

PREPS: Hermiston ousted by Marist Catholic, Weston-McEwen gets upset

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enact the 10-run rule. Also excelling at the plate was Sara Weinke, who was 1 for 3 with a double and three RBI, while Stacy Fitzpatrick and Marissa Sutherland each had two hits and two runs scored.

UP NEXT Pilot Rock will host No. 10 Lost River in the quarterfinals on Friday.

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MARIST CATHOLIC 9, HERMISTON 1 — At Eugene, the No. 15 seed Hermiston Bulldogs' season came to an end as the No. 2 seed Marist Catholic

Spartans beat them 9-1 in the first round playoff game on Wednesday.

Marist Catholic (24-3) pitcher Baylee Eaton had a perfect game going through 5 1/3 innings until Hermiston's (10-16) Amanda Barron drew a walk. Next up, Kalei Smith ended the no-hit bid as well as she smacked an RBI double to score Barron for Hermiston's only run of the game.

Oregon Ducks signee Lauren Burke had a monster game for Marist Catholic as she went 3 for 4 with a home run and a double. Hermiston senior Ellery Jones finished off her Bulldogs career going 1 for 3 with a single in the seventh inning.

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BLANCHET CATHOLIC 2, WESTON-MCEWEN 1 — At Athena, a pop-up with the tying run on third was how the Weston-McEwen TigerScots' season ended with a first-round loss in the 3A OSAA softball state playoffs on Wednesday.

TigerScots coach Jeff Griggs said it was a game of close calls for Weston-McEwen, which also had two hard-hit balls curve into foul territory at the last second.

Bailey Hillmick struck out 11 from the circle and both Blanchet Catholic's runs were unearned. "Bailey more than did her

job in the circle. We had some critical errors," Griggs said. "We had two teams playing that were very comparable and as usual when that's the case it's going to come down to really small things."

Blanchet starter Savannah Barchus only gave up four hits and struck out six. Weston-McEwen's run was also unearned, and came on a sacrifice bunt by Tyree Burke in the fifth inning to score Amie Coffman and tie it 1-1.

Khari Ruiz led off the sixth with a double for Blanchet, and an error in the field allowed her to score the go-ahead run.

Griggs said the team will sorely miss its three seniors next season — Hillmick, Emma Burke and Sydney Peal.

"We're going to miss those girls a lot. Not just between the lines, we're going to miss them in the dugout and the team huddle," he said. "They did a great job for us."

Griggs said he also wanted to give a special thanks to his assistant coaches KC Ashley and Michael Lambert, who helped him earn Special District 1 Coach of the Year honors.

Table with 5 columns: BCBS, W-M, W, 2B.

RAINIER 12, IRRIGON 1

At Rainier, pitchers Haley Schimmel and Taleah King held Irrigon to just two hits, and Jadyne Crape and Rylee O'Brien combined to

drive in seven runs to lead the Rainier Columbians into the second round of the Class 3A OSAA softball state playoffs on Wednesday.

Rainier jumped out to an early lead 6-0 after one inning and allowed just one Irrigon base runner in each of the first four innings.

The Knights scored their run in the top of the fifth when Emma Combes came in from third on a passed ball.

Karrizma Luna and Casandra Fleming had Irrigon's hits.

All 12 Rainier runs were earned.

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The Buckaroos threatened twice more to score, but came up empty each time. In the third, Kila Solomon led off with a single and then advanced to third with one out, but was left stranded after an infield pop fly and a groundout the pitcher.

In the fifth, Rylee Gentner led off the inning with a hit-by-pitch, was bunted over to second but was stranded

at third after back-to-back groundouts.

Even though Pendleton had to sweat out a much-closer game than it expected, Cary believes it could pay dividends for them in the long run.

"It certainly wasn't our best game, but I think there's far more positives than negatives," he said. "It's a positive because it's a win, it's a positive because our pitcher threw tremendous

and because the defense was there, and it's a positive because we had to feel some playoff pressure in a very tight game and had to figure out how to get it done.

