

OSAA Tennis State Championships

# Senter can't stop No. 1 Kern

Pendleton senior bumped in state quarterfinals

East Oregonian

PORTLAND — Her odds of winning weren't great, but that didn't make the end of her senior season come with any less of a thud as Pendleton's Jenna Senter was knocked from the bracket at the OSAA Class 5A Girls Tennis State Championships on Friday.

Senter, an unranked player, was going against the overall No. 1 seed Anna Kern of Corvallis.



Kern came away with wins of 6-2, 6-0, but Pendleton coach Rocky Dillenburg said it was a misleading tally.

"Lots of games went to deuce," he said. "The score looks bad but I though she was really competitive."

He said Senter felt she could have done better, but he reminded her that she didn't pick up a racket until years after Kern had likely begun honing her powerful serves.

"For someone who started playing tennis three years ago, she made quite an accomplishment to get herself to state," Dillenburg said of Senter.

The loss ends her season since there are no consolation matches for players who win in the first round. Kern also cruised through the semifinals with a 6-1, 6-0 win over Wilsonville's Sidney Lowe. She plays her older sister Tessa in the title match.

Hermiston's doubles team of Katelyn Millard and Jaycee Termes also had their season ended on Friday with a 8-3 loss to a Corvallis duo in their first match in the consolation bracket.

NBA

# Cavaliers send Celtics to record loss

Cleveland takes 2-0 lead in Eastern finals

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BOSTON — An NBA playoff-record, 41-point halftime lead. A franchise record for total points. A 13th consecutive playoff win, tying another league record.

And LeBron James says the Cleveland Cavaliers can still do better.

"I believe we've got another level, as well," he said after Cleveland steamrolled the Boston Celtics with 130-86 on Friday night to take a 2-0 lead in the Eastern Conference finals. "As well as we played tonight, we've got a couple of things we can do better. There's no complacency for us now. But we like where we're headed."

Minutes after the NBA announced the three finalists for the MVP award — and James wasn't among them — the Cavaliers star scored 30 points before resting in the fourth quarter. Kevin Love had 21 points and 12 rebounds for Cleveland, which led by 14 points after one quarter, by 72-31 at the half and by 46 after three.

Even with all of the starters sitting out the fourth, the 130 points was the most ever scored by the Cavaliers in a playoff game.

Kyrie Irving had 23 points for the Cavaliers, who return home with a chance to finish off the Celtics in Cleveland. It would be the third straight sweep this postseason for the defending NBA champions, who also won the last three games of last year's finals.

Game 3 is Sunday night. "It's one game. I don't care if you win by 200 points," Cavaliers coach Tyrone Lue said. "We're going back home, we're not going to get comfortable. We understand that this is a good team. They're not No. 1 in the East for no reason."

The Celtics played the second half without Isaiah Thomas, who had a strained right hip. Celtics coach Brad Stevens said the star point guard had a nagging injury that he aggravated a week ago during the second-round series against Washington.

Asked how much that hurt his team, Stevens said, "Not 44 points worth."

"I don't want to put that on any one guy," he said. "Ultimately, they were terrific. We were poor. You've got to be able to pick up the slack, certainly, when other guys aren't available."

With both teams going to their benches in the fourth, the only suspense was whether the Celtics could avoid the worst playoff loss in franchise history. The Orlando Magic beat them by 47 points in the first round of the 1995 postseason.

Still, it was the worst home playoff loss ever for the most-decorated franchise in NBA history.



Prep Roundup

# Tigers beat Knights for district title

Woods, Bailey combine to keep Irrigon in check

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STANFIELD — Both teams started fast in the Eastern Oregon League district championship, but only the Stanfield Tigers were able to keep it up over the long haul for an 8-4 win over Irrigon on Friday at Madigan Field.

Tigers starting pitcher Brody Woods settled in to give his team four solid innings on the mound. He didn't allow a run after the first inning, and Ryan Bailey led a Stanfield offense the pushed its lead to 8-2 before the Knights could push two more across the plate in the top of the seventh.

