

BASEBALL: Pendleton gains sole possession of second place

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Bucks weren't calling it a must-win. "We kind of just told ourselves we needed to win. We don't need too much pressure on us. I think it helped us not knowing what could happen if we didn't do our jobs."

Morris tossed the complete game, and after some struggles with his location in the sixth inning, went into the bullpen to work on things before coming back out for the seventh. He finished with seven hits allowed but gave up no earned runs and got his third strikeout on the game's last batter.

"My goal is to finish the game," said Morris, who needed just 83 pitches to get through the game. "I didn't go over the pitch limit, and that keeps other pitchers for next game. I went in the

bullpen to work on a couple pitches because they weren't working as well as I thought. I got them dialed in.

"We try to win every game, but rivalry game is big. Beating Hermiston at home, it's a big game."

Not only was it a big win for Pendleton (8-14, 4-5 CRC) in terms of its playoff hopes as it gave it sole possession of second with three games to play, it was a big performance for Morris, who has battled back soreness throughout the season.

"Where I was last year, I'm just starting to come back to that," he said. "You've got to have the mentality ... just coming in a have-to-win game."

"Wyatt when he throws does a great job of throwing strikes, but throwing effective strikes — not just throwing the ball right down the middle,

right on the edges all the time, and usually working ahead of hitters," said Pendleton coach T.J. Haguewood. "He's had a hurt back and he's just getting back to strength, and right at the right time. We're going to need him, hopefully, for a playoff run. He's struggled this year a couple times out, and the last couple times it's been the old Wyatt and he's been dialed in, so that's good to see."

Hermiston (9-13, 3-6) made Pendleton pay for its early miscues and Jordan Ramirez reached base on an error, advanced to third on a passed ball, then scored on an error to make it 1-0.

But the Bulldogs couldn't keep any momentum going through the middle innings, and it was too late when the team finally started to make some rumblings with a short rally in the sixth inning.

"For a huge game I think our energy level was sub-par. I don't know why," said Hermiston coach Lance Hawkins. "It wasn't until the last inning that we finally had a little energy, so I don't know. I don't get it, and that's what we talked about."

"I think (starting pitcher Caden) Schwirse threw pretty well. I wish we would have supported him at the plate a little bit more. It should have been closer than that."

With the exception of Joel Mendez (3 for 4) and Lukas Tolan (2 for 2), Morris kept Hermiston's hitters in check throughout most of the game and was able to get some timely plays from his defense to end Bulldog scoring threats.

Double plays got the Bucks out of the first and fourth innings, and the Bulldogs had two runners thrown out at third base.

Pendleton's big inning came in the bottom of the second and was also aided by a few mistakes by the other team. Ryan Russell (2 for 4) led off reaching on an error, then a walk and a bunt by Hayden Villers (3 for 4) that got past Schwirse loaded the bases.

Justin Duso was hit by a pitch to knot the score at one apiece, and then with a full count Lani cleared the bases with a double to the wall in center to make it 4-1.

Hermiston scored one in the third on a double by Kaden Caldwell, but Pendleton added runs in the fourth and fifth to go up 8-2.

Russell touched home three times, Villers scored twice, and Morris and Duso each drove in two.

Hermiston's last run was scored by Slade Gritz on a passed ball in the sixth.

The Bulldogs are tied for third with The Dalles (9-13, 3-6) and only the top three CRC teams will earn playoff berths, and only the top two will be guaranteed a home game in the postseason.

"It's gotta be within. You've got to want to do this," Hawkins said. "So we're going to come back tomorrow and practice hard, and get ready for Friday's game. We've got a ton of talent, and I told these guys, 'Once you get in the playoffs anything can happen, but we've got to get in the playoffs first. We've got to get in there.'"

UP NEXT
Both teams play Friday at 4:30 p.m. with Pendleton at The Dalles and Hermiston hosting Hood River Valley.

