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## Prep Swimming

# Long relays give Hermiston winning edge

The Hermiston High Bulldogs boys swimming team won the Columbia River Conference District Championship Saturday at the Hood River Aquatic Center in Hood River. Bulldogs swimmers include Ryan Barnard, Ian Buck, Seth Buck, Ivan Cardenas, Caleb Jorgensen, Ryan Middleton, Keaton Mikami, Alexis Perez, Jose Roman, Carson Wrathall, assistant coach Kerri Hodges and head coach Kevin Hamblin. Hermiston team members not pictured include Lane Stevenson, Preston Strong and Ryan Wiley.

Photo by Mike Weber



## Bulldogs boys beat Pendleton for district championship in final race

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PENDLETON — The four swimmers on Hermiston's 400-yard freestyle relay "B-team" came through big in what was likely their final event of the season after their fifth-place finish delivered a team title for the Bulldogs boys at the Columbia River Conference district meet in Hood River.

Caleb Jorgensen, Jose Roman, Lane Stevenson and Alexis Perez weren't one of four Bulldogs to

earn a spot at the state finals, but their combined time of 4 minutes, 22.31 seconds was enough to finish ahead of Pendleton's second relay unit, and the four points they earned toward the team tally put the Bulldogs over the top. Hermiston's "A-team" was third for another eight points.

Hermiston edged Pendleton 93-91 in team points, and Pendleton's girls placed second to Hood River 135-99.

The Bulldogs arrived at their See SWIMMING/3B

## HERMISTON

# Blasé Bulldogs tie for district title

Hermiston has four champions, sends 14 to state tournament

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

The Hermiston Bulldogs wrapped up four individual district championships on Saturday evening, but none of the four champions seemed too ecstatic about the feats.

"It's just another day," said junior Joey Gutierrez, who won the 182-pound bracket, "The bigger picture is state, but it's a good feeling for now. Monday it's time to get back to work."

"I've experienced this two times before," senior C.J. Hendon, who took the 138-pound title, "so it's nice I guess, something that I've earned."

But for a program that heads to Portland in two weeks with a goal of earning its 11th state championship, winning a district title is just another accolade. Hermiston head coach Kyle Larson said that mindset from his team is pleasing to see.

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Hermiston's A.J. Tuia attempts to pin Pendleton's Mycheal Pointer in the 145 pound weight class Friday at the district tournament in Hermiston. Tuia went on to win the district title on Saturday after he defeated teammate Wade Kirkpatrick by a 7-2 decision.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton's Tyler Newsom goes up for a shot against The Dalles' Oscar Fernandez (25) and Dakota Murr in the Bucks' 86-45 win against the River Hawks on Monday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



## PENDLETON

# Buckaroos sweep Riverhawks

Pendleton boys and girls beat The Dalles

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The Buckaroos coasted to their seventh straight win on Monday night with an 86-45 rout of The Dalles.

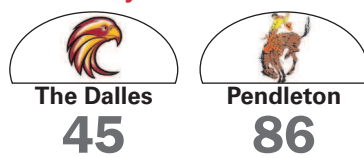
The win keeps Pendleton undefeated in Columbia River Conference play and gives it a two-game lead on second-place Hermiston with five games left as the Buckaroos look to secure a third-straight CRC title.

No details from the game were available at press time.

Pendleton (10-4, 5-0 CRC) will be back at Warberg Court tonight when it hosts Hood River at 7 p.m.

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## Boys Basketball



DALLES 43 — At The Dalles, Pendleton senior Kalan McGlothlin picked a great time to attempt her first three-point shot of the season.

The Dalles was closing fast after the Buckaroos had jumped out to an 11-point lead to start the third quarter, but McGlothlin stole their momentum with a shot from the top of the arc early in the fourth.

With her defender giving her plenty of room, the Bucks post sank what coach Kevin Porter said was probably the only three-point shot of her high school career to make it 39-31.

"That was huge, we needed

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton's Johnny Stuvland shoots the ball in front of The Dalles' Oscar Fernandez in the Bucks' 86-45 win against the River Hawks on Monday in Pendleton.

## Sports shorts

### No. 3 Kansas rallies in overtime

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) Frank Mason III had 24 points, including two free throws to cap a frantic comeback from 14 down in the final three minutes of regulation, and No. 3 Kansas stunned No. 9 West Virginia 84-80 in overtime Monday night to assume control of the Big 12 race.

Devonte Graham added 18 points, hitting two of his five 3-pointers in the extra period, and Josh Jackson added 14 points and 11 rebounds as the Jayhawks (23-3, 11-2) avenged a loss in Morgantown while extending their lead over fourth-ranked Baylor to two games in the league standings.

Esa Ahmad scored 20 points and Tarik Phillip had 18 for the Mountaineers (20-6, 8-5), who appeared to have the game locked up when they led 64-50 with 2:58 left in the second half.

Kansas answered with some more Allen Fieldhouse magic, and Graham's 3-pointers helped the Jayhawks score the first eight points of overtime.



"It was very difficult to adjust from being who I was to who I am now. Now, I'm fine. I do what I'm asked to do. I rebound, take shots every now and then. I'm not really asked to be that guy that I was, so I just play the role that they want me to play. Play defense."

— LaMarcus Aldridge

San Antonio Spurs forward, now in his second season with the team since leaving Portland as a free agent after nine seasons with the Trail Blazers.

### UConn wins 100th straight game

STORRS, Conn. (AP) Gabby Williams scored a career-high 26 points and Napheesa Collier added 18 to help top-ranked UConn to its 100th consecutive victory with a 66-55 win over No. 6 South Carolina on Monday night.

Coach Geno Auriemma never thought his team would come close to reaching the century mark, let alone break the previous NCAA record set by the Huskies from 2008-10. The Hall of Fame coach set up the most difficult non-conference schedule in the country, playing five of the top eight teams in the AP women's basketball poll before Monday.

They came away victorious in each one. The Huskies (25-0) last lost on Nov. 17, 2014, at Stanford.

Trailing 29-28 late in the first half, the Huskies scored seven straight to take a six-point halftime lead.



### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1951 — Sugar Ray Robinson wins the middleweight title with a technical knockout in the 13th round over Jake LaMotta in Chicago.

1966 — Philadelphia's Wilt Chamberlain scores 41 points in a 149-123 win over Detroit to become the NBA's career scoring leader, passing Bob Pettit (20,880 points).

1988 — Bobby Allison outduels his 26-year-old son Davey to win the Daytona 500 and becomes the first 50-year-old to win NASCAR's premier event.

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