

Monday's Prep Roundup

Heppner crushes Culver

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CULVER — Logan Grieb scored a game-high 29 points and Heppner pounded Culver on the glass to take a 59-35 win on Monday to close out the Columbia Basin Conference schedule for both teams.

Grieb was 11 of 17 (65 percent) from the field, and the Mustangs shot 41 percent (22 of 54) as a team. Grieb also tied Kevin Murray with eight rebounds for the team lead as the Mustangs out-rebounded the Bulldogs 37-18.

Heppner (12-6, 4-4 CBC) was up 18-7 after the first quarter and 33-19 at halftime.

Heppner's next game is Friday in Pendleton in the district tournament. Their opponent was not announced by press time.

HHS	18	15	12	14	—	59
CHS	7	12	12	4	—	35

HEPPNER — L. Grieb 29, J. Lindsay 8, N. Dias Martins 5, C. Hedman 4, W. Steagall 3, G. McCurry 2, H. Nichols 2, B. Wolters 2, K. Murray 2, A. Lindsay 2, K. Currin, C. Dougherty, K. Smith.

CULVER — W. Basti 17, M. Davis 8, M. Krueger 4, E. Gutierrez 2, K. Cox 2, T. Oliverson 2, J. Stevens, D. Gutierrez, K. Lamb. 3-pointers — HHS 3-15; CHS 3-14. Free throws — HHS 12-13; CHS 8-20. Fouls — HHS 19; CHS 12.

ONTARIO 43, MAC-HI 29 — At Milton-Freewater, Ontario's press got to the Pioneers in the second half and the Tigers went on an 11-3 run in the third quarter to take control of Monday's Greater Oregon League regular-season finale.

Alexis Pio scored eight points to lead Mac-Hi (6-13, 0-6 GOL), which will play at Baker tonight at 6 p.m. in a first-round district game.

OHS	10	7	11	15	—	43
M-H	9	8	3	9	—	29

ONTARIO — S. Hart 10, A. Gastelum 9, M. Mejia 7, B. Castillo 6, A. Castro 5, A. Sanchez 4, A. Hawker 2, N. Navarrete, Z. Forsyth, S. Hartley, D. Haueter, S. Elizondo. MAC-HI — A. Pio 8, R. Walton 7, A. Earls 5, A. Martinez 5, M. Garcia 2, Z. Hodgen 2, M. Armenta, J. Ruiz, J. Vela, C. Castillo, A. Perez. 3-pointers — OHS 1; M-H 4. Free throws — OHS 12-16; M-H 5-8. Fouls — OHS 15; M-H 14.

GIRLS BASKETBALL HEPPNER 47, CULVER 44 — At Culver, Heppner limited Culver to 19 percent from the field in the second half to hold on for the win in their season finale on Monday.

Jacee Currin scored 13 points, and added four assists and steals to lead Heppner (7-11, 2-6 Columbia Basin Conference). Morgan Correa added nine points, 10 rebounds and four assists.

HHS	14	17	7	9	—	47
CHS	13	11	9	11	—	44

HEPPNER — J. Currin 13, R. Dompier 9, M. Correa 9, J. Mahoney 7, K. Gray 6, M. Combe 3, M. Silva. CULVER — I. Retano 14, J. Johnson 10, E. Bautista 9, M. Gamboa 6, M. Beeler 4, L. Alvarado 1, J. VanAlstyne, M. Haessler, A. Gonzalez. 3-pointers — HHS 1-3; CHS 0-7. Free throws — HHS 14-33; CHS 6-20. Fouls — HHS 20; CHS 24. Fouled out — K. Gray (HHS); I. Retano, J. Johnson (CHS).

IONE 51, MITCHELL/SPRAY 33 — At Ione, the Cardinals used their press to build a big lead in the first and third quarters before backing off in Monday's season-ending win.

Morgan Orem scored 17 points to lead Ione (3-19, 3-11 Big Sky League), Maggie Flynn added 15 and Ivy Sandford totaled 13.

