

Prep Roundup

Mustang boys roll with strong defense

East Oregonian

HEPPNER — The Heppner Mustangs used their defense to create transition offense and had no trouble running past the Union Bobcats in a non-league boys basketball game on Friday.

“It was a great team win for us,” said coach Jeremy Rosenbalm. “We created havoc defensively and got out in transition.”

Jake Lindsay paced Heppner (8-2) with 16 points, and the Mustangs got 12 each from Nik Dias Martins and Caden Hedman. Lindsay and Martins each hit four three-pointers and Heppner shot 39 percent from the field.

The Mustangs were up 37-11 at halftime.

Union (7-5) was led by Matt Hull with 11 points.

Heppner goes for its fourth win in a row today against Elgin at 5:30 p.m.

NIXYAAWII 75, HELIX 27 — At Helix, Mick Schimmel scored 19 of his 21 points in the second quarter and the Golden Eagles cruised to an Old Oregon League win on Friday.

Schimmel hit five three-pointers in the frame, and Nixyaawii (5-4, 2-0 OOL) extended its lead from 14-7 after one quarter to 44-12 by

halftime. Noah Enright and Shayden Hoisington each added 10 points for Nixyaawii, which plays its next game at Wallowa on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Helix (2-6, 1-1) was paced by Justin Williams with nine points while Jake Springer added eight. The Grizzlies’ game today at Cove has been rescheduled to Tuesday night.

WESTON-MCEWEN 64, ENTERPRISE 44 — At Enterprise, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots overcame a 12-point first half deficit behind a strong pressure defense to defeat the Enterprise Outlaws 64-44 on Friday night in non-league play.

Shaw Broncheau lead Weston-McEwen (7-5) with 25 points and also added five steals, five assists, and seven rebounds. Brett Speed added 13 points, Garrett Hungerford pitched in 12, and Ethan Reger had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Weston-McEwen coach Brian Pickard said that after trailing by seven at halftime, his team did a great job of coming out and playing fast to get back in the game.

“We came out of the locker room and put pressure on them, forced some turnovers and got some easy baskets,” Pickard said. “And obvi-

ously getting to the free throw line 29 times, 17 of them in the second half, helped. But Enterprise just didn’t have much of an answer for our pressure.”

Weston-McEwen next travels to Umatilla on Tuesday to finish up its non-league schedule.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

NIXYAAWII 74, HELIX 40 — At Helix, when their plans fell through due to bad weather, the Grizzlies and Golden Eagles made the most of the situation by getting in a league game on Friday night.

The Golden Eagles won their 10th straight to open the season and improved to 3-0 in Old Oregon League play with the win.

Mary Stewart returned from illness to score a game-high 33 points on 14 field goals, and Kaitlynn Melton and Milan Schimmel added 14 points apiece.

Macey Tullis scored 19 points to lead Helix (5-4, 1-2 OOL).

“They (Nixyaawii) created a lot of pressure up front on our guards and got lots of turnovers,” said Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger. “They’re for real, they’re a good team. I’m proud of my girls, they didn’t give up.”

Nixyaawii led 40-21 at halftime and 66-32 going into the fourth

quarter. Both teams hit six three-pointers.

Helix’s game at Cove today was canceled due to weather and rescheduled for Tuesday. Nixyaawii’s next game is Thursday at Wallowa at 6 p.m.

HEPPNER 45, UNION 31 — At Heppner, Jacee Wilson scored 22 points and Morgan Correa pulled in 11 rebounds to lead the Mustangs to a non-league win on Friday.

Heppner (5-5) led 26-18 at halftime and pushed the lead into double digits for most of the second half. Union (6-6) tried to press, but Heppner was able to beat it and create some easy looks at the basket.

“I think our girls are getting it and they’re really learning how to play together and play aggressive,” said Heppner coach Robert Wilson. “They’re getting the big picture.”

Delanie Kohr led the Bobcats with 14 points.

Up next for Heppner is home game against Elgin today at 4 p.m.

CONDON/WHEELER 39, IONE 38 — At Fossil, Becky Jaeger hit a free throw with less than a minute left to put them in the lead, and the Knights overcame an off-night by their shooters to win the Big Sky League opener for both

teams on Friday.

Brooke Dyer led their efforts with a double-double of 13 points and 14 rebounds, and Jaeger added 10 points.

Ione (0-9, 0-1 BSL) held its last lead in the game in the second quarter and trailed 21-18 at the half. The Cardinals were led by Morgan Orem with 16 points and Ivy Sandford added 14.

Condon/Wheeler (4-6, 1-0) plays at Horizon Christian (Hood River) in league play today at 2:30 p.m.

