

PREPS: Rambo scores 27, McCullough adds best game of season

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Xavier Rambo scored 10 points in the first quarter and 19 by halftime to finish with a team-high 27, Hunter Walls hit four three-pointers for 12 points, and Thomas McCullough added 10 points and seven rebounds in a rare start for Hermiston (11-4, 1-0 CRC).

Arstein said he started the 6-foot-1 McCullough looking to infuse a little more height in the lineup.

"He had his best game of the year, played big inside and finished with some contact and had a good

overall game," Arstein said.

Dakota Murr scored a game-high 30 points for The Dalles (2-8, 0-1), but had just eight after halftime as the Bulldogs were able to quiet a rowdy Riverhawks crowd.

"It's a pretty small gym and (the crowd's) all above you and so you hear them barking down on you," Arstein said. "Murr, you can't leave him open, but we did a good job switching off on him in the second half and containing him."

Murr had just two field goals in the third quarter and was limited to free throws after that.

Walls had three of his 3-pointers in the third quarter to reboot the Bulldogs after halftime, and Arstein said it was good to see the sophomore looking like himself again after missing a game and a few practices with the flu.

Hermiston led 62-40 after three quarters and was able to sit its starters the entire fourth quarter.

"We got the win so that's always good on the road," Arstein said. "We played a little bit better, but we've still got work to do defensively. ... There's nine games left until the playoffs so there's definitely room to improve."

The Bulldogs will get right back to it today when they host Hood River for a CRC clash at 7 p.m.

HHS 20 17 25 13 — 75
TDHS 14 14 12 12 — 52
HERMISTON — X. Rambo 27, H. Walls 12, T. McCullough 10, A. James 9, C. Ortiz 7, A. Mendez 3, R. Anderson 3, A. Earl 2, K. Moss 2, P. Wicks, J. Ramirez, J. Hinkle.
THE DALLES — D. Murr 30, E. Flores 7, J. Miller 4, J. Nesbit 4, Jac. Hernandez 1, H. Lee 1, J. Bonham 2, Seufalemu, J. Hernandez, D. Hoffman.
3-pointers — HHS 9; TDHS 8. Free throws — HHS 6-9; TDHS 14-19. Fouls — HHS 17; TDHS 16.

PENDLETON 61, BAKER 53 — At Baker City, the Pendleton Buckaroos won for the second time in as many nights with a non-league victory on the road against

Baker on Wednesday night. It also marks the third-straight victory overall for the Buckaroos.

Pendleton (6-4, 1-0 CRC) next plays on Friday when the Buckaroos travel to The Dalles (2-8, 0-1) for their first road league game of the season.

POWDER VALLEY 56, HELIX 39 — At North Powder, a daunting press defense by the Powder Valley boys' basketball team held the Helix Grizzlies at bay Tuesday night, giving the Badgers a 56-39 league win. Helix (3-10, 2-5 OOL)

turned the ball over 29 times, many caused by the press that kept the offense from setting up. When they did get set, Grizzly posts Jon Shaw and Justin Williams were effective down low. Shaw scored 18 and Williams 13.

Gus McGinn led the Badgers (12-3, 7-0 OOL) with 16.

Helix has a big weekend in store, with a trip to Wallowa Friday and home game against Cove on Saturday. All three teams have two league wins, and Coach Ben Maney said the games could determine district tournament seeding.

BUCKS: Rendon edged in night's most thrilling match-up

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and correctable mistakes we can work on between now and regionals when we see these guys again."

Pendleton's Greg Lee (9-4) kicked off the match at 220 pounds against Alexander Pedroza and got the scoring going early with a takedown midway through the first round and led 5-0 at the end. At the start of the second, it was clear that Lee was in control and with 1:15 left in the round, he gained position and got the whistle for the win by fall to put his Buckaroos up 6-0.

Hood River Valley got its first win in the next match at 285 pounds, when Justin Wilson (28-8) defeated Pendleton's Trevor Ulicini (13-6) by fall at 1:23 in the first round, though Phillips said he was pretty pleased with Ulicini's performance.

"Trevor got a takedown on a kid that's probably one of the top four or five heavyweights in the state and proved he can go with him," Phillips said. "But the one move we told him to watch for is what got him."