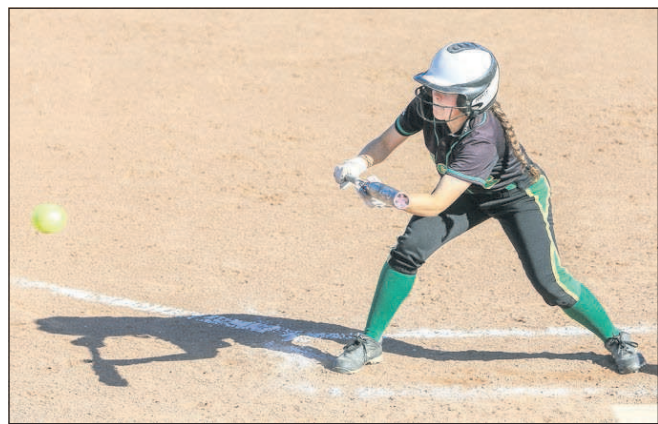
"I think the first playoff game is the one where the nerves are the highest, so hopefully we have that out of our system and we play a little looser on Friday."

UP NEXT Pendleton will host No. 6 Hood River Valley on Friday

at Steve Cary Field in the Class 5A quarterfinals. The Buckaroos and Eagles met four times in the regular season and split the series 2-2.

Table with 5 columns: 1st round, CHS, PHS, W, 2B.

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney Pendleton's Madison Parker prepares to bunt Wednesday against Corvallis at Steve Cary Field.

TIGERS: Host Taft on Friday in quarterfinals

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at third to rob the Eagles of base runners in the second inning, and the Tigers had Maynard in a familiar jam right away in the bottom of the frame when Klay Jenson drew a walk and then stole second. He went to third on a groundout by Hunter Barnes, then scored on a single by Justin Keeney. Barnes was hitting for Smith, and both he and Keeney were also making their first playoff starts for the Tigers.

The Eagles looked like they might escape with minimal damage again when third baseman Ned Williamson snagged a line drive for the second out, but a hard grounder by Monkus made it through the left side of the infield and allowed Keeney to score from second to make it 4-0.

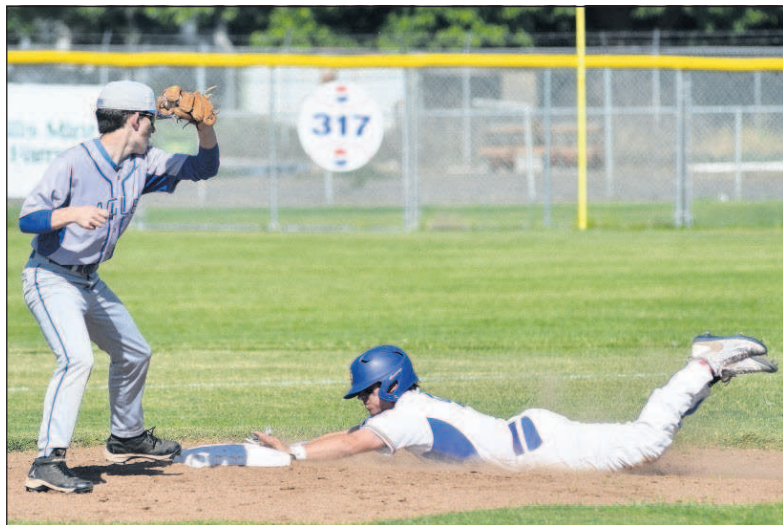
A single by Flores brought Monkus around, and an error followed by a walk loaded the bases for Woods.

He cleared them with a double to the gap in right-center for the first three of his five RBI in the game.

The Tigers would plate eight total in the second inning, and when Catlin Gabel coach Daniel Flores sent Maynard back out in the third he gave up seven more runs as the Tigers pushed their lead to 17-0.

Woods came up with bases loaded again in the third inning, and hit another double, this time to the wall in center field. He finished 3 for 5 and scored three runs.

