

Prep Roundup

Rockets overcome slow start, hang on for win

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PILOT ROCK — The Weston-McEwen TigerScots started fast, but the Pilot Rock Rockets were able to weather the storm and pull away for a 59-51 victory on Friday night.

“Both teams played really hard,” Pilot Rock coach Butch Wilson said. “We had a slow start, which has been the norm lately, but we battled back and kind of ran away in the second quarter and then we were able to hang on.”

Chelsea Quaempts had a game-high 22 points for Weston-McEwen (9-5, 1-1 CBC), while Bekah Roe led Pilot Rock (11-3, 1-1) with 14 points while adding eight rebounds and eight steals. Also in double figures for Pilot Rock was Rachel Willingham with 12 points off the bench and Kayla Deist with 11.

Weston-McEwen next hosts Stanfield today at 5:30 p.m., while Pilot Rock travels to Heppner today for a 5:30 p.m. start.

WM	16	9	12	14	—	51
PR	13	24	9	13	—	59

WESTON-MCEWEN — C. Quaempts 22, S. Finfrock 7, S. von Borstel 7, A. Schroeder 5, K. Vescio 5, B. Hillmick 3, M. Mullenburg 2.
PILOT ROCK — B. Roe 14, R. Willingham 12, K. Deist 11, J. Wilson 9, S. Weinke 8, G. Austin 5.
3-pointers — WM 4, PR 4. Free throws — WM 7-18, PR 11-15. Fouls — WM 18, PR 18. Fouled out — C. Quaempts (WM).

NIXYAAWII 64, JOSEPH 35 — At Mission, a fast start led the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles to their 13th straight win on the season, defeating the Joseph Eagles 64-35 on Friday night.

Nixyaawii (13-0, 6-0) outscored Joseph — a team that had lost just three games before Friday — 26-2 in the first quarter behind a lockdown pressure defense which led to success in transition.

“I’ll tell you what, that first quarter we came out running fast and got on (Joseph) quick,” Nixyaawii coach Jeremy Maddern said. “We got a good start defensively that led to some easy baskets in transition ... it was just a great start and a great

game by the girls.” Kaitlynn Melton scored a career-high 23 points to lead Nixyaawii, while Mary Stewart had 14 and Milan Schimmel pitched in 11 points. Schimmel also led the team with nine assists. Nixyaawii next hosts Wallowa today at 4 p.m.

JHS	2	12	9	14	—	35
NCS	26	17	15	6	—	64

JOSEPH — A. Sykora 23, Team 6, A. Cooney 4, L. Makin 2.
NIXYAAWII — K. Melton 23, M. Stewart 14, M. Schimmel 11, E. Butler 6, A. Tonasket 2, S. Fitzpatrick 2, T. Broncheau 2, E. Looney 2, T. Melton 2.
3-pointers — JHS 0, NCS 2. Free throws — JHS 10-14, NCS 6-8. Fouls — JHS 9, NCS 11.

CULVER57,HEPPNER 36 — At Heppner, the Mustangs remain winless in Columbia Basin Conference after a 57-36 loss to Culver on Friday night.

Heppner (5-8, 0-3) was stung early by a strong first quarter from Culver as the Bulldogs outscored the Mustangs 16-5 in the opening frame. Heppner played better as the game went along, but just didn’t have enough to keep up with the No. 10 ranked Bulldogs.

Jacee Currin continued her strong campaign for Heppner with a team-high 20 points on 6-16 shooting and Jenna Mahoney added six points. Irma Retano led Culver with 25 points and 15 rebounds.

Heppner next hosts Pilot Rock today at 5:30 p.m.

CHS	16	15	11	15	—	57
HHS	5	12	10	9	—	36

CULVER — I. Retano 25, M. Gamboa 11, E. Bautista 9, J. Johnson 6, J. VanAlstyne 4, L. Alvarado 2.
HEPPNER — J. Currin 20, J. Mahoney 6, K. Gray 5, M. Correa 2, C. Grieb 2, N. Prophet 1.
3-pointers — CHS 1, HHS 1. Free throws — CHS 14-28, HHS 9-20. Fouls — HHS 18, HHS 20. Fouled out — J. Johnson (CHS), R. Dompier (HHS).

HELIX 50, PINE EAGLE 29 — At Halfway, the Grizzlies used defense to set the tone for Friday’s Old Oregon League win on the road.

Helix came away with 21 steals in the game and scored 40 points in the second and third quarters combined to take control of the game and snap a three-game skid.

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Krol led them with five steals apiece, and Macey Tullis scored a game-high 18 points for Helix (6-5, 2-3 OOL). Sadie Wilson had a team-high 11 rebounds to go with six points.

Katelyn Jensen paced Pine Eagle (0-10, 0-6) with 11 points.