Bailey was 3 for 3 with two RBI, and Tony Flores hit two doubles going 2 for 4 with two RBI and four runs scored.

Irrigon was coming straight from a walk-off win over Nyssa in the semifinals, and put its first runner on base when Lino Covarrubia (1 for 2) drew the first of his two walks in the game.

A hard line drive to Flores at shortstop got the first out, but Austin Rice (1 for 2, two walks) singled to put two on and Covarrubia scored from third on an error in the outfield.

Tanner Mills kept it going with a single to load the bases before Woods got his first strikeout for the second out.

He then walked in a run, though, after Keith Fleming singled off two straight full count offerings, to make it 2-0.

A ground-out ended the threat, and the Tigers began cutting into the lead right away with one run in the bottom of the first.

Thyler Monkus (2 for 3) started out with a walk before two quick outs on fielder's choice and a strikeout. Another walk put two on, and Woods made it a 2-1 game when his single to left brought Flores in from second.

Irrigon had runners on in both the second and third but could do nothing with them as Woods got strikeouts to end both innings.

Baseball



Irrigon  
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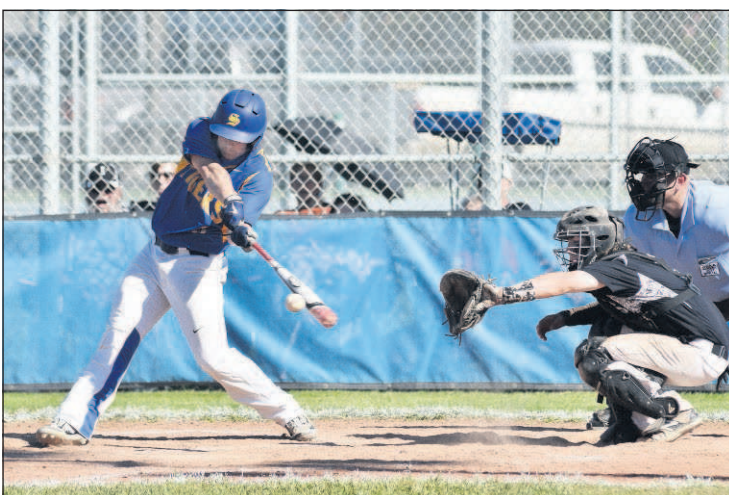


Stanfield  
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Irrigon's Nate Gumbert throws the ball to first after tagging out Stanfield runner Thyler Monkus in the Tigers' 8-4 win against the Knights on Friday in Stanfield.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Stanfield's Ryan Bailey connects with the ball in the bottom of the third inning of the Tigers' 8-4 win against Irrigon on Friday in Stanfield.

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Then Stanfield took the lead with two runs in the bottom of the third.

Monkus singled to lead off, then Flores reached on an error that allowed Monkus to come all the way from first to score the tying run. Then Dylan Grogan singled on a grounder to third, and Bailey singled to drive in Flores and make it 3-2 before Irrigon could get the last two outs on a pickoff at home plate and a pop up to second.

A ground-out left the bases loaded for Irrigon in the top of the fourth, and Bailey came on to relieve Woods in the fifth and stranded a runner at second.

The Tigers then tacked on two more runs in their at-bat when Bailey hit a two-out double to score Flores, and then scored the eventual game-winner on a passed ball to make it 5-2.

UP NEXT  
Both teams will play state playoff

games against opponents that were not determined at press time.

	IHS	SHS	200	000	2	R	H	E
IHS	200	010	3	0	—	5	4	1
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W — B. Woods, T. Flores 2 (SHS).  
2B — R. Bailey, T. Flores 2 (SHS).

IRRIGON 6, NYSSA 5

— At Stanfield, Nate Gumbert singled on a hard grounder to left and Zack Henrichs came around from second to beat the throw to plate and score the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning on Friday in the Eastern Oregon League semifinals.

