

Golf Hoffman soars to take lead at Masters

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AUGUSTA, Ga. — In the toughest opening round at the Masters in 10 years, it all fell so easy to Charley Hoffman.

For the better part of three hours, in a ferocious wind that made the Georgia pines creak, he had the right yardage for the perfect club to hit every shot he wanted. And then he made the putts, so many that it felt as though he never missed.

Hoffman made seven birdies over his last 11 holes for a 7-under 65.

It was 10 shots better than the average score Thursday at Augusta National. His four-shot lead was the largest for the opening round at the Masters in 62 years.

“For lack of any better words,” Hoffman said, “it was a dream.”

With gusts approaching 40 mph, Hoffman and Masters newcomer William

McGirt (69) were the only players to break 70.

Hoffman didn’t have reason to believe he would be one of them. He three-putted his third hole for bogey. He three-putted the fifth hole for bogey, both putts affected by the wind.

“After that, I can’t remember missing a putt,” Hoffman said.

Hoffman’s four-shot lead was the largest at the Masters for the opening round since

Jack Burke Jr. had a four-shot lead in 1955.

Lee Westwood, who has the credentials as the best player to have never won a major, ran off five straight birdies late in the afternoon and salvaged a 70. Only eight other players broke par, a group that included Phil Mickelson, Justin Rose and Sergio Garcia.

The average score was 74.98, the highest for an opening round since 2007.



AP Photo/Chris Carlson
Charley Hoffman hits a drive on the 18th hole during the first round of the Masters golf tournament Thursday, April 6, 2017, in Augusta, Ga.

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Pendleton (4-9) stranded two more in the seventh, and neither team scored again until the ninth, when Pendleton took the lead in the top of the frame on a single by Naughton (4 for 5) and a ground ball by Nick Bower.

La Grande (4-2) answered, though, and Zack Jacobs hit a single up the middle with runners on second and third to knot the score at 4-4.

Again Pendleton left two runners on in the 10th to give them 13 for the game.

“We had great pitching all day and we had plenty of guys on bases, we just couldn’t get hits with guys in scoring position,” Haguwood said.

“The pitchers are throwing strikes which is great to see.”

Pendleton scored two in the top of the fourth on wild pitches as Ryan Russell and Austin Zaugg came around to give the Bucks a 2-0 lead after reaching on walks.



Photo by Ronald Bond/The La Grande Observer
Pendleton’s Madison Parker slides in for a stolen base as La Grande’s Alaina Carson awaits the throw during the second game of a softball doubleheader on Thursday in La Grande. Pendleton won 2-0.

pitchers’ duels at La Grande on Thursday.

Lauren Richards got the better of the Tigers’ Mady Bell for a 4-1 win in the opener, and then Alexi Brehaut bettered Allie Brock 2-0 in the night cap.

Both pitchers drove in runs at the plate to help their cause, and Pendleton coach Tim Cary said the reliable defenses of both teams helped the games speed right along.

The Bucks (11-2) grabbed the lead right away in Game 1 as Richards drove in two runs with a double in the top of the first inning. Pendleton added another run in the second on a double by Kila Solomon, and one more in the fourth off a total of seven hits. Aspen Garton (2 for 3) and Kalan McGlothlin (2 for 4) also had strong hitting games.

Richards didn’t allow La Grande (5-2) to score until the fifth inning and finished with 12 strikeouts and four walks in the complete game. She gave up four hits.

“It was a quick, clean game,” Cary said. “Both pitchers threw well.”

Game 2 was even quicker as the teams took a scoreless tie into the top of the fifth inning.

That was when Pendleton scored both of its runs by stringing together a couple hits and Madi Parker and Brehaut each hit RBI singles.

Brehaut didn’t have any strikeouts, but walked just one and also allowed only four hits to get the complete-game shutout.

“Again it was another quick clean game for both teams,” Cary said. “It was a great pitchers duel, Alexi mixed it up well with a variety of pitches and had La Grande off balance the whole game.”

