

PREPS: Pendleton wrestling takes care of business at The Dalles

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Aparicio both hit double digits in points for Riverside (5-10, 1-4 EOL), as Castillo led with 14 and Aparicio had 12. Castillo also added four steals and six rebounds. Riverside also welcomed back senior guard Noe Madriagal, who played for the first time in league play and tallied six points on two made 3-pointers in eight minutes.

Sam MacLaughlin led Vale (3-12, 1-2) with nine points.

Riverside next plays at Nyssa on Friday night with a 7:30 p.m. start.

VHS	10	6	14	5	35
RHS	13	13	8	18	52

VALE — S. MacLaughlin 9, N. Carlson 8, D. Kaschmitter 7, G. Bahena 3, R. Gomez 3, T. Hamilton 2, C. Kesey 1.
RIVERSIDE — E. Castillo 14, F. Aparicio 12, D. Rodriguez 9, N. Madriagal 6, M. Hegar 5, A. Martinez 2, A. Hernandez 2, R. Rossales 2.
3-pointers — VHS 5, RHS 3. Free throws — VHS 4-8, RHS 11-17. Fouls — VHS 18, RHS 15. Fouled out — F. Aparicio (RHS).

IRRIGON 61, BURNS 45 — At Irrigon, the Knights won their sixth game in the last seven tries with a 61-45 victory over Burns on Tuesday evening at Irrigon High School.

Johnny Philips led Irrigon (10-5, 3-1 EOL) with a game-high 17 points, while Austin Rice scored 13 and Hayden White pitched in nine points. The victory moves Irrigon into sole possession of second place in the Easter Oregon League, trailing only Umatilla.

"It was a pretty good game for us," Irrigon coach Davie Salas said afterward. "We're playing good basketball right now and we're taking care of the basketball."

Scott Davies led Burns (9-8, 1-3) with 13 points.

Irrigon next travels to Vale on Friday for a 2 p.m. start.

BHS	8	10	5	12	35
IHS	1	15	13	16	49

BURNS — O. West 12, L. Taylor 9, C. Feist 6, E. Winn 4, S. Shelman 2, C. Patterson 2.
IRRIGON — J. Burns 15, A. Munoz 15, T. Davis 10, A. Zacarias 4, L. Mills 3, K. Wyatt 2.
3-pointers — BHS 0; IHS 4. Free throws — BHS 5-7; IHS 11-17.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

LA GRANDE 55, PENDLETON 49 — At La Grande, the Pendleton Buckaroos dropped a close non-league road game against the La Grande Tigers 55-49 on Tuesday night.

"Pretty tough game on back-to-back nights and maybe it was tough to perform at our peak on the second night," Pendleton coach Kevin Porter said Tuesday, referring to Pendleton's win over Baker on Monday. "But La Grande just doubled our output in the fourth quarter. It's a game we'll have to learn

from."

Maureen Davies led Pendleton (5-6) in scoring for the second straight game and neared a double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds. Kalan McGlothlin also scored nine points and added six rebounds, while Haley Greb had eight points and Tatum Fell had seven.

Breann Givens led La Grande (8-8) with 17 points.

Pendleton next hosts The Dalles on Friday for a 7 p.m. start.

PHS	15	15	11	8	49
LG	13	14	12	16	55

PENDLETON — M. Davies 11, K. McGlothlin 9, H. Greb 8, T. Fell 7, K. Bradt 5, E. Nirschl 5, L. Richards 4.
LA GRANDE — B. Givens 17, L. Miles 15, D. Lester 9, L. Jensen 7, M. Tussey 5, J. Howton 4.
3-pointers — PHS 3, LG 4. Free throws — PHS 12-17, LG 21-28. Fouls — PHS 21, LG 12. Fouled out — K. McGlothlin (PHS).

IRRIGON 49, BURNS 35 — At Irrigon, the Knights finished strong to pick up their second straight win over a top 10 team on Tuesday in Eastern Oregon League action.

