TENNIS: Hermiston girls get confidence boost going into districts

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was awful. It was starting to make me tired toward the end of the second set, but you've just got to push through it if you want the W.

After a short break and wet towel to wipe his face, Johnson came back and won the next two games.

"I definitely needed to take a break after he got two on me in row," Johnson said. "It went a lot better than last time, last time I had to go to a tiebreaker with him and I won, so it was definitely an improvement. I've been practicing my serve a lot, so I didn't double fault as many times as I did last time.

At No. 1 doubles Hermiston's Thomas McCullough and Patrick Wicks took care of business against a new Buckaroo pairing of Easton Phelan and Joey Savage with a 6-3, 6-1 win. Koby Grigg and Matt Eckhardt also beat a new team, Jeremy Sellers and Josh Mendoza, at No. 2 doubles 6-3, 6-3.

"I mixed doubles around a little today trying some teams we haven't had before, always looking for that magic combination," said Pend-

leton coach Chris Holdman. "They won some games, and so it was competitive. A good showing for us."

Hayden Cissna picked up Hermiston's singles win by outlasting Silas Johnston 6-2, 6-3. The match featured several long rallies, and lasted just longer than the No. I match on the adjacent court.

"Oh goodness the heat was horrible," Cissna said afterward. "The heat was so bad just because I'm not used to it yet because it goes from spring to summer so quick. It just gets so hot.'

Cissna seemed to get more aggressive as the match went, though, and said that was because Johnston was playing pretty conservatively.

When it first starts I take it a little slow and measure how good he is, how hard he's going to hit it, and how he's going to set me up for good shots," he said. "And then I start to hit it hard if he's giving me a little bit of room. ... (The season) is definitely going good, I mean a lot better than last year. I'm always seeing improvement.

"I mean, I used to just survive as I was playing but now I'm actually starting to



Lincoln Johnson, of Pendleton, hits a forehand shot during his match against Hermiston's Jose Mendoza on Wednesday at West Hills Courts.

attack."

Despite Pendleton's loss, Holdman said he was happy to see each match competitive with the district tournament coming up on May 12-13.

"Anytime that we can

tie Hermiston 3-3 in match scores is good for us," he said. "It's been a while since we did that, so that was a good outing for us. All the kids played really well." **UP NEXT**

River today at 2 p.m. Pendleton will play at Hood

River on Monday at 4 p.m.

Lincoln Johnson (P) def. Jose Mendoza

Hayden Cissna (H) def. Silas Johnston 6-2, 6-3 Peter Wallace (P) def. Austin Garcia 6-1, 6-1

Doubles
Thomas McCullough/Patrick Wicks (H)
def. Easton Phelan/Joey Savage 6-3, 6-3
Koby Grigg/Matt Eckhardt (H) def. Jeremy
Sellers/Josh Mendoza 6-3, 6-3
Elton Harrison/Stanton Schmitz (P) def. Eli Muniz/Allan Zepeda 6-2, 5-7 (10-8)

GIRLS TENNIS

HERMISTON 7, PEND-LETON 1 — At Hermiston, the Bulldogs girls tennis team heads into districts on a high note after beating Pendleton soundly, 7-1 on Wednesday afternoon.

Hermiston coach Jason Sivey said that it was the type of performance he had been waiting to see from his team and the type that his team needed as they march toward districts.

"It gives us a big boost of confidence coming off two tough weekends of tennis up at Capital (WA) and Bend, he said. "It was a good win to get, for sure." Hermiston's only loss of

the day came at No. 1 singles when Pendleton's Jenna Senter took down Mackenzie

Hermiston is at Hood Hill 6-3 and 6-1. But from that point on, Hermiston did not drop a set in any of the final seven matches.

"We just came out more passionate and fired up," he said. "We came out strong and just played well all around."

Sivey pointed out the No. 2 doubles team of Reed Middleton and Breena Wadekamper as a match that stood out to him. The Bulldog duo breezed past Pendleton's Danae Smith and Gabby Cuthbert 6-0 and 6-0 to claim the victory.

"They both came out real strong today which was exciting to see," Sivey said. **UP NEXT**

Pendleton will wrap up its regular season by hosting Hood River on Monday at 4 p.m. Hermiston will prepare for the district tournament at Sunriver resort next week.

