

HERMISTON
Bulldogs soccer swept at home

Hermiston's soccer teams have a tough go in non-league games

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Both the boys and girls soccer teams returned from a very brief road stint to host a doubleheader at Kennison Field on Thursday evening. After defeating its last opponent 12-nil on their home turf, the boys were looking forward to continuing a two-game win streak to end the preseason. Unfortunately for them, and the girls, they let their opponents get the best of them and both fell 2-0 and 8-0, respectively.

Up first where the boys, and the Bulldogs (5-3) had a tough top-5 team to face. Hillsboro entered the match with only four games under its belt. After going 3-1 on the season defeating its opponents by a combined score of 11-3, the Spartans had just as much momentum on their side if not more.

Hermiston was able to hold Hillsboro for the first 40 minutes of play, keeping the Spartans chances to score at a minimum. Half way through the first half, the Bulldogs had a chance to take the early lead and did

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MLB
Rangers hand Mariners yet another loss

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Cole Hamels dominated for eight innings, Adrian Beltre and Shin-Soo Choo went deep and the Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 4-2 on Thursday night to hang around the AL wild-card hunt.

Texas and the Los Angeles Angels are 2 1/2 games behind Minnesota for the second wild card. The Angels lost to Cleveland, while the Twins blew out Detroit.

Hamels (11-4) allowed three hits and a run while striking out eight. He gave



Seattle Mariners second baseman Robinson Cano just misses a single by Texas Rangers' Carlos Gomez during the sixth inning of Thursday's game in Seattle.

up a solo homer to Nelson Cruz — his 35th — in the seventh, along with a pair of singles to Jean Segura. Keone Kela got his second save despite yielding a solo homer to Robinson Cano in the ninth. It was Cano's 22nd this season and

300th of his career. The Mariners have lost five straight games and are five back in the wild-card chase with nine games remaining. James Paxton (12-5) allowed two runs in 3 2/3 choppy innings. The hard-

PENDLETON
Buckaroos overpower Bulldogs



Pendleton's Kalan McGlothlan (9) and Rylee Gentner attempt to block a shot from Hermiston's Emma Combes in the Bucks' win against the Bulldogs on Thursday in Pendleton.

Pendleton stays unbeaten while Hermiston's slide continues

By ERIC SINGER
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In 2016, the Hood River Valley Eagles controlled the Columbia River Conference, winning matches with dominance and claiming the league title with a three-game cushion over Pendleton.

This year, though, the CRC race is shaping up to be a runaway for the Buckaroos.

Through one round of league play, Pendleton is a perfect 3-0 and has won nine of 10 total sets played, including Thursday

night's dominant 3-0 victory over the Hermiston Bulldogs at Warberg Court. It's a remarkable turnaround for the same core of Pendleton (7-0, 3-0 CRC) players that began league

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Pendleton's Lauren Richards sets the ball in the Bucks' win against the Bulldogs on Thursday in Pendleton.

Prep Roundup
Pendleton boys soccer earns first win

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REDMOND — The Pendleton Buckaroos survived the cold weather in Central Oregon and picked up their first win of the season by beating Redmond 4-1 on Thursday.

The four-goal output was more than Pendleton (1-4) had in its previous four games combined, which included three-straight shutout losses. Lance Wolf, Juan Ortega and Evan Evans all scored goals for the Buckaroos, while Jonathan Lopez picked up a goal on a penalty kick as well. Pendleton's defense allowed a measly one shot on goal, but it was placed perfectly for Redmond's (0-3) lone goal over Buckaroo goalkeeper Andrew Wolotira.

"Overall our young team is possessing and working the ball up the field the last couple games," Pendleton coach Jeremy Talbot said, "and maintaining more consistent effort to compete."

Pendleton starts league play when it hosts Hood River

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Sports shorts

Stanley leads at Tour Championship

ATLANTA (AP) — Kyle Stanley and Jordan Spieth got off to strong starts in the Tour Championship with entirely different goals in mind.

Stanley ran off four straight birdies on the front nine, one of them from 40 feet, and then added two more late in his round on a steamy Thursday afternoon at East Lake for a 6-under 64. In his Tour Championship debut, he had a two-shot lead over a group that included U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka.

Spieth, the No. 1 seed in the FedEx Cup, had a 67 and no one from the top five had a lower score. That kept Spieth on track in his bid to join Tiger Woods as the only two-time winners of the \$10 million bonus since the FedEx Cup began in 2007.

Spieth was among five players at 67 that included two other top seeds, Justin Thomas (No. 2) and Jon Rahm (No. 5). Dustin Johnson, the No. 3 seed had a 68 and Marc Leishman, at No. 4 opened with a 71.



Stanley

"We talk about mentally tough, be your best regardless of the circumstance. I thought the players did that. They found a way in spite of some of the ups and the downs to come away with the win"

— Sean McVay

The Los Angeles Rams head coach said after his team stopped a potential game-tying 2-point try and then delivered a rare defensive stop after blowing the onside kick en route to their 41-39 victory.

Goff, Gurley help Rams hold off 49ers for victory

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Jared Goff threw for 292 yards and three touchdowns and Todd Gurley ran for two TDs and caught another to help the Los Angeles Rams put up another big offensive performance with a 41-39 victory over the San Francisco 49ers on Thursday night.

This win didn't come easy as the Rams (2-1) nearly blew a 15-point lead, giving up two late touchdowns, fumbling a kickoff return and failing to recover an onside kick. But Los Angeles managed to stop a potential game-tying 2-point conversion and then a fourth-down sack by Aaron Donald to stop the Niners after the onside kick.

The 49ers (0-3) scored five touchdowns after failing to get any the first two weeks but still came up short in part because a missed extra point forced them to try for 2 on their late touchdown.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1911 — Cy Young, 44, beats the Pittsburgh Pirates 1-0 for his 511th and final major league victory.

1969 — San Francisco's Willie Mays becomes the second major league player to hit 600 homers with a two-run shot, giving the Giants a 4-2 victory over San Diego.

1974 — The Pittsburgh Steelers and the Denver Broncos are the first teams to play to a tie, 35-35, with the new overtime rule in effect.

1987 — The 1,585-member NFL Players Association goes on strike after the New England-New York Jets Monday night game.

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