M/S	2	13	4	14	—	33
IHS	16	8	20	7	—	51

MITCHELL/SPRAY — M. Daltoso 14, M. Holmes 13, T. Hudson 2, S. Ormari 2, V. Milan 2, N. El Gana, M. Vargas, B. Moyer, V. Pham, T. Muller-Axt. IONE — M. Orem 17, M. Flynn 15, I. Sandford 13, E. Taylor 4, S. Qualls 2, A. Medina, Z. Gilbert, S. Knop, A. McDaniel, M. Heideman, E. Ehrmantraut. 3-pointers — M/S 3; IHS 4. Free throws — M/S 4-12; IHS 4-7. Fouls — M/S 7; IHS 11.

ONTARIO 49, MAC-HI 44 — At Milton-Freewater, the Pioneers dominated in the posts but had trouble adjusting to the Tigers' man defense in the third quarter to fall behind in their Greater Oregon League finale on Monday.

Sydney Richwine carried Mac-Hi (1-17, 0-6 GOL) with 23 points and 24 rebounds in the senior post's final home game, and the Pioneers out-rebounded Ontario 48-20.

The teams meet again tonight in the first round of the district tournament in Ontario at 4:30 p.m.

OHS	11	10	15	13	—	49
M-H	12	15	5	12	—	44

ONTARIO — D. Peterson 18, A. Navarrete 12, L. Davila 10, H. Pearson 3, V. Martinez 3, J. Jagelski 2, E. Jordan 1, S. Tillery, J. Ware, B. Trejo, E. Chavez. MAC-HI — S. Richwine 23, M. Yensen 9, B. Smiley 9, B. Hernandez 2, C. Flores 1, S. Earls, C. Holford, M. Martinez, C. Casillas, B. Jones, B. Garcia. 3-pointers — OHS 7; M-H 0. Free throws — OHS 4-11; M-H 16-31. Fouls — OHS 23; M-H 14. Fouled out — J. Jagelski, V. Martinez (OHS).

Buckaroos send four wrestlers to state

By ERIC SINGER
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HERMISTON — Pendleton wrestling coach Fred Phillips knows that tournaments never go the way coaches hope.

Phillips was hoping to have as many as seven or eight wrestlers to take to the state tournament in two weeks, but following the 5A Special District 4 tournament this weekend at Hermiston High School, he'll have to settle for four.

Senior Morgan Holcomb took home his third-straight district title, this time at 160 pounds, and sophomore Alex Rendon won the title at 132 pounds for Pendleton — the Bucks' lone district title winners. But also earning spots in the state tournament was senior Scott Chambers with a third-place finish at 160 pounds and senior Jeff Kovach taking second at 138 pounds.

Pendleton finished fourth overall as a team with 185.5 points.

"I thought our better kids performed the way they should have," Phillips said. "I fully expected Alex and Morgan to win the tournament. But overall, we've been living all year on first-year kids and sophomores, and this weekend we looked like first-year kids and sophomores. Some of that is level of competition we're dealing with and some of it was kids were star struck, realizing 'this is a big deal, we're trying to qualify to go to state.'"

Holcomb has been Pendleton's best wrestler for each of the past few seasons, and showed why he is one of the best in the district this weekend by winning all four of his matches by fall. Holcomb had been wrestling at 152, but decided it was best to go to 160 to better his chances for district and state success. He said it's always his goal going into a



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton's Morgan Holcomb maneuvers Summit's Oliver Hussmann into position for the pin in the 160 pound weight class Friday at the district tournament in Hermiston. Holcomb went on to defeat Mountain View's Frankie Lesowski to claim the district championship on Saturday.

match to go for the pin.

"It's a lot of motivation and a lot of adrenaline," he said. "As soon as I can get a kid on his back I know I'm going for the pin but then again I have to be careful or else I might get caught."

