

PENDLETON Efficient Vikings sweep Timberwolves

Game 2 called in eighth due to lightning

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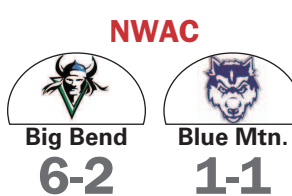
The Blue Mountain baseball team had no trouble hitting the ball against Big Bend in an NWAC East doubleheader on Wednesday in Pendleton, but scoring runs was a different matter.

The Timberwolves managed just two runs off their 12 total hits while the Vikings turned their 12 hits into eight runs to take wins of 6-1 and 2-1 in eight innings.

Big Bend (18-10, 6-8 East) broke a scoreless tie

in Game 1 when Daniel Dormito led off the third with a double and then scored on an error in the outfield. Back-to-back errors and a walk loaded the bases and Josh Kallstrom hit a double that scored two, then a ground-out by Seth Reisbeck made it 4-0 before BMCC could get out of the inning.

Blue Mountain (12-20, 3-11) got its run in the fourth when Austin Florez singled, stole second and then scored on an error. The T-Wolves had runners on first and third with one out in the fifth, but stranded them both and didn't get a runner past first base the rest of the way.



Tanner Toepke and Jacob Lundin each threw two innings of relief allowing one hit apiece to preserve the win for Parker Stohr, who struck out three and walked three in five complete innings.

The Vikings scored in the first and third innings in Game 2 to go up 2-0, but BMCC reliever Nathan Pena came in to start the fourth and allowed just one hit the rest of the way.

Blue Mountain scored its run in the bottom of the seventh when Nate Cantonwine singled to lead off and went to second right away on an error. He moved to third on a wild pitch,

and then scored on a Matt Palmer ground-out.

BMCC had one on with two outs in the bottom of the eighth when the game was called due to lightning.

Jake Prewitt got the win for BBCC and threw five full with no runs allowed on two hits.

UP NEXT Blue Mountain plays at Wenatchee Valley on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Game 1 score table: BBCC 004 001 001 - 6 8 1, BMCC 000 100 000 - 1 6 3

Game 2 (8 innings) score table: BBCC 101 000 0 - 2 4 1, BMCC 000 000 10 - 1 6 0

BLAZERS: Third quarter scoring output hits new low point for season

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lined him for the final seven regular-season games.

McCullum, who shot 16 for 28 with four 3-pointers to score 41 in the 121-109 Game 1 loss, scored 11 points on 4-for-17 shooting. Lillard was 5 for 17 and held to 12 points.

Coach Terry Stotts called on his team to be more balanced to have a chance against top-seeded Golden

State, which finished with the NBA's best record for a third straight season.

Instead, the Warriors once more showed their remarkable balance despite also missing Shaun Livingston from Sunday's win.

Ian Clark scored 13 points, Andre Iguodala contributed 10 rebounds, six assists and six points, and Zaza Pachulia scored 10 points. McGee did his thing with three alley-oops in the first and two on

consecutive possessions late in the period.

Lillard had back-to-back driving layups early as Portland jumped out to a 9-4 lead. Then Golden State got three straight 3s by Green, Thompson and Curry and used a 14-0 run to go up 18-9.

Portland couldn't keep up after it began 6 for 21 and struggled from deep. Allen Crabbe finished 3 for 10 and missed all five of his 3s.

Green already had six

rebounds and six assists in the first quarter. He went down hard with 9:06 remaining in the third quarter on a foul to the head by Meyers Leonard. The play went to review and was ruled a common foul.

TIP-INS Trail Blazers: The Blazers' third-quarter scoring output was their lowest in any period this season — and tied for the fewest in a quarter by a Warriors playoff opponent in the shot clock era. ... Portland

shot 7 for 34 on 3s and 30 for 90 overall. ... The Blazers have lost 11 out of the last 12 to the Warriors and 11 straight at Oracle Arena.