GHS	4	21	19	6	—	50
PE	7	10	5	7	—	29

HELIX — M. Tullis 18, A. Krol 6, S. Wilson 6, C. Bennett 5, H. Christian 4, E. Fehrenbacher 4, A. Wood 3, K. Mize 3, H. Fehrenbacher 1.
3-pointers — GHS 4. Free throws — GHS 8-25. Fouls — GHS 9.

SOUTH WASCO 43, IONE 28 — At Lone, the Cardinals led at the end of the first quarter, however a lack of depth showed as the game went along, with South Wasco County taking the 43-28 victory on Friday night.

“The girls just got tired and the substitutes just couldn’t get rolling,” Ione coach Nathan Heideman said. “We rebounded well and the shots were there, we just couldn’t get them to go in.”

Ione (0-13, 0-5 BSL) was led in scoring by Maggie Flynn with a game-high 12 points, and she also made Ione’s two 3-pointers in the game.

The Cardinals next play at Horizon Christian today at 4 p.m.

SWC	10	13	8	12	—	43
IHS	11	5	6	6	—	28

SOUTH WASCO — A. Birman 9, A. Noland 8, J. Myers 6, J. Noland 5, L. Hull 5, M. Davis 4, J. Wrought 2, K. Moody 2.
IONE — M. Flynn 12, I. Sandford 7, K. Bass 5, M. Orem 3, S. Qualls 1.
3-pointers — SWC 1, IHS 2. Free throws — SWC 4-14, IHS 9-18. Fouls — SWC 12, IHS 15.

NYSSA 47, RIVERSIDE 26 — At Boardman, the youth of the Riverside Pirates showed Friday night as the Nyssa Bulldogs pressured them from the start and ran away with a 47-26 victory.

“Nyssa was very aggressive in the first half,” Riverside coach Clair Costello said. “We played better in the second half but we just couldn’t stop them. They’re just bigger and quicker than us and we’re still not up to that point yet.”

Lacey Mashos led Riverside (8-5, 2-2 EOL) with 13 points and Faith Rosen led the team with six rebounds.

NHS	12	9	14	12	—	47
RHS	3	2	10	11	—	26

NYSSA — B. Arredondo 11, K. Hernandez 9, M. Mitchell 8, M. Hartley 6, A. Arredondo 5, J. Martinez 3, L. Vela 2, C. Lancaster 2, A. Hernandez 1.
RIVERSIDE — L. Mashos 13, A. Caldera 8, B. Avalos 2, A. Hernandez 2, S. Wightman 1.
3-pointers — NHS 5, RHS 0. Free throws — NHS 6-9, RHS 8-15. Fouls — NHS 16, RHS 12.

BOYS BASKETBALL

WESTON-MCEWEN 71, PILOT ROCK 69 — At Pilot Rock, Braydon Rudolph sank a short jumper with two seconds left on the clock to give his Weston-McEwen TigerScots a 71-69 win over Pilot Rock on Friday night.

Shaw Broncheau led Weston-McEwen (9-5, 2-0 CBC) with a game-high 26 points and Ethan Reger pitched in 23 points as the TigerScots remain unbeaten in league play. Bryson Pierce scored 25 points to lead Pilot Rock (8-6, 1-1) and Chris Weinke added 22 points — including a 3-pointer with 15 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 69-69.

Pilot Rock next travels to Heppner today for a 4 p.m. start, and Weston-McEwen hosts Stanfield for a 7 p.m. start.

WM	18	27	16	10	—	71
PR	22	18	11	18	—	69

WESTON-MCEWEN — S. Broncheau 26, E. Reger 23, B. Speed 7, G. Hungerford 6, J. West 5, B. Rudolph 4.
PILOT ROCK — B. Pierce 25, C. Weinke 22, L. Thieme 8, D. Hasher 6, R. Lankford 4, B. Postma 4.
3-pointers — WM 6, PR 2. Free throws — WM 9-24, PR 15-22. Fouls — WM 22, PR 21. Fouled out — J. Speed (WM), D. Hasher, B. Postma (PR).

HEPPNER 64, CULVER 38 — At Heppner, the Heppner Mustangs picked up their first league win on the season with a 64-38 victory over Culver on Friday night.

Logan Grieb led Heppner (9-4, 1-2 CBC) with 12 points and added four assists, Wyatt Steagall scored 11 points and eight rebounds and Kevin Smith pitched in nine points and nine boards.

“We came out with a lot of intensity defensively, which is something we’ve been

talking about,” said Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm. “It was a good team win.”

Heppner led 34-18 at halftime and shot 42 percent from the field (26 for 62) in the game. Culver was paced by Mike Davis with 16 points and shot 16 for 48 (33 percent).

Heppner next hosts Pilot Rock today at 4 p.m.

