

HERMISTON

‘Fired up’ Dawgs dominate Day 1

Hermiston second but has 15 alive in semifinals; Pendleton fourth at districts

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The Hermiston Bulldogs road to a fifth-straight wrestling state championship began on Friday, as they hosted the Class 5A District 4 wrestling tournament at the Dawg House.

After Day 1 of the tournament, the Bulldogs find themselves in second place with 147.0 points — just one point behind Redmond at 148.0 points and ahead of Mountain View at 127.0 points. Hermiston coach Kyle Larson said he liked the effort his team put forth on Friday.

“I think our guys are wrestling real well,” he said. “We’ve got a few upsets today ... it’s awesome when you get wins like that because it’ll get those guys fired up and that snowballs into everybody else and gets them fired up to wrestle above their potential.”

Hermiston finished the day with 19 of their 23 wrestlers still alive in the bracket, 15 of which will wrestle today in the semifinal round which is the highest total in the district. The Bulldogs are doubled up at five weight classes in the semifinals, including Alice Todryk and Ruben Madrigal at 106, Adrian Tuia and Wade Kirkpatrick at 145, Valen Wyse and Julio Leiva at 170, Corey Mason and Kenny Bevan at 220, and Beau Blake and Emilio Landin at 285.

Larson said he was especially fired up for Mason on Friday, as his win by fall over Pendleton’s Jamal Vann was redemption for Mason, who lost to Vann in the Bulldogs and Buckaroos’ dual match last week.

“That’s awesome to see when



Staff photos by E.J. Harris

ABOVE: Hermiston’s C.J. Hendon throws Ridgeview’s Rogan Prescott during a 138 pound weight class Friday at the district tournament in Hermiston.

RIGHT: Pendleton’s Jeff Kovach wrestles Hermiston’s Gavin Tarvin in the 138 pound weight class Friday at the district tournament in Hermiston.

guys redeem themselves with wins like that,” Larson said.

Hermiston senior CJ Hendon was perhaps the most impressive Bulldog on Friday, as he won both of his matches by fall and in lightning-quick fashion. He pinned Pendleton’s John Swaggart in 33 seconds and then Ridgeview’s Rogan Prescott in 36 seconds.

All in all, Hermiston won 17

matches by fall, which meant a lot of bonus points in the standings for Hermiston.

“I think the reason we are where we are right now is because our guys are going out there and getting pins and bonus points,” Larson said, “not just going for decisions. And when we’re not getting pins,

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Offseason overhaul complete as Mariners head to spring training

Seattle hoping new additions pay off big

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Seattle manager Scott Servais will need to use nametags for the second straight year to kick off spring training.

Another flurry of offseason moves have left the Mariners a significantly remodeled club headed to Arizona, but more in the manner of what Jerry Dipoto envisioned when he took over as Seattle’s general manager in September 2015.

The stars are still there. Robinson Cano, Nelson Cruz, Kyle Seager and Felix Hernandez remain the foundation. It’s the pieces around



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren, File

In this Oct. 1, 2016, file photo, Seattle Mariners’ Robinson Cano watches his two-run home run against the Oakland Athletics during the fifth inning of a baseball game, in Seattle. Another flurry of offseason moves have left the Mariners a significantly remodeled club headed to Arizona.

them that have changed significantly with the goal of getting younger and becoming more athletic.

There are only eight

players remaining from the 40-man roster that Dipoto inherited.

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Sports shorts

Spieth makes putts, beats fog in Pebble Beach Pro-Am

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Jordan Spieth made the putts and beat the fog at Spyglass Hill, posting a 7-under 65 on Friday in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Spieth was at 10-under 133. He was tied for the lead with Derek Fathauer, who also was 10 under with the ninth hole to play at Pebble Beach.

Jason Day, the world’s No. 1 player, was 7 under for the day through 12 at Spyglass and was one shot behind.

The second round was suspended when fog rolled into the Monterey Peninsula, making it difficult to see more than 120 yards. Play will resume Saturday morning.

