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BUCKAROOS:

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give the Buckaroos some fits in the second and third. In the second set, Pendleton worked into a 17-12 lead before Baker went on a 6-0 run to take its first lead since the early stages of the set. But Pendleton was able to keep its composure and grind out the win.

Finally in the third set, Pendleton never trailed however could not get more than a two or three-point cushion for the bulk of the set. The Buckaroos eventually built up a 24-18 lead but again the Bulldogs roared back to get within two points before Lapp called a timeout to settle the team.

Lapp continuously gave her team a bit of a longer leash then normal when it came to using her timeouts on Tuesday, something that she admitted was planned.

“Especially right now, I want them to get in there and grit down, figure things

out and gain confidence in themselves to work through the mental game,” Lapp said. “Because it’s only going to get tougher as the season goes. So if they can work through the mental game now early on, it’ll be better for them in the long run.”

Kalan McGlothlin led Pendleton with eight kills while Ellen Nirschl and Maureen Davies each tallied three. Davies also had a team-high seven blocks, using her 6-foot-2 frame to give the Bulldogs front line issues all match long.

Other leaders included Lauren Richards with 19 assists and Kirah McGlothlin was credited with six digs.

UP NEXT

Pendleton stays home to host La Grande on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

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MARINERS: Only run was Seager solo home run

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claimed off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels on Aug. 31 and hit his second home run since joining the Astros to snap a 1-all tie.

Seattle starter Ariel Miranda threw 112 pitches over six hitless innings that included six walks — three of which led to Houston’s first run in the third on Alex Bregman’s sacrifice fly.

James Pazos (4-5) relieved in the seventh and walked Brian McCann with one out. Pazos was replaced by Emilio Pagan, who left a 3-2 pitch in the middle of the plate and Maybin hit his eighth homer of the season.

Verlander (11-8) allowed six hits and struck out seven. The 2011 AL MVP whiffed



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander throws to a Seattle Mariners batter during the fifth inning of Tuesday’s game in Seattle.

Mitch Haniger on his final pitch of the night, a 99 mph fastball.

Verlander’s only costly mistake was a 3-2 pitch that Kyle Seager hit for a home run leading off the fourth. Seattle threatened in the sixth

when Robinson Cano opened the inning by hitting a liner off Verlander’s lower right arm and wrist area. Nelson Cruz followed with a single, but Seager grounded into a double play and Haniger struck out with Cano on third to end the threat.

Joe Musgrove threw two innings of scoreless relief and Ken Giles pitched the ninth for his 29th save.

UP NEXT

Astros: Lance McCullers (7-3) will be activated from the disabled list to make his first start since July 30.

Mariners: Andrew Moore (1-3) will slide back into the rotation. He hasn’t started for Seattle since July 26 and his last appearance for the Mariners came on Aug. 11 out of the bullpen.

SOCCKER: Americans next host Panama on Oct. 6

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knew that we had to get a result down here. Credit to Bobby, he came in and scored a nice goal. As a team we worked really hard the whole game. Obviously we would have loved three points but a point is big for us down here.”

The U.S. remained third in the North and Central American and Caribbean region with nine points, ahead of Honduras on goal difference with two qualifiers remaining. Panama had seven points and was in position to overtake the Americans later Tuesday when it hosted last-place Trinidad and Tobago.

The top three nations in the six-team group qualify for next year’s tournament in Russia, and the fourth-place country meets Australia or Syria in a playoff for another berth. The U.S. hosts Panama on Oct. 6 at Orlando, Florida,

and finishes four days later at Trinidad, so Arena’s team has control of its own fate.

“I’m proud of the way our team battled. Those were really difficult conditions. That was a huge point,” Arena said. “With two games remaining in qualifying, we have everything to play for.”

Still, the Americans may need wins in both games. They will head into their finale uncertain of qualifying for the first time since 1989, when Paul Caligiuri’s goal gave them a 1-0 win at Trinidad and their first World Cup berth since 1950.

Failing to qualify for the 32-nation field in Russia would be an embarrassing failure for the U.S. Soccer Federation after seven straight World Cup appearances helped lift the sport from obscurity in the U.S. The Americans reached the quarterfinals in 2002 under Arena, who was

brought back as coach last November after a home loss to Mexico and a 4-0 defeat at Costa Rica in the first two games of the hexagonal.

The team’s fortunes started to revive with a 6-0 rout of Honduras in San Jose, California, in March and a tie at Panama four days later. A home win over Trinidad and a draw at Mexico in June left the Americans third, and they took a 14-game unbeaten streak under Arena into Friday’s game against Costa Rica at Harrison, New Jersey, where they lost 2-0 and left little further margin for error.