CHS	8	10	12	8	—	38
HHS	15	15	15	15	—	64

CULVER — M. Davis 16, W. Basi 7, M. Krueger 5, D. Gutierrez 4, I. Stevens 4, T. Oliveres 2.
HEPPNER — L. Grieb 12, W. Steagall 11, C. Hedman 9, K. Smith 9, N. Dias Martins 7, J. Lindsay 7, H. Nichols 4, K. Murray 4, B. Wolters 1.
3-pointers — CHS 1, HHS 6. Free throws — CHS 5-15, HHS 6-19. Fouls — CHS 20, HHS 18.

NIXYAAWII 57, JOSEPH 52 — At Pendleton, the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles used a big fourth quarter to push past the Joseph Eagles 57-52 to stay unbeaten in Old Oregon League play on Friday night.

Behind big performances from Mick Schimmel and Noah Enright, Nixyaawii outscored Joseph 24-11 in the fourth quarter to get the win.

“We put more press on them in the full court switched to a man-to-man from a zone,” Nixyaawii coach Shane Rivera said, “and we were forced to go small due to foul trouble and I think our quickness made a big difference.”

Schimmel finished with a game-high 27 points and Enright finished with 17.

The two teams played the first quarter and a few minutes of the second at Nixyaawii’s gym, before play was called due to a slippery court. It’s an issue that’s plagued Nixyaawii in a few games this season, and both coaches felt that it wasn’t safe to keep playing.

Rivera said thanks to some quick thinking, both teams were able to make the short trip to Pendleton High School to finish out the game.

“It’s an odd situation but it worked out for both sides,” Rivera said.

Nixyaawii next hosts Wallowa today at 5:30 p.m.,

and that game will also be played at Pendleton High School.

JHS	15	18	8	11	—	52
NCS	11	11	11	24	—	57

JOSEPH — C. Murray 12, T. Homan 11, J. Chrisman 9, A. Borgerding 9, C. DeLury 8, T. Wandschneider 3.
NIXYAAWII — M. Schimmel 27, N. Enright 17, D. Barkley 6, C. Case 4, S. Houghton 2, J. St. Pierre 1.
3-pointers — JHS 5, NCS 8. Free throws — JHS 11-18, NCS 9-14. Fouls — JHS 15, NCS 15.

NYSSA 55, RIVERSIDE 40 — At Boardman, the Nyssa Bulldogs used their height advantage to smother the Riverside Pirates in the first half, building a lead too large for the Pirates to come back from in a 55-40 victory on Friday night.

“We didn’t want to take the ball at them in the first half,” Riverside coach Clair Costello said. “We did in the second half and we hit some shots finally and we actually beat them (points-wise) in the second half. We just have to come out better because we do this game-in and game-out.”

Eon Castillo led Riverside (4-10, 0-4 EOL) with nine points while Mason Hegar had eight and Jassiel Carmona had seven.

Riverside was scheduled to play Vale today, but the game has been moved to Tuesday.

NHS	13	14	11	17	—	55
RHS	7	2	13	18	—	40

NYSSA — A. Gonzalez 14, B. Thompson 11, J. Ortiz 10, P. Chavez 10, O. Tellez 6, I. Hernandez 2, J. Fuentes 2.
RIVERSIDE — E. Castillo 9, M. Hegar 8, J. Carmona 7, F. Aparicio 4, R. Rosales 3, J. Garcia 3, A. Hernandez 2, A. Martinez 2, D. Rodriguez 2.
3-pointers NHS 4, RHS 3. Free throws — NHS 15-20, RHS 7-8. Fouls — NHS 9, RHS 21. Fouled out — F. Aparicio (RHS).

HELIX 43, PINE EAGLE 22 — At Halfway, John Shaw had a double-double with 15 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Grizzlies to an Old Oregon League win on Friday night.

Justin Williams added 13 points for Helix, which led 27-4 at halftime after opening the game on a 12-1 run.

Coaches can report game scores and information by calling 541-966-0838 or by emailing sports@eastoregonian.com.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Pendleton’s Wyatt Morris (11) looks for a teammate Friday at Warberg Court during a Columbia River Conference game against Hood River.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Pendleton’s Tyler Newsom (22) looks for a teammate Friday at Warberg Court as Dakota Kurahara (41), of Hood River, defends.

BUCKAROOS: Will be tested with back-to-back games next week against Baker and La Grande

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Smith said. “It’s really hard missing this many games, getting this many games canceled, but it can never be an excuse or anything like that. It’s a big test for us and I

feel like we’re heading in the right direction.”

The Bucks will look to make up a few of those lost match-ups next week when they are scheduled to host Baker on Monday and La

Grande on Tuesday, both at 7 p.m.

Then it will be back into CRC play at The Dalles on Friday.

