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PENDLETON

Eagles hand Bucks first league loss

Pendleton offense, defense can't keep up with Eagles' heavy-hitters

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — For the first three weeks of the season, it was smooth sailing for the Pendleton Buckaroos volleyball team.

The Buckaroos won seven straight matches and dropped just one set during that stretch, including a 3-0 win on the road against defending Columbia River Conference champion Hood River Valley. However, Hood River Valley came back to Pendleton for a rematch Tuesday night and put away the Buckaroos with a 3-0 victory of its own, handing Pendleton its first league loss and its second straight loss overall.

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"They obviously prepared for our tipping and chipping (offense), which is what we used when we went there," Pendleton's Kalan McGlothlan said. "We needed to counter, do something else, but we were so used to tipping and chipping that we couldn't get back to our rhythm fast enough."

Pendleton (7-2, 3-1 CRC) hung around in each set, losing 25-19, 25-23, 25-22, but the difference in Tuesday's match came down to Hood River Valley's (7-4, 3-1 CRC) hitters,

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton's Ellen Nirschl spikes the ball into Hood River blockers Emilie Ellifritz and Katie Kennedy (9) in the Bucks' loss to the Eagles on Tuesday in Pendleton.

HERMISTON

Dawgs edge out Riverhawks



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Joel Mendez shoots on goal in front of The Dalles' Miguel Aguilar in the Bulldogs' 3-1 win against the Riverhawks on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Hermiston scores twice in final 20 minutes to win league opener

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
East Oregonian

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HERMISTON — The Bulldogs came out with all cylinders firing, scoring the first of their three goals only six minutes into their league opener.

En route to the 3-1 victory over The Dalles, Hermiston took its foot off the gas mid-game but recovered in the

second half to earn back the lead and the win.

"I definitely wanted a win to open up conference play,"

head coach Rich Harshberger said. "But I'm not satisfied with our first half performance. We need to come out stronger and impose ourselves a little bit more."

After senior forward Joel Mendez sailed past The Dalles' goalie Jaime Castro to a wide-open net for Hermiston's first score, the game settled down. The Riverhawks (3-3, 0-1 CRC)

pushed the pace of play and were aggressive in Hermiston's back third. Despite some good saves by junior goalkeeper Juan Navarrette, The Dalles finally put one past him in the final minutes of the first half.

After the break, with the score knotted at 1-1, the Bulldogs (6-3, 1-0 CRC) continued to let the Riverhawks dictate the

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Prep Roundup

Grizzlies sweep Cougars, Golden Eagles

Helix volleyball gets back to winning ways

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HELIX — The Grizzlies hosted their second league volleyball doubleheader Tuesday, and again came out on top. Helix swept both Nixyaawii and Echo in straight sets and pushed its record to 13-5 and 4-2 in the Old Oregon League.

The Grizzlies had no trouble defeating the Golden Eagles (1-4 OOL) in their first match

of the day. Helix won handily 25-8, 25-4, 25-6, and carried that momentum into its second match directly after. The Tigers (8-5, 4-2 OOL) put up more of a fight, but the Grizzlies never surrendered and took the three sets 25-23, 25-17, 25-19.

"It felt like they played really well and came together as a team," head coach Dianna Anderson said.

Almost everything clicked for Helix, as the Grizzlies served at over 90 percent with five perfect serves by the end of night. Charmayne Bennett, Jenna Herron, Kailey Mize, Lynne Roberts, and Arianna

Krol all found great success at the service line, while Sadie Wilson led the team with 12 kills against Echo.

Along with the improvement in serving, the girls got balls they had previously missed in past matches, Anderson added. This development throughout the remainder of the season will be key as she knows the brunt of their schedule is coming.

"We've got a lot of tough matches ahead of us," Anderson said.

She hopes the girls progression continues show as they try to work their way up the league standings, and will soon

face the two league teams they lost to just two weeks ago. But first the Grizzlies will travel to Halfway to face Pine Eagle High School on Saturday.

PILOT ROCK 3, ELGIN 1

Pilot Rock's long road stretch is coming to an end, and fortunately for the Rockets they have found success in the latter half of their trip. They traveled to Elgin to face the Huskies, and pulled off a win despite their hiccup in the second set.

