



Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
**Pendleton's Aspen Garton throws the ball home as an unidentified Hood River runner gets caught in a run down Saturday at Steve Cary Field. Pendleton eventually got the tag.**

## SOFTBALL SPLIT:

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two-RBI double off the bat of Kila Solomon to end it at 12-2.

Richards was good but not great again for Pendleton, pitching seven strikeouts with four walks, three hits and two runs in five innings.

"She wasn't as sharp as she has been but she bears down when she needed to," Cary said. "She's a competitor and she finds a way to get out of jams."

But in Game 2, it was Hood River that jumped on the Buckaroos with a five-run first aided by a chunk of Pendleton's four total errors. The Eagles chased Pendleton pitcher Brehaut after just 2/3 innings, and brought Richards back on for the final 6 1/3 innings.

The Eagles added three more runs in the top of the second to take an 8-2 lead before the Buckaroos finally settled in.

In the bottom of the second, Hergert smashed her second homer of the day, this time a three-run shot, to make it a 8-5 game. And then in the fourth, Hergert hit her third of the day, a two-run homer to cut the deficit to just 8-7.

"Payton's a tough, tough power hitter," Cary said. "She's a competitor and brings a lot to this team, she can hit one out of the yard at any time and we're glad to

have her back." Pendleton eventually tied the game in the bottom of the sixth, but in the top of the seventh Richards ran into trouble and loaded the bases with two outs. The Bucks thought they had escaped with a groundout to end the inning, however the umpire ruled that Brehaut's foot came off the bag at first and runner was safe, allowing the go-ahead run to score for a 9-8 lead.

Pendleton had a big chance in the bottom of seventh as the tying run was on second and the winning run at first with one out. However two straight strikeouts ended the game and gave the Eagles the win.

"I was proud of the way we battled back, but our mistakes early put us in too big of a hole to come back from," Cary said.

**UP NEXT**  
Pendleton travels to Hood River today for a 4:30 p.m. start.

Game 1		R	H	E	
HRV	010 10	-	2	3	4
PHS	510 24	-	12	14	2

Game 2		R	H	E		
HRV	530 000	1	-	9	8	0
PHS	230 201	0	-	8	14	4

### Prep Roundup

# Riverhawks sweep Bulldogs

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**THE DALLES** — The Hermiston softball team nearly stopped its losing streak but were unable to get past the Riverhawks in Game 2 of a league doubleheader and dropped their sixth and seventh contests in a row on Saturday by scores of 8-1 and 9-8.

Kalei Smith had a big day at the plate for Hermiston (6-12, 0-5 CRC) going 4 for 7, and Ashley Cameron drove in two runs in Game 2 while Sydney Stefani went 2 for 3.

Janelle and Julissa Alma-guer took the losses in the circle. Janelle was relieved after allowing seven runs (four earned) in the first inning of Game 1, and Julissa gave the Bulldogs five strong innings giving up just one more run off five hits and four balls with six strikeouts.

The Dalles (3-14, 2-3) had her pegged by Game 2, though, and she went just 2 1/3 to start and allowed five runs.

### WESTON-MCEWEN 9-12, RIVERSIDE 1-1

At Athena, Bailey Hillmick threw two complete game victories allowing just 11 hits, two runs and two walks with 22 strikeouts as Weston-McEwen swept Riverside 9-1 and 12-1 on Saturday.

Weston-McEwen (7-4, 4-0 SD1) coach Jeff Griggs said that Hillmick has been working hard in practice on her pitches and it has started to pay off like it did on Saturday.

On offense, Courtney Cain and Jordyn Lambert each hit home runs for the TigerScots, while Hillmick and Charmayne Bennett led the team with a combined four hits each.

Sadie Hasbell led Riverside's (12-5, 2-3) offense with four hits and a double, while Abby Hernandez hit a solo home run in Game 2.

Game 1		R	H	E		
RHS	000100	0	-	1	7	3
WM	301014	X	-	9	12	2

Game 2		R	H	E	
RHS	001 00	-	1	4	4
WM	205 5X	-	12	8	1

### ECHO 15, IRRIGON 5

— At Echo, the Cougars put

together a dominant victory over Irrigon on Saturday, winning the rubber match of the season series 15-5.

Echo (7-8, 3-2 SD1) pelted 17 hits on the day, as coach Javier Garcia said his Cougars had an ultra-aggressive approach at the plate which paid off big time.

"We went away from being overly patient and wanted to make things happen and put pressure on them," Garcia said. "We had three first pitch hits in the first inning, which set the tone."

Alyssa Ray had a big afternoon for Echo, as she threw a complete game in the circle for the win, allowing five hits and five runs with nine strikeouts while also hitting a home run on offense.

Kendra Hart, Monique Montoya and Alex Putman each hit doubles in the game or Echo, while Mya Chapman and Fleming both had doubles for Irrigon (11-6, 3-2).

