three years at Washington and projects as a nickel cornerback in the NFL.

Jones started 39 of 41 games during his three seasons, while Qualls was a first-team All-Pac-12 selection this season.

Ross boosted his NFL prospects by leading the team with 81 receptions for 1,150 yards and 17 touchdowns. He was voted the AP Pac-12 player of the year and was a second-team AP All-American.



### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1976 — The Dallas Cowboys become the first wild-card team to make it to the Super Bowl with a 37-7 rout of the Los Angeles Rams in the NFC title game.

2000 — Top-ranked Florida State, the preseason No. 1, holds off Virginia Tech 46-29 in the Sugar Bowl to win the national championship. Florida State is the first team to go wire-to-wire in the since preseason rankings began in 1950.

2010 — No. 6 Boise State stuns No. 3 TCU 17-10 in the Fiesta Bowl. The win makes the Broncos just the second school ever to go 14-0.

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