The Eagles then won three straight matches at 106, 113 (a forfeit), and 120 pounds as Pendleton's Caleb Tremper and Chris Chambers were outscored by a combined 27-3 before Tremper was pinned and Chambers lost by a 14-2 major decision. The three losses put Pendleton in a 22-6 hole, but the Buckaroos were ready to bounce back.

After a forfeit win for Pendleton's Blake Davis at



Staff photo by Eric Singer

Pendleton's Josh Mendoza tries for a pin against Hood River's Albert Rojas in the 182 bout of Wednesday's dual in Pendleton. Pendleton won 54-25.

126, junior Brendon Bedolla (13-4) stepped in at 132 pounds against Hood River's Jonathan Garcia and was determined to add to his teams' total. Bedolla and Garcia spent the first 40-plus seconds trying to gain leverage, until Garcia took a shot and Bedolla pounced and flipped Garcia into a win by fall.

"I have a fault where I'm not that aggressive as a wrestler, I kind of wait and build up the momentum and then attack," Bedolla said of his strategy. "(Garcia) took a shot after reaching in on my bad shot so I tried putting him in a quarter hold and I couldn't and then I popped up and threw him in a pancake, which is a move I like to do."

Phillips said that Bedolla's match was one of the highlights of the night for his team. "Brendon's kind of a

hot-and-cold guy, where some days he looks unstoppable and some days you wonder what happened to the kid," Phillips said. "He's got a few wins this season with that very same pancake move, it's not something that we necessarily work on a lot but if it's there, you hit it and he got it, hit it hard and left no doubt tonight."

After Bedolla's match, Pendleton went on to win six of the final seven matches — three by forfeit, three by fall — as they ran away with the victory.

Pendleton's lone loss in the stretch was perhaps the most entertaining match of the night at 138 pounds, where Hood River's Jason Shaner took on Pendleton's Alex Rendon. The Buckaroo sophomore got the first points with a takedown early before

Shaner answered on a 6-1 run to gain the advantage. Rendon was able to fight back and gain some momentum to close out the second round, tying the match at 6-6 just as the clock expired.

In the third round, fatigue began to set in for Rendon as Shaner simply out-muscled Rendon and held on for a 9-7 decision.

"I just got tired at the end of the match, (Shaner) was in better shape than me," Rendon said.

Pendleton got three more victories by pin on the night, with Jeff Kovach (19-4) at 145 pounds, Shawn Yeager (9-10) at 152 pounds, and Josh Mendoza (10-13) at 182 pounds. Yeager, who is one of four sophomores that rotate in and out of the 145 pound/152 pound classes, was another wrestler that caught

Phillips' eye.

"That's a great job for Shawn. We had just been feeling all four of them out lately and we put the call on Shawn tonight," Phillips said. "We have a definite strategy on him and it worked well tonight. He did a good job, he's learning and getting better with his leg ride which I'm excited to watch and he's going to be dangerous for people in the next couple of weeks."

Two of Pendleton's top wrestlers, seniors Morgan Holcomb (22-2) at 160 pounds and Scott Chambers (17-6) at 170 pounds, both won by forfeit, as did sophomore Aiden Henderson (8-13) and sophomore Blake Davis (7-8).

Pendleton's next action will be on Wednesday, Feb. 1, when they travel to Hermiston for their final district dual of the season.

Wednesday's Results

220 — Greg Lee (Pend.) def. Alexander Pedroza by fall, 2:46 (6-0)
285 — Justin Wilson (HRV) def. Trevor Ulicini by fall, 1:23 (6-0)
106 — Justin Lane (HRV) def. Caleb Tremper by fall, 2:33 (6-12)
113 — Ryan Zeller (HRV) wins by forfeit (6-18)
120 — Chad Muenzer (HRV) def. Chris Chambers by MD, 14-2 (6-22)
126 — Blake Davis (Pend.) wins by forfeit (12-22)
132 — Brendon Bedolla (Pend.) def. Jonathan Garcia by fall, 1:05 (18-22)
138 — Jason Shaner (HRV) def. Alex Rendon by 9-7 dec. (18-25)
145 — Jeff Kovach (Pend.) def. Cade Parker by fall, 3:02 (24-25)
152 — Shawn Yeager (Pend.) def. Angel Jones by fall, 3:18 (30-25)
160 — Morgan Holcomb (Pend.) wins by forfeit (36-25)
170 — Scott Chambers (Pend.) wins by forfeit (42-25)
182 — Josh Mendoza (Pend.) def. Alberto Rojas by fall, 2:56 (48-25)
195 — Aiden Henderson (Pend.) wins by forfeit (54-25)