IHS		R	H	E	
IHS	210 20	-	5	5	2
EHS	717 0X	-	15	17	2

Union 4-8, PILOT ROCK 1-5 — At Union, the Bobcats jumped ahead in the Special District 6 title race with a pair of wins over the Rockets on Saturday.

Tehya Ostrom collected the hit for Pilot Rock (12-4, 4-2 SD6) in Game 1, a double, and was saddled with both losses in the circle.

Union (11-2, 6-0) was dialed in at the plate and finished with 20 hits on the day, and had 13 of those in Game 2 to overcome a 5-0 deficit after a big second inning by the Rockets.

Game 1		R	H	E	
PRHS	000000	1	-	1	1
UHS	111100	X	-	4	7

Game 2		R	H	E	
PRHS	050000	0	-	5	7
UHS	010520	X	-	8	13

### BASEBALL

### THE DALLES 10-4, HERMISTON 0-3

At The Dalles, the Bulldogs offense sputtered on Saturday as Hermiston collected just nine hits and three runs resulting in a 10-0 and 4-3

victory over The Dalles.

In Game 1, The Dalles (9-9, 3-2 CRC) pitcher Jordan Wetmore mowed through Hermiston's order, allowing just three hits and one walk in six scoreless innings to go with seven strikeouts.

In Game 2, Hermiston (7-11, 1-4) pitcher Brylee Dufloth kept the Bulldogs right in it, giving up six hits with five strikeouts in 6 1/3 innings. However he ran into trouble in the seventh with a leadoff walk and eventually loaded the bases.

Wyatt Noland came in on relief and the Riverhawk's Spencer Honald put down a perfect squeeze bunt to score the game-winning run.

Game 1		R	H	E	
HHS	000 000	-	0	3	2
TDS	002 305	-	10	7	0

Game 2		R	H	E	
HHS	001 020	0	-	3	6
TDS	200 001	1	-	4	6

### PILOT ROCK 14-8, HEPPNER 0-1

At Heppner, Pilot Rock extended its win streak to eight games as it swept the Heppner Mustangs in a Special District 6 doubleheader on Saturday afternoon.

Pilot Rock (9-4, 7-0 SD6) tallied 33 hits on the day as its offense feasted on Mustang pitching. Caden Munkers and Braydon Postma led that offense with six hits each on the day, while Tracker Denny, Levi Thieme and Bryson Pierce each had four hits.

The Rockets pitching was very solid as well, as Chris Weinke threw 4 1/3 scoreless in Game 1 with four strikeouts and just two hits allowed, while Bryson Pierce went 3 1/3 in Game 2 with five strikeouts and just one hit allowed.

Kevin Smith led Heppner's (1-15, 0-10) offense with three hits on the day.

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Game 2		R	H	E
PR	104 012	X	-	8
HHS	000 100	0	-	1

**Pendleton's Nick Bower dives back to first base as Conner Coerper, of Hood River, fields a throw from the pitcher during the second of two games Saturday.**



## BASEBALL SWEPT:

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Pendleton coach T.J. Haguewood said while he was obviously disappointed that the Bucks took the loss in the game, he was pleased to see his team battle the way they did.

"We always stress doing something positive in anything you do ... don't make a hill a mountain," Haguewood said. "People make mistakes, but it's how you respond to those mistakes. We just came up short and dug ourselves too big of a hole."

Game 2 of the day was a better showing for the Buckaroos thanks to a solid start on the mound from Russell. Making his second start of the season, the junior right-hander tossed five-plus innings and allowed five hits, four walks and four runs with one strikeout as well.

He danced out of danger a few times as well, working out of a bases-loaded, one-out situation in the first allowing just one run and a bases-loaded situation in the fourth where he escaped unscathed.

Russell says that being able to get out of danger was a big boost for his confidence, but adds that he needs to figure out how to limit those situations.

"Sometimes I feel I lose focus and once I get guys on base I re-focus and pitch well," Russell said. "Today, I couldn't find my curveball which would have helped me a ton but it's something to build on."

Russell said he simply ran out of gas in the sixth inning, where he gave up two straight hard hits to the Eagles and was credited for both runs as the Eagles re-took the lead for good at 4-2.

After Hood River scored one in the first, Pendleton answered in the second inning as Justin Duso smacked a 3-2 pitch into left field to drive in Daniel Naughton to tie the game at 1-1. The Eagles then re-took the lead in the third with a RBI single of their own, but yet again Pendleton answered in the bottom of the inning.

Wyatt Morris led off the inning with a deep double that clanked off the left field fence, and then two batters later Nick

Bower sent a deep single into right field to score Morris to tie the game at 2-2.

But that would be all the offense Pendleton could get. The Buckaroos had some chances, but some mental mistakes on the basepaths and discipline issues at the plate left the Bucks empty-handed. In both games combined, Pendleton struck out 20 times.