UP NEXT
Pendleton will play at Mac-Hi on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Rock on Thursday evening.

Wightman, who also struck out six and earned the win in the pitching circle, finished the game 4 for 4 at the plate for Riverside (8-2) with one single, two doubles and a home run to finish with five RBI. Behind Wightman, Abby Hernandez went 3 for 3 with a double and scored the game-winning run.

Pilot Rock (7-2) got a good start on the Pirates and held a 5-1 lead heading to the bottom of the sixth. But in the sixth, the Pirate bats finally got to Rockets pitcher Tehya Ostrom and got three runs to pull within 5-4, which set up Riverside’s walk-off win in the seventh.

Jacey Wilson, Ostrom and Rhyanne Oates each had doubled for Pilot Rock, while Wilson had two RBIs and Ostrom one RBI.

UP NEXT
Riverside heads to Irrigon on Tuesday for its league opener, while Pilot Rock hosts Culver on Saturday for a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.

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Pendleton opens Columbia River Conference play against The Dalles on Saturday, April 15, in a doubleheader starting at noon.

SOFTBALL
PENDLETON 4-2, LA GRANDE 1-0 — At La Grande, the Buckaroos came out on top in a pair of

Game 1 (10 innings)

PHS	001	001	002	0	—	4	8	2
LGHS	010	100	002	1	—	5	6	1

D. Naughton, C. Large (6), A. Zaugg (10), G. Blackman, C. Dubray (4), D. Williams (7), L. Atkinson (10), W. — Dubray, L. — Zaugg, 2B — A. Goss (LGHS).

Game 2

PHS	000	222	0	—	6	7	2
LGHS	000	010	0	—	1	5	0

R. Russell, N. Lani (6), G. Vaughn, A. Peaseley (5), L. Atkinson (5), J. Workinger (6), W. — Russell, L. — Vaughn.

Game 1

PHS	210	100	0	—	4	7	1
LGHS	000	010	0	—	1	4	1

L. Richards and K. Solomon, M. Bell and J. Seavert, W. — Richards, L. — Bell, 2B — L. Richards, K. Solomon (PHS); Givens (LGHS).

Game 2

PHS	000	020	0	—	2	8	1
LGHS	000	000	0	—	0	4	1

A. Brehaut and K. Solomon, A. Brock and J. Seavert, W. — Brehaut, L. — Brock, 2B — K. McGlothlin, L. Richards (PHS); Givens (LGHS).

PR

201	101	0	—	5	7	2	
RHS	100	003	2	—	6	10	5

WP — S. Wightman, LP — T. Ostrom, 2B — J. Wilson, T. Ostrom, R. Oates (PR); A. Hernandez, S. Wightman 2 (RHS), HR — S. Wightman (RHS).

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL

Today
Nyssa at Riverside (2), 1/3 p.m.
Irrigon at Umatilla (2), 1/3 p.m.
Stanfield at Burns (2), 1/3 p.m.
Heritage (WA) at Hermiston (2) 1:30/3:30 p.m.

Saturday
Mac-Hi at Ontario (2), 1/3 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen (2), 11 a.m./1 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Today
Echo at Burns (2), 2/4 p.m.

Saturday
Culver at Pilot Rock (2), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Echo at Bonanza, 11 a.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario (2), 1/3 p.m.
Central Catholic at Hermiston (2), 1/3 p.m.
Echo vs. Oakland (at Bonanza), 2 p.m.

PREP GOLF

Today
Mac-Hi at Milton-Freewater GC, Noon
Pendleton, Hermiston girls at Eagle Crest Resort, 9 a.m.

PREP TRACK & FIELD

Today
Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Irrigon, Umatilla, Pilot Rock, Weston-McEwen, Echo at Mac-Hi Carnival of Speed, 11 a.m.

Saturday
Pendleton, Riverside, Umatilla, Stanfield, Pilot Rock, Heppner, Weston-McEwen, Echo, Helix at Stanfield, 10 a.m.
Hermiston at Eisenhower (WA), 10 a.m.
Arlington at Seaside, 10 a.m.
Ione at Glide, 11 a.m.