Down 8-1 after the first quarter, No. 17 Irrigon (9-7, 2-2 EOL) outscored No. 6 Burns (11-5, 3-1) in each of the next three frames and led 29-23 going into the fourth.

"Our defensive effort tonight, especially in the second half, was awesome," said Irrigon coach Mike Royer. "Beating a team like Burns is a nice accomplishment for this team. We're playing better as a team on both ends of the floor."

Irrigon's Jada Burns scored 15 points and added seven steal and three assists, and Alyia Munoz also had 15 points to go with five rebounds. Taylor Davis added 10 points and seven rebounds.

Oakley West scored 12 points to lead Burns. Irrigon was coming off a win over No. 8 Vale on Monday.

BHS	8	10	5	12	35
IHS	1	15	13	16	49

BURNS — O. West 12, L. Taylor 9, C. Feist 6, E. Winn 4, S. Shelman 2, C. Patterson 2.
IRRIGON — J. Burns 15, A. Munoz 15, T. Davis 10, A. Zacarias 4, L. Mills 3, K. Wyatt 2.
3-pointers — BHS 0; IHS 4. Free throws — BHS 5-7; IHS 11-17.

POWDER VALLEY

68, HELIX 37 — At North Powder, the Grizzlies fell behind early and never recovered in Tuesday's Old Oregon League loss.

Sadie Wilson had a double-double with 14 points and 14 rebounds to lead Helix (6-7, 2-5 OOL), but the Grizzlies turned the ball over 27 times as a team and shot just 16 percent (9 of 53) from the floor.

"We're getting open shots, and ran our offense pretty well, the shots just wouldn't fall," Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger said. "We just need to put four quarters together and do a good job."

Helix plays at Wallowa

on Friday at 4 p.m.

HHS	2	12	8	15	37
PVHS	12	24	14	18	68

HELIX — S. Wilson 14, M. Tullis 7, E. Fehrenbaker 5, K. Mize 5, A. Krol 2, K. Cope 2, C. Bennett 1, H. Christman 1, H. Fehrenbaker, A. Wood, L. Case.
3-pointers — 1. Free throws — 18-27.

VALE 45, RIVERSIDE 25

At Boardman, the Riverside Pirates turned the ball over 30 times, allowing the Vale Vikings ran away with a 45-25 victory in an Eastern Oregon League game on Tuesday night.

"We just turned it over at will," Riverside coach Clair Costello said. "We tried to play too fast for the most part, and if we would've slowed it down we might have been right in it."

Riverside was also playing without captain and top scorer Lacey Mashos, as she sat with a back injury. Sophomore post Faith Rosen led Riverside with nine points and also grabbed 14 rebounds, catching the eye of Costello all night long.

"She's only 5-7, but she was a monster in there," Costello said. "She went right in there to the paint and battled."

Bo Bourasa led Vale (12-3, 2-1) with 12 points.

Riverside next travels to Nyssa on Friday.

VHS	16	10	8	11	45
RHS	4	8	8	5	25

VALE — B. Bourasa 12, A. Burkhardt 9, T. McFetridge 7, A. Trenkel 7, A. Hamilton 5, D. Johnson 5.
RIVERSIDE — F. Rosen 9, S. Wightman 6, A. Caldera 6, Br. Avalos 4, M. Hegar, A. Hernandez, C. Garcia, Bl. Avalos.
3-pointers — VHS 3, RHS 0. Free throws — VHS 4-11, RHS 3-7. Fouls — VHS 12, RHS 11.

WRESTLING

PENDLETON 69, THE DALLES 12

At The Dalles, the Pendleton Buckaroos dominated The Dalles Riverhawks in a Columbia River Conference dual match on Tuesday night.

The Buckaroos were able to do so with mostly a junior varsity lineup, taking 13 sophomores, three freshmen and one senior on the trip.