HRV	12	12	4	12	—	40
PHS	24	21	11	13	—	69

HOOD RIVER — D. Kurahara 20, M. Williams 4, Z. Moore 4, B. Wilson 3, J. Mears 2, T. Wells 2, E. Siekkinen 2, C. Orr 2, J. Tactay 1, T. Hough.

PENDLETON — C. Smith 16, W. Morris 15, K. Curtis 7, S. Jerome 7, J. Szumski 6, J. Stuvland 5, R. Russell 4, T. Newsom 4, D. Thomas 3, R. Scott 2, S. Machado.
3-pointers — HRV 3-11; PHS 6-18. Free throws — HRV 19-28; PHS 9-13.

PENDLETON: Davies, McGlothan big on the boards

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called one of better performances this season.

“She knocked down some outside shots, but she really drove to the hole and dished the ball out well,” Porter said. “She also went 7-8 from the free throw line which was huge for us tonight.”

Also turning in strong performance were Maureen Davies with 12 points and

eight rebounds — five on the offensive end — and Kalan McGlothan had nine points and six rebounds.

At halftime, Pendleton held a 25-21 lead, though Hood River (6-5, 0-1) scored 18 of its 21 points from 3-point range. That prompted Porter to challenge his team to step up their defense on the perimeter — which they did as Hood River hit just two 3s for the rest of the game.

“The girls did a great job

in taking a responsibility there and played hard,” Porter said.

The win was big for the Buckaroos, who were playing in just their third game since the first of the year.

“Oh it’s huge since we’ve been sputtering to play with the weather,” Porter said. “Hood River hasn’t been able to play much either and it showed some spots but in the end we were able to get

it done.”

Pendleton next hits the floor to host Baker on Monday with a 5:15 p.m. tip-off at Warberg Court, and then travels to La Grande on Tuesday.

PHS	10	15	10	16	—	51
HRV	9	12	17	10	—	48

PENDLETON — H. Grieb 18, M. Davies 12, K. McGlothan 9, K. Bradt 6, E. Nirschl 5, H. Porter 1.
HOOD RIVER VALLEY — E. Curtis 18, H. Baker 10, L. Orr 7, H. McNerny 6, A. Kinoshita 3, N. Lopez 2.
3-pointers — PHS 2, HRV 8. Free throws — PHS 21-31, HRV 8-20. Fouls — PHS 15, HRV 18.

Tennis

Serena reaches 4th round at Aussie Open without dropping a set

By JOHN PYE
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MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams is still on track in her bid to win a record 23rd Grand Slam title.

The six-time Australian Open winner beat fellow American Nicole Gibbs

6-1, 6-3 in the third round on Saturday, when she didn’t face a break point until she was serving for the match.

Dropping serve in that game was her only lapse in a match that then extended just beyond the hour — to 63 minutes to be precise. That made it one minute and one game longer than her only other match against Gibbs.

Williams started the tournament with difficult assignments in the first two rounds, but also got through those — against Belinda Bencic, with a career-high ranking of 7, and Lucie Safarova, a French Open finalist in 2015 — without dropping a set.

She has set the tone for the tournament. Williams will next play No. 16 Barbora Strycova, who beat No. 21 Caroline Garcia 6-2, 7-5.

Ekaterina Makarova led by a set and 4-0 but needed three sets and almost three hours to finally beat WTA Finals champion Dominika Cibulkova 6-2, 6-7 (3), 6-3.

“An amazing fight,” Makarova said of her first win over sixth-seeded Cibulkova, the 2014 finalist at Melbourne Park. “I got, to be honest, a bit

tight at 4-0 in the second set. But I’m still here. I love this Grand Slam.”

In a momentum-swing match featuring some long streaks of games and 11 service breaks, Makarova got the decisive break in the eighth game of the deciding set and closed it next.

Makarova will play either 2016 semifinalist Johanna Konta, who beat her in the fourth round here last year, or former No. 1-ranked Caroline Wozniacki.

Mirjana Lucic-Baroni continued her unlikely run with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 win over Maria Sakkari, and so did American qualifier Jennifer Brady.

Before this week, the 34-year-old Lucic-Baroni hadn’t won a match at Melbourne Park since her debut at the Australian Open in 1998. The 19-year gap in between match wins at a Grand Slam tournament broke the record set by Kimiko Date-Krumm, who went 17 years between match wins at Wimbledon.

Lucic-Baroni reached the semifinals of Wimbledon in 1999 as a 17-year-old and captured the Australian Open doubles title a year before that with Martina Hingis.

On the men’s side, No. 8 Dominic Thiem beat Benoit Paire 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to set up a fourth-round match against No. 11 David Goffin, who ended Ivo Karlovic’s run 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

The 37-year-old Karlovic’s win in the first round set an endurance record — the 84 games in the win over Horacio Zeballos, which ended 22-20 in the fifth, was an Open-era mark for the tournament.



Williams