PREP TENNIS

Today
Mac-Hi at Riverside, 3:30 p.m.
Ione at Helix, 4 p.m.

Saturday
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 11 a.m.
Sherman, Riverside at Helix, 10 a.m.

PREP LACROSSE

Today
Hermiston at Lincoln, 8 p.m.

Saturday
Hermiston at Cleveland, 12:30 p.m.

ASTORIA 8, Scappoose 3

Class 3A
TAFT 16, Amity 2, (5)
Blanchet Catholic 13, COLTON 0, (5)
La Pine 3, Pleasant Hill 2
Gaston 13, CHEMAWA 0, (5)

Class 2A/1A
REGIS 8, Country Christian 0

SOFTBALL

Class 6A
WEST SALEM 7, Sprague 1
McMinnville 24, NORTH SALEM 0, (5)
West Albany 8, FOREST GROVE 3
NEWBERG 13, Central Catholic 12
DOUGLAS 10, Hidden Valley 6

Class 3A
Amity 17, TAFT 1
Blanchet Catholic 14, COLTON 0, (5)
SCLIO 27, Salem Academy 0, (5)
PLEASANT HILL 17, La Pine 0
Gaston 17, CHEMAWA 1, (5)
Riverside 6, Pilot Rock 5

Class 2A/1A
KENNEDY 23, Western Mennonite 0, (5)
CENTRAL LINN 1, St. Paul 4

Hockey

Thursday's Games
Indiana 104, Milwaukee 89
Chicago 102, Philadelphia 90
Orlando 115, Brooklyn 107
Washington 107, New York 103
Atlanta 123, Boston 116
Portland 105, Minnesota 98

Today's Games
Atlanta at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

NHL

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
x-Montreal	50	25	9	101	221	194	
x-Ottawa	80	43	27	106	207	209	
x-Boston	81	44	30	7	95	233	209
Toronto	80	39	26	15	83	244	236
Tampa Bay	80	40	30	10	90	226	223
Buffalo	80	33	35	12	78	199	230
Florida	80	33	36	11	77	205	237
Detroit	80	32	36	12	76	201	240

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
x-Washington	80	54	18	8	116	260	179
x-Pittsburgh	80	50	19	11	111	277	226
x-Columbus	80	49	23	8	106	244	189
x-N.Y. Rangers	80	47	27	6	100	252	215
N.Y. Islanders	80	39	29	12	90	233	238
Philadelphia	80	38	33	9	85	212	230
Carolina	80	35	31	14	84	207	228
New Jersey	80	28	38	14	70	180	236

College Baseball

Saturday
Walla Walla at Blue Mountain (2), 1/4 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Today
Blue Mountain at Big Bend (2), 2/4 p.m.
Northwest (WA) at Eastern Oregon (2), 11 a.m./1 p.m.

Saturday
Northwest at Eastern Oregon (2), 11 a.m./1 p.m.

Basketball

Eastern Conference

W	L	Pct	GB
1. z-Cleveland	51	27	65.4
2. x-Boston	50	29	63.3 1/2
3. x-Toronto	48	31	60.8 3/4
4. z-Washington	48	31	60.8 3/4
5. Atlanta	40	38	51.3 11
6. Milwaukee	40	39	50.6 11 1/2
7. Chicago	39	40	49.4 12 1/2
8. Indiana	39	40	49.4 12 1/2

NBA

W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	38	40	48.7 13
Charlotte	36	43	45.6 15 1/2
Detroit	35	43	44.9 16
New York	30	49	38.0 21 1/2
Orlando	28	51	35.4 23 1/2
Philadelphia	28	51	35.4 23 1/2
Brooklyn	19	60	24.1 32 1/2