Singles Jenna Senter (P) def. Mackenzie Hill 6-3, 6-1

Adriann Stewart (H) def. Abby Williams 6-1, 6-1

Breckyn Meachem (H) def. Bethany Flanagan 6-2, 6-2 Alyssa Perkins (H) def. Becca Walker

DoublesTernes/Millard (H) def. Patterson/Davies 6-1, 6-2 Middleton/Wadekamper (H) def. Smith/

Sanchez/Hamilton (H) def. Walker/Lapp Snyder/Bradshaw (H) def. Wilcox/Harrisor 6-1, 6-1

MARIOTA: Made one catch for 11 yards in Oregon's spring game was like, 'Well, I didn't really never used to really hang

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Center on campus.

In his second pro season, Marcus ranked 10th in the NFL with a 95.6 passer rating, third-best in franchise history. He threw 26 touchdowns with only nine interceptions, and his 3,426 yards passing were the most for this team since 2011.

"I hung out with my brother at Oregon," he told reporters in Tennessee a couple of weeks ago. "I'd go in every day to get some treatment and do little things

that hopefully would help me through my process. But for the most part I kind of just took some time away from the game, reflected a bit and enjoyed some family time.'

The most decorated player in Oregon's history, Marcus set school records with more than 10,700 passing yards and 135 total touchdowns, including 105 passing, 29 rushing and two receiving. He rushed for more than 2,200 yards over his Oregon career, which ended early when he decided to go pro. He was the second-overall

pick in the 2015 NFL draft.

Matt followed his older brother's footsteps to Eugene and in the upcoming season he'll be a redshirt sophomore shifting from linebacker to tight end. He'll help shore up a position that saw the departure of Pharaoh Brown, Johnny Mundt and Evan Baylis.

So, no, he's not a quarterback. Marcus' records at Oregon are safe.

'Obviously, my brother, it's a huge offensive influence," Matt said about the "Watching switch. throughout the years, I kind

of pick up on the offense, I pick up on different stuff. I think it was just easy for me to come over. And it was something I wanted to do."

Matt has just wrapped up spring practices. He had a reception for 11 yards in the annual spring game on Saturday, which earned him a loud ovation from the nearly 37,000 fans at Autzen Stadium.

"To be honest, I didn't even hear it," Matt said. "I was just locked in and when I get off the field my teammates and everybody was like, 'Everybody's cheering for you' and I hear it.' I guess I'll have to go and watch it on TV because my parents recorded it." Like his older brother, Matt

Mariota hails from Hawaii and was a walk-on for the Ducks when he arrived in 2015. Matt and the Ducks are

embarking on their first season under coach Willie Taggart, who replaced Mark Helfrich after Oregon finished 4-8 overall last season and 2-7 in the Pac-12.

"I think we're all bonding a lot more. It's like a family atmosphere" Matt said. "We out but now it's like all the kids want to hang out, they want to do stuff together. It's really, really nice.' Before the spring game,

the Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center was given a traditional Hawaiian blessing. Older brother Marcus was there, tearing up after the ceremony. The younger Mariota was

reminded that Marcus always called him the better athlete.

"He knows who's the real athlete," Matt joked with a smile.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL Friday

at Union (2), 11 a.m./1 p.m. Heppner at Union (2), 11 a.m./1 p Stanfield at Umatilla (2), 1/3 p.m. Joseph at Riverside (2), 1/4 p.m. Irrigon at Nyssa (2), 2/4 p.m. Pendleton at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday
Culver at Pilot Rock (2), 11 a.m./ 1 p.m.
Mac-Hi at La Grande (2), 1/3 p.m.
Elgin at Weston-McEwen (2), 1/3 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Friday
Pilot Rock at Heppner (2), 11 a.m./1 p.m
Weston-McEwen at Irrigon (2), 1/3 p.m.
Riverside at Echo (2), 1/3 p.m. Hood River at Hermiston, 4:30 p.m. Pendleton at The Dalles, 4:30 p.m Saturday Mac-Hi at La Grande (2), 1/3 p.m.