It was 93 degrees with high humidity and a harsh sun at kickoff, and though the field was covered with shade during the second half there was still a water break in the 70th minute. The grass was long and barbed wire separated fans from the running track that surrounds the field. While

there are luxury suites, the stadium does not have a scoreboard.

Arena made seven changes to his starting lineup, saying Europe-based players were not fully fit just weeks into their club seasons and were unprepared for the heat.

Only right back Graham Zusi and midfielders Pulisic, Michael Bradley and Darlington Nagbe remained from Friday’s lineup.

Gonzalez and Matt Besler replaced Geoff Cameron and Tim Ream in central defense, and 35-year-old DaMarcus Beasley, a veteran of four World Cups was at left back in place of Jorge Villafana.

Kellyn Acosta replaced Fabian Johnson in a more defensive midfield alignment, while Morris started up front with Clint Dempsey in place of Wood and Jozy Altidore, who served a one-game suspension for yellow card accumulation.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL	
Thursday	Pendleton (JV) at Irrigon, 7 p.m.
Friday	Umatilla at Rainier, 6 p.m. Horizon Christian at Arlington, 6 p.m. Leviston (ID) at Hermiston, 7 p.m. Putnam at Pendleton, 7 p.m. DeSales (WA) at Mac-Hi, 7 p.m. Union at Riverside, 7 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Imbler, 7 p.m. Heppner at Grant Union, 7 p.m. Stanfield at Cascade (WA), 7 p.m. Pilot Rock at Echo, 7 p.m.
PREP VOLLEYBALL	
Thursday	Riverside at Helix, 4 p.m. Elgin at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Dayton (WA), 5 p.m. Condon/Wheeler vs. Mitchell/Spray (at Mitchell), 5 p.m. Cove at Nixyaawii, 5 p.m. Stanfield at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m. Riverside vs. Pilot Rock (at Helix), 5:30 p.m. Pilot Rock at Helix, 5:30 p.m. La Grande at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
PREP BOYS SOCCER	
Thursday	Pendleton at Sandy, 4 p.m. Irrigon at Hermiston (JV2), 4:30 p.m. Umatilla at Columbia Christian, 4:15 p.m.
PREP GIRLS SOCCER	
Thursday	Riverside at La Grande, 4 p.m. Umatilla at Portland Christian, 6:15 p.m. Irrigon at Hermiston (JV), 4:30 p.m. Sandy at Pendleton, 6 p.m.
PREP CROSS COUNTRY	
Saturday	Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Heppner, Helix, Weston-McEwen, Umatilla, Stanfield at Runner’s Soul XC Fest (Hermiston), 10 a.m.
COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL	
Wednesday	Blue Mountain at Whitman College, 6 p.m.

Baseball

MLB	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Tuesday’s Games	
Texas at Atlanta, ppd.	
Baltimore 7, N.Y. Yankees 6	

Boston 3, Toronto 2, 19 innings				
Detroit 13, Kansas City 2				
Tampa Bay 2, Minnesota 1				
Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 4				
L.A. Angels at Oakland, late finish				
Houston 3, Seattle 1				
Wednesday's Games				
Minnesota (Slegers 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Snell 3-6), 10:10 a.m.				
Texas (Hamels 9-2) at Atlanta (Newcomb 2-8), 10:35 a.m., 1st game				
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 1-4) at Oakland (Manaea 9-9), 12:35 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Gray 8-9) at Baltimore (Gausman 10-9), 4:05 p.m.				
Kansas City (Hammel 7-10) at Detroit (Boyd 5-8), 4:10 p.m.				
Toronto (Biagini 3-9) at Boston (Fister 4-7), 4:10 p.m.				
Texas (TBD) at Atlanta (TBD), 4:35 p.m., 2nd game				
Cleveland (Carrasco 13-6) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-2), 5:10 p.m.				
Houston (McCullers 7-3) at Seattle (Leake 8-12), 7:10 p.m.				
Wild Card Standings				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	74	64	.536	+3
Minnesota	71	67	.514	—
Los Angeles	71	67	.514	—
Baltimore	71	68	.511	½
Texas	69	68	.504	1½
Tampa Bay	70	70	.500	2
Seattle	69	70	.496	2½
Kansas City	68	69	.496	2½
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Tuesday's Games				
Texas at Atlanta, ppd.				
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 3				
Cincinnati 9, Milwaukee 3				
Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Mets 1				
Washington 2, Miami 1				
Colorado 9, San Francisco 6				
St. Louis 8, San Diego 4				
Arizona 3, L.A. Dodgers 1, 10 innings				
Wednesday's Games				
Milwaukee (Garza 6-8) at Cincinnati (Castillo 2-7), 9:35 a.m.				
Texas (Hamels 9-2) at Atlanta (Newcomb 2-8), 10:35 a.m., 1st game				
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 9-11) at Pittsburgh (Cole 11-9), 4:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Pivetta 5-9) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 4-4), 4:10 p.m.				
Washington (Gonzalez 13-6) at Miami (Peters 0-0), 4:10 p.m.				
Texas (TBD) at Atlanta (TBD), 4:35 p.m., 2nd game				

