

HERMISTON

Bulldogs duo caps undefeated run

Hermiston boys fall in league match to Hood River

East Oregonian

HOOD RIVER — Thomas McCullough and Patrick Wicks finished off an undefeated Columbia River Conference season on Thursday when Hermiston boys tennis went to Hood River to take on the Eagles.

Despite the strong lead from their No. 1 doubles team, the Bulldogs were unable to get the win and were trailing in the final two matches that were called early due to lightning.

Hood River took the 4-2 victory, and Hermiston's only



other win was by Koby Grigg and Jason Morris at No. 2 doubles.

"It's been a tough season, losing the top half of our lineup (to graduation) and having kids step in to replace them that haven't had a lot of court time," said Hermiston coach Shann West. "We've got guys that are fighting, and sometimes they fight too much and it bites them in the rear."

That wasn't the case for Wicks and McCullough, which represent the Bulldogs' best

chance at a state berth this season and beat twins Adam and Luke Harter 6-1, 6-1.

"These guys headed into districts have a shot, and hopefully we can get them prepared this week," West said.

Grigg and Morris beat Charlie Bickford and Soren Rajani 6-2, 7-5.

Bulldogs singles players Hayden Cissna and Jose Sanchez were both trailing in the second set of their matches when a thunderstorm brought



Wicks



McCullough

championships on May 12-13 in Sunriver.

Singles
Sawyer Bogard (HR) def. Kaleb Jorgensen 6-2, 6-0
Simon Harsani (HR) def. Jose Mendoza 7-5, 6-0

Doubles
Patrick Wicks/Thomas McCullough (HM) Adam Harter/Luke Harter 6-1, 6-1
Koby Grigg/Jason Morris (HM) def. Charlie Bickford/Soren Rajani 6-2, 7-5
Arnoldo Perez/Reese Carroll (HR) def. Matt Eckhardt/Austin Garcia 6-2, 6-2
Jay Fielder/Ben Fick (HR) def. Alan Zepeda/Eli Muniz 6-4, 6-3

about an early end to the day's action.

UP NEXT
The Bulldogs won't have another match until the district

BRIEFLY

Pendleton to host Teen Wellness Night at Warberg

PENDLETON — There will be a Teen Wellness Night at Pendleton High School's Warberg Court on May 17, 7-9 p.m. Umatilla County Public Health and various community sponsors will be conducting this free wellness night for students in sixth through 12th grades from any area schools.

Available services include sports physicals, vision, dental and behavioral health screenings, orthopedic assessment and vaccinations.

Students attending each station will have their names submitted in a drawing for free Round-Up tickets.

This will be the only night to get a sports physical at PHS before fall athletics begin on August 14. All sports physicals are valid for two years; student-athletes must have a sports physical completed on the official OSAA sports physical form before they can participate in any tryout or practice.

For more information contact the PHS athletic office at (541) 966-3802.

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NBA

Green shows range, leads Warriors past Jazz

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Draymond Green showed Quin Snyder his hot hand and range up close, knocking down five 3-pointers and scoring 21 points before a brief knee scare late in the Golden State Warriors' 115-104 victory over the Utah Jazz on Thursday night for a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Kevin Durant added 25 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists, while Stephen Curry had 23 points, seven assists and played smothering defense as Golden State stayed unblemished through six playoff games.

Gordon Hayward overcame a poor Game 1 and slow start in this one to score 33 points, and Rudy Gobert had 16 points and 16 rebounds before fouling out for a Jazz

team missing injured point guard George Hill. He was ruled out earlier in the day because of a sore left big toe.

Game 3 is Saturday night in Salt Lake City.

Snyder made it clear when the series began he won't be alienating Green again by daring him to let it fly from long range — or saying anything that could be perceived as criticism.

Five months after the Jazz coach questioned Green's perimeter range and commented about allowing the emotional Golden State star to shoot from way out, Snyder said before the game he had learned his lesson about fueling the All-Star forward.

Green has been fueling himself just fine, and his teammates, too — delivering on the offensive side this game after establishing the Warriors'

defensive intensity during the first five playoff games.

All his 3s were in the first half as the Warriors led wire to wire again. Golden State's six straight victories to begin a post-season are a franchise record.

WIZARDS 116, CELTICS 89 — At Washington, John Wall scored 24 points, Isaiah Thomas was held to 13 and the Washington Wizards jumped out to a hot start and rode it to a 116-89 victory over the Boston Celtics in a technical foul-filled Game 3 on Thursday night to cut their series deficit to 2-1.

The Wizards used a 22-0 first-quarter run to take a 34-12 lead as Thomas and the Celtics kept missing shots and turning the ball over. The game was already a blowout in the second when Washington's Kelly Oubre Jr. was ejected for

charging and knocking over Kelly Olynyk after the Boston big man was called for an illegal screen.

There were eight technical fouls and three ejections total.

Otto Porter and Bojan Bogdanovic scored 19 points apiece for Washington, which improved to 4-0 at home in the playoffs. Washington's 119 first-quarter points is an NBA record for the first three games of a series.

