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Prep Roundup

Defending champs start strong

Weston-McEwen volleyball wins season-openers

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ATHENA — The Weston-McEwen TigerScots began their state championship defense in a positive way Thursday evening, earning a pair of victories against Dufur and Imbler.

The TigerScots' first game was a rematch of the 2016 2A state title game, where Weston-McEwen swept Imbler 3-0. It wasn't any easy win, by any means, with the TigerScots winning 25-21, 25-21 and 25-19. Then against Dufur, Weston-McEwen dropped the second set to the Rangers 27-25 but won three sets 25-14, 25-17 and 25-14 to take the 3-1 victory.

"It was a good night, a good start for us," Weston-McEwen coach Shawn White said. "I was really pleased with the effort and the girls showed some toughness. We were down in almost

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NFL

Kasen Williams standing out for Seahawks

Third-year WR trying to make cut at deep position

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — There is little doubt that wide receiver Kasen Williams has boosted himself more than anyone else so far during the Seattle Seahawks' camp.

Whether it's been his acrobatic receptions or his effort on special teams, Williams has inserted himself into the competition for one of the coveted spots in Seattle's wide receiver rotation.

Yet, it still may not be enough to make the final 53-man roster, which speaks to the depth the Seahawks feel they have at wide receiver. This makes Friday's

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The 65 was his lowest round since he won at Riviera in February, which began his rise to No. 1 in the world. That was the start of three straight victories going into the Masters, where Johnson injured his back and had to withdraw.

Henley played in the morning and holed seven birdie putts from 12 feet or close, along with an 80-foot chip-in for birdie for his 64.

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HERMISTON

Hermiston wins on clutch kick



Hermiston's Elsa Torres drives on Umatilla's Viridiana Mendoza in the Bulldogs' 1-0 win against the Vikings on Thursday in Hermiston.

Bulldog girls win season opener in final minutes

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
East Oregonian

Third time was the charm for the Hermiston girls soccer team Thursday night at Kennison Field.

After 47 scoreless minutes and more than 20 shots on goal against Umatilla, the Bulldogs (1-0) sealed their season-opening victory on their third consecutive corner kick.

The clock was winding down with the first of the three corners during the final three minutes of play. Another followed, and then another. That's when forward MaKayla Pacheco, one of 12 seniors on the team, set the ball down carefully, stepped up, and sent the corner kick flying to the feet of senior forward Hannah Thompson.

Thompson banged in the only goal of the night, giving Hermiston the momentum teams hope for after a season opener.

"It's always good to come off your first game with a win," Bulldogs' head coach Danielle MacBride said. "Umatilla is always a battle for us for some reason. We always come out prepared for the most part, and usually we'll be at the top of all the stats and all the shots. We usually end up squeaking away and sure enough that's what happened."

Just as MacBride predicted, Hermiston

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LEFT: Hermiston's Amanda Nygard splits Umatilla defenders Devina Monreal (17) and Lorena Leon in the Bulldogs' 1-0 win against the Vikings on Thursday in Hermiston.



RIGHT: Umatilla GK Maria Moreno dives on the ball in the Vikings' 1-0 loss to the Bulldogs on Thursday in Hermiston.

Bulldog boys make statement in opener

Hermiston doesn't hold back against Umatilla

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
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The second game of Hermiston's varsity soccer doubleheader was nothing like the first. But if you ask Bulldogs' head coach Rich Harshberger what he expected after the first few minutes of play, his answer is drastically different than the 8-0 outcome of the boys match.

"The first couple minutes were actually a little cagey," Harshberger said. "I was like, 'Okay, this is going to



Hermiston's Mark Mejia lines up a shot on goal guarded by Umatilla's Christian Alaniz (5) and Jose Arroyo in the Bulldogs' 8-0 win against the Vikings on Thursday in Hermiston.

be a little more of a contest than I thought."

However, the Bulldogs (1-0)

quickly composed themselves and let the goals rain on a hot, windy night.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

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