Western Conference

W	L	Pct	GB
1. z-Golden State	65	14	82.2
2. z-San Antonio	60	18	76.9 4 1/2
3. x-Houston	53	25	67.9 11
4. x-Utah	48	30	61.5 16 1/2
5. x-L.A. Clippers	48	31	60.7 17
6. x-Oklahoma City	45	33	57.7 19 1/2
7. x-Memphis	42	37	53.2 23
8. Portland	39	40	49.4 26

Thursday's Games
St. Louis 6, Florida 3
Ottawa 2, Boston 1, OT
Pittsburgh 7, New Jersey 4
Winnipeg 5, Columbus 4
N.Y. Islanders 3, Carolina 0
Tampa Bay 4, Toronto 1
Nashville 7, Dallas 3

Athlete of the Week Twenty questions with Pilot Rock's Tehya Ostrom

East Oregonian

At the Union Spring Break tournament in La Grande on Mar. 31 and Apr. 1, Pilot Rock pitcher Tehya Ostrom led the Rockets to wins over Echo, Bonanza and Vale in the tournament with three straight complete game shutouts from the pitching circle. In those three games, Ostrom struck out 31 batters and gave up a mere 12 hits.

For her efforts, Ostrom has been selected as the *East Oregonian* Athlete of the Week for the week of Mar. 27 through Apr. 1.

studs here.

What is your favorite place to visit in the Pacific Northwest?
I'd say Portland or Seattle just because it's so much more exciting and bright than this area.

What is one place in the world you have always wanted to visit?
Iceland

What are your college plans for after high school?
I will attend Blue Mountain CC to study to be an elementary school teacher and play softball.

What is your favorite class in school?
Advanced biology or choir.

EO: How old were you when you started playing sports, and what was the first sport you played?
TO: I moved to Pilot Rock when I was in second grade and I started playing sports around then with softball.

What is the best part of playing with the group of teammates in Pilot Rock?
Being able to see my teammates and I improve and accomplish goals and to see how far we have come.

What pitches do you throw, and do you have a favorite?
A fastball, changeup, riseball and occasional drop ball. My favorite is a fastball after a good changeup.

What other sports have you played?
I've always played volleyball, basketball and softball until this year I didn't play basketball.

Do you have a favorite college or pro sports team?
I've always loved the Arizona Wildcats softball.

Do you have a favorite athlete?
My sister, Taryn. She is a great basketball player. And a special shout out to her, 'Happy Birthday Taryn!'

What is your favorite thing about growing up in Eastern Oregon?
Besides the beautiful sunsets is the amount of amazing athletes that come from the EO. Like goodness, we have some

Favorite food served in the school cafeteria?
I eat at home, but if I were to eat at school it'd be the pizza.

Who is your favorite teacher that you've had?
Mrs. Mills, who taught all of my science classes from freshman year until this year. She's retired now, but she is a wonderful example of dedication to education.

Do you have any hobbies outside of sports?
I love music, art, and dance.

What is your favorite food?
Watermelon for sure.

What is the worst food you've eaten?
Jalapenos. One time I forgot how spicy they were and ate a slice raw. Pretty sure I drank four glasses of milk trying to get rid of the sting.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
Minnesota 5, Kansas City 3
Pittsburgh at Boston, p.p.d.
Chicago White Sox 11, Detroit 2
Oakland 5, L.A. Angels 1
Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 2
Seattle 4, Houston 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 4
Pittsburgh at Boston, p.p.d.
Colorado 2, Milwaukee 1
Chicago Cubs 6, St. Louis 4
L.A. Dodgers 10, San Diego 2
Miami 4, Washington 3, 10 innings
N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 2
Arizona 9, San Francisco 3

What is your favorite movie?
Before I Fall by Lauren Oliver.

What is your favorite movie?
Good Will Hunting. That one cuts deep.


What is your favorite TV show?
Dancing With the Stars. My great grandma, mom and I love to watch it.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Tehya Ostrom

Pilot Rock Senior, Softball

Ostrom had quite the weekend in the pitching circle, pitching three complete game shutouts with a combined 31 strikeouts as her Pilot Rock squad beat Echo, Bonanza and Vale on Friday and Saturday.



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