	HHS	101	001	0	—	3	7	1
PHS	040	131	X	—	9	10	5	
W	—	W. Morris	—	—	—	C. Schwirse		
2B	—	K. Caldwell (HHS)	—	—	—	N. Lani (PHS)		

SOFTBALL: McGlothan hits double to get Bucks going in second, then steals home

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unearned run and two walks and struck out five, and then added two hits and four RBIs to lead the Buckaroos.

"Hermiston's always a little bit better of a victory," Richards said with a smile afterwards. "But just like any game, we had to have our bats going and defense going because every game is crucial for us to get to where we want to be and I think we did good today."

Pendleton (19-3, 7-1 CRC) pounded out 10 hits to get its 10 runs, though all of the scoring came in two innings. The Buckaroos scored six runs in the second and five runs in the sixth inning, mustering just three baserunners and just one hit in the other four innings that the team batted.

Hermiston (7-15, 1-7) coach Kate Greenough said that those two big innings were especially frustrating knowing how hard and how well the Bulldogs played in the remainder of the game.

"Take those two innings away and it's a great game," she said. "The girls fight ahrd, but two big innings cost us. We talked about controlling the things we can control and we didn't and it put us in a hole. They didn't stop fighting and I really appreciated that, but there's a disconnect of what we need to get done in seven innings time."

In that second inning, Kalan McGlothan led off with a double and then scored on a steal of home and then three batters later Kila Solomon hit an RBI double to center field to give Pendleton a 2-0 lead

against Hermiston pitcher Julissa Almaguer. The Bucks loaded the bases after Maddy Parker was hit with a pitch and Tatum Fell reached on an error, which brought Richards to the plate with two outs.

On a 1-0 count, Richards turned quickly on a high-pitch and pulled it down the third base line and it rolled all the way into the left field corner to clear the bases with a three-RBI double. It broke the game open to a 5-0 Pendleton lead.

"I just went up to the plate knowing what pitch I wanted and the pitch was kind of a mistake over the middle," Richards said of the at-bat. "I just went for the pitch, it was down the middle and it felt good. I watched it go right past the third baseman."

After that second inning,

freshman Janelle Almaguer took over for Hermiston in the circle and kept Pendleton hitters off-balance giving up just one hit in her first three innings.

"She was trying to work hard and back up her sister which you love to see," Greenough said of the freshman pitcher. "But we need to keep them off-balance the entire time. Good batters make adjustments and that's what Pendleton did so we need to make sure we're always working ahead and being smarter than the batter."

Janelle ran into trouble in the sixth inning, however, allowing a leadoff double to Solomon. It looked like Hermiston might escape the inning after getting the next two outs, but Kirah McGlothan ripped an RBI single into left field which started

a string of three-straight RBI singles as Richards and Hergert followed and boosted the lead to 10-1.

Hermiston got its only run in the fourth inning, when Bailey Noland hit an RBI single into left field to score Sydney Stefani from third base. The Bulldogs had other opportunities to score, stranding eight runners total, including a bases-loaded, no-out situation in the seventh.

Hermiston's offense caused some issues for Pendleton's defense a few times in the game, as the Bulldogs barrage of bunt attempts and slap hits led to three infield singles and two Pendleton errors. Buckaroo coach Tim Cary said that when done right and consistently, Hermiston's offensive approach can cause headaches for defenses.

"Hermiston always puts you in interesting situations with they way they bunt and slapt and can definitely get you out of position," he said. "They had some innings where they put some runners on and put us in some awkward positions on defense but thank goodness we solidified things and Lauren (Richards) did a heck of a job of battling and got things done herself."

UP NEXT
Pendleton travels to The Dalles on Friday afternoon for a 4:30 p.m. first pitch. Hermiston will host Hood River Valley on Friday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

	HHS	000	100	0	—	1	5	3
PHS	060	005	X	—	10	10	2	
(H) Ju. Almaguer, Ja. Almaguer (3) and B. Noland, (P) L. Richards and K. Solomon. W — L. Richards, L — Ju. Almaguer. 2B — L. Richards, K. McGlothan, R. Gentner, K. Solomon (PHS).								