Holcomb took on Mountain View's Frankie Lesowski in the finals, where he nearly got a pin early in the first round. The Buckaroo senior was in control the whole way, and as he got top position on the second period restart, Holcomb made his move. Lesowski tried to take a shot and Holcomb caught it and flipped him into a pin for the victory just eight seconds into the second round.

"I wasn't expecting it," Holcomb said of Lesowski's shot. "We were both up and he just wrapped his arms around me and tried to throw me and I just caught him and I just pinned him. It just happened and then I got

excited."

Rendon also made quick work in the finals, as he pinned Hermiston's Oscar Lopez 52 seconds into the match to claim victory. Then at 138, Kovach, a transfer from Ontario this season, faced two-time district champion C.J. Hendon of Hermiston and lost by fall at 3:23.

Earlier in the day, Chambers took on Bend's Payton Davis in the third-place match — a meeting that had already happened earlier in the tournament. The pair met in the quarterfinals with Chambers winning with an 11-1 major decision, and this time around Chambers came out on top again, but by fall.

"I had already wrestled him (Friday) and beat him and I knew he'd be looking at that match and thinking what he needed to change," Chambers said, "so I was expecting him to wrestle a lot tougher. I'm

pretty excited though, I was hoping to wrestle Morgan in the finals, but that didn't happen so I'm pretty excited I got third."

Pendleton also had five other placers in the tournament: Lane Evens fifth at 113, Blake Davis fifth at 126, Josh Mendoza fifth at 182, Aiden Henderson fifth at 195, and Jamal Vann fifth at 220.

"I think we had some real growing and we learned from it this weekend," Phillips said of his team. "I have some kids that didn't place that were close and they're ready to keep going now."

"Will they follow through on it? I hope so, but they seem to have the right idea about where we need to go from here."

Pendleton wrestled this season with 20 sophomores on the roster, 16 of which wrestled at the district tournament and in a lot of tough matches, and Phillips hopes that experience feeds to improvement next season.

"Hopefully it motivates them to do the right things to be at that next level," he said. "To be state qualifiers and state placers, they have to understand you can't just be successful and wrestle from November to the end of February. You have to work at it year round, and I'm not saying stop other sports ... there's time in around other sports to get better at this one."

"I think they've had the taste now and I think they're hungry to come back and be the team we think we can be and if they do the work they say they're going to do, I think it's going to be a fun couple of years with them."

Pendleton state qualifiers

- 132 - Alex Rendon (1st)
 - 138 - Jeff Kovach (2nd)
 - 160 - Morgan Holcomb (1st)
 - 160 - Scott Chambers (3rd)
- Other Placers**
- 113 - Lane Evens (5th)
 - 126 - Blake Davis (5th)
 - 182 - Josh Mendoza (5th)
 - 195 - Aiden Henderson (5th)
 - 220 - Jamal Vann (6th)

Saturday's Prep Roundup

Tigers hold off Rockets for 17th straight win

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PILOT ROCK 58, STANFIELD 26 — The Stanfield Tigers held off a late charge by the Pilot Rock Rockets to hang on for a 63-59 victory to end the regular season for both teams on Saturday night.

The victory was the 17th consecutive win for the Tigers, who now head into the district tournament as the No. 1 overall seed as well as holding the No. 1 OSAA ranking in Class 2A.

"Pilot Rock came out and never gave up," Stanfield coach Jason Sperr said. "We had an 18 point lead, but they slowed the pace down and back into it. But I think our guys handled the pressure well and at the end they did a good job of coming up with the right plays at the right time."

Ryan Bailey led Stanfield (18-1, 8-0 CBC) with 14 points and Thyler Monkus had 12. Brody Woods and Tony Flores each scored 11 points apiece. Tracker Denny led all scorers with 22 points for Pilot Rock (11-9, 4-4), while Devin Hasher had 11 and Bryson Pierce had 10.

