

5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

The Hood River Valley Eagles ran away with the CRC title in 2016, and even after losing some all-state talent are expected to stay strong. Pendleton returns some firepower after a second place finish a year ago, while Hermiston is on its third coach in three years. The top two teams are guaranteed a playoff spot.

Projected Finish

-  Hood River Eagles
 -  Pendleton Buckaroos
 -  Hermiston Bulldogs
 -  The Dalles Riverhawks
- (Rankings based on coaches and media votes)

2016 Final Standings

	Conf.	Ovr.
 Hood River*	8-1	25-6
 Pendleton*	5-4	9-12
 The Dalles*	3-6	4-14
 Hermiston	2-7	6-13

*-made postseason

All-League Returners

Hood River — Shae Duffy, sr.; Emily Curtis, soph.; Katie Kennedy, soph.; Kennedy James, sr.
The Dalles — Jodi Thomasian, sr.; Kathryn Bradford, sr.; Bailey LeBreton, jr.
Pendleton — Lauren Richards, sr.; Maureen Davies, sr.

Pendleton Buckaroos

Head coach: Amanda Lapp, 4th year (6th year with team)

Assistant coaches: Kristan Garton, 3rd year; Jodi Primus (JV), 1st year.; Shelby Harris (JV assistant), 1st year; Diana Ellis (freshmen), 1st year; Amy Martin (freshmen), 1st year.

2016 season: 9-12 overall, 5-4 in CRC (2nd); lost to Corvallis 3-0 in 5A first round.

Returning starters: Maureen Davies, M, sr.; Kirah McGlothan, L, jr.; Kalan McGlothan, MH, sr.; Elli Nirschl, OH, jr.; Lauren Richards, S, sr.
Other returning lettermen: Talia Lunny, DS, sr.; Kaci Garber, DS, sr.; Aspen Garton, DS/S, jr.

Impact newcomers: Jaiden Lemberger, sr.; Kourtney Garnett, sr.

Team's biggest strengths: Pendleton has a wealth of talent returning in 2017, which means experience and offense will be two things the Bucks have working for them to start off the season.

Lapp's key to the season: "Putting in the hard work and effort consistently. Competing with drive and determination to push ourselves to our highest potential."



Pendleton's Lauren Richards sets the ball as teammate Maureen Davies looks on in a 2016 game against Hood River in Pendleton.



2017 Schedule

Aug. 26	vs. Troy (ID)	L 1-0
Sept. 1	at Mt. View Invite	8 a.m.
Sept. 5	vs. Baker	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	vs. La Grande	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	vs. The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	vs. Hermiston*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Oregon City Tourn.	8 a.m.
Sept. 26	vs. Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Westview Tourn.	8 a.m.
Oct. 3	at Hermiston*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	at La Grande	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	vs. The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Pendleton Tourn.	8 a.m.
Oct. 17	vs. Hermiston*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	at Baker	6:30 p.m.

*-denotes league games

Hermiston Bulldogs

Head coach: Amy Dyck, 1st year

Assistant coaches: Becky Wadekamper, 1st year; Maloree Moss (JV), 2nd year; Jodi Blake (JV2), 1st year.



2016 season: 6-13 overall, 2-7 CRC.

Returning starters: Breana Wadekamper, S/DS, sr.; Sophia Streeter, MB, jr.

Other seniors: Masie Hancock, S/DS; Taylor Swaggert, OH/DS; Lesly Santoyo, DS/S.

Impact newcomers: Ireland McDonough, OH, jr.; Scout Reagan, OH/MB, jr.; Emma Combes, OH/DS, soph.; Daisy Maddox, OH/RS, soph.; Halee Stubbs, L, soph.; Kendall Dowdy, S, fr.

Primary goals for the season: "This season we are striving to re-establish Hermiston volleyball as a contender in our league and the region. What we lack in pure size, we hope to make up for in strong serving and passing, and efficient defense."

Dyck's key to the season: "Strong team cohesion/belief that we are capable of winning, tough serving and passing, and a willingness to fight for every single rally."



Hermiston's Sophia Streeter hits the ball in the Bulldogs' 2016 game against La Grande in Hermiston. Streeter is one of just two returning starters to a Bulldogs squad that struggled last season.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

2017 Schedule

Aug. 26	vs. Imbler\$	W 2-1
Sept. 1	at Mtn. View Invite	8 a.m.
Sept. 5	at La Grande	7 p.m.
Sept. 9	vs. Pasco (WA)	3:45 p.m.
Sept. 14	vs. The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Walla Walla (WA)	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Pendleton*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at TPC Officials Invite	8 a.m.
Sept. 26	at The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	vs. Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Westview Tourn.	8 a.m.
Oct. 3	vs. Pendleton*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	vs. The Dalles*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	at Hood River*	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Pendleton Tourn.	TBD
Oct. 17	at Pendleton*	6:30 p.m.

*league game
 \$-part of Hanah Cashell Memorial Tournament in La Grande



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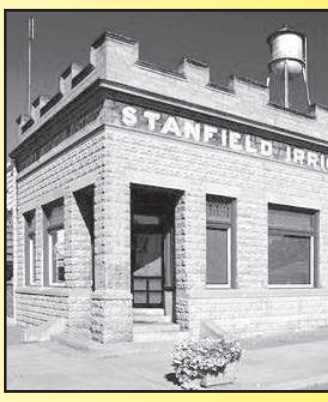
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