game	
San Francisco (Cueto 6-7) at Colorado (Freeland 11-9), 5:40 p.m.	
Arizona (Walker 8-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 12-6), 7:10 p.m.	
St. Louis (Flaherty 0-0) at San Diego (Lamet 7-6), 7:10 p.m.	

Wild Card Standings				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	81	58	.583	+7½
Colorado	74	64	.536	—
Milwaukee	72	67	.518	2½
St. Louis	71	67	.514	3

MLB				
NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
Tuesday’s Games				
Vancouver at Spokane (North Finals), ppd.				
Hillsboro at Eugene (South Finals), ppd.				
Wednesday’s Games				
Eugene at Hillsboro (South Finals), 7:05 p.m.				
Spokane at Vancouver (North Finals), 7:05 p.m.				

Soccer

MLS	
Wednesday’s Game	
Sporting K.C. at New York City FC, 4:30 p.m.	

Basketball

WNBA	
Playoff Gance	
First Round	
Winner advances	
Wednesday	
Dallas at Washington, 5 p.m.	
Seattle vs. Phoenix (at Tempe, Ariz.), 7 p.m.	

Tennis

U.S. Open	
Tuesday	
At USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center	
New York	
Arthur Ashe Stadium	
Men’s Singles	
Quarterfinal	
Pablo Carreno-Busta (12), Spain, def. Diego Sebastian Schwartzman (29), Argentina, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.	
Kevin Anderson (28), South Africa def. Sam Querrey (17), United States, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (9), 6-3, 7-6 (7).	
Women’s Singles	
Quarterfinal	
Venus Williams (9), United States, def. Petra Kvitova (13), Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (2).	
Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Anastasija Sevastova (16), Latvia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4).	

PREPS: Heppner volleyball beats Irrigon, South Wasco County

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Junior Scout Reagan led the Bulldogs (2-3) with 10 kills, while senior Masie Hancock had a team-best 24 digs and sophomore Halee Stubbs had four aces.

UP NEXT

Hermiston stays home to host Pasco (WA) on Saturday at 3:45 p.m.

HEPPNER WINS TWICE

— At Heppner, Mustangs picked up a pair of big non-league wins on Tuesday evening, knocking off South Wasco County 3-2 and then beating Irrigon 3-0.

Against South Wasco, Heppner (6-3) prevailed with set scores of 17-25, 25-16, 18-25, 25-18 and 25-12. Morgan Correa led the Mustangs in the match with eight kills and the team served 90 percent, which was a big factor in the win.

“We struggled getting things going,” Heppner coach Mindy Wilson said. “Things were just not coming together, but they pulled together as a team and got it done.”

Then against Irrigon (3-1), Heppner won 25-19, 25-19 and 25-21. Jacee Currin led the team with eight kills and the team served well again at 91 percent.

“We came out ready to play the second game,” Wilson said. “We still had our struggles, but worked through them.”

UP NEXT

Heppner next plays at the Summit Springs tournament in Condon on Saturday, playing Ione and Condon/Wheeler. Irrigon will next head to Ione for a match on Friday at 1 p.m. and then play Echo at 3 p.m.

UMATILLA 3, MAC-HI 0

— At Umatilla, the Vikings earned their third win of the season with a three-set win over the Mac-Hi Pioneers on Tuesday.

Umatilla (3-4) won the match 25-19, 25-15 and 25-14.

For Mac-Hi (0-3), Britany Wells, Jadie Jackson and Anney Banek each had two kills, while Wells had seven digs, and Banek had eight assists and four aces. Umatilla statistics were not available by press time.

“Mentally It was a tough game tonight,” Mac-Hi coach Amanda Nelson said. “The girls fought hard. We are looking forwards to a rematch later this season.”

UP NEXT

Mac-Hi hosts Elgin on Thursday at 4 p.m. and Umatilla hosts Stanfield on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

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