

College Rodeo

# BMCC continues Northwest dominance

MILTON-FREEWATER — Blue Mountain Community College's men's and women's rodeo teams continue to dominate the Northwest Region standings following a successful weekend at the Northwest Regional Nos. 3 and 4 rodeos in Milton-Freewater April 14-15.

The women's team won both days, with Danyelle Williams, Quincy Pendergrass and Lauren

Leyva taking the top three spots, respectively, in the women's all-around in Northwest Regional 3 on April 14. The men's team came in first place overall on April 14 and second place on April 15, with Johnny Espeland taking home the men's all-around title at Northwest Regional 3. He also notched the top spots that day in saddle bronc riding and bareback riding, which he also won on April 15.

At Northwest Regional 3, Williams also landed in first in barrel racing, while Layva and Pendergrass took home the top two spots, respectively, in goat tying, and Kaylee Aldrich came in first in breakaway roping.

At Northwest Regional 4 on April 15, Chaise Robbins and Cole White topped the leaderboard in team roping — header and healer, respectively — while Pendergrass, Williams, Jessica Lewis and Tiffanee Lewis took home the top four places in barrel racing.

Both teams remain No. 1 in the Northwest Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, with the men 708 points ahead of second-place Walla Walla Community College, and the women 2,801.38 points ahead of second-place Treasure Valley Community College.

Williams also leads the region in the women's all-around, while Espeland leads the region in bareback riding. Williams, Lewis and Pendergrass also are the leaders in barrel racing, in that order, while Aldrich, Williams and Leyva lead the pack in breakaway roping.

The BMCC women's team, which is the reigning two-time national champion, sits in fifth place in the national rankings.

UP NEXT  
BMCC heads to Ellensburg April 21-22 for the Northwest Regional Rodeo No. 5 and the Central Washington University Rodeo. BMCC will host its annual Northwest Regional Finals Rodeo April 28-29 at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in Hermiston.



Williams



Espeland

MLB

# Alonso, Plouffe homer to beat Mariners

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Yonder Alonso and Trevor Plouffe homered, and the Oakland Athletics beat the Seattle Mariners 3-1 on Friday night.

Sean Manaea (1-1) allowed one run and five hits over six innings, striking out six and walking three to help the A's win their season-high fourth straight after losing four in a row.

Stephen Vogt drove in a run for the first time in nearly two weeks for Oakland.

Alonso homered in the fifth and Plouffe hit his in the sixth with both coming off Seattle starter Hisashi Iwakuma (0-2).

Guillermo Heredia had two hits and scored the Mariners' lone run.

Seattle fell to 1-8 on the road — a bad sign for a team that plays 17 of its first 26 games this season



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez

**Oakland Athletics' Jed Lowrie scores past Seattle Mariners catcher Carlos Ruiz on a sacrifice fly by Stephen Vogt during the sixth inning a baseball game Friday, April 21, 2017, in Oakland, Calif.**

away from home.

Manaea battled control issues for the second straight game and had to pitch out of jams in the second and sixth to earn his first win of the season. The left-hander pitched five hitless innings in his last start

against Houston on April 15.

Three relievers completed the six-hitter. Santiago Casilla retired three batters for his third save.

Iwakuma allowed three runs over 5 1/3 innings with four walks and three strikeouts.

# PREPS: Heppner, Echo softball win league doubleheaders

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TENNIS

(boys) **PENDLETON 3, LA GRANDE 2** — At La Grande, the Buckaroos were a pair of tiebreak sets away from getting the sweep on Friday in a non-league match.

Easton Phelan earned Pendleton's only win in singles 6-0, 6-4 over Roberto Bianco in the No. 3 slot, and the Bucks dropped the other two in tiebreakers.

Peter Wallace and Jeremy Sellers blanked Nick Duverny and Kaleb Meyer at No. 1 doubles, and Joey Savage and Elton Harrison prevailed with a 10-8 tiebreak in the second set.