Stanfield has a bye in the district tournament, and will play for the title on Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center. Pilot Rock is currently tied for second with Weston-McEwen, and await Heppner's game with Culver on Monday to see if a tiebreaker is needed for the final two spots.

SHS	20	9	22	12	—	63
PR	11	11	13	24	—	59

STANFIELD — R. Bailey 14, T. Monkus, B. Woods 11, T. Flores 11, J. Garcia 7, A. Angel 3, J. Galarza 3, A. Gomez 2. PILOT ROCK — T. Denny 22, D. Hasher 11, B. Pierce 10, C. Weinke 7, L. Thieme 5, B. Postma 4. 3-pointers — SHS 9, PR 0. Free throws — SHS 18-30, PR 15-24. Fouls — SHS 22, PR 17.

UMATILLA 57, RIVERSIDE 41 — At Umatilla, the Vikings clinched the Eastern Oregon League championship and an automatic berth to the state postseason with a win over rival Riverside on Friday night.

"It felt really good, it has been awhile since the team won the title," Umatilla coach Derek Lete said on Saturday. "They knew what was at stake and put together an all-around great effort."

Three Vikings reached double figures in the game, led by Kaden Webb with 13 and followed by Sebastian Garcia and Justin Maret with 12 points apiece. Eon Castillo led Riverside with 13 points, the lone Pirate to reach double figures.

RHS	10	4	12	15	—	41
UHS	15	9	18	15	—	57

RIVERSIDE — E. Castillo 13, D. Rodriguez 7, M. Hegar 4, B. Altamirano 3, J. Carmona 3, J. Garcia 3, F. Aparicio 2, D. Valenzuela 2, A. Martinez 2, A. Hernandez 2. UMATILLA — K. Webb 13, S. Garcia 12, J. Maret 12, S. Cranston 7, S. Miller 6, M. Garcia 3, T. Durfee 2, S. Hartung 2, T. Morris 1. 3-pointers — RHS 5, UHS 5. Free throws — RHS 10-21, UHS 21-27. Fouls — RHS 20, UHS 20. Fouled out — S. Garcia (UHS).

UMATILLA 68, VALE 52 — At Umatilla, the Vikings rounded out the regular season with a win over Vale on Saturday night.

Tyrone Morris started his first game of the season for Umatilla and led all scorers with 21 points, while

Kaden Webb put up 18 points.

"The boys are on a mission now," Umatilla coach Derek Lete said. "They knew wins and momentum were huge going into districts and they played well tonight."

Umatilla now will await the winner of Burns and Irrigon in the district semifinal game on Tuesday night, and will play for the district title on Friday night.

VHS	15	15	11	11	—	52
UHS	24	13	17	14	—	68

VALE — S. McLaughlin 14, D. Kaschmitter 13, R. Gomez 12, C. Kelsey 5, T. Hamilton 3, J. Delong 2, S. Clark 1. UMATILLA — T. Morris 21, K. Webb 18, M. Garcia 9, S. Miller 8, J. Maret 6, S. Cranston 6. 3-pointers — VHS 9, UHS 8. Free throws — VHS 1-2, UHS 14-23. Fouls — VHS 18, UHS 12.

JOSEPH 63, NIXYAAWII 52 — At Joseph, the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles lost their first league game in two years as Joseph dominated the boards and the game for a 63-52 win on Saturday.

"We didn't rebound well," Nixyaawii coach Shane Rivera said. "They just played a better game than we did."

Mick Schimmel led Nixyaawii with 24 points and Devan Barkley followed up with 19 points.

Nixyaawii will finish the regular season on the road against Powder Valley on Monday.

NCS	10	14	10	18	—	52
JHS	20	13	14	16	—	63

NIXYAAWII — M. Schimmel 24, D. Barkley 19, N. Enright 6, J. Church 2. JOSEPH — C. DeLury 22, C. Murray 12, A. Borgerding 12, J. Christian 8, T. Hornan 8, K. Kilgore 1. 3-pointers — NCS 9, JHS 4. Free throws — NCS 11-14, JHS 9-20. Fouls — NCS 15, JHS 12.