PREPTRACK & FIELD Friday
Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Heppner, Riverside,
Weston-McEwen, Echo, Helix at Baker,

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

PREPTENNIS

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

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

PREP GOLF

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

Saturday

Pendleton, Hermiston at Eagle Crest,

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

COLLEGE BASEBALL

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

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

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

Prep Scores

BASEBALL

Class 6A
Wilson 8, CLEVELAND 1
MADISON 10, Franklin 3
Grant 24, BENSON 4
Aloha 11, SOUTHRIDGE 10
Southridge 5, ALOHA 4
Continue 2, WIESTY/IEW 0 Century 2, WESTVIEW 0

Century 2, WESTVIEW 0
Clackamas 6, BARLOW 5
Oregon City 11, REYNOLDS 2
GRESHAM 3, Centennial 1
TIGARD 8, Newberg 5
LAKE OSWEGO 9, Tualatin 3
SHERWOOD 3, Lakeridge 1
WEST LINN 26, Canby 4
Sprague 3, WEST ALBANY 0
South Salem 11, NORTH SALEM 1 (5 inn.)
MCNARY 9, West Salem 3
JESUIT 16, McMinnville 7
Class 5A

JESUII 16, McMinnville / Class 5A PARKROSE 3, Milwaukie 2 Sandy 4, ST. HELENS 3 Putnam 11, HILLSBORO 3 Wilsonville 13, LA SALLE PREP 2 SOUTH ALBANY 3, Central 1 CORVALLIS 13, Silverton 5 CRESCENT VALLEY 10, Dallas 0 LERANON 12, Woodburg 2

Mountain View 10, BEND 9 Mountain View 10, BEND 9
Redmond 12, RIDGEVIEW 0 (5 innings)
Class 4A
SCAPPOOSE 9, Astoria 8 (8 Innings)
VALLEY CATHOLIC 13, Seaside 1 (5

LEBANON 12, Woodburn 2

innings) ESTACADA 6, Madras 0 CROOK COUNTY 13, Corbett 3
North Marion 12, NEWPORT 2 (6 Innings)
Philomath 19, STAYTON 6 (6 innings)
Fruitland (ID) 15, ONTARIO 14 (10:29pm

Class 3A

Rainier 8, WARRENTON 0 SALEM ACAD. 10, Jefferson 0 (5 inn.) Knappa 8, PLEASANT HILL 4

Class 2A/1A NESTUCCA 1, Neah-Kah-Nie 0 ST. PAUL 9, Country Christian / North Clackamas Christian 5 Elkton / Yoncalla 12, CROW 2 (6 innings) OAKRIDGE 5, Lowell 2
Monroe 8, OAKLAND 5
RIDDLE / DAYS CREEK 15, Gold Beach 10
Umpqua Valley Christian / Melrose Christian 6, BANDON 2

SOFTBALL Class 6A Franklin 9, ROOSEVELT 2 CLEVELAND 7, Wilson 3 Grant 13, MADISON 5 LIBERTY 7, Sunset 6 (8 inn.) Glencoe 13, ALOHA 3

WESTVIEW 14, Beaverton 9 Jesuit 12, SOUTHRIDGE 0 Barlow 3, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 0 GRESHAM 5, Reynolds 2 Clackamas 6, DAVID DOUGLAS 3

Oregon City 3, CENTENNIAL 0 Newberg 7, SHERWOOD 6 Tigard 9, LAKERIDGE 0 Ilgard 9, LAKERIDGE 0
WEST LINN 7, Canby 2
Tualatin 11, LAKE OSWEGO 0
MCNARY 11, Forest Grove 6
West Salem 5, SPRAGUE 0
Lebanon 3, SHELDON 2

Class 5A

Class 5A
Parkrose 3, ST. HELENS 2
La Salle Prep 23, WILSONVILLE 0
Putnam 3, HILLSBORO 1
ST. HELENS 8, Parkrose 4
SILVERTON 12, South Albany 2
RIDGEVIEW 12, Redmond 2 (6 innings)
BEND 4, Mountain View 3
JUNCTION CITY 7, Thurston 6
Class 4A
Class 4A

Class 4A Banks 21, TILLAMOOK 0 (5 inn) Baliks 21, ILLAWIOUN 016 IIII)
Scappoose 10, ASTORIA 1
CORBETT 4, Crook County 3
Estacada 10, MADRAS 5
Gladstone 12, MOLALLA 0
YAMHILL-CARLTON 17, Cascade 6 (5inn)
PHILOMATH 10, Stayton 0 (5 inn.) Newport 8, NORTH MARION 4 ELMIRA 6, Glide 2