Ione’s next game is today when it hosts Sherman at 2:30 p.m.

IRRIGON 49, GRANT UNION 35 — At John Day, Jada Burns scored 20 points, Alyia Munoz added 10 more and Irrigon snapped a two-game skid in its final non-league game before the start of Eastern Oregon League play.

“After a couple tough losses, this was a really good road win for us heading into the league season,” said Irrigon coach Mike Royer. “We needed a confidence booster, and the girls came through tonight.”

Taylor Davis led Irrigon with 11 rebounds, and Burns added three assists and two steals.

Irrigon opens league play on Friday at Riverside with a 6 p.m. tip-off.

NFL

After lackluster finish, Seahawks host Lions in NFC playoffs

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Only a few weeks ago, the Seattle Seahawks and Detroit Lions were fighting for the No. 2 seed in the NFC playoffs and a coveted bye that makes getting to the Super Bowl so much easier.

Stumbles by both teams over the final few weeks have led to the Seahawks hosting the Lions in the NFC wild-card game on Saturday night and a test of whether momentum even matters going into the playoffs.

“There’s obviously been a bunch of different teams that have done different stuff going in and then turn on a real good show and get going in the playoffs,” Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. “We’ll see what happens.”

Both teams will look back on the final few weeks with a certain level of regret.

Detroit (9-7) faced a gauntlet schedule, closing with three playoff teams — Giants, Cowboys, Packers — and lost all three to give away the NFC North title and its shot of hosting a playoff game.

Seattle may view its



• **Today, 5:15 p.m.**
• **at Century Link Field**
• **TV: NBC**

stumble as more costly. The Seahawks (10-5-1) lost control of the No. 2 seed when they lost at home to Arizona in Week 16 and with it the chance to be resting.

“History kind of shows you that it’s a true restart,” Detroit QB Matthew Stafford said. “We’re looking at data and who’s won it and how, and all that kind of stuff. I’m sure there’s been teams that have gotten hot and gone and won it, but there are teams that have not had the finish that they wanted and still gone on to be really successful.”

There is a lot in favor for the Seahawks playing at home against a Detroit franchise that last won a playoff road game in 1957.

Seattle is 5-0 in the playoffs at home since 2010 and has won at least one game in each postseason appearance



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

Seattle Seahawks defensive end Michael Bennett (72) celebrates with defensive end Frank Clark during a game against the San Francisco 49ers in Santa Clara, Calif., Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017.

under Carroll. Since 2012, the Seahawks are 7-3 overall in the playoffs.

All that experience and success doesn’t take into account the statistical differences. The Seahawks finished the regular season better than Detroit in every major statistical category offensively and defensively.

But the Lions have shown resiliency all season, recovering from a 1-3 start and winning an NFL-record eight times when trailing in the

fourth quarter or overtime.

RUN SOMEWHERE: Both the Lions and Seahawks have a run game neither is proud of going into the postseason.

Seattle finished the regular season 25th in the NFL at 99.4 yards per game. Detroit was worse at 81.9 yards per game, good for 30th in the league. The Lions are relying on Zach Zenner as their primary ball carrier with both Ameer Abdullah and Theo Riddick on injured

reserve.

Seattle has shown flashes of being the run-first team of previous seasons, but failed to top 100 yards as a team in the final three games of the regular season.

UNIKND QUARTER: Detroit’s best quarter has been the second, outscoring teams by 18 points, helping it lead Dallas and Green Bay at halftime before losing both games. Detroit is down two points overall in the first and fourth quarters. In the third, the Lions have been outscored 85-53.

“The third quarters have not been kind to us,” Lions offensive coordinator Jim Bob Cooter said. “We haven’t had the ball a lot, we haven’t made much out of that, we haven’t created first downs to keep the ball, something we’re working at.”

FAMILIAR FACES: Outside of Stafford, there aren’t too many recognizable faces with the Lions for Seattle’s Cliff Avril to catch up with. Conversely, there are plenty of players still on the Seahawks roster from when Golden Tate was Seattle’s top wide receiver.

Avril is hoping to

exchange pleasantries with Stafford in the form of sacks and quarterback hits. Avril is coming off the best season of his career with 11½ sacks and the key to Seattle’s pass rush that tied for third in the league with 42 sacks.

Meanwhile, Tate caught 90 or more passes for the third straight season since leaving Seattle and joining the Lions. A big game from Tate — especially on short passes — could be significant in making up for Detroit’s lagging run game.

DETROIT VS EVERYBODY: The Motor City often feels slighted, or overlooked, and the Lions have added to the story line because some officiating calls have not gone their way in recent seasons, including last year in Seattle.