UP NEXT  
Pendleton plays at The Dalles at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

**Singles**  
Louis Gonzalez (L) def. Lincoln Johnson 2-6, 6-3, 10-5  
Jaime Camara (L) def. Silas Johnston 7-5, 1-6, 13-11  
Easton Phelan (P) def. Roberto Bianco 6-0, 6-4  
**Doubles**  
Peter Wallace/Jeremy Sellers (P) def. Nick Duverny/Kaleb Meyer 6-0, 6-0  
Joey Savage/Elton Harrison (P) def. James Thurman/Scott Remily 6-4, 7-6 (8)

(girls) **SUMMIT 8, HERMISTON 0** — At Bend, the only Bulldogs to take a set in their league match on Friday was No. 1 doubles team Jaycee Ternes and Katelyn Millard in their 6-0, 1-6, 10-6 loss to Sierra McCaulley and Josie Rutschman.

Summit swept the Bulldogs 6-0, 6-0 in all four singles matches.

(girls) **SHERWOOD 5, HERMISTON 3** — At Bend, Mackenzie Hill pulled out a tiebreaker win at No. 1 singles and Hermiston earned two wins in doubles play during their non-league loss to Sherwood on Friday.

Hill beat Analisa Dufrore 6-2 in the first set before falling 4-6 in the second. She bounced back for a dominant 10-2 win in the tiebreak, though.

Breana Wadekamper and Reed Middleton were also strong in their

6-2, 6-3 win over Angelina Conrow and Abby Ramer, and Hermiston's other win was at No. 4 doubles by Kaeli Hamilton and Alyssa Perkins.

UP NEXT  
Hermiston plays at the Madras tournament today.

**Singles**  
Mackenzie Hill (H) def. Analisa Dufrore 6-2, 4-6, 10-2  
Rianna Upton (S) def. Lindsay McAllister 6-3, 6-0  
Maddy Griffin (S) def. Adriann Stewart 6-4, 6-1  
Natalie Berry (S) def. Olivia Thomas 2-6, 6-1, 10-8  
**Doubles**  
Sierra McCaulley/Josie Rutschman (S) def. Jaycee Ternes/Katelyn Millard 6-0, 1-6, 10-6  
Breana Wadekamper/Reed Middleton (H) def. Angelina Conrow/Abby Ramer 6-2, 6-3  
Kyla Upton/Grace Reeder (S) def. Breckyn Mecham/Paola Sanchez 3-6, 7-5, 10-8  
Kaeli Hamilton/Alyssa Perkins (H) def. Jessica Mulkey/Naomi Gomez 6-3, 6-4

GOLF

**REDMOND** — Pendleton senior Nathan Som finished in a four-way tie for sixth place with a three-over par 75

on Friday at the Raven Rumble in the Desert held at Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond.

Three players broke par with Summit's Eric Wasserman winning by one stroke over Ridgeview's Isaac Beurger and Jesuit's Sumir Dutta with a 70.

Hermiston's top placer was Jared Thacker with an 84 that was tied for 24th.

The round was a preview for the district championships, and Pendleton senior Brayden Pulver said a combination of being unfamiliar with the course and inconsistent play led to some higher scores for the Buckaroos than in recent rounds.

"It's a course that seems straightforward, but it's easy to get into trouble if you're not playing well," said Pulver, who shot 93.

Pendleton scored 365 as a team to place eighth Jared Geier shot 92, Brandon Cox shot 105, and Seth Wood had 107.

Hermiston was seventh with 356. Completing their scores were Kaden Mecham with 85, Aaron Lind with 91, Tyler Cameron with 96 and Garrett McCannehan with 103.

Jesuit won the team title with 292, Summit was second with 302 and The Dalles was third with 327.

UP NEXT  
Both teams will be at Tetherow Golf Course in Bend for a tournament starting at 10 a.m. on Monday.

UMATILLA — Nixyaawii's

Riley Lankford and Echo's Kyle Ranger finished second and third, respectively, at Big River Golf Course on Friday.

Lankford shot an 84 and Ranger had an 85, and Imbler's Cade Gorham won the boys title with a 76. Echo's Ian Kalkner was fourth with 87, and Nixyaawii's James Penney was fifth win 88.

Nixyaawii won the boys team title with 377, Hermiston JV was second with 383, and Echo was third with 395.

Hermiston JV had the only full girls team and their Amber Treat was girl's medalist for the round with 93. Nixyaawii's Susie Patrick was second with 95 and Hermiston's Leslie Browning was third with 99.

SOFTBALL

**HEPPNER 19-23, CULVER 3-3** — At Culver, the Mustangs took nine players to Culver for a lopsided Special District 6 sweep on Friday.

