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OREGON **STATE:** Face No. 7 Creighton on Sunday

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pro-Beaver crowd. Wiese was scoreless in the first half, sitting after her second foul. The 49ers' point guard, Kim, was also scoreless

The Beavers pulled in front 33-32 on Brown's layup, and Pivec added another layup to extend it. Wiese hit a 3-pointer, her first points of the game, with 2:37 left in the third quarter to cap an 11-2 run and give Oregon State a 40-34 lead. The Beavers were up 44-39 heading into the final quarter.

The 49ers were especially effective on Wiese, holding her to just seven points.

Wiese broke the Pac-12 career record for 3-pointers earlier this season, Stanford's surpassing Candice Wiggins. She currently has 371. She also set Oregon State's career assist record this season and now has 620.

"I think it (the win) says we're gritty and tough," Rueck said. "That's been our M.O. We find ways to win."

TIP INS

Long Beach State: The lone non-senior among the starters is sophomore Martina McCowan who hails from Portland, about a 90 minute drive north from Corvallis. McGowan played for St. Mary's Academy. Gertz, played for Oregon City High School, while freshman forward Azena Henry played for Portland's Jesuit.

Oregon State: Oregon State played Long Beach State to open the 2010-11 season. It was Scott Rueck's first game as coach of the Beavers, and they won 71-39 despite a cobbled together roster of walk-ons and a few recruits.

WILY AGAINST WIESE: The 49ers targeted Wiese, which was no small task given that the Oregon State guard is a six-footer with an accurate perimeter shot Wiese finished with

HERMISTON: Almaguer gives up just three hits in four innings

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RBI and Cameron smashing two triples with two RBIs.

"The girls were just patient today and they drove the ball," Greenough said. "They hit it where it was pitched, we didn't swing at bad pitches ... they waited for the pitch and drove them."

Another Bulldog that had a big day at the plate was Ellery Jones who went 2-for-4 but reached base in all four at-bats. She also added three RBIs and scored four runs on the day. Jones credited her success, and her teams' success, at the plate with the ability to read the pitches well from St. Helens pitcher Brooke Scheer.

"I was reading it really fast out of the hand so that made it really nice,' Jones said. "But we were able to hit it to the right side, the left side wherever the pitch was and I think seeing the ball was a big part of that." Jones scored the first run of

the game on a throwing error by St. Helens' right fielder in the first inning, and Hermiston added one more run in the first behind an RBI single by Kalei Smith to make it a 2-0 game. St. Helens (0-2) then answered with a run in the top of the second on an RBI groundout to cut the lead to 2-1.

In the bottom of the second, Jones stepped to the plate with runners on second and third and two outs and smashed a two-run single into left field to make it a 4-2 game. Both Bailee Noland and Ashley Cameron both added RBI hits in the inning as well, to give Hermiston a 6-1 lead after two.

St. Helens looked like it might



Staff photo by Eric Singer Hermiston coach Kate Greenough gives instruction to unidentified Hermiston players on Friday in their game against St. Helens at **Rocky Heights Elementary in Hermiston**

get some offense going in the third inning, drawing back-to-back walks and a bloop single to right field to load the bases with nobody out. However, Hermiston was able to escape the jam after allowing just one run, as Bulldogs pitcher Julissa Almaguer re-focused and induced two easy groundouts and a strikeout.

"That was huge for us," Greenough said. "It was nice too because it's early in the season and that might be a time where you see kids get nervous and sit back a little on their heels, but it was huge for her (Julissa) to go after the ball and great for the defense because they were ready for anything.'

"That's something we've really worked on is to stay strong in situ-ations like this," Jones added, "we don't back down and we continue to work. I think we really just backed our pitcher up there and we were able to come back from that and get out of the inning."

Almaguer had a solid day in the pitching circle, tossing four innings and giving up just three hits, two runs and two walks with a pair of



Staff photo by Eric Singer Hermiston's Julissa Almaguer pitches during the Bulldogs' game against St. Helens on Fri-day at Rocky Heights Elementary in Hermiston.

strikeouts. Julissa's younger sister Janelle replaced her in the fifth inning and allowed just one hit in a scoreless frame.

Hermiston rode the momentum from that third inning into backto-back five-run innings from its offense to jump into a double-digit lead and bring the 10-run rule into effect.

Hermiston next plays at home against Hillsboro today at Noon.



3B — A. Cameron 2 (HHS)



seven points, five rebounds and six assists.

We tried to throw everything at her but the kitchen sink. She's so talented," Wynn said. "I think we did a great job. We bothered her and forced her to give it up." **UP NEXT**

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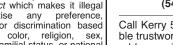
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