Detroit was once powerful, winning three NFL championships in four title game appearances between 1952 and 1957, but the Lions have won only one playoff game in six decades. Wives and girlfriends of Lions players wore black sweatshirts with “Detroit vs. Everybody,” printed on them for the regular season finale against Green Bay.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

BOYS' PREP BASKETBALL

Today
Mountain View at Hermiston, 3:45 p.m. (CANCELED)
Redmond at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m. (CANCELED)
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Imbler, 5:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 5:30 p.m.
Elgin at Heppner, 5:30 p.m.
Arlington at South Wasco, 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Horizon Christian (Hood River), 5:30 p.m.
Sherman at Ione, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Powder Valley, 5:30 p.m. (CANCELED)
Monday
Columbia, White Salmon at Riverside, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Mac-Hi at Hood River Valley, 7 p.m.
Pendleton at La Grande, 7:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.
Arlington at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS' PREP BASKETBALL

Today
Hermiston at Mountain View, 2 p.m. (CANCELED)
Redmond at Pendleton, 2:45 p.m. (CANCELED)
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.
Stanfield at Imbler, 4 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 4 p.m.
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Arlington at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Hood River Valley, 7 p.m.
Sunnyside (WA) at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
La Grande at Pendleton, 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday
Riverside at Grandview (WA) Winter Classic, 9 a.m.
Mac-Hi, Irrigon, Heppner, Echo at JoHi Invite (Joseph), 9 a.m.
Pendleton at Bruner Invitational (Dallas), 9 a.m. (CANCELED)

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston at The Dalles Meet (at Hood River Aquatic Center), 10 a.m. (CANCELED)

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today
Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 4 p.m.
Multnomah at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today
Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 2 p.m.
Multnomah at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Today
Eastern Oregon at Menlo Duals, TBD

Prep Scores

BOYS BASKETBALL

Astoria 49, Corbett 29
Beaverton 47, Westview 44
Bend 71, Ridgeview 46
Brookings-Harbor 57, Sutherlin 52, OT
Central 45, Silvertown 36
Central Catholic 72, Reynolds 53
Clackamas 82, Gresham 48
Corvallis 58, Crescent Valley 55
David Douglas 82, Barlow 76
Estacada 70, Tillamook 68, OT
Forest Grove 70, West Albany 43
Gladstone 54, Philomath 52
Hermiston 54, Dallas 51
Hillsboro 59, St. Helens 52
Jesuit 62, Southridge 61
La Grande 51, Baker 36
Lakeridge 61, Lake Oswego 54
Liberty 76, Sunset 66
Marist 42, Thurston 40
Mountain View 59, Madras 54
North Marion 67, Junction City 50
Oregon City 54, Centennial 32
Parkrose 80, Putnam 68
Scappoose 63, Cascade 46
Sisters 47, Burns 37
South Salem 61, McMinnville 44
Sprague 95, North Salem 49
Stayton 59, Cottage Grove 53
Summit 61, Redmond 37
Sweet Home 56, Crook County 38
Tigard 71, Sherwood 57
Tualatin 90, Newberg 57
Valley Catholic 53, Molalla 36
Weiser, Idaho 62, Nyssa 48
West Linn 88, Canby 44
West Salem 56, McNary 47
Wilsonville 81, Milwaukie 41
SkyWest Crossover Challenge
Henley 58, South Umpqua 51
Klamath 54, Douglas 32
North Bend 74, Mazama 68
North Valley 49, Marshfield 31
Siuslaw 51, Hidden Valley 37

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Baker 41, La Grande 36
Bend 63, Ridgeview 29
Burns 56, Sisters 34
Cascade 56, Scappoose 43
Central Catholic 60, Reynolds 27
Clackamas 54, Gresham 41
Corbett 68, Astoria 58
Corvallis 62, Crescent Valley 30
Crook County 41, Sweet Home 23
Dallas 59, Lebanon 55
David Douglas 45, Barlow 44
Gladstone 42, Philomath 32
Glencoe 73, Aloha 47
Hillsboro 59, St. Helens 27
Lake Oswego 60, Lakeridge 24
Madras 53, Mountain View 50
Marist 51, Thurston 31
Molalla 61, Valley Catholic 54
North Marion 50, Junction City 32
Oregon City 55, Centennial 37
Putnam 70, Parkrose 33
Roseburg 60, McKay 24
Seaside 37, Newport 31
Silvertown 50, Central 33
South Albany 65, Woodburn 23
South Salem 61, McMinnville 44
Southridge 46, Jesuit 23
Stayton 32, Cottage Grove 20
Summit 65, Redmond 30
Sunset 74, Liberty 38
Sutherlin 29, Brookings-Harbor 28
Tigard 55, St. Mary's Academy 50
Tillamook 60, Estacada 59
Vale 45, Fruitland, Idaho 21