ELMIRA 6, Julie 2
Class 3A
Rainier 6, WARRENTON / JEWELL 0
Willamina 11, SANTIAM CHRISTIAN 10
Jefferson 28, SALEM ACAD. 11 (5inn)
AMITY 13, Clatskanie 9
DAYTON 3, Pleasant Hill 0

Gaston 5, KNAPPA 2 Monroe 12, OAKI AND 2 North Douglas 12, MOHAWK 1 Basketball

Playoff glance SECOND ROUND

FASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland 2, Toronto 0 Monday: Cleveland 116, Toronto 105 Today: Cleveland 125, Toronto 103 Friday: Cleveland at Toronto, 4 p.m. Boston 2, Washington 0 Sunday, April 30: Boston 123, Washington

Foday: Boston 129, Washington 119, OT WESTERN CONFERENCE

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Houston 1, San Antonio 1
Monday: Houston 126, San Antonio 99
Today: San Antonio 121, Houston 96
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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1
April 27: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
April 29: Pittsburgh 6, Washington 2
Monday: Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Wednesday: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
Saturday: Pittsburgh at Washington, 4:15 p.m.
Ottawa 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
April 27: Ottawa 2, N.Y. Rangers 5, 2OT
Tuesday: N.Y. Rangers 4, Ottawa 1
Today: Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 4:30 p.m.

Today: Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 4:30 p.m. **WESTERN CONFERENCE**

April 28: Edmonton 2, Anaheim 1
April 26: Edmonton 5, Anaheim 3
April 28: Edmonton 2, Anaheim 1
April 30: Anaheim 6, Edmonton 3

Wednesday: Anaheim at Edmonton, 7 p.m. Friday: Edmonton at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m. Nashville 3, St. Louis 1

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

Baseball

April 26: Nashville 4, St. Louis 3

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Cleveland 12 .556 12 .538 Chicago Detroit Kansas City **West Division** 13 .519 1 17 .346 5½

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9 .679 — 14 .517 4½ 16 .428 7 16 .407 7½ 17 .393 8 Los Angeles Seattle Oakland Texas

Wednesday's Games N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 6 Boston 4, Baltimore 2 Cleveland 3, Detroit 2 Miami 10, Tampa Bay 6 Houston 10, Texas 1 Minnesota 7, Oakland 4
Kansas City 6, Chicago White Sox 1
Seattle 8, L.A. Angels 7

Today's Games
Cleveland (Salazar 2-2) at Detroit (Fulmer 2-1), 10:10 a.m.

Oakland (Cotton 2-3) at Minnesota (Gib-

Oakard (Colon 2-3) at Millinesota (Gibson 0-3), 10:10 p.m.
Texas (Griffin 2-0) at Houston (Musgrove 1-2), 11:10 a.m.
Chicago White Sox (Holland 2-2) at Kansas City (Kennedy 0-2), 11:15 a.m.
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Baltimore (Jimenez 1-1) at boston (Kerderick 0-0), 4:10 p.m. Miami (Straily 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Andriese 1-1), 4:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (Meyer 0-0) at Seattle (Miranda 2-2), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Colorado 11 .607 12 .586 1/2 Los Angeles

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Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee at St. Louis, ppd.
Washington 2, Arizona 1
Cincinnati 7, Pittsburgh 2
Miami 10, Tampa Bay 6
N.Y. Mets 16, Atlanta 5
Chicago Cubs 5, Philadelphia 4
Colorado 11, San Diego 3
San Francisco at L San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late finish Today's Games
Pittsburgh (Nova 3-2) at Cincinnati (Adleman 0-1), 9:35 a.m.

Arizona (Shipley 0-0) at Washington (Scherzer 3-2), 10:05 a.m. Philadelphia (Eflin 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lackey 2-3), 11:20 a.m. Colorado (Freeland 3-1) at San Diego (Perdomo 0-0), 12:40 p.m.

Miami (Straily 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Andriese Milami (Strain 1-2) at Tampa bay (Andrese 1-1), 4:10 p.m. Milwaukee (Anderson 2-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 2-3), 4:15 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 1-2) at Atlanta (Garcia 1-1), 4:35 p.m.

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