"We had a couple of timely hits, but we had other runners on base and just couldn't push them across," Haguewood said. "We had too many strikeouts with guys on base and that's a killer offensively when you don't move runners over and don't put pressure on the defense."

Game 1		R	H	E	
HRV	003 106	2	-	12	15
PHS	000 020	7	-	9	13

Game 2		R	H	E	
HRV	101 002	0	-	4	6
PHS	011 000	0	-	2	7

### Prep Track & Field

## Hermiston successful at Kiwanis Invite

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**HERMISTON** — The Hermiston Bulldogs had a strong showing at its 32nd annual Kiwanis Invitational meet on Saturday, as the Bulldog boys team finished second to Kamiakin (170) with 155 points while the girls pulled out a close victory with 190 points to Kamiakin's 186.

Pendleton and Mac-Hi also competed Saturday, with Pendleton boys finishing fifth with 69 points and the girls finished fifth with 70. Mac-Hi boys were eighth with 13 and the girls were eighth with 17.

Hermiston picked up wins in 10 events overall on Saturday. In the girls sprints,

Scout Reagan set a new PR in the 100 meter dash with a 12.33 run for first and Audrey Lincoln took first in the 400 meter (1:01.02). Hermiston swept the 100m and 110 meter hurdle events, with Madison Wilson (15.28) and Tyler Rohman (14.57) each setting new PRs as well. Both Bulldog 4x100 relay teams also won as well.

In field events, Hermiston's Stephanie Miears (36-07.50) and Antonio Hernandez (48-01) won the shot put events, while Elias Arenas (140-10) won the discus. And to wrap up the day, Ebony Wilson won both the girls long jump (16-09.00) and triple jump (34-11.75).

Pendleton's two wins

came in the high jump, where Kiara Glover was the only girl to clear five-feet as she jumped 5-02.00, while Johnny Stuvland tied with Hermiston's Hiram Maciel by clearing 6-feet-2.

Mac-Hi's Bianca Garcia claimed victory in the girls javelin, setting a new PR with a distance of 127-06.

Team Scores	
<b>Boys</b>	
1. Kamiakin	170
2. Hermiston	155
3. Chiawana	146
4. La Grande	88
5. The Dalles	69
6. Pendleton	57
7. Pasco	29
8. Mac-Hi	13
<b>Girls</b>	
1. Hermiston	190
2. Kamiakin	186
3. Chiawana	84
4. La Grande	79
5. Pendleton	70
6. The Dalles	40.5
7. Pasco	23.5
8. Mac-Hi	17

## BLAZERS: McCollum scoreless in first half

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Durant finished with 10 points in 21 minutes. All of Golden State's starters were in double figures.

Damian Lillard scored 34 points for the Blazers, who were making their fourth straight appearance in the playoffs. The crowd at the Moda Center gave Lillard that standing ovation when he came out with 6:12 to play.

Last season, the Warriors defeated the Blazers 4-1 in the second round. Curry missed the first three games of that series with a sprained MCL in his right knee, but returned in time to take the series back to Golden State and advance. The Warriors, who won the NBA title in 2015, fell to the Cleveland Cavaliers in seven games in the Finals last year.

The Warriors were still without Matt Barnes (right ankle/foot sprain), and Shaun Livingston (right index finger sprain). Livingston hasn't

played since Game 1 and Barnes has been sidelined the whole series.

The Blazers led Game 3 by as many as 17 points in the first half — sparked by the return of big man Jusuf Nurkic. But the lead slipped away in the third quarter and the deeper Warriors prevailed 119-113.

Nurkic, who had missed the final seven games of the regular season and the first two playoff games because of a nondisplaced fracture in his right leg, finished with two points and 11 rebounds. He was ruled out of Monday's game.

The Warriors jumped out to a 14-0 lead at the start. Durant's dunk extended the lead to 22-3 and the rout was on. JaVale McGee made a highlight-reel alley-oop dunk in route to a 45-22 lead after the opening quarter.

It was the most points ever in a quarter for Golden State in a playoff game, and matched the NBA record for most first-quarter points in a

playoff game.

Lillard shouldered most of the burden for the Blazers with 21 points in the half, but backcourt partner CJ McCollum was scoreless on 0-for-7 shooting and Portland trailed 72-48 at the break.

The Warriors showed no signs of slowing in the third. Curry's 3-pointer pushed Golden State's lead to 91-58.

Kerr announced on Sunday that he would not be on the sideline for Game 4. However, he was at the Moda Center for the game. Brown said beforehand he expected Kerr would be watching from the locker room.

It is unclear how long he might be out. Kerr still experiences lingering symptoms from complications following two back surgeries after the franchise's run to the 2015 championship. He missed the first 43 games last season dealing with symptoms such as headaches, nausea and an aching neck.