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BLAZERS:

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Young's 3-pointer tied it, quieting the crowds' 'Beat L.A.' chant. Young made another 3 to give Los Angeles a 94-91 lead.

Lillard made three free throws after he was fouled by Jose Calderon to tie it, and Portland pulled in front on McCollum's 3-pointer. McCollum extended the lead with a reverse layup with 2:40 left. The Blazers led the rest of the way.

Mason Plumlee had 19 points and 13 rebounds for the Blazers, who defeated the Celtics in Boston 127-123 in overtime on Saturday to snap a four-game losing streak.

Portland was without Ed Davis for the second straight game because of a left wrist injury, and Maurice Harkless, who has a calf injury.

The Lakers didn't have D'Angelo Russell for the second straight game because of a sprained right knee and calf. He is expected to miss up to two weeks. Calderon started in his place.

The Lakers held a 31-30 lead at the end of the first quarter, but Portland opened the second on a 9-2 run to go up 41-33 on Pat Connaughton's layup.

Williams' floater got the Lakers back within one at 45-44. They evened it at 52 on Ivica Zubac's dunk and took a lead on Young's free throw, but Portland had a 59-58 edge at halftime.

Williams led the Lakers with 16 points at the break, while McCollum had 16 for Portland.

TIGERSCOTS: Championship girls' squad went 24-1, beat Chiloquin for title

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Their additions bring the Hall's number to 41 individuals and nine teams.

Hasenbank becomes the youngest member in just his second year of eligibility. Following a standout athletic career as a TigerScot, Hasenbank went on to play football at College of the Siskiyous and later University of Idaho as an offensive lineman.

Hasenbank earned his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Washington State in 2015 and has remained an active volunteer in his local communities.

Mathwick, who began his high school career as an Athena Gladiator before McEwen High opened in 1948, moved to Athena just before his freshman year and except for four years in the

navy has never left.

A three-sport standout, Mathwick also was his senior class president and president of the F.F.A., played clarinet in the school band and participated in school plays every year. After graduation he enlisted in the navy and served on the USS Romulus, which repaired amphibious military vehicles during the Korean War. He married his high school sweetheart Beverly Tucker in 1953 and worked as a bookkeeper and branch manager at the local bank for 36 years upon his return to Athena.

Hansell also was a three-sport varsity athlete and student body president in high school, and would earn his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Washington State College in 1944. That same year he was

commissioned as an office in the US Army Veterinary Corps and served in India and China during WWII rising to the rank of captain.

A rancher at heart, Hansell was an innovator in agriculture who pioneered circle pivot irrigation and was one of the first local adopters of no-till seeding. He also was an early proponent for artificial insemination in cattle.

He was named Oregon Father of the Year in 1973 and was named Athena First Citizen in 1985. Also in 1973, he and his wife Joyce were selected as Oregon Conservation Farm of the Year. In 1983 they traveled to the White House where they were awarded with the first ever National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation to reforest family land in the Blue Mountains with 5,000

pine trees.

Hansell died in 1997 from cancer. He remained an ardent supporter and booster of Weston-McEwen athletics later in life. All five of his children and six of his 15 grandchildren attended McEwen and Weston-McEwen High Schools.

White came to Weston-McEwen in 1996 and took over as head volleyball coach in 2003. He has guided the TigerScots to OSAA titles in 2004, 2010 and this past season in 2016. His overall record as head coach is 393-95. He's 34-16 in the postseason and 3-2 in title games.

He has been named 2A Coach of the Year four times, Oregon Women's Coach of the Year in 2004-05, and his teams have won three OSAA sportsmanship awards.