Adrian Roa also scored on the play, which came with bases loaded and two outs. Roa had made it a 5-4 game earlier in the inning when he singled to drive in Damen Sawyer. Roa (2 for 4) finished with three RBI.

Henrichs pitched the first five innings for the Knights, and struck out six but walked four and

allowed five runs (two earned) on four hits. Austin Rice pitched two hitless innings, striking out two, to get the win.

Johnny Phillips was 2 for 3 at the plate for Irrigon, and Rice was 2 for 4 with one RBI.

Elijah Cleaver was 2 for 3 to lead Nyssa, which will take the EOL's No. 3 seed into the state playoffs.

	NHS	IHS	010	013	0	—	R	H	E
NHS	010	013	0	—	5	4	1		
IHS	200	010	3	—	6	8	3		

W — A. Rice, L. — E. Cleaver.  
2B — E. Cleaver (NHS); J. Phillips, A. Roa (IHS).

SOFTBALL

UNION 10, WESTON-MCEWEN 1 — At Union, a short-handed TigerScots club went up against the playoff-ready Bobcats and couldn't match their plate output on Thursday in a non-league game.

Katie Good hit a home run for Union (17-4), which connected for 10 hits and only struck out once in the game.

The TigerScots were resting pitcher Bailey Hillmick as she recovers from a hamstring injury, and Jordyn Lambert took the brunt of the Bobcats' firepower pitching 3 2/3 innings in the loss.

Courtney Cain led Weston-McEwen (12-8) at the plate going 2 for 4 and Whitney Roggerio had the team's lone RBI off Jenna Monson, who pitched the complete game and struck out six.

UP NEXT  
The TigerScots host the district tournament today and will face the winner of the 1 p.m. game that pits No. 3 Irrigon against No. 2 Echo.

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W — J. Monson, L. — J. Lambert.

# BUCKS: Six seniors play final game for Pendleton

Continued from 1B up.

It is the second straight loss for Pendleton in the play-in round, with this one ending Pendleton's season with a 10-16 overall record.

"It's a tough way to go out," Pendleton senior Wyatt Morris said afterward, fighting back some emotions. "It's probably one of the toughest things I've done ... it could have been better for us, but it just didn't happen today."

Pendleton's preparation did look like it might have paid off to start the game, as a leadoff walk by Wyatt Morris and a sacrifice bunt from Shaw Jerome set up an RBI single by Nick Bower for an early 1-0 Buckaroo lead just three batters in.

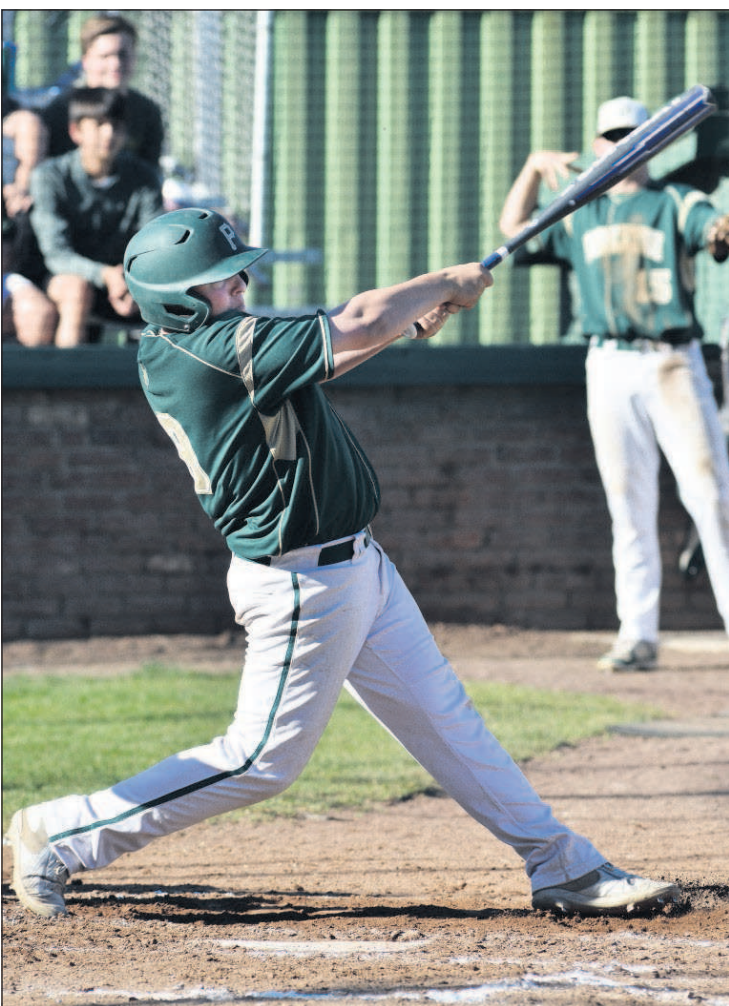
"That was situational baseball at its best," Haguewood said, "And it feels good when things happen right like that."