ECHO 52, WALLOW 29 — At Echo, the Cougars took down Wallowa on Friday to close out their home slate for the 2016-17 season with a 52-29 win.

Devan Craig and Klay Jensen each scored 12 points apiece for Echo, and Morgan Marcum and Ty Mulder each scored 11 points.

WHS	12	10	2	5	—	29
EHS	10	12	13	17	—	52

WALLOWA — C. Nobles 16, G. Ramsden 6, S. Hilliard 4. ECHO — D. Craig 12, K. Jensen 12, M. Marcum 11, T. Mulder 11. 3-pointers — WHS 0, EHS 4. Free throws — WHS 5-13, EHS 16-25. Fouls — WHS 24, EHS 18.

STANFIELD 99, WESTON-MCEWEN 70 — At Stanfield, Jose Garcia poured in a game-high 24 points and Dylan Grogan added 20 as the Tigers pulled away early on senior night for a Columbia Basin Conference win on Friday.

Brody Woods added 11 points, and Thyler Monkus had 10 for Stanfield (17-1, 7-0 CBC), which was up 26-11 after the first quarter and 59-29 at halftime. It was the 16th win in a row for the Tigers.

Ethan Reger scored 21 to pace Weston-McEwen (11-9, 3-4) and Quanah Picard added 12.

W-M	11	18	17	24	—	70
SHS	26	33	23	17	—	99

WESTON-MCEWEN — E. Reger 21, Q. Picard 12, S. Broncheau 9, B. Speed 8, G. Hungerford 8, P. Munk 5, B. Dearing 2, J. Speed 2, K. Broncheau 2, B. Rudolph 1, J. West. STANFIELD — J. Garcia 24, D. Grogan 20, B. Woods 11, T. Monkus 10, T. Flores 8, E. Angel 8, R. Bailey 8, J. Galarza 4, D. Allen 3, R. Carrillo 3, C. Hernandez, A. Gomez. 3-pointers — W-M 6; SHS 7. Free throws — W-M 14-27; SHS 16-23. Fouls — W-M 22; SHS 23.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

PILOT ROCK 58, STANFIELD 26 — At Pilot Rock, the Rockets finished out its regular season schedule with a big 58-26 win over Stanfield, while celebrating senior night on Saturday.

Pilot Rock (16-4, 6-2 CBC) was carried by its senior class in the game, as Jacey Wilson (13 points), Bekah Roe (11) and Rachel Willingham (11) each finished in double figures. But perhaps the best moment of the night was when Irena Makhayena, a foreign exchange student from Kazakhstan, scored a basket at the end of the game for her first basket in her first-and-only varsity action of the year.

"It was a really awesome moment," Pilot Rock coach Butch Wilson said. "I give credit to (coach) Daniel Sharp and Stanfield, as they backed off a bit and let Irena score. It was a real class-act by that group."

Kendra Hart and Natalia Esquivel each scored eight points apiece to lead Stanfield (4-16, 1-7).

The Rockets win puts them into a tie with Weston-McEwen atop the CBC standings, and both teams await a game between Culver and Heppner on Monday. If Culver wins, it will force a three-way tie with the Rockets and TigerScots for first in the district standings with a tiebreaker to be decided.

SHS	8	4	6	8	—	26
PR	20	12	12	6	—	58

STANFIELD — K. Hart 8, N. Esquivel 8, S. Sharp 6, B. Brathwaite 2, J. Wallace 2. PILOT ROCK — J. Wilson 13, B. Roe 11, R. Willingham 11, K. Deist 6, G. Austin 6, S. Weinke 5, K. Evans 2, M. Sutherland 2, I. Makhayena 2. 3-pointers — SHS 1, PR 3. Free throws — SHS 3-6, PR 19-28. Fouls — SHS 21, PR 7. Fouled out — C. Connell (SHS).