PREPS: Stanfield, Weston-McEwen win

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Sherman in third place in SD6. They host Culver on Saturday with first pitch scheduled for 11 a.m.

	PRHS	010000	1	—	2	4	0
SHS	002000	1	—	3	7	1	
W	—	B. Troutman	—	—	B. Pierce		
2B	—	T. Homer (SHS)	—	—	C. Weinke (PRHS)		
HR	—	Justesen (SHS)	—	—	C. Weinke (PRHS)		

STANFIELD 17, BAKER 3 — At Baker City, Stanfield tallied six extra-base hits and allowed just four total as the Tigers rocked the Baker Bulldogs 17-3 in five innings in a non-league game on Tuesday afternoon.

Tony Flores had a team-best three hits in the game with three runs scored, two RBI and a double. Dylan Grogan had two hits with a double and three RBI, Brody Woods had two hits, three RBI and a triple, Adrian Renner had two hits, three runs and three RBIs with a triple, and Klay Jenson added two hits with a home run and four RBI.

Grogan and Jenson also teamed up on the mound for Stanfield (17-1, 10-0 EOL), with Grogan starting the game and giving up one run and one hit in two innings with six strikeouts. Jenson followed for three innings, allowing three hits, two runs, two walks and four strikeouts.

UP NEXT
Stanfield will travel to Umatilla for a doubleheader on Friday at 1 p.m.

	SHS	128	06	—	17	12	2
BHS	010	20	—	3	4	4	
(S) D. Grogan, K. Jenson (3) and T. Monkus. (B) Zemmer, McCouley (3), Mazzagotte (5). W — D. Grogan, L — Zemmer. 2B — A. Renner, T. Flores, D. Grogan (SHS); McCouley (BHS). 3B — B. Woods, A. Renner (SHS). HR — K. Jenson (SHS).							

WESTON-MCEWEN 19, UNION 0 — At Union, the Weston-McEwen Tiger-Scots earned their first shutout victory of the season with a 19-0 blowout victory over the Union Bobcats on Tuesday afternoon.

The top five spots of the Weston-McEwen (7-9, 5-6 SD6) batting order was dominant in the game, combining for 12 of the teams 15 hits. Brett Speed and Brendan Dearing both had three each to lead the team, with Speed picking up two doubles and six RBI and Dearing adding four runs scored.

Hunter Sater had two hits for the Tiger-Scots, including a grand slam home run in the top of the second inning.

Speed also picked up the win on the mound as he struck out four and gave up just three hits in four scoreless innings. Dearing threw a scoreless fifth and struck out two to end it.

UP NEXT
Weston-McEwen hosts Elgin for a doubleheader on Saturday at 1 p.m.

	W-M	342	73	—	19	15	0
UHS	000	00	—	0	3	6	
(W) B. Speed, B. Dearing and G. Shell. W — B. Speed. 2B — B. Speed 2 (W-M). HR — H. Sater (W-M).							

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL

Friday
Hood River at Hermiston, 4:30 p.m.
Pendleton at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Friday
Hood River at Hermiston, 4:30 p.m.
Pendleton at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.

PREP TRACK & FIELD

Friday
Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Heppner, Riverside, Weston-McEwen, Echo, Helix at Baker, 10 a.m.

Saturday

Irrigon, Echo, Condon/Wheeler at Arlington, 10 a.m.

PREP TENNIS

Today
Hermiston (boys) at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
Pendleton (girls) at Hermiston, 4 p.m.

Friday

Mac-Hi, Riverside, Umatilla, Stanfield, Helix, Lone, Condon/Wheeler at sub-district tournament (Ontario), TBA

Saturday

Mac-Hi, Riverside, Umatilla, Stanfield, Helix, Lone, Condon/Wheeler at sub-district tournament (Ontario), TBA

PREP GOLF

Today
Mac-Hi at Veteran's GC, 2 p.m.