Warriors: Thompson matched Hall of Famer Rick Barry for second place on the franchise list for postseason games played with 66. ... Livingston sat out with a sprained right index finger and bruised hand, while F Matt Barnes didn't play as he is still working back from a

sprained right ankle and foot. ... Rookie Patrick McCaw earned his first playoff start in place of Durant and had nine points and five rebounds. ... Curry joined Barry as the only Warriors with 100 steals in the playoffs. ... Iguodala dished his 400th career post-season assist in the first. ...

UP NEXT Kerr hopes to have a healthy lineup for Game 3, though might choose to hold out Durant again.

BULLDOGS: Team chemistry was a big plus for Blue Mountain's coach

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childhood dreams of playing collegiate soccer.

"Ever since I was little I always had a dream, a goal of playing professional soccer and this is just that next step after high school," Arenas said. "And I'm one step closer to my dream and that's all I can ask for."

"Yeah it was always my dream," Lopez added. "I was iffy about it my freshman year but now that it's come to reality I'm really excited and looking forward to it, building up and becoming a better player."

Blue Mountain coach Art Mota was also in attendance Wednesday, and said that the chemistry with the six guys was a big draw for

him, though he's just excited about bringing in six quality players to help build the foundation of the program.

"I know that coach (Rich) Harshberger has been doing some great things here and this is evidence of that," Mota said. "These kids are well-coached, they know each other and it's going to be an easy transition for them to come in and help us take those first steps for the program."

The Bulldog players will be joined at BMCC by other players from Pendleton, Irrigon, Umatilla and Riverside high schools, which has Mota looking forward to getting the season started.

"I'm just happy to bring in talent from our area and I think all the young guys

know what they're coming into," Mota said. "They're making history and I've told them all the same thing, what ever standard you set is what everyone else has to follow. It'll be challenging because the NWAC is tough, but I think we're putting together a real good group for this first-year team."

Harshberger had a wide smile on his face as he stood back and watched his players sign their letters on Wednesday. His Hermiston teams have always had talent, but the opportunities in college were few and far between. He was happy when BMCC started up a soccer team and hopes that now with the college starving for local talent, this is just a start of a pipeline

from Hermiston High to BMCC.

"Hopefully we keep seeing these kind of numbers going out, and seeking secondary education and realizing the opportunity is there for them," Harshberger said. "I feel like I've had this talent for several years, but always that college was somewhat unattainable but this is great because it shows you there are opportunities."

I try to tell them that if you want to play, there's a spot for you but I don't know that it speaks as loudly as actually having six, seven guys signing to play like today."

Also joining the six Bulldogs at BMCC will be 2016 Hermiston graduates Andy Corcuera and Ayden

Prewitt, who are already enrolled at BMCC and are happy to be re-joining former teammates there as well. Prewitt said he always kept his eye on BMCC after he found out the school would be starting a men's team last season and knew it could be a good opportunity for him.

Corcuera said that when he left Hermiston, he figured his competitive soccer career was over but he is glad that he has another chance.

"I never thought I'd be playing at the college level, maybe just for fun instead," Corcuera said Wednesday. "I'm just looking forward to the start of the season now."

Overall, seven of the Hermiston boys soccer

seniors will be playing collegiately as Freddy Rodriguez signed with Walla Walla Community College in January. So after playing with Rodriguez for years, the six future T-Wolves will be playing against and trying to beat their friend during the NWAC season, a game they collectively looking forward to.

"It's going to be an intense game," Munoz said with a laugh. "Going to be a lot of smack-talking but it's okay. At the end of the day we'll still love each other like family, so it'll be a good time."

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PREPS: Correa's homer not enough as Heppner drops doubleheader with Union

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by Bryson Pierce and then scored on a wild pitch.

After walking the lead-off batter in the top of the second, Thieme began his streak of consecutive outs, and the Rockets took a 2-1 lead in their at-bat when St. Pierre hit his second double to drive in Chris Weinke, who had reached on a double of his own.

Thieme then helped himself in the third when he led off with a double and scored on Braydon Postma's line drive to center field.