"You're always nervous not taking the varsity lineup with you, even to a place you know you can win," Pendleton coach Fred Phillips said, "but all in all it was a good day for the young kids to get some good experience in and good to see them wrestle well."

Standouts for Pendleton included Shawn Yeager, Aiden Patterson, Alex Rendon, and Coby Jones who all won by fall in their respective matches.

Pendleton returns to the mats today to host Hood River in the Buckaroos' lone home dual of the season. Junior varsity begins at 6 p.m. and the varsity follows at 7 p.m.

BRIEFLY

Elks Lodge basketball hoop shoot contest

HERMISTON — Two Hermiston students will represent their team at the State Hoop Shoot basketball tournament next month, after winning the local Elks Lodge District Hoop Shoot

Jan. 15. Wyatt Browne and Luis Flores will travel to Milwaukee to compete in the statewide event Feb. 11. The District Hoop Shoot, held at Sandstone Middle School, hosted students ages 8 through 13, representing Elks Lodges from around northeastern Oregon. Students have 25 chances to make as many free throws

as possible. Competitions were divided into three age groups. The winners for the 8-9 year-old age group were Leopoldi Longoria and Keefauver. The 10-11 year-old winners were Wyatt Browne and Gianna Medelez, and Luis Flores and JaLay Burns won the 12-13 year-old category. *-East Oregonian*



Pendleton's Caden Smith shoots a three over La Grande's Zack Jacobs in the Bucks' 63-59 win against the Tigers on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

BUCKAROOS: Back in action today for game against Baker

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quarter on an 8-2 run over the first three minutes that was capped when Jerome poked the ball away from Peasley and then took off the other way. Wyatt Morris grabbed the loose ball and delivered the pass to Jerome under the basket and the Bucks went up 39-31.

"The first three minutes of the third quarter is something that we stress a lot and I thought we did a good job," Tedder said.

Pendleton took its largest lead at 49-40 when Smith scored from the top of the arc with 1:53 left in the third quarter, and the closest La Grande came from there was when it cut the lead to 55-51 with a little over five minutes to go on a layup by GT Blackman.

Peasley's steal and slam dunk made the score 61-56 with 1:08 to play, but Pend-

leton was able to work the clock and La Grande didn't score again until the final 10 seconds.

The first half saw the score tied twice and the lead change hands 10 times.

Morris scored nine of his 14 points in the first quarter on a trio of three-pointers and finished 4 for 6 behind the arc in the game.

La Grande had its only run of the game in the first quarter, going on an 8-0 spurt to take a 12-10 lead on a three by Peasley with 2:52 left in the frame, but Morris stopped the bleeding on Pendleton's next trip down.

It is just the second time this season the Bucks have won back-to-back games and the first time they've been over .500 in 2017.

"I thought that we could have done a little bit better job in the first half, but the energy is there," Tedder said.

"Again it's our ninth game of the season where other teams it's their 15th or 16th, so we're still building. We've still got lots of things to get better at. ... It's the little things."

After having 17 days between games due to weather in January, Pendleton will play two more times this week with its next game tonight at Baker at 6 p.m. Pendleton then plays on the road Friday in a return to league action against The Dalles at 7 p.m.

The Bucks' next home game is against Hermiston on Tuesday, Jan. 31, with a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

LGHS	15	14	17	13	46
PHS	16	15	20	12	51

LA GRANDE — A. Peasley 25, E. Sittanen 9, G. Hanson 9, K. Green-Chandler 6, Z. Jacobs 5, J. Schiller 3, G. Blackmon 2.
PENDLETON — C. Smith 22, W. Morris 14, S. Jerome 10, J. Stuvland 10, J. Szumski 4, T. Newsom 2, R. Russell, D. Thomas, K. Curtis.
3-pointers — LGHS 7-21; PHS 7-17. Free throws — LGHS 12-17; PHS 10-14. Fouls — LGHS 12; PHS 12.