Jenna McCullough batted 6 for 9 on the day to lead Heppner (2-4, 8-8 SD6) and hit three RBI in Game 2. Cami VanArsdale also hit three RBI in that 21-hit performance by the Mustangs, and went 3 for 5.

Taylor Hamby drove in seven runs total, and Morgan Orem went 5 for 10 with five RBI. Dakota Durfey earned both wins pitching the first four innings of each game and allowing just two runs total.

UP NEXT  
Heppner plays at Union for a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 28.

**Game 1 (5 innings)**

HHS	414	64	—	19	12
CHS	100	11	—	3	8

D. Durfey, T. McCurry (5) and T. Hamby, C. Zaber, C. Basnar (3) and K. Jagles, W. — Durfey, L. — Zaber.  
2B — T. Hamby, J. McCullough (HHS).

**Game 2 (5 innings)**

HHS	762	35	—	23	21
CHS	000	03	—	3	6

D. Durfey, T. McCurry (5) and T. Hamby, C. Basnar, J. Rhen (3) and J. Rhen, W. — Durfey, L. — Basnar.  
2B — T. McCurry, M. Correa.

**ECHO 17-15, UMATILLA 1-0** — At Echo, Alyssa Ray and Kendra Hart combined in the circle to allow just five hits total in a Special District 1 doubleheader on Friday.

Ray got both wins, and Monique Montoya hit three doubles total for Echo (7-8, 3-2 SD1).

Charlene Alvarez doubled for Umatilla (1-12, 0-6) in Game 2.  
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Heredia scored on Mitch Haniher's two-out triple in the third.

Plouffe tied it in the fifth with his 100th career home run, a solo shot to center. It was Plouffe's fourth in the past seven games.

Alonso put Oakland ahead with a first-pitch home run leading off the sixth and Vogt's sacrifice fly made it 3-1.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: RHP Steve Cishek threw 20 pitches and allowed one hit with two walks over one innings of a rehab stint with Triple-A Tacoma. It's the latest step in Cishek's recovery from Oct. 12 hip surgery. ... Seattle recalled RHP Chase DeJohn from Tacoma and optioned RHP Dan Altavilla down to the minors.

UP NEXT

Mariners: LHP Ariel Miranda (1-1) makes his second career start against Oakland on Saturday. Miranda was roughed up by Houston in his most recent outing.

Athletics: RHP Jharel Cotton (1-2) is also coming off a shaky performance when he allowed five runs in 5 1/3 innings to Texas.

Echo hosts Irrigon today at 1 p.m.

Umatilla hosts Weston-McEwen for a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 28.

**Game 1**

UHS	000	01	—	1	1	5
EHS	881	0X	—	17	9	2

C. Alvarez and S. Griggs, A. Ray, K. Hart (4) and A. Putman, W. — Ray, L. — Alvarez.  
2B — M. Montoya 2, K. Hart, A. Ray, H. McCarty (EHS).

**Game 2**

UHS	000	00	—	0	4	4
EHS	1130	1X	—	15	10	1

P. Picker and S. Griggs, A. Ray, K. Hart (4) and A. Putman, C. Hewlett (4), W. — Ray, L. — Picker.  
2B — C. Alvarez (UHS); A. Putman, M. Montoya (EHS).

From Thursday  
MAC-HI 10-4, BAKER 0-2

At Baker City, the Mac-Hi Pioneers improved to 6-0 in Greater Oregon League play as they thumped Baker 10-0 in Game 1 and then held off a late Bulldog surge in Game 2 with a 4-2 victory on Thursday evening.

Mallory Copeland pitched both games for the Pioneers and the senior right-hander is finding a groove. Copeland pitched a one-hit shutout with seven strikeouts to start the day and allowed just two runs in Game 2 with six strikeouts. She did not walk a single batter, either.

Game 2 was nothing short of a battle for Mac-Hi, as the Pioneers trailed 1-0 until the fifth inning when they finally got on the scoreboard. Mac-Hi first scored in the fifth on a Baker error and an RBI groundout by Rachael Lyon to give the Pioneers a 2-1 lead. They then made it a 4-1 game in the sixth on an RBI double by Micha Fortune and a sacrifice fly by Lyon.