"I try not to think about that,"



Staff photo by E.J. Harris Stanfield's Klay Jenson slides into second base as Catlin Gabel's Nate Post in the Tigers' 23-3 win against the Eagles on Wednesday in Stanfield.

Woods said of having runners on base. "I just think about base hits every time."

Stanfield tallied 19 hits in the game, and had several players with multiples. Leaders were Monkus (4 for 5, 3 RBI 3 runs), Jenson (3 for 3, 3 RBI, 3 runs) and Grogan (2 for 4 2 RBI, 4 runs). Ryan Bailey was held hitless but walked three times and scored three times, and was robbed of a home run by Maynard after he moved to center field.

"We really concentrate on hitting it where it's pitched, and especially with this big park out here," said Stanfield head coach Brad Rogers. "When the wind is blowing (to right field) and you get an outside pitch, hit in the gap over there." Stanfield will try to find places

to improve when they face No. 9 Taft in the quarterfinals on Friday. Rogers admitted it might be tough.

"There's a few times we didn't execute when we should have," he said, "but when you're up that much it's hard to get real angry."

UP NEXT No. 1 Stanfield hosts the Taft Tigers on Friday, game time had not been determined by press. Taft defeated No. 8 Rainier 8-1 on Wednesday.

"We'll take it one game at a time, we don't want to overlook anybody," Grogan said.

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extra two hours of sleep that you don't get really catches up to you. So when you get a day off, you've got to take advantage of it."

Rendon's first-inning blast followed a two-homer, five-RBI night in Washington's 10-1 series-opening victory Tuesday.

He becomes the fourth Washington player to surpass 30 RBIs with 31.

"It seems like I give Anthony a day off from time to time, and he responds," Baker said.

Tanner Roark (4-2) allowed a run while completing seven innings for the first time in seven starts. He allowed eight hits and two walks while striking out eight to the Nationals win a third straight.

"It was good to get runs on the board early, Roark said. "So I relaxed a little bit out there and (made) my pitches."

Mariners rookie Sam Gaviglio (0-1) allowed all five runs — one earned — over six innings as the Mariners lost their fifth straight.

"I got away from my game plan there in the first and it showed," Gaviglio said.

Seattle's Robinson Cano went 3 for 4, including an RBI single and a double that center fielder Michael Taylor's glove prevented from being a home run.

The Mariners finished 1 for 7 with runners in scoring position.

"It's definitely been frustrating," said Kyle Seager, who scored Seattle's run. "The last little bit's been very frustrating. We don't like to lose. We certainly don't like to lose in the fashion we've been losing."

Rendon had gone 12 games without an RBI before the series, in

which he has twice helped Washington to early leads.

In the first inning Wednesday, Trea Turner reached on shortstop Jean Segura's throwing error and scored on Ryan Zimmerman's sacrifice fly.

Daniel Murphy doubled and Rendon's two-out shot cleared the fence in left-center by a few feet.

Cano's near home run was pulled back from a similar spot in front of the visitors bullpen in the top of the third. Taylor couldn't secure the ball while crashing into the wall, but Roark stranded Cano at second.

"Mikey was the player of the game defensively," Roark said of Taylor, who made a diving catch of Seager's liner in the fifth. "He was all over the field."

TRAINERS ROOM Mariners: OF Mitch Haniger (oblique strain) joined the team in Washington on Wednesday. "We'll work him out here over the next three or four days and then see how that's progressing to get him out on a rehab (assignment)," manager Scott Servais said.

APLIN OF THEIR EYE Seattle acquired OF Andrew Aplin from Houston for a player to be named on Wednesday and assigned him to Triple-A Tacoma. The Mariners designated RHP Chris Heston for assignment to make room for Aplin.

UP NEXT Mariners: Ariel Miranda (2-3, 4.28) faces the Nationals for the first time.

Nationals: Gio Gonzalez (3-1, 2.86) has historically had the better of Mariners slugger Nelson Cruz, allowing him only a single in 13 at-bats and striking him out five times.

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