But after the at-bat McAvoy started to settle in, attacking the outside part of the zone and mixing pitches well to get a pair of strikeouts to end the inning.

Milwaukie took the lead in the second inning when Daniel Naughton gave up a walk and a double to load the bases, setting up a two-out double from Cole Roberts that scraped off the wall in center field for a 2-1 Mustang advantage. Naughton was inconsistent in his start for the Bucks, laboring through two innings with four walks and two runs allowed with 60 pitches thrown.

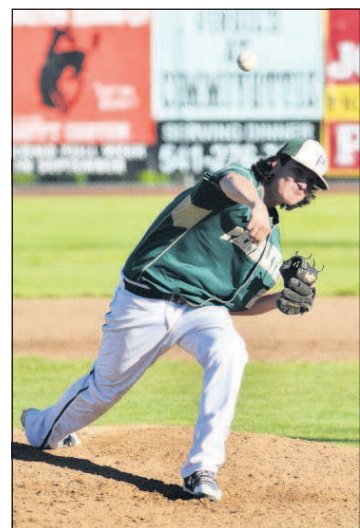
But in the fourth, Naughton made up for his final inning on the hill as he drew a one-out walk that snapped a streak of eight straight Buckaroo batters retired. After a Milwaukie error moved Naughton to second with two outs, Jared Beveridge crushed a pitch to center field that one-hopped the wall to drive in Naughton to tie the game at 2-2.

Then a single to left by Justin Duso paired with a fielding error put runners on second and third for the Bucks, but they were left stranded on a pop fly to the first baseman for the third out.



Pendleton's Jared Beveridge connects for an RBI single in the Bucks' 9-4 loss to Milwaukie on Friday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Pendleton's Chris Large throws the ball from the mound in the Bucks' 9-4 loss to Milwaukie on Friday in Pendleton.

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been what we've done all season. "But we didn't put our heads down and we continued to battle and I'm proud of the boys for that."

The Buckaroos gave everything they had in the seventh inning, getting two walks and a single to load the bases, and then a single and an error brought home two runs to make it a 9-4 game. Naughton ended the game when he lined out to first base, which got Bower doubled up for the final out.

The loss brings the end to the Pendleton careers for seniors Morris, Beveridge, Lani, Austin Zaugg, Hayden Villers and Caleb Cary. Haguewood described the group as "battlers" and added that he is extremely proud of what they gave to the program.

"They've played so much baseball here and been through the grinder every year," he said. "Any senior class is tough to say goodbye too and this one, they work their butts off. They do it in practice and in games, they're good teammates and I'm proud of them and what they've done."

	MHS	PHS	020025	0	—	R	H	E
MHS	020025	0	—	9	9	3		
PHS	100100	2	—	4	5	3		

(M) B. McVay, R. Howard (7) and N. Miller, (P) D. Naughton, W. Morris (3), C. Large (5), N. Lani (6) and J. Duso. W — B. McVay, L. — W. Morris. 2B — C. Roberts, N. Miller, T. Dover (MHS); R. Russell (PHS). HR — R. Howard (MHS).