Pilot Rock took the first set 25-14, but couldn't finish on the next and dropped that 21-25. See PREPS/2B

College Basketball

Adidas exec, 4 coaches charged in college bribery scheme

Comes after 2-year FBI investigation

By LARRY NEUMEISTER AND TOM HAYS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In one of the biggest crackdowns on the corrupting role of money in college basketball, 10 men

— including a top Adidas executive and four assistant coaches — were charged Tuesday with using hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes to influence star athletes' choice of schools, shoe sponsors, agents, even tailors.

Some of the most explosive allegations appeared to involve Louisville, one of college basketball's biggest

powerhouses, which is already on NCAA probation over a sex scandal.

Federal prosecutors said at least three top high school recruits were promised payments of as much as \$150,000 — using money supplied by Adidas — to attend two universities sponsored by the athletic shoe company. Court papers didn't name the schools but

contained enough details to identify them as Louisville and Miami.

"The picture of college basketball painted by the charges is not a pretty one," said acting U.S. Attorney Joon H. Kim, adding that the defendants were "circling blue-chip prospects like coyotes" and exploited them to enrich themselves. Prosecutors said that

while some of the bribe money went to athletes and their families, some went to coaches, to get them to use their influence over their potentially NBA-bound players.

The coaches charged are Chuck Person of Auburn, Emanuel Richardson of Arizona, Tony Bland of Southern California and Lamont Evans of Oklahoma

State. Person and Evans were immediately suspended.

Those charged also include James Gatto, director of global sports marketing for basketball at Adidas; Rashan Michel, a maker of custom suits for some of the NBA's biggest stars; and various financial advisers and managers.

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Sports shorts

Wade expected to sign with Cavs

CLEVELAND (AP) — Together again: LeBron and D-Wade. Just like old times.

Dwyane Wade has decided to sign with the Cleveland Cavaliers and reunite with LeBron James. Wade, a 12-time All-Star, is expected to clear waivers on Wednesday and then join the Cavs, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot be completed until Wade goes through the waiver process.

Wade and James won two NBA titles together during four seasons with the Heat and will now chase another one with the Cavs, who have been revamped after losing to Golden State in last season's Finals.

Wade agreed to a contract buyout earlier this week with the Bulls, who signed him before last season as a free agent. Wade has averaged 23.3 points, 4.8 rebounds and 5.7 assists in 14 seasons with the Bulls and Heat.



Wade

"The willingness to never give up, never stop fighting, always competing in at-bats, that's been our identity all year. Just because we're so close to the playoffs, we didn't go out there and try to be something we're not."

— Byron Buxton

Minnesota Twins outfielder after his team beat Cleveland 8-6 on Tuesday to sit just one win shy of clinching the second Wild Card spot in the American League.

Minnesota is an unlikely team in the playoff picture after having the worst record in baseball in 2016.

Alonso, Valencia go deep as Mariners beat Athletics

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Seattle's Danny Valencia hit a three-run homer against his former team and fellow ex-Oakland slugger Yonder Alonso added a two-run shot in the Mariners' 6-3 win over the Athletics on Tuesday night.

Chris Davis matched his career high from last season with his 42nd homer, a two-run shot in the sixth to put Oakland ahead before Valencia's 15th of the year in the seventh off Daniel Mengden (2-2).

The Mariners have hit 40 homers this month and won their eighth straight against the A's, Seattle's longest unbeaten run ever versus Oakland.

Emilio Pagan (2-3) pitched 1 2/3 innings in relief of James Paxton for the win, then Edwin Diaz closed it out for his 33rd save.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1998 — Mark McGwire gives baseball a new magic number, hitting two homers to reach No. 70 in the St. Louis Cardinals' season finale against Montreal. McGwire's 70th and final home run of the season was a line shot over the left-field wall on a first-pitch fastball from Carl Pavano in the seventh.

2009 — With rookie quarterback Matthew Stafford leading the way, Detroit ends a 19-game losing streak with a 19-14 victory over the Washington Redskins. The Lions had not won since Dec. 23, 2007, and their skid matched the second longest in NFL history.

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