Friday

Pendleton, Hermiston at Eagle Crest, 8 a.m.
Heppner, Niyaawii at Buffalo Peak GC, 10 a.m.

Saturday

Pendleton, Hermiston at Eagle Crest, 8 a.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Today
Spokane at Blue Mountain (2), 1 p.m.

Saturday

Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain (2), 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Friday
Blue Mountain at Wenatchee Valley (2), 2 p.m.
Eastern Oregon vs College of Idaho (at Salem), 9 a.m.

Saturday

Eastern Oregon vs TBD (at Salem), TBD
Blue Mountain at Yakima Valley (2), Noon

Basketball

NBA

Playoff glance
SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland 1, Toronto 0
Monday, May 1: Cleveland 116, Toronto 105
Today: Toronto at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Friday: Cleveland at Toronto, 4 p.m.

West 2, Washington 0

April 30: Boston 123, Washington 111
Today: Boston 129, Washington 119, OT
Thursday: Boston at Washington, 5 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Houston 1, San Antonio 0
Monday: Houston 126, San Antonio 99
Today: Houston at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.
Friday: San Antonio at Houston, 6:30 p.m.

Golden State 1, Utah 0

Today: Golden State 106, Utah 94
Thursday: Utah at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: Golden State at Utah, 5:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

Playoff glance
Second Round
(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1
May 1: Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Today: Washington at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.

Ottawa 2, N.Y. Rangers 1

April 27: Ottawa 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
April 29: Ottawa 6, N.Y. Rangers 5, 2OT
Tuesday: N.Y. Rangers 4, Ottawa 1
Thursday: Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 4:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Edmonton 2, Anaheim 1
April 30: Anaheim 6, Edmonton 3
Today: Anaheim at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Friday: Edmonton at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.

Nashville 3, St. Louis 1

April 26: Nashville 4, St. Louis 3
April 28: St. Louis 3, Nashville 2
April 30: Nashville 3, St. Louis 1
Tuesday: Nashville 2, St. Louis 1
Friday: Nashville at St. Louis, 5 p.m.

Baseball

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 0
Houston 8, Texas 7
Minnesota 9, Oakland 1
Tampa Bay 3, Miami 1
Boston 5, Baltimore 2
Detroit 5, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 11, Toronto 5
L.A. Angels at Seattle, late finish

Today's Games

Toronto (Straman 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 1-2) at Boston (Pomeranz 2-1), 4:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 2-2) at Detroit (Boyd 2-1), 4:10 p.m.
Miami (Conley 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Snell 0-2), 4:10 p.m.
Oakland (Graveman 2-1) at Minnesota (Santiago 2-1), 5:10 p.m.
Texas (Martinez 0-0) at Houston (Morton 2-2), 5:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Pelfrey 0-1) at Kansas City (Karns 0-2), 5:15 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Nolasco 2-2) at Seattle (Iwaku-ma 0-2), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay 3, Miami 1
Atlanta 9, N.Y. Mets 7
Chicago Cubs 8, Philadelphia 3
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 1
Pittsburgh 12, Cincinnati 3
Arizona 6, Washington 3
L.A. Dodgers 13, San Francisco 5

Today's Games
Arizona (Ray 2-1) at Washington (Gonzalez 3-0), 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Tailon 2-0) at Cincinnati (Davis 0-1), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 1-1) at Atlanta (Colon 1-2), 4:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 3-1), 5:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 2-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 2-3), 5:15 p.m.
Colorado (Senzala 3-1) at San Diego (Weaver 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Samardzija 0-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Urias 0-0), 7:10 p.m.

Soccer

MLS
Today
Orlando City at Toronto FC, 4:30 p.m.
New York at Sporting Kansas City, 5:30 p.m.

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