RODRIGUEZ: Joins a Walla Walla squad that made postseason in 2016

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put himself in goal-scoring opportunities is what really caught my eye," Rotert said. "He's a great soccer player and probably a better person, so to have a guy that loves the game, loves to work hard, but is also willing to work in the classroom and just be that overall good ambassador for the program makes it a perfect fit."

Rotert's Walla Walla Warriors squad is coming off of a solid season where the team finished 10-6-4 overall and tied for second in the NWAC East division with a 7-6-2 record and 23 points. The Warriors advanced to the NWAC Championships, where they were ousted in the first round by eventual-champion Tacoma 3-1 on penalty kicks.

Rodriguez is anxious to get started with the Warriors, where he wants to continue to grow many aspects of his game.

"I want to evolve my shot, my game speed," Rodriguez said. "I just want to build up everything I can and be a good all-around player."

And as he looks back on his Hermiston career, the lack of deep postseason runs or a state championship still stings, but Rodriguez is very



Staff photo by Eric Singer

Hermiston senior Freddy Rodriguez, center, poses for a photo with Hermiston boys soccer coach Richard Harshberger, left, and Walla Walla Community College coach Ben Rotert, right, on Tuesday at Hermiston High School after Rodriguez signed his NLOI to play soccer at Walla Walla starting this fall.

proud of what he and his teammates were able to put together, which is a 41-18-4 overall record and two state tournament appearances.

"I'm very proud because everything that I've done makes me the person I am today and the soccer player I am today," he said. "Everything is just a learning experience and that's hopefully what I'll learn in college, is there's always going to be that downfall but you have to stand back up and what ever doesn't kill you makes you

stronger, it really does and so you keep going and you'll be fine.

But before he leaves Hermiston, Rodriguez has one more goal in a different sport that he has his eye on.

"I want to get to state in the 300-meter hurdles," Rodriguez said, still with a smile. "That's what I've been doing since freshman year."

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MARTINEZ: Ceremony on Aug. 12

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Even though Cooperstown is still just a possibility for Martinez, the club decided now was the right time even if it meant special approval from ownership.

"I was surprised. I knew that the Mariners had these policies about retiring numbers and I didn't expect it, so I was surprised," Martinez said.

The Mariners have strict guidelines for number retirement that allow for the honor only if a player has been elected to the Hall of Fame or has come close to election. Griffey was — and should have been — the first Mariners player to have his number retired. And it makes sense for Martinez to be the second, especially after receiving nearly 59 percent of the vote in Hall of Fame balloting this year.

The Mariners also hope that the number retirement may boost Martinez's Hall of Fame chances. Last week, Martinez was named on 58.6 percent of ballots when results of Hall of Fame voting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America were announced. It was a major jump that set the stage for Martinez to potentially become the first player who was primarily a designated hitter to be voted into the Hall of Fame.

Martinez has two years



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Mariners former designated hitter Edgar Martinez smiles as he speaks at a news conference announcing the retirement by the team of his jersey number 11, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, in Seattle.

of eligibility remaining on the ballot.

"It was a conversation that we had and then when the (Hall of Fame) vote came out, it was a relatively quick call," Mather said. "Our board of directors had to approve it and it was a relatively easy answer once he got over 50 percent."

No player aside from Griffey connected with Seattle like Martinez. While Griffey was the undisputed star of baseball for most of the 1990s, Martinez was nearly his equal while hitting in the same lineup. The difference is while Griffey was Seattle's first star, Martinez was the star that never left.

He spent all 18 of his major league seasons with

the Mariners and returned during the summer of 2015 as the club's hitting coach. He is regarded as one of the best right-handed hitters of his generation, finishing his career with a .312 batting average with 309 career home runs and 1,219 career RBIs. He added a .418 on-base percentage and .515 slugging percentage to his other batting numbers and twice led the AL in batting average and doubles.

"That will be special to see my number is going to be next to Junior's, one of the greatest players to play the game ... also next to the great Jackie Robinson," Martinez said. "That's something I never could expect looking back at my career."