White's 2004 championship team was the first in girls sports for Weston-McEwen, and was inducted with last year's class. The 2005 girls basketball team shared many of the same players, and was coached by Jeff Griggs and assistants Amber Doremus and Jeremy Maddern.

The TigerScots went 24-1 and beat Chiloquin 42-29 in the title game at Pendleton Convention Center. Kayla Johnson and Kayla Paredes both were named to the all-tournament first team, and Johnson was later the 2A Player of the Year. Griggs was named 2A Coach of the Year, and Darcy Thompson and Wendy Baker also received all-league recognition that season.

Other members of the championship team were Ashleigh Riddle, Susanna

Bonifer, Stephanie Zeller, Kayla Turner and Sara Smalley. Cheryl Lewis was the team's manager and other staff members were Alyx Johnson (stats), Cheyanne Albie (ball girl), and Johanna Werlund (book).

The Weston-McEwen Hall of Fame recognizes nominated outstanding graduates, faculty and teams. Individuals become eligible 10 years after graduation, or in the case of coaches 10 years after the event they are nominated for.

Several of this year's inductees will be in attendance Friday, and there will be a pre-game reception at the high school where community members are invited to mingle prior to tip-off of the girls varsity game at 6 p.m.

The boys game is scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Today
Hood River at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Friday
Helix at Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.
Riverside at Nyssa, 6:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Vale, 6:30 p.m.
Pendleton at The Dalles, 7 p.m.
Umatilla at Burns, 7:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.
Culver at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.
South Wasco at Arlington, 7:30 p.m.
Lone at Sherman, 7:30 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Cove, 7:30 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Riverside at Vale, 3:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Nyssa, 3:30 p.m.
Culver at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.
Stanfield at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario, 4:30 p.m.
Arlington at Mitchell/Spray, 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Lone, 5:30 p.m.
Echo at Joseph, 5:30 p.m.
Cove at Helix, 7 p.m.
Powder Valley at Nixyaawii, 7 p.m.

GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL

Today
Hermiston at Hood River, 7 p.m.
Friday
Helix at Wallowa, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Nyssa, 5 p.m.
Irrigon at Vale, 5 p.m.
Umatilla at Burns, 6 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Culver at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.
South Wasco at Arlington, 6 p.m.
Lone at Sherman, 6 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Cove, 6 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Echo, 6 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Riverside at Vale, 2 p.m.

Irrigon at Nyssa, 2 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario, 3 p.m.
Arlington at Mitchell/Spray, 4 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Lone, 4 p.m.
Echo at Joseph, 4 p.m.
Cove at Helix, 4 p.m.
Powder Valley at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Stanfield at Heppner, 5:30 p.m.
Culver at Pilot Rock, 6:30 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Today
Riverside at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Hermiston, Riverside, Heppner at Farm City Tournament (Hermiston), 10 a.m.
Echo at RD Brown Invite (ID), 10 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston at La Grande, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday
Evergreen State at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
North Idaho at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.
Northwest at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday
Evergreen State at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
North Idaho at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.
Northwest at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Friday
Warner Pacific vs. Eastern Oregon (at Hermiston), 7 p.m.
Sunday
Washington State Club at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

Prep Scores

BOYS BASKETBALL

Central 52, Corvallis 49

Century 70, Sunset 53
Clackamas 74, Oregon City 62
Hermiston 75, The Dalles 52
La Salle 60, Putnam 50
Lake Oswego 62, Canby 41
Mountain View 66, Ridgeview 41
Parkrose 81, St. Helens 47
Pendleton 61, Baker 53
Sherwood 58, Newberg 45
South Albany 62, Lebanon 43
South Eugene 55, Shelton 51
Westview 80, Jesuit 76

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Clackamas 62, Oregon City 60
Cleveland 40, Lincoln 35
Coquille 47, Sutherlin 33
La Salle 55, Putnam 33
Parkrose 67, St. Helens 55, OT
Ridgeview 60, Mountain View 44
Sunset 44, Century 39

Football

NFL
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 29
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 5
At Houston
Atlanta vs. New England, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)