Responding to what coach Scott Brooks deemed a "bad shooting night" in Game 2, Bradley Beal scored Washington's first seven points and finished with 11.

Defensively, the Wizards found a solution to Thomas, who was held to 13 points on 3-of-8 shooting. Thomas, who had some dental work adjusted at halftime, scored seven points at the free throw line.

Athlete of the Week

Twenty questions with Stanfield's Brody Woods

East Oregonian

STANFIELD — Brody Woods picked up right where he left off last season for Stanfield baseball in 2017, and last week was a perfect highlight.

On offense, Woods compiled five hits, five RBI, four runs scored and two doubles as his Tigers went 3-0 against Joseph and Irrigon. But Woods' cherry on top was as a pitcher in Game 1 of Friday's doubleheader with Joseph when the junior threw a five-inning no-hitter, needing just 60 pitches to strike out 10 batters and walk just one.

For his efforts, Woods has been selected as the East Oregonian Athlete of the Week for the week of April 24-30.

EO: How old were you when you started playing sports and what was the first one you tried?

BW: Probably as soon as I could walk I was playing teeball.

What is your favorite sport to play?

It's always nice outside during baseball season, it's a relaxed sport and takes a lot of skill and thinking instead of just physical ability.

What is your favorite sport to watch on TV?

College basketball

What is your favorite MLB team?

Seattle Mariners

Do you have other hobbies outside of sports?

I like to fish, golfing and just playing ping-pong with friends.

If you could try any sport you have not yet played, what would it be?

Men's volleyball or lacrosse

What is your favorite class in school?

Physical Education

Who is your favorite teacher you've had in

school?
My 3rd-4th grade teacher (at Arlington) Ms. Walborn.

If you were in charge of your school, what is one thing you would change?
Longer lunches.

What is your favorite part about growing up in Eastern Oregon?

Growing up I had to travel a lot to play sports so I met a lot of my best friends from playing on different baseball teams and basketball teams.

What is your favorite place in the Pacific Northwest?

Arlington's my hometown, I like going back to see my cousins.

What is your favorite sports movie?

Space Jam (1996)

What is your favorite food?

My mom's cheesy potatoes

What is your least favorite food?

Sushi

What is your favorite local restaurant?

Ixtapa in Hermiston.

What is your go-to sunflower seed flavor during games?

Smoky barbecue

Do you have any pre-game superstitions?

I always wear the same socks for every game.

What is your dream job?

Probably managing or working at a big golf course, or managing an MLB or college baseball field.

What are your plans after high school?

I want to play baseball at a junior college or D-II college.

You're pitching with the game on the line, which Stanfield teammate would you least want to face and why?

Dylan Grogan, he can make contact and when he does it'll go far.

From Tuesday

Beavers shut down Ducks to win Civil War

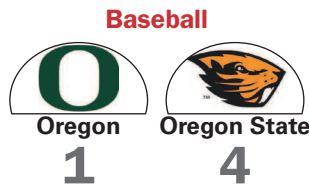
Britton makes first start to lead OSU

CORVALLIS — Jordan Britton and Brandon Eisert combined to hold Oregon to two hits and a walk to send top-ranked Oregon State to a 4-1 win Tuesday in front a sold out crowd of 3,316 at Coleman Field.

The Civil War match-up saw Britton make his first start of the season and his 5 2/3 innings marked a career-long for the sophomore. He came into the game with 4 1/3 innings of

work during the 2017 season. The left-hander from Caldwell, Idaho, limited the Ducks to two hits — a double in the second and single in the sixth — with just one walk. He struck out two and earned the win after 5 2/3 innings — his first of the season.

Eisert, meanwhile, picked up where Britton left off, going 3 1/3 scoreless innings for the save, his second of the year. He struck out six — including five straight from



the seventh through the eighth — and retired all 10 batters he faced. The left-handed freshman has 35 on the year in just 26 2/3 innings. He is averaging 11.8 strikeouts per nine innings.

Jack Anderson drove in a pair to lead the Beavers offensively. He hit a sacrifice fly to get Oregon State on the board in the first, and drove home KJ Harrison with a single in the seventh.

The Beavers, up 1-0

after three, added two runs in the fourth via an Adley Rutschman single and sacrifice fly by Nick Madrigal.

Both Anderson and Rutschman finished with two hits.

Ryne Nelson started for Oregon and took the loss after allowing one hit and one run in one inning of work. He dropped to 0-1.

The win pushed the Beavers to 35-4 on the year, while Oregon dropped to 25-15.

UP NEXT

Oregon State opens a three-game home series with California Friday night.

OSAA: Looking for input on school placement

Continued from 1B

not vote on a class model, but instead voted 23-16 in favor of a cutoff of 95 enrollment between 1A and 2A.)

Class 6A athletic directors were "virtually unanimous" in their support of a five tier system, and 5A ADs voted 22-3 in favor of the six class model.