HORIZON CHRISTIAN 63, IONE 35 — At Ione, the Cardinals couldn't keep up with the talented Horizon Christian squad on Saturday night, falling 63-35 in a Big Sky League match-up.

Maggie Flynn led Ione (2-19, 2-11 BSL) with 14 points and Ivy Sandford had nine points. Ione coach Nathan Heideman said a highlight of the night was when senior Hannah Flynn scored her first two points in her varsity career.

Ione next faces Mitchell/Spray at home on Monday to finish up the regular season.

HC	21	12	21	9	—	63
IHS	4	14	7	10	—	35

HORIZON CHRISTIAN — K. Venz 23, P. Finn 13, J. Hicks 9, H. Beemel 6, A. Ruiz 5, M. Decker 3, F. Marsalis 3, J. Stevens 1. IONE — M. Flynn 14, I. Sandford 9, A. McDaniel 4, S. Kopp 2, H. Flynn 2, M. Orem 2, S. Qualls 1, A. Medina 1. 3-pointers — HC 1, IHS 5. Free throws — HC 6-11, IHS 6-18. Fouls — HC 15, IHS 9.

HELIX 57, PINE EAGLE 31 — At Helix, the Grizzlies ended the regular season with a big win over Pine Eagle on Saturday night, setting them up for a district playoff game.

"It was another strong team effort tonight," Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger said. "We came right out and put the press on them early and the girls did a really good job."

Charmayne Bennett led Helix (9-11, 5-9 OOL) with 17 points,

and Emma Fehrenbacher and Sadie Wilson both followed up with eight points apiece.

Helix will play Cove today in the district playoff game.

PE	7	3	13	8	—	31
GHS	17	11	14	15	—	57

PINE EAGLE — H. Tanaka 16, K. Jensen 8, B. Bell 4, A. Vannice 3. HELIX — C. Bennett 17, E. Fehrenbacher 8, S. Wilson 8, B. Newton 6, M. Tullis 6, A. Krol 5, K. Mize 4, A. Wood 3. 3-pointers — PE 2, GHS 5. Free throws — PE 3-7, GHS 12-21. Fouls — PE 17, GHS 11.

BURNS 62, IRRIGON 36 — At Burns, the Knights' first season at Class 3A ended with a tough road loss to Burns on Saturday.

Playing on a sore ankle that had been twisted the night before, Jada Burns was limited to just nine points and Taylor Davis led Irrigon (12-10, 5-5 Eastern Oregon League) with 10 points, eight rebounds and four steals.

"It was a tough way to end the season for us," said Knights coach Mike Royer. "We really struggled the past two games shooting the ball and that made things tough for us."

"I feel that overall the girls performed well in this new 3A league this year, and we took some positive steps in the right direction for our program."

Lindsey Taylor scored a game-high 16 points for Burns (14-8, 6-4), Carli Feist added 13, and the Hilanders led 26-13 at halftime.

IHS	7	6	12	13	—	36
BHS	14	12	16	20	—	62

IRRIGON — T. Davis 10, J. Burns 9, A. Munoz 7, K. Wyant 4, B. Rice 3, K. Gilman 2, L. Mills 1. BURNS — L. Taylor 16, C. Feist 13, C. Patterson 8, S. Shelman 8, E. Winn 6, O. West 6, L. Mace 3, M. Skunkcap 2. 3-pointers — IHS 3; BHS 4. Free throws — IHS 3-4; BHS 10-16.

VALE 40, UMATILLA 22 — At Umatilla, the Vikings finished off a disappointing season with a 40-22 loss to Vale on Saturday night.

Aleesha Watson finished off her career with a game-high 14 points for Umatilla (6-17, 1-9 EOL) and Lauryn Journot had six points. Vale was ahead 19-9 at halftime and Umatilla was held below 30 points for the third straight game.