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PENDLETON

Offense quiet as Buckaroos fall



Pendleton's Gabe Rodriguez (12) and Milwaukie's Josue Mendoza jockey for position under the ball in the Bucks' 4-0 loss to the Mustangs on Thursday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Prep Football

Football season is here

Week 1 games kicks off today

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Forty weeks ago, the 2016 prep football season came to an end in the state of Oregon with state championship games for all classifications.

And now, seemingly in the blink of an eye, the 2017 season is upon us. Tonight, 189 prep football teams in Oregon will kick off their respective seasons with each with one goal in mind — to reach the state championship.

We gave you looks at three of those in Thursday's East Oregonian with Hermiston going to Union (WA) and Pendleton hosting La Grande. Here are quick looks at the other seven schools in Umatilla and Morrow Counties that will be in action tonight;

MAC-HI at **DAYTON-WAITSBURG (WA)**, 7 p.m. — For each of the last three seasons the Mac-Hi Pioneers have opened the football season against a Waitsburg team that has had many forms — a co-op with Prescott and then in 2016 as a standalone team.

Mac-Hi won that 2016 battle 14-7 and this year Waitsburg is co-oped with Dayton High School. The Pioneers finished the 2016 season 2-6 overall, but return 10 starters including QB Drew Birdwell and lineman Spencer Wells as they hope to break out of the basement in the GOL this season.

UMATILLA at **UNION**, 7 p.m. — Umatilla and Union open the season against each other for the fourth consecutive

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Pendleton opens new athletic field with disappointing performance



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton's Juan Ortega and Milwaukie's Juan Gudino chase down the ball in the Bucks' 4-0 loss to the Mustangs on Thursday in Pendleton.

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

The brand-new lights at the Pendleton athletic field were turned on for an prep game for the first time on Thursday night, as the Buckaroos boys soccer team hosted Milwaukie.

"It was amazing to be out there," said Pendleton junior goalkeeper Andrew Wolotira of the field. "It's awesome that we finally have a field for our own and we don't have to go play at a different school."

Unfortunately the Buckaroos couldn't put together a memorable first performance at their new home. The team put together a good first half, but lost some composure in the second half and watched its offense dry up to drop the game 4-0 to the Mustangs.

Boys Soccer

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"Our composure wasn't great tonight," Pendleton coach Jeremy Talbot said. "We want to possess the ball and obviously when there's a little adversity it's a test of character to do the new stuff and commit to it or if we're going to divert to the things that don't work. And unfortunately we got back into the habit of kicking over the top and bombing the ball instead of trusting teammates and trying to work the ball."

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Prep Roundup

TigerScots beat Bobcats

Weston-McEwen volleyball stays on a roll to start season

East Oregonian

ATHENA — A common phrase that coaches often say in sports is 'Defense wins championships.'

Weston-McEwen volleyball's defense might have not won a championship on Thursday, but it did help the TigerScots pick up another non-league win as they defeated Union 3-1. Union (2-1) took the first set 25-19, but then the Weston-McEwen (5-1) defense stepped up and led to some offense as the TigerScots finished off the win 25-23, 25-23 and 25-14.

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NFL

Seahawks beat Raiders in preseason finale

Seattle wins with last-minute touchdown

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Austin Davis threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Kenny Lawler with 1:10 remaining in the fourth quarter, and the Seattle Seahawks beat the Oakland Raiders 17-13 in a preseason game Thursday night.

The Seahawks trailed 13-10 following Giorgio Tavecchio's 28-yard field goal with 3:46 left before Davis engineered a seven-play, 75-yard drive in 2:36 that



AP Photo/Eric Risberg

Seattle Seahawks running back C.J. Prosise (22) runs against Oakland Raiders defenders during the first half of an NFL preseason football game in Oakland, Calif. on Thursday.

likely gave him the edge over Trevone Boykin for the backup job behind Russell Wilson.

Davis completed 10 of 16 passes for 123 yards, while Boykin went 13 of 21 for 166 yards and a touchdown. Boykin

was also intercepted twice and narrowly missed a third, and his 34-yard scoring pass to Rodney Smith came after defensive back Dexter McDonald tripped and fell in coverage.

Seattle finished 4-0 in the

preseason; the Raiders went winless for only the third time in franchise history.

The Raiders likely also cleared up their backup quarterback spot.

EJ Manuel completed 8 of 12 passes for 77 yards and a touchdown while appearing to gain the upper hand in the battle with Connor Cook behind Derek Carr. Cook, a fourth-round draft pick in 2016, went 6 for 16 for 71 yards and was intercepted on Oakland's final possession.

As expected, the game was basically a matchup of backups.

Seattle sat out 18 starters, including Pro Bowl defensive ends Michael Bennett and Cliff Avril, Wilson, and cornerback Richard Sherman. The Raiders held out their entire starting offense and defense.

Wide receiver Jermaine Kearse was also notably absent in what may have been his final game with the Seahawks after rumors earlier this week Seattle

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Sports shorts

Texans sign Hopkins to extension

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texans and wide receiver DeAndre Hopkins have agreed to a five-year, \$81 million contract extension.

The deal, which includes \$49 million guaranteed, comes as the star receiver was entering the last year of his contract.

Hopkins was the 27th overall pick in the 2013 draft. He has picked up 4,487 yards receiving in his first four seasons, including a career-high 1,521 in 2015 despite playing with a revolving door of quarterbacks. He's started every game in his career and finished with 78 receptions for 954 yards last season.

The 25-year-old has 23 receiving touchdowns in his career and will be the centerpiece of an offense that is looking to bounce back after a tough 2016 season with Brock Osweiler at quarterback.



Hopkins

"Teams are going out and looking to play their best baseball against us, and the clip that we were on for a few months, obviously we were in rare company. Did I foresee us losing five in a row? No. But I know we'll turn it around."

— Dave Roberts

Los Angeles Dodgers manager after his team's 8-1 loss to Arizona on Thursday. The game marked the fifth straight loss for the Dodgers, and the first time they were swept this season.

NBA fines Lakers for violating anti-tampering rule

NEW YORK (AP) — New Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka's contact with Paul George's agent violated the NBA's anti-tampering rule and resulted in a \$500,000 fine for Los Angeles on Thursday.

The league had warned the Lakers about tampering following comments by president of basketball operations Magic Johnson about George on national TV on April 20.

The league said Pelinka's contact with George's agent "constituted a prohibited expression of interest in the player while he was under contract."

Attorney Adam Streisand, who represents the Lakers, called the investigation thorough.

The NBA's anti-tampering rule prohibits teams from interfering with other teams' contractual relationships with NBA players.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1975 — Tom Seaver strikes out Pittsburgh's Manny Sanguillen to become the first pitcher to strike out 200 or more batters in eight consecutive seasons. Seaver has 10 strikeouts in the Mets' 3-0 win.

2007 — Appalachian State 34, No. 5 Michigan 32. Julian Rauch's 24-yard field goal with 26 seconds left puts the Mountaineers ahead of the Wolverines and Corey Lynch blocks a field goal in the final seconds to seal one of college football's biggest upsets.

1998 — Mark McGwire breaks a 68-year-old National League record for home runs in a season, hitting his 56th and 57th against the Marlins. Contact us at 541-966-0838 or sports@eastoregonian.com