For Hermiston, the argument may be a moot point as the Bulldogs remained steadfast in their desire to join Washington Interscholastic Activities Association for 2018. Attempts to reach Hermiston athletic director Larry Usher for comment were unsuccessful.

Hermiston is still waiting for the green light from the WIAA to make the move, though, and in the OSAA's most current proposal would be a Class 6A team playing in the six-team Inter County Conference with road trips to Gresham and Bend for league games.

Pendleton would go into a five-team Class 5A Intermountain Conference along with teams from central Oregon as well as current league foes The Dalles and Hood River Valley.

The 4A and 2A athletic directors were largely in favor of keeping the current system with tweaks to allow for teams to petition to play down, or to determine which schools should be playing up despite a lower overall enrollment.

Shawn White was one of the ADs in favor of the six-team system.

"Well obviously I'm happy about that decision," he said. "I think that it really helps with maintaining that competitive balance which is one of the main reasons we went to the six classifications years ago."

Class 3A was a near split, though, with the vote coming out 21-19 in favor of the current structure.

Umatilla Athletic Director Scott Bow said it was mostly private schools and those on the edge of bumping down to 2A who wanted to eliminate a class.

He said the 5A model did nothing to alleviate his school's travel issues, and would only put them into a league with even more travel where they'd be the smallest school.

Bow said he did understand the concerns of his fellow ADs, though, and like White is looking for the OSAA to do even more the balance the playing field by taking more factors than total enrollment into account when placing teams in their classifications.

"From here it's just going to be talking about the per diem, how they're rating the competition in sports," he said. "It's really going to be curious to see where their final numbers do come out, if they do make some major changes."

Bow explained one of things he's looking at are percentage of student popu-

lation engaged in athletics, since private schools tend to have a much higher number of participants than Umatilla despite their comparable total enrollments.

Nearby, Irrigon and Riverside are near the cutoff for 2A and Irrigon Athletic Director Steve Sheller said he cast his vote for the 5A structure that would have dropped the Knights down a level.

"To be honest with you I like the looks — just I'm an Eastern Oregon guy and I like the looks of how the east part of the state looks in a 5A classification system," he said. "It returns, at least most schools to a regional league, and its better travel for most — Umatilla not so much."

Sheller said that while he's hopeful the OSAA will revisit the 5A idea in future years, he's not going to spend any time dwelling on the decision.

"Ultimately my thoughts on it are we will play whoever we're told to play and we're going to coach up our kids and be competitive either way," he said.

The committee won't make its final proposal until Oct. 16 at a Special Classification and Districting Meeting. Since it spent so much time deciding between a 6A and 5A model, the committee is seeking feedback on cutoff points, league alignments and school placements.

Written suggestions and proposals on these issues, as well as other classification related subjects can be

emailed to the OSAA at bradg@osaa.org to be shared with all committee members for review and discussion.

The next public meeting of the Classification and Districting Committee will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 22 at the Al Kader Shriners Headquarters in Wilsonville.

Draft #15 Class 6A Inter County Conference
Barlow Bruins 1,528
Bend Lava Bears 1,468
Gresham Gophers 1,369
Hermiston Bulldogs 1,240
Mountain View Cougars 1,225
Summit Storm 1,391

Class 5A Intermountain Conference
Crook County Cowboys 703
Hood River Valley Eagles 1,171
Pendleton Buckaroos 779
Redmond Panthers 808
Ridgeview Ravens 854
The Dalles Riverhawks 706

Class 4A Greater Oregon League
Baker Bulldogs 434
La Grande Tigers 539
McLoughlin Pioneers 400
Ontario Tigers 541

Class 3A Eastern Oregon League
Burns Hilianders 222
Irregon Knights 209
Nyssa Bulldogs 277
Riverside Pirates 211
Umatilla Vikings 318
Vale Vikings 225

Class 2A Wapiti League
Entarise Outlaws 115
Grant Union Prospectors 148
Heppner Mustangs 97
Imbler Panthers 97
Pilot Rock Rocketts 98
Stanfield Tigers 119
Union Bobcats 107
Weston-McEwen TigerScots 175

Class 1A Big Sky League
Arlington Honkers 44
Condon/Wheeler Knights 59
Dufur Rangers 60
Horizon Christian Hawks 68
Ione Cardinals 68
Mitchell/Spray Loggers 44
Sherman Huskies 67
South Wasco RedSides 67

Class 1A Old Oregon League
Cove Leopards 73
Echo Cougars 82
Elgin Huskies 87
Helix Grizzlies 58
Joseph Eagles 59
Nixyaavii Golden Eagles 41
Pine Eagle Spartans 46
Powder Valley Badgers 69
Wallowa Cougars 58

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Brody Woods

Stanfield Baseball, Junior

Woods threw a no-hitter with 10 strikeouts in Stanfield's 12-0 win over Joseph on Friday, and added five hits, five RBI, four runs and two doubles at the plate as the Tigers went 3-0 against Joseph and Irrigon during the week.

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