

Hermiston Girls

The Bulldogs went through some growing pains in 2016 as players adjusted to their varsity roles, but with their starting five all back for 2017 Hermiston will be looking to lower its scores and get a few individuals into the hunt for a state berth.

HEAD COACH: Josh Browning, 2nd year
RETURNING STARTERS: Sydney Adams, sr.; Lexi Lambert, sr.; Makenzie Lind, sr.; Sonja Peterson, jr.; Grace Blackhurst, jr.



2017 Schedule

March 14	at The Dalles C.C.	10 a.m.
March 23	at Big River G.C.	10 a.m.
April 3	at Wildhorse G.C.	11 a.m.
April 7	at Eagle Crest	9 a.m.
April 10	at Indian Creek G.C.	10 a.m.
April 13	at Pendleton C.C.	Noon
April 22	at Wandemere G.C.	9 a.m.
May 5-6	at Districts (Eagle Crest)	8 a.m.

Nixyaawii Golden Eagles

The Golden Eagles boys return a two-time district champion (Riley Lankford) and three starters from their fourth-place finish at state in 2016.

HEAD COACH: Ryan Heinrich, 3rd year
ASSISTANT COACH: Chris Stoops, 3rd year
RETURNING STARTERS: Riley Lankford, jr.; Wilbur Oatman, jr.; Justin Wells, so.
OTHER RETURNERS: Austin Ancheta, so.; James Penney, so.



OTHER SENIORS: Anthony Matamoros
IMPACT NEWCOMERS: Deven Barkley, so.
SEASON GOALS: Putting in the hard work it will take each week to reach a third-straight state tournament is the goal for the boys. The girls will be focused on fundamentals.

HEINRICH'S KEY TO THE SEASON: "We need any combination of three boys to shoot in the 90's to go along with our No. 1 player Riley and they have a good shot at going to Trysting Tree, home of OSU golf, (for state) in mid-May."

Nixyaawii's Riley Lankford watches his ball after teeing off on the eleventh hole at Pendleton County Club.



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Heppner Mustangs

HEAD COACH: Greg Grant, 27th year
RETURNING STARTERS: (Boys) Logan Grieb, sr.; Daniel Bretsch, so.; Reno Ferguson, so.; Logan Burright, so. (Girls) Sophie Grant, jr.; Madison Combe, so.; Claire Grieb, so.
IMPACT NEWCOMERS: (Boys) Kellen Grant, fr.; Jake Lindsay, fr. (GIRLS) Caitlyn Scrivner, so.; Nicole Prophet, fr.



2017 Schedule

March 17	at Echo Hills G.C.	10 a.m.
March 23	at Wildhorse G.C.	Noon
April 3	at Pumpkin Ridge G. C.	Noon
April 7	at Pendleton C.C.	9 a.m.
April 11	at La Grande C.C.	1 p.m.
April 14	at John Day G.C.	11 a.m.
April 21	at Willow Creek C.C.	10 a.m.
April 28	at Alpine Meadows G.C.	11 a.m.
May 5	at Buffalo Peak G.C.	10 a.m.
May 8-9	at Districts (Pendleton C.C.)	9 a.m.

Pendleton Buckaroos

The Buckaroos lost a lot to graduation, but return a lot as well and is looking to reload more than rebuild in 2017.

HEAD COACH: Larry Brizendine (pole vault), 2nd year
ASSISTANT COACHES: Jason Campbell (high jump), 16th year; Nicole Stewart (distance), 19th year; Chris Thatcher (sprint), 7th year; Eric Oja (sprints), 2nd year; Ben Bradley (hurdles), 5th year; Bill Aney (jumps), 12th year; Madi Naughton (distance), 12th year; Chance McGirr (javelin), 3rd year; Nicole Bowden (throws), 5th year.



RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS: (Girls) Kiara Glover, sr., hurdles/jumps; Hailey Kendrick, sr., pole vault (Boys) Johnny Stuvland, sr., jumps; Soren Wolf de Gavia, sr., sprints/relays; Gabe Walker, sr., jumps/sprints/relays

OTHER RETURNERS: (Girls) Jaiden Lemberger, sr., sprints/hurdles; Oceane Schreier, sr., long jump; Lilly Oja, so., sprints; Taylor Baum, so., sprints; Hunter Kiele, so., throws; Megan Burchard, so., high jump/pole vault (Boys) Chris Newman, sr., distance; Cade Anderson, sr., sprints/jumps/javelin; River Engum, sr., throws; Hagen Shelden, sr., jumps; Grant Kennedy, sr., javelin; Syler Rimbach, jr., pole vault; Patrick Hendren, so., hurdles/jumps

OTHER SENIORS: (Girls) Haley Bradley, hurdles; Hailey Burchard, throws

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: (Girls)



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Pendleton's Kiara Glover competes in the long jump at the 2016 OSAA state championships in Eugene.

Elizabeth House, so., sprints (Boys) Jeff Kovach, sr., distance; Jon Jennings, sr., sprints/relays

SEASON GOALS: Brizendine said he wants as many district champions and state qualifiers as possible, but did not specify a number he expects to make it.

