



Pilot Rock will be going for its third consecutive state championship this season.

## Pilot Rock Rockets

**HEAD COACH:** Darin Fitzpatrick, 6th year  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Karl Jensen, Paul Roe  
**RETURNING STARTERS:** INF Bekah Roe, sr.; P Tehya Ostrom, sr.; INF Jacey Wilson, sr.; INF Stacy Fitzpatrick, sr.; OF Shayla Walker sr.; C Rhyanne Oates, jr.; INF Sara Weinke, jr.  
**OTHER RETURNERS:** OF Marissa Sutherland, jr.; OF Kaitelyn Evans, soph., INF Grace Austin, soph.; Ellie Lankford, soph.

2017 Schedule		
March 18	at Echo	W 8-7
March 24	vs Scio	11 a.m.
March 24	vs Gaston	5 p.m.
March 25	vs Weston-McEwen	11 a.m.
March 25	vs Enterprise	5 p.m.
March 27	vs Knappa	4:30 p.m.
March 31	vs Weston-McEwen (at La Grande)	9 a.m.
March 31	vs Echo (at La Grande)	1 p.m.
April 1	vs Bonanza (at La Grande)	9 a.m.
April 1	vs Vale (at La Grande)	1 p.m.
April 6	at Riverside	4:30 p.m.
April 8	vs Culver (2)*	11 a.m./1 p.m.
April 15	vs Heppner (2)*	11 a.m./1 p.m.
April 22	at Union (2)*	10 a.m./Noon
April 25	at Elgin*	4 p.m.
April 29	at Culver (2)*	11 a.m./1 p.m.
May 2	at Burns (2)*	2/4 p.m.
May 5	at Heppner (2)*	11 a.m./1 p.m.
May 12	vs Union (2)*	Noon/2 p.m.

\*-denotes league game

## 2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

The 2A/1A Special District 6 proved to be the best district of the classification in 2016, as Pilot Rock and Union — the top two teams in the district — also met in the state championship game. But with the move to 3A for Irrigon and Burns, SD6 is a little lighter this season and Pilot Rock and Union both appear to be the top dawgs once again. Pilot Rock returns seven starters from its state champion team, and returns state Player of the Year Bekah Roe.

The Mustangs are a co-op with Ione, and with a new head coach and only four seniors they're looking to build up the program's foundation.

**HEAD COACH:** Rick Johnston, 1st year  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Janelle Ellis, 10th year; Mike Correa, 1st year.  
**RETURNING STARTERS:** Onna DeLoach, sr., P/UT; Taylor Hamby, sr., C; Meranda Lemmon, sr., IF/P; Morgan Correa, jr., IF; Morgan Orem, jr., 1B/OF; Dakota Durfey, so., P/IF  
**OTHER RETURNERS:** Sydney Qualls, sr., OF/UT; Jenna

McCullough, so., OF  
**IMPACT NEWCOMERS:** Maggi Flynn, jr., IF/C; Cassi Hahn, jr., OF; Tresslyn McCurry, fr., 1B; Cami CanArsdale, fr., OF

**SEASON GOALS:** Improve on the field and in the dugout by working and having fun while building a foundation for future success.

**JOHNSTON'S KEY TO THE SEASON:** "Commit time and energy to learning the skills and the game of softball, and to play with enthusiasm and the desire to improve."

**BIGGEST STRENGTHS:** Cohesion seems to be coming early for Heppner, which has

the team excited for the season. Johnston said he's seen a lot of encouragement between teammates and a willingness to learn.

2017 Schedule		
Mar. 20	at Umatilla (2)	2 p.m.
Mar. 23	vs Irrigon (2)	2 p.m.
Mar. 30	vs Knappa (2)	TBD
Apr. 4	vs Umatilla	3 p.m.
Apr. 8	vs Grant Union (2)	11 a.m.
Apr. 15	at Pilot Rock (2)*	11 a.m.
Apr. 18	vs Union*	4 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Culver (2)*	1 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Union (2)*	11 a.m.
May 5	vs Pilot Rock (2)*	11 a.m.
May 13	vs Culver (2)*	1 p.m.

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## Heppner Mustangs

## Echo Cougars Trapshooting

The Cougars will co-op with Stanfield and bring back an experienced group with high goals.

**HEAD COACH:** Chad Ray, 2nd year  
**ASSISTANT COACHES:** Gene Hampton, 2nd year; Ron Post, 2nd year

**RETURNING STARTERS:** (Boys) Hunter Barnes, sr.; Kiah Blankenship, jr.; Ethan Hobson, jr.; Nick Bither, jr. (Girls) Laci Wiggins,

sr.  
**IMPACT NEWCOMERS:** (Boys) Garrett Wiggins, so.; Ethan Percy, fr. (Girls) Natalee Sherbahn, jr.; Mady Horn, jr.; Emily Rea, 8th.

**SEASON GOALS:** With every member of last season's team back in the fold, the Cougars are setting their sights on a conference title and a top-three finish at state.

**RAY'S KEY TO THE SEASON:**

"The key to our season will be focusing on fundamentals. Consistently working on fundamentals and the mental aspect of the sport will equal increased scores."

**COUGARS' BIGGEST STRENGTHS:** Ray says despite the individual nature of their sport, the Cougars function as a true team and having more members this season will further that camaraderie.

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