Rain has soaked all three courses and kept the first round from being completed until mid-morning Friday.



Spieth

“I think it’s good for the game for them to get rocked a little bit.”

— Dawn Staley
Head coach of No. 6 South Carolina women’s basketball team on No. 1 Connecticut. The teams meet on Monday night with UConn looking for its 100th straight victory, which would be a new record in NCAA basketball. The Huskies go for No. 99 on Saturday against SMU, which they beat by 40 points last month.

Prep Roundup

Last-second shot lifts Rockets

Pierce hits 3-pointer as Pilot Rock beats Heppner

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PILOT ROCK — With under 10 seconds left on the clock and the game tied at 45-45, Pilot Rock’s Bryson Pierce caught the ball off an inbounds play, found an opening and then nailed a 3-pointer with just one second remaining to give the Rockets a 45-42 victory over the Heppner Mustangs on Friday night.

“It was another great win for us,” Pilot Rock coach Mike Weinke said. “The boys are playing really well right now and we needed this ... I’m just so proud of the kids.”

The win was crucial for Pilot Rock (11-8, 4-3 CBC), who could not afford to lose either of its final two games as it hopes to lock in a district tournament berth. Heppner (11-6, 3-4) began the day in a three-way tie with Pilot Rock and Weston-McEwen for second, but after the Mustangs and TigerScots both lost, Heppner must win at Culver on Monday to get into the district tournament.

Pierce led all scorers in the game with

16 points for the Rockets, while Tracker Denny and Levi Thieme each had 10. Logan Grieb led Heppner with 12 points and Jake Lindsay had nine.

Pilot Rock finishes the regular season today at home against Stanfield at 4 p.m., while Heppner travels to Culver on Monday.

HHS 15 10 11 6 — 42
PR 11 9 12 13 — 45

HEPPNER — L. Grieb 12, J. Lindsay 9, K. Murray 7, C. Hedman 6, K. Smith 6, W. Steagall 2.
PILOT ROCK — B. Pierce 16, T. Denny 10, L. Thieme 10, B. Postma 4, C. Weinke 3, D. Hasher 2.
3-pointers — HHS 3, PR 3. Free throws — HHS 7-14, PR 4-5. Fouls — HHS 12, PR 19. Fouled out — C. Weinke (PR).

IRRIGON 59, NYSSA 53 — At Irrigon, the Knights needed a win to preserve its district standing and they were able to do just that, as the Knights attacked Nyssa’s strength and came out on top on Friday.

Hayden White led all scores with 22 points, and Irrigon coach Davy Salas said he was the key piece as the Knights won the battle in the paint against Bulldogs big man Boston Thompson.

“White set the tone,” Salas said. “I told (the team), ‘We’ve got to keep attacking the big guy. He’s going to get his blocks, but we’ve got to keep driving and keep

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Kushner brother leading bidder to buy Miami Marlins

MIAMI (AP) — A person with direct knowledge of the negotiations says Joshua Kushner, whose older brother is an adviser to President Trump, has a preliminary agreement to buy the Miami Marlins for about \$1.6 billion.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Friday because the Marlins and owner Jeffrey Loria have not commented publicly on negotiations.

The preliminary agreement preceded due diligence by Kushner, the person said, adding the final offer could be much lower than \$1.6 billion. Other parties are also interested in buying the Marlins, and Loria might reopen negotiations with them.

Kushner is a New York City businessman and investor and part of the real estate family that also includes Jared Kushner, Donald Trump’s son-in-law and an adviser to the president.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1957 — The NHL Players Association is formed, with Ted Lindsay of the Detroit Red Wings elected president.

1990 — Mike Tyson loses for the first time when James “Buster” Douglas knocks him out in the 10th round and captures the heavyweight championship in the biggest upset in boxing history.

2011 — The Cleveland Cavaliers stopped their NBA-record losing streak at 26 games with a 126-119 win in OT against the Los Angeles Clippers. Antawn Jamison scores 35 points and makes a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left in OT for the Cavs.

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