BRIZENDINE'S KEY TO THE SEASON: "We graduated 36 seniors last year, so there are a lot of holes to fill. It really depends on how kids that move into varsity roles perform. So far in practice this season, there are a lot of kids working hard. If you go by that we should be fairly competitive."

BUCKAROOS' BIGGEST STRENGTHS: There is strength

in numbers with 85 athletes out for the team and Brizendine said they're all showing up to practice ready to go to work for the large and knowledgeable coaching staff. Brizendine said he's seen great senior leadership as well, both verbally and by example.

2017 Schedule

Mar. 23	Buck Classic	Noon
Apr. 7	at Mac-Hi	11 a.m.
Apr. 8	at Stanfield	10 a.m.
Apr. 14	at Umatilla	Noon
Apr. 15	at Pasco (WA)	9:30 a.m.
Apr. 15	at Willamette Falls	10 a.m.
Apr. 22	at Hermiston	10 a.m.
Apr. 29	at Ontario	TBD
May 10-11	at Districts*	TBD

*at Hermiston High School

Hermiston Bulldogs

RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS: (Boys) Alexis Mercado, sr., sprints; Isaac Sanchez, jr., distance; Tyler Rohrman, sr., hurdles; Hiram Maciel, sr., high jump; Vaemu Ena, sr., triple jump. (Girls) Scout Reagan, soph., sprints; Audrey Lincoln, sr., sprints; Elsa Torres, soph., sprints; Melany Solorio, jr., distance; Madison Wilson, soph., hurdles; Maddy Juul, jr., throws.



2017 Schedule

March 23	at Pendleton	Noon
April 8	at AC Davis (WA)	10 a.m.
April 14	at Umatilla	Noon
April 14-15	at Oregon Relays	TBD
April 18	at The Dalles	3:30 p.m.
April 22	Kiwanis Invite	10 a.m.
April 27	at Riverside Relays	4:30 p.m.
April 28	at Gresham	2:15 p.m.
May 2	at Jesuit Relays	2:30 p.m.
May 2	Bulldog Invite	4 p.m.
May 10-11	Districts (at Hermiston)	TBD



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Tyler Rohrman, of Hermiston (middle), races to second in his heat of the 110-meter hurdles at the 2016 Oregon State OSAA Track & Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene. Rohrman is one of many qualifiers coming back for Hermiston in 2017.

Mac-Hi Pioneers

HEAD COACHES: Devin Holmes, Tim Hutchinson, 1st years

ASSISTANT COACH: John Milleson (Boys), Chloe Rowe (Girls)

RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS: Landon Warne, sr., throws; Donnie Clark, sr., throws; (Girls) Bianca Garcia, soph., throws; Delaney Karrels, sr., high jump.

2017 Schedule

Mar. 23	at Pendleton	Noon
Mar. 25	at Colfax (WA)	Noon
Apr. 1	at Riverside	11:30 a.m.
Apr. 7	at Mac-Hi	11 a.m.
Apr. 14	at Umatilla	Noon
Apr. 22	at Union	11 a.m.
Apr. 29	at Ontario	TBA
May 5	at Baker	10 a.m.
May 13	GOL Districts*	TBA

*at Baker High School



Hermiston Bulldogs Lacrosse

Hermiston finished 6-10 one season ago, but with seven returning starters and Jacob Arnold's first full season as head coach, the Bulldogs are dreaming of bigger and better things.

HEAD COACH: Jacob Arnold, 2nd year
ASSISTANT COACHES: Carter Christiansen, 2nd year; Jeff Collins (JV), 1st year.

RETURNING STARTERS: Bradlee Guisti, sr., A/M; Brady Christiansen, sr., A/M; Chris Jones, sr., A; Tucker Salinas, sr., M; Luke Walchli, jr., A/M; Tayer Arnold, jr., D; Jake Palmer, jr., D.
OTHER RETURNERS: Mark Mejia, jr., D; Tyler Hunter, jr., D; Josh Simpson, soph., D; Beau Blake, jr., G.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS: John-Henry Line, sr., G; Tysen Salinas, fr., M; Calvin Giesen, jr., A.

SEASON GOALS: To win the state championship.

ARNOLD'S KEY TO THE SEASON: "Play as a team, work hard every day and finish games."

BIGGEST STRENGTHS: Hermiston returns seven starters to the field that have a lot of game experience playing together, which means the teammates have a great trust in each other



Hermiston's Luke Walchli attempts to get around Lincoln defender Zenzo Beresford last season in Hermiston.



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2017 Schedule

Mar. 17	at McNary	L 13-9
Mar. 21	at Richland (WA)	7 p.m.
Mar. 24	vs. Hood River	7 p.m.
Mar. 28	vs. Southridge (WA)	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 7	at Lincoln	8 p.m.
Apr. 8	at Cleveland	12:30 p.m.
Apr. 11	vs. Selah (WA)	7 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Ridgeview	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 15	at Sisters	2 p.m.
Apr. 18	vs. Richland (WA)	7 p.m.
Apr. 21	vs. Liberty	7 p.m.
Apr. 29	vs. Sprague	5 p.m.
May 2	vs. Chiawana (WA)	5:30 p.m.
May 12	vs. Marist (at Sisters HS)	5:30 p.m.

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