West Albany 47, Forest Grove 42
West Linn 67, Canby 60
West Salem 58, McNary 46
Westview 76, Beaverton 28
Wilsonville 43, Milwaukie 40
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Marshfield 36, Mazama 32
North Bend 49, Hidden Valley 39
North Valley 51, South Umpqua 32
Siuslaw 39, Klamath 35

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	31	6	838	—
L.A. Clippers	25	14	641	7
Sacramento	15	21	417	15½
L.A. Lakers	14	26	350	18½
Phoenix	12	25	324	19

Friday's Games

Houston 102, Orlando 93
Washington 111, Minnesota 105

Saturday's Games

Boston 110, Philadelphia 106
Cleveland 116, Brooklyn 108
New York 116, Milwaukee 111
No. 8 Gonzaga at Portland, 5:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Detroit at Portland, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games

New York at Indiana, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers 107, Miami 100
Memphis 128, Golden State 119, OT

Saturday's Games

No. 1 Villanova vs. Marquette at Wells Fargo Center, 4:30 p.m.
No. 2 Baylor vs. Oklahoma State, 4 p.m.
No. 3 Kansas vs. Texas Tech, 4:15 p.m.
No. 5 Gonzaga at Portland, 7 p.m.
No. 6 Kentucky vs. Arkansas, 5:30 p.m.
No. 7 West Virginia vs. TCU, 11 a.m.
No. 8 Duke vs. Boston College, 11 a.m.
No. 9 Louisville at Georgia Tech, 11 a.m.
No. 10 Creighton at Providence, 11 a.m.
No. 12 Florida State vs. No. 21 Virginia Tech, 11 a.m.
No. 14 North Carolina vs. N.C. State, 5 p.m.
No. 15 Oregon at Washington State, 4 p.m.
No. 16 Xavier vs. St. John's, 11:30 a.m.
No. 17 Arizona vs. Colorado, 6:30 p.m.
No. 18 Butler at Georgetown, 9 a.m.
No. 19 Saint Mary's at San Francisco, 8 p.m.
No. 22 Cincinnati at Houston, 6 p.m.
No. 23 Notre Dame vs. Clemson, Noon
No. 24 Florida vs. Tennessee, 2:15 p.m.
No. 25 Indiana vs. Illinois, 2 p.m.
No. 26 Virginia vs. Wake Forest, 5 p.m.
No. 27 Virginia Tech vs. Clemson, 5 p.m.
No. 28 South Carolina vs. Wake Forest, 5 p.m.
No. 29 Wisconsin at No. 20 Purdue, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
No. 25 Southern Cal vs. California, 7 p.m.

Men's Top 25

Friday's Games

No. 1 Villanova vs. Marquette at Wells Fargo Center, 4:30 p.m.
No. 2 Baylor vs. Oklahoma State, 4 p.m.
No. 3 Kansas vs. Texas Tech, 4:15 p.m.
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No. 28 South Carolina vs. Wake Forest, 5 p.m.
No. 29 Wisconsin at No. 20 Purdue, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
No. 25 Southern Cal vs. California, 7 p.m.

Women's Top 25

Friday's Games

Washington State 82, No. 9 UCLA 73
No. 10 Stanford 81, Oregon 60
No. 12 Washington 77, USC 67
No. 19 Arizona State 66, Utah 44
No. 16 Oregon State 66, No. 20 Cal 56

Saturday's Games

No. 2 Baylor at Oklahoma State, 3 p.m.
No. 3 Maryland vs. Northwestern, 2 p.m.
No. 11 Ohio State vs. Michigan, Noon
No. 15 Texas vs. TCU, 7 p.m.
No. 22 South Florida vs. Tulsa, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games

No. 4 Mississippi State at Tennessee, 2 p.m.
No. 5 South Carolina at Florida, Noon
No. 6 Florida State vs. No. 13 Duke, 3

Basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	24	11	686	—
Boston	22	14	611	2½
New York	17	19	472	7½
Philadelphia	9	25	265	14½
Brooklyn	8	27	229	16

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	20	16	556	—
Charlotte	20	17	541	½
Washington	17	18	486	2½
Orlando	16	22	421	5
Miami	11	27	289	10

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	27	8	771	—
Milwaukee	18	17	514	9
Indiana	19	18	514	9
Chicago	18	18	500	9½
Detroit	17	21	447	11½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division