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STANFIELD

Tigers take care of Knights

Stanfield's Brody Woods gets a fist bump from Ryan Bailey after scoring in the Tigers' 13-3 win against Irrigon on Tuesday in Stanfield.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Stanfield breaks out the bats to win its ninth straight game

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Tuesday's Eastern Oregon League baseball game between the Irrigon Knights and Stanfield Tigers was set up to be a dandy on paper.

The Knights came into the game with a perfect 9-0 record, ranked No. 5 in the OSAA's Class 3A rankings and had its ace pitcher Austin Rice starting on the mound, while the defending state champ Tigers stood at 8-1 with eight straight wins and a No. 4 OSAA ranking and countered with pitcher Tony Flores.

And the game started out looking that way as the teams traded runs and stood in a 3-3 tie heading to the bottom of the third inning. However in its half of the third, Stanfield's offense began to show its potential as the Tigers pushed across six runs and went on to beat the Knights by a 13-3 score in five innings at Madigan Field.



Rice kept Stanfield's (9-1, 3-0 EOL) bats under relative control for the two innings he pitched, giving up just three hits and three runs while striking out a pair. But after Rice left, the trio of Adrian Roa, Johnny Phillips and Brady Harrington allowed a combined 10 hits, 10 runs and three walks in two innings.

"We got into their pitching staff and that helped us a lot," Stanfield's Brody Woods said. "We got through the lineup and that's usually when we start picking up on pitchers and start hitting the ball real good especially at the top of the lineup."

Stanfield also had the benefit of two See **TIGERS/3B**



Irrigon's Austin Rice attempts to put the tag on Stanfield's Justin Keeney in the Tigers' 13-3 win against the Knights on Tuesday in Stanfield.

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Prep Roundup

Rockets blank Vikings

Weinke, Pierce homer in Pilot Rock victory

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PILOT ROCK — The Pilot Rock Rockets hit a pair of home runs and had a solid game from its three pitchers as they defeated Umatilla 11-0 in non-league action on Tuesday.



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Logan Weinke started on the mound for Pilot Rock (4-4) and allowed three hits and a walk with three strikeouts in three innings. Joe St. Pierre and Bryson Pierce both tossed a perfect inning of relief.

At the plate, five of Pilot Rock's eight hits came with extra bases led by Chris Weinke and Pierce both hitting two-run home runs in the third inning. Levi Thieme had a 2 for 3 day with a triple and three RBIs and Tracker Denny went 2 for 3 with two doubles.

Diego Soto, Cody Samson and Andrew Wilson collected Umatilla's (1-6-1) three hits.

UP NEXT

Pilot Rock travels to Grant Union on Saturday for a doubleheader at 11 a.m. Umatilla hosts Burns for a doubleheader on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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(UHS) Wilson, S. Cranston (3), (PR) L. Weinke, J. St. Pierre (4), B. Pierce (5), WP — L. Weinke, LP — Wilson.
2B — T. Denny (2) (PR), 3B — L. Thieme (PR), HR — C. Weinke, B. Pierce (PR).

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MILTON-FREEWATER

Buckaroos defense wins out, blank red-hot Pioneers

Pendleton picks up sixth shutout of the season

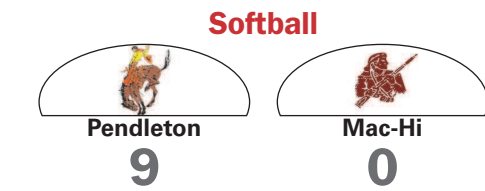
By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

With 138 runs in 10 games, the Mac-Hi Pioneers entered Tuesday's non-league game against Pendleton as the highest scoring team in the OSAA's Class 4A.

However, the Buckaroos' second-ranked 5A defense led by junior pitcher Lauren Richards made sure the Pioneers wouldn't add to that total and picked up their sixth shutout of the season with a 9-0 win at Yantis Park.

"I love my defense, I can always count on them," said Richards, who struck out the game's final two batters and nine total with no walks. "It's so relieving being in the circle and knowing you have that defense behind you. You can just count on them always, and definitely getting ground balls and fly balls, you just know they're going to get outs."

The Pioneers (9-2) were coming off a



weekend doubleheader in which they had 43 total hits, but managed just two off bunts against the Bucks (12-2).

"This is probably the best team we've seen all year, by far the best pitcher," said Mac-Hi coach Nicole Christian. "I told them, 'It's good to get you butt kicked a couple times because then we know what we need to work on.' ... We had too many strikeouts looking and we've got to make adjustments with that, but she's a great pitcher and they're number one in the state for a reason."

"And it's good to see that, get that competition. Good teams need to see better teams, and definitely today Pendleton was the better team."

Pendleton may have made things look easy at times on Tuesday, but head coach

See **BUCKAROOS/3B**



Staff photo by Matt Entrup

Pendleton's Kila Solomon (25) heads toward home while her teammates await and head coach Tim Cary claps following her home run against Mac-Hi on Tuesday in Milton-Freewater.

Sports shorts

Blashill to coach US men's hockey

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Jeff Blashill of the Detroit Red Wings has been named coach of the U.S. men's hockey team that will compete in the world championships next month in key tuneup ahead of next year's Winter Olympics.

The tournament runs May 5-21 in Germany and France. Blashill has coached the Red Wings the last two seasons and led its AHL affiliate, the Grand Rapids Griffins, the previous three seasons. He was named the AHL's most outstanding coach in 2013-14.

Blashill was the goaltending coach for the 2009 U.S. National Junior team at the IIHF World Junior Championship and an assistant coach for the U.S. Junior Select team in 2009. His international experience also includes a stint as an assistant coach for the U.S. National Under-18 Select team in 2006.



Blashill

"Anybody who thinks a layup line is disrespectful, hasn't watched an NBA game. We've got people shooting half-court shots at every break, we've got kids for ball boys ... we're entertainment. And if they're so self-important they can't recognize that, it's on them. Not me."

— **Mark Cuban**

The Dallas Mavericks owner honored ex-Cowboys QB Tony Romo by letting him dress with team for Tuesday's game, but took heat from the NBA about the move.

Mariners place Segura on DL

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners placed shortstop Jean Segura on the 10-day disabled list on Tuesday with a strained right hamstring.

Seattle was hoping to avoid the DL stint for Segura, but manager Scott Servais said it was the better decision to give his starting shortstop a few extra days to recover and not play short-handed in the interim.

"It's a mild strain. I really thought yesterday that he's just going to miss a couple of days," Servais said. "Trying to be very cautious and be out ahead of this thing, the way the rules are now and the 10-day DL it just makes more sense to put him on the DL. I fully expect he'll be back and ready to go at the end of 10 days."

Segura is Seattle's only regular batting above .300 through the first full week of the regular season. He is hitting .313 with 10 hits and six runs scored.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1987 — Larry Mize hits a 48-foot chip shot to defeat Greg Norman on the second hole of sudden death at the Masters.

1997 — Allen Iverson scores a career-high 50 points, for his fourth straight game with at least 40, as Philadelphia loses to Cleveland 125-118. Iverson breaks Wilt Chamberlain's rookie record of three consecutive 40-point games, set during the 1959-60 season.

2009 — Angel Cabrera becomes the first Argentine to win the Masters, beating 48-year-old Kenny Perry with a two-putt par on the second hole of a playoff.

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