The Rockets totaled 10 hits in the game but stranded 11 and left the bases loaded in the fifth and sixth. They also had a runner thrown out on a failed steal at the plate

in the fifth. Sherman had runners on first and second with two outs in the sixth but Thieme got a looking strikeout to end the inning. He sat down the first two batters in the seventh on a strikeout and ground-out, then Postma came in and struck out the last batter in four pitches to get the save.

LAST TIME OUT Pilot Rock beat Grant Union 9-0 and 8-2 on Saturday with Weinke throwing a complete game with seven strikeouts in Game 2. Thieme was 4 for 7 at the plate on the day, and Weinke was 4 for 8.

UP NEXT Pilot Rock plays at Heppner for a doubleheader on Saturday at 11 a.m.

SHS 10000 0 - 1 3 1, PRHS 111000 X - 3 10 0

W — L. Thieme, C. Weinke, J. St. Pierre 2 (PRHS).

SOFTBALL UNION 12-12, HEPPNER 2-2 — At Heppner, Morgan Correa hit a two-run homer for Heppner but Union brought more firepower to Wednesday's Special District 6 doubleheader for a pair of run-rule wins.

Union (9-2, 4-0 SD6) came out strong with three runs in the top of the first inning in Game 1, and finished with 15 hits to win 12-2 in six innings. Harley Davis was one of three Bobcats with doubles in her 4 for 4 game, and Brianna

Kohr hit a triple and drove in three runs.

"They can hit the heck out of the ball," said Mustangs coach Rick Johnston. "We hit the ball, we just didn't hit it hard enough to make a difference."

Correa and Morgan Orem each went 2 for 3 to lead Heppner (6-8, 0-4).

Correa's home run came in the bottom of the third inning in Game 2 with Jenna McCullough on base, but only made the score 8-2 as Union was off to another fast start and won this one in five innings.

Davis finished 6 for 7 on the day, and Jenna Monson got both wins in the circle.

UP NEXT Heppner plays a doubleheader at Culver on Friday at 2 p.m.

Game 1 (6 innings) UHS 306 111 - 12 15 2, HHS 000200 - 2 4 4

J. Monson and E. Carter, D. Durley and T. Hamby, W — Monson, L — Durley, 2B — H. Davis, A. Wright, K. Good (UHS), 3B — B. Kohr (UHS)

Game 2 (5 innings) UHS 116 13 - 12 7 1, HHS 002 00 - 2 3 4

J. Monson and E. Carter, O. DeLoach, D. Durley (4) and T. Hamby, W — Monson, L — DeLoach, 2B — T. Hamby (HHS), 3B — T. Baremore (UHS), HR — M. Correa (HHS).

FROM TUESDAY RIVERSIDE 15-28, WHITE SALMON 2-3 — At Columbia, Wash., the Pirates blasted to a pair of non-league wins on Tuesday with three home runs and a pair of pitching gems by Skylar Wightman.

Wightman hit two homers in Game 1 and drove in six total runs while giving up two hits in a 15-2

win in six innings.

She then smacked a grand slam and struck out 12 while giving up just three hits a 28-3 win in five innings in Game 2. She drove in another six runs in the that game and finished 5 for 8 at the plate on the day.

The Pirates (10-3) scored their 43 runs off just 18 hits.

UP NEXT Riverside plays at Weston-McEwen for a league doubleheader on Saturday at 1 p.m.

Game 1 (6 innings) RHS 004236 - 15 9 2, WS 000101 - 2 2 5

Game 2 (5 innings) RHS 25(11)(10) - 28 9 2, WS 201 00 - 3 3 7

SCOREBOARD

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Basketball: NBA Playoff glance, FIRST ROUND EASTERN CONFERENCE

Hockey: NHL Playoff glance, FIRST ROUND EASTERN CONFERENCE

Baseball: AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division, Central Division, West Division

Baseball: NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division, Central Division, West Division

Baseball: Wednesday's Games