Baker made things interesting in the bottom of the seventh, getting the tying runs on and the go-ahead run at the plate with two outs. A single to center field brought one run home, but that was all as Ashlyn Marly threw out a runner at home for the final out.

UP NEXT

Mac-Hi will host Ontario on Saturday, April 29 for a doubleheader at Noon.

**Game 1**

MHS	402	40	—	10	10	0
BHS	000	00	—	0	1	5

WP — M. Copeland, LP — G. Cook.  
2B — M. Fortune, R. Lyon, B. Smiley, M. Copeland (MHS).

**Game 2**

MHS	000	022	0	—	4	5	2
BHS	100	000	1	—	2	9	6

WP — M. Copeland, LP — G. Cook.  
2B — K. Slusarenko, M. Fortune (MHS); J. Rudolph, A. Brinton.

# EDMISTON: L-C returns 4 guards

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much," she said. "I kind of just went out there with the mindset that it was just another game I think. That's really why I played so well.

"When we went to nationals it was crazy how many people were there supporting us. It was amazing. ... When I came back (to Hermiston) and so many people were telling me they watched the game, you don't realize how many people actually support you."

She said one of the reasons she chose the Warriors was their winning ways under coach Brian Orr, but she was still in awe of the team's accomplishment even weeks after the season ended.

"Thirty-five and two in a season, not many people can say that. Most wins for a season this year. It's going to be hard not to compare back to such a great season, and being your first year," she said. "But it's going to be different, it's going to be a new team."

"You know, a national championship is pretty huge. It would be awesome if we got there again,

but during the season we made so much progress. We will have a bunch of people returning but we're going to miss four starters so that's going to be a little bumpy."

There will be room for Edmiston to carve out a larger role for herself as a sophomore. She'll be one of four returning guards, of which she was behind just junior Lauren Johnson for playing time.

Edmiston said she's eager to make the most of the opportunity and has been working hard to improve her jump shot and defense, as well as hitting the weight room with regularity while also finding time to earn a 4.0 GPA her first semester.

"I think I've just gotten a lot stronger than in high school," she said. "My defense is definitely going to be better for next year."

After a year as an understudy, Edmiston is also ready to resume a familiar role.

"We're going to need people to step up and I'm going to try to be that person to step up because I've done it before and so that's something I feel comfortable with," she said. "I'm going to try to be a leader."

# LACROSSE: HHS offense struggling during losing streak

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Hermiston's best offensive chance of the half came around the 4:30 mark, when Fidel Contreras corralled a long pass from behind the Liberty net across midfield and raced past the Falcon defense. Contreras was running all alone towards the net and tried to slip one past Liberty's goalkeeper, however he was stopped point-blank.

Then in the second half, Hermiston's offense finally began to settle in. With less than two minutes expired in the third quarter, Salinas held the ball up top and surveyed the field before starting his momentum towards the goal. He then made a quick stutter-step move around the defenseman up top, gathered himself and ripped a low shot through traffic and into the back of the net to make it a 6-1 game.

Salinas said as a senior, he felt he needed to try and get a spark going for his team's offense in that situation.

"I feel like I'm one of the leaders on the team and I just tried to get something going," he said. "I put everything on my shoulders there and it felt good to get things sparked up like that."



**Hermiston's Fidel Contreras moves the ball downfield as Isaac Tsolak, of Liberty, defends Friday at Kennison Field.**

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

goal later in the third, Salinas got the Bulldogs on the board with a nearly identical play as he evaded the defense and fired another low shot that found its way into the net. It cut the deficit to 7-2 with three minutes left in the quarter.

But that was as close as Hermiston could get. Liberty scored the next three goals to take a 10-2 lead as the Falcons held possession for a large chunk of the second half.

The Bulldogs did get a pair of goals in the fourth quarter, one by Calvin Giesen with an assist by Luke Walchli with 6:33 remaining to make it a 10-3 game and then finally

Ian Bush got on the board with just 4.9 seconds left in the game to push the score to the final of 11-4.

The game marks the second straight loss for the Bulldogs, who have not scored more than five goals in their three recent losses after scoring more than 14 in all three wins. And with just four games remaining in the season, Mejia said the Bulldogs need to change their attitude in order to recapture some consistency to finish it out.

"We just have to show up to practice ready to play," he said, "because lately I think we haven't been showing that we're tired of losing"