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## PENDLETON

# Buckaroos dominate again



Pendleton players celebrate after winning a long volley against La Grande during Thursday's 3-0 win over the Tigers.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

## Prep Roundup

# Rockets earn two victories

## Pilot Rock sweeps Riverside, Helix

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HELIX — The Pilot Rock volleyball team flew past its competition Thursday, defeating both Riverside and Helix in straight sets.

First against the Pirates, the Rockets (5-2) started out slower than they would have liked. That, however, had little to no effect on the outcome. Pilot Rock tallied 12 service aces, led by Brooke Howland who was responsible for six, en route to its 25-12, 25-13, 25-16 victory. Other playmakers in the first of the two matches were Siobhan Holman, who led the team in assists; Rhyanne Oates, who finished with a team-high 12 kills; Abby Rigby, who notched nine kills; and Grace Austin, who was dominate at the net with eight kills.

Once the Rockets pace quickened, there was no stopping them. Against Helix (6-2), the team totaled 15 aces behind the efforts of Howland — she again led the team with six aces. Pilot Rock dominated on all sides of the ball, adjusting well, and executing when necessary. The Rockets quickly brushed off any errors they had given up in the first match, and according to head coach Elaine Howland, it was the best they have played.

In the 3-0 defeat of the Grizzlies (25-16, 25-23, 25-22), the Rockets notched 33 kills and five blocks. Rigby lead the team with 10 kills, and Austin finished with nine kills of her own and three blocks. For Helix, Sadie Wilson had seven kills and Charmayne Bennett was a perfect 12-12 from the serving line.

"Pilot Rock was tough, but we battled," Helix coach Dianna Melton said. "They're probably the toughest team we've faced."

Pilot Rock next plays today at home against Enterprise at 5 p.m.

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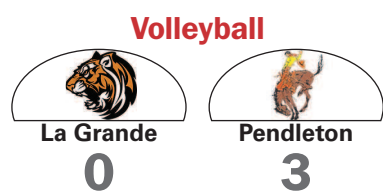
# Davies strong in the middle as Pendleton sweeps La Grande

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

Another match, another convincing win by the Pendleton volleyball team.

Pendleton out-hustled and out-hit the La Grande Tigers on Thursday evening, beating the Tigers 3-0 at Warberg Court. Unlike the win earlier in the week against Baker, there was no slow start for the Buckaroos in the match, as they stepped on the gas pedal from the opening serve to beat the Tigers 25-14, 25-8 and 25-22.

The win boosts Pendleton to an perfect 4-0 record but most impressively the Buckaroos have yet to lose a set. It's quite the early-season turnaround from largely the same core of players that stumbled out of



the gates to a 1-6 start last season. "It's exciting, super exciting," Pendleton coach Amanda Lapp said of the win. "After our match on Tuesday, I think them seeing the tide turn from last year is something they enjoyed seeing and that feeling that comes with it. I said yesterday in practice that every match and every practice we have to continue to take that next step and find the things that need to be worked on and take it to

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Maureen Davies (10), of Pendleton, hits the ball as La Grande's Jaiden Hafer (6) jumps to block during Thursday's non-league game.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

## College Football

# Beavers think defense is squared away

By KEVIN HAMPTON  
Albany Democrat-Herald

CORVALLIS — Oregon State defensive coordinator Kevin Clune is in agreement with Gary Andersen's assessment of the defense that the Beavers are close to getting a lot of their issues solved.

"Our assignments, our fundamentals, all those little things that I believe that this is the week that it should come together," Clune said. "All those little things are close and they've got to take that next step on Saturday. We've got a great week of practice and it's time to put it on the field on Saturday."

Clune said the Beavers are looking good in practice and now need to translate that to game day, when the Beavers host Minnesota at 7 p.m. in Reser Stadium.

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## NFL

# Seattle's Lacy ready to face former team

Seahawks head to Green Bay for opener

BY CURTIS CRABTREE  
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Eddie Lacy couldn't help but laugh when he saw who the Seahawks' Week 1 opponent would be.

After spending the first four seasons of his career with the Green Bay Packers, Lacy signed a one-year deal with Seattle in March. Now, a return trip to Lambeau Field serves as the first regular-season outing for Lacy with his new team.

"I thought I would be back there, I was there for four years and I thought it would continue," Lacy said Thursday. "Sometimes it doesn't work out like that. Sometimes a change of scenery isn't bad."



Seattle Seahawks running back Eddie Lacy, left, breaks a tackle by Kansas City Chiefs inside linebacker Derrick Johnson, right, during a preseason game on Aug. 25 in Seattle.

Lacy was Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2013 and earned a trip to the Pro Bowl after rushing for 1,178 yards and 11

touchdowns for the Packers. His final season in Green Bay was derailed due to an ankle injury that ended his season after just

five games.

"We have to recognize Eddie was an excellent, excellent player for us for three years there and it is unfortunate that you don't get to continue on with your own guys and that is usually the way we go forward," Packers head coach Mike McCarthy said. "He made a decision that he felt like he needed to make, so I just hope he is doing great off the field and we look forward to competing against him on Sunday."

Seattle went after Lacy in free agency because the team wanted to add a bruising running back. While Lacy probably won't replicate what Marshawn Lynch did, Seattle hopes his ability to break tackles and wear a defense down will pay dividends. While the Packers had concerns about Lacy's weight, he was ultimately having a very successful

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## Sports shorts

# Fowler Ks with bases loaded in 9th, Cards lose to Padres 3-0

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Dexter Fowler struck out against Brad Hand with the bases loaded in the ninth inning, capping the San Diego Padres' 3-0 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday night.

Hand allowed singles by Stephen Piscotty, Randal Grichuk and Carson Kelly to load the bases in the ninth inning before getting Fowler to whiff on a slider in the dirt. Hand got his 16th save.

Jose Pirela had a run-scoring infield single in the first inning, and that was all the cushion Clayton Richard (7-13) and relievers Craig Stammen, Kirby Yates and Hand needed. Richard got 11 groundball outs while allowing five hits and striking out five in six innings.

Wil Myers added his 25th homer of the season, while Lance Lynn (10-7) gave up a run and six hits over six innings. St. Louis ended a four-game winning streak and lost for only the second time in eight games.



Fowler

"I just don't want anyone to ever ask me about the 'state of American tennis' ever again."

— Sloane Stephens

The American tennis player will join Madison Keys for the first all-American women's final at the U.S. Open in 15 years. Stephens defeated Venus Williams (6-1, 0-6, 7-5) to advance to her first Grand Slam championship.

# Investors want to build two professional arenas in Seattle

SEATTLE (AP) — An investment group that wants to build a sports arena for professional basketball and possibly hockey has offered to also rebuild KeyArena, the former home of Seattle's departed NBA franchise.

The move Thursday by the group led by investor Chris Hansen is the latest in the long-running debate over building a new arena. Hansen wants to privately build a facility in an area that's home to venues for the Seattle Seahawks and Seattle Mariners.

The City Council has so far refused to grant him use of a city street necessary for construction of the project.

Hansen's group says it would rebuild KeyArena after building the other facility, preserving it as a concert venue.



## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1965 — Bert Campaneris of the Kansas City A's played all nine positions but had to leave after a ninth-inning collision with Ed Kirkpatrick of the Angels.

1993 — Darryl Kile pitched baseball's second no-hitter in five days.

2007 — Alex Rodriguez homered in consecutive at-bats against rookie Brian Bannister to set a single-season record for a third baseman with 51 homers, helping the New York Yankees overpower Kansas City 11-5. He became the first Yankees player to reach 50 homers in a season since Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle did it in 1961.

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