Basketball

NBA
Wednesday's Games
Sacramento 116, Cleveland 112, OT
Boston 120, Houston 109
Miami 109, Brooklyn 106
Atlanta 119, Chicago 114
Golden State 113, Charlotte 103
Memphis 101, Toronto 99
Oklahoma City 114, New Orleans 105
Philadelphia 114, Milwaukee 109
Dallas 103, New York 95
Portland 105, L.A. Lakers 98

Today's Games
Dallas at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA

Men's Top 25
Wednesday's Games
No. 5 Baylor 65, Texas Tech 61
Georgia Tech 78, No. 6 Florida State 56
USC 84, No. 9 UCLA 76
No. 11 Butler 61, Seton Hall 54
Georgetown 71, No. 16 Creighton 51
No. 25 Florida 106, LSU 71
Today's Games
No. 24 Xavier at No. 19 Cincinnati, 4 p.m.
Virginia Tech at No. 9 North Carolina, 5 p.m.
San Diego at No. 3 Gonzaga, 6 p.m.
Washington State at No. 7 Arizona, 6:30 p.m.
No. 10 Oregon at Utah, 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco at No. 21 Saint Mary's, 8 p.m.

Women's Top 25

Wednesday's Games
No. 2 Baylor 91, No. 25 Kansas State 49
No. 12 Texas 77, TCU 69
No. 20 Oklahoma 78, Iowa State 63
No. 22 West Virginia 89, Texas Tech 79
No. 23 USF 52, SMU 51
Today's Games
No. 5 South Carolina at Georgia, 4 p.m.
No. 9 Louisville at Clemson, 4 p.m.
No. 6 Florida State at Georgia Tech, 4 p.m.
North Carolina at No. 17 Miami, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at No. 18 NC State, 4 p.m.
No. 19 Virginia Tech at Virginia, 4 p.m.
No. 24 Green Bay at Youngstown State, 4 p.m.
No. 3 Maryland at Illinois, 5 p.m.
No. 15 Ohio State at Minnesota, 5 p.m.

Hockey

NHL
Wednesday's Games
Toronto 4, Detroit 0
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Rangers 0

Vancouver 3, Colorado 2
Edmonton 4, Anaheim 0

Today's Games

Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Winnipeg at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Tennis

Australian Open
Wednesday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia
Purse: \$37.4 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Women
Semifinals
Venus Williams (13), United States, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.
Serena Williams (2), United States, def. Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles
Men
Semifinals
Bob and Mike Bryan (3), United States, def. Pablo Carreno Busta and Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 7-6 (1), 6-3.
Henri Kontinen, Finland, and John Peers (4), Australia, def. Marc Polmans and Andrew Whittington, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

Golf

PGA Tour
Upcoming Schedule
Jan. 26-29 — Farmers Insurance Open, Torrey Pines GC (South, North), San Diego

Feb. 2-5 — Waste Management Phoenix Open, TPC Scottsdale (Stadium Course), Scottsdale, Ariz.

Transactions

Wednesday
BASEBALL
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL — Named Jennie Finch youth softball ambassador.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Claimed OF/1B Steve Seltsky off waivers from Cincinnati. Agreed to terms with LHP Drew Pomeranz on a one-year contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with OF Austin Jackson on a minor league contract.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Assigned RHP Blake Parker outright to Salt Lake (PCL).
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Assigned RHP Zach Neal outright to Nashville. Traded OF Brett Eibner to the L.A. Dodgers for INF Jordan Tarsovick. Designated LHP Dillon Overton for assignment. Agreed to terms with INF Adam Rosales on a one-year contract.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Agreed to terms with CJ Thome on a minor league contract.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with LHPs John Danks, Sam Freeman, Adam Kolarek and Eric O'Flaherty; RHPs Brian Boyer, Rhiner Cruz, Joel De La Cruz, Jordan Walden; C's David Freitas and Blake Lalli; and OF Emilio Bonifacio.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Designated RHP Carlos Frias for assignment.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with C Ryan Hanigan on a minor league contract.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Assigned OF Jabari Blash outright to El Paso (PCL).
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Golden State C Zaza Pachulia \$15,000 for striking Miami F Luke Babbitt in the face.