

BUCKS: Lost 49-21 to Panthers last year

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loss could be a setback as the Buckaroos regular season creeps over the halfway mark Friday. And it won't be easy for the Buckaroos, as the Panthers on offense deploy a tricky, run-heavy scheme, using pre-snap motions and hard counts to keep opposing defenses on their toes.

It helped the Panthers defeat the Buckaroos 49-21 one year ago inside the Round-Up.

"They're going to run the ball hard and we'll have to be ready for it," Pendleton linebacker Kirk Liscom said.

"It seems like every week we're facing a run-heavy team, but I think our line-backers and our front seven have stepped up to the challenge," Davis said. "This is an offense that we have to be very strict in our assignments

... this is a huge test because they were a playoff team, we were not, so we have to go in an continue to win the battle in the trenches."

The Buckaroos offense is still trying to find a consistent balance in its attack, but is coming off of its best game yet where they ran for 142 yards and passed for 228 against Ridgeview. Pendleton will have its hands full against a physical Redmond defense, but one that has been exposed as the Panthers have allowed 162 points (40.5 average) in its four games.

"They run a 4-2 (front) and they're fast and the corners are decent," said Bower, who has 994 passing yards and 12 TDs this season. "Hopefully we can establish a run and get the play-action off of that. It all starts with the offensive line — passing, running, nothing can happen without them but

after that it's just getting the ball into our athletes' hands. The quicker I get it to them, the quicker they can do their thing."

For Davis, who also is Pendleton's offensive play-caller, he says the key to the offense — and perhaps the game — falls on his shoulders as well.

"Part of it is me calling the offense and being willing to stick with the plan, the run game and not vacate that too early," he said. "We have some kids that are workhorses and do well at moving the chains. So it's a combination of me making sure to stick to the plan and the offensive line winning the battles up front, and if so I think we have a good shot."

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BULLDOGS: Eagles much-improved this year after winless 2016 season

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Bulldogs, to put on another show against Hood River they will have to carry their successes from last week into this game against a hungry Eagles team.

Last year was tough for Hood River. It suffered some big blows, as only two games were decided by less than 27 points. But the experience junior quarterback Caden Leiblein and the rest of the squad picked up has been valuable this time around.

The Eagles opened up its 2017 season defeating St. Helens and Ridgeview by a combined score of 87-21. However, they will land in Hermiston coming off a 34-16 loss to Bend.

"I think that's a good Hood River team," Faeteete

said. "They are coached well. They do fundamental things really well. They've got a great quarterback, the kid is pretty athletic and accurate with his arm. They played a bad game at Bend, you know it happens and they are going to come in here wanting a win."

In Leiblein's sophomore season, and his first year at the helm of the team, he threw for 1,631 yards, 14 touchdowns, and five interceptions. He has already turned things around this year with the help of 17 returning starters.

Protecting Leiblein and star running back Michael Jones, who is back for his senior season after suffering through a year of injuries, are protected by a big offensive line unit. Leading the group is senior Wade Pickering.

The 6-foot 2-inch 240-pound lineman will give the Bulldog defense some trouble.

"This is our home turf we've got to defend it," he continued. "We've got to lay everything out and put our foot down on the gas and just keep going. We're not worried about what they're going to do. We have to concern ourselves with our execution, or fundamental tackling, everything that we need to do to take of what we control."

That was the key in last week's win and will be the factor that plays into the outcome of Friday's game.

Kick off set for 7 p.m.

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BRIEFLY

Watson donates game check to Harvey victims

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Texans rookie Deshaun Watson donated his first NFL game check to three NRG stadium employees who were affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Watson surprised three women who work in the team cafeteria at the stadium Wednesday.

In a video shared by the team he told the women: "For what you all do for us every day and never complain, I really appreciate you all, so I wanted to give my first game check to y'all to help y'all out in some type of way. Here you guys go."

One of the women became emotional after learning of the donation and asked for a hug from the quarterback. He quickly obliged as a huge grin covered his face.

He also told them: "Hopefully, that's good and that can get you back on your feet. And anything else y'all need, I'm always here to help."

Watson donated about \$27,000. He has a base salary of \$465,000.

MLB approves sale of Marlins to Derek Jeter group

MIAMI (AP) — Major league owners on Wednesday unanimously approved the sale of the Miami Marlins, the woebegone franchise by Jeffrey Loria, to an investment group led by Jeter and Bruce Sherman. The deal needed 75 percent approval.

A signed \$1.2 billion agreement was submitted to Major League Baseball last month to sell the Marlins to a group led by Sherman, a venture capitalist who will be the controlling owner. Jeter, the former New York Yankees captain, plans to be a limited partner in charge of business and baseball operations.

The Marlins have endured another disappointing year and are assured of their eighth consecutive losing season, the longest streak in the majors. They'll sit out the playoffs for the 14th year in a row, the longest streak in the NL.

They're also likely to finish last in the NL in attendance for the 12th time in the past 13 years, creating revenue constraints that may lead to a payroll purge in Jeter's first offseason as an owner.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday
Pendleton at Redmond, 7 p.m.
Hood River at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Umatilla at Burns, 7 p.m.
Irrigon at Riverside, 7 p.m.
Stanfield at Culver, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 7 p.m.
Echo at Wallowa, 7 p.m.
Arlington vs. Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler (at Fossil), 4 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m.
Stanfield at Heppner, 5 p.m.
Sherman at lone, 5 p.m.
South Wasco vs. Condon/Wheeler (at Condon), 5 p.m.
Pendleton at The Dalles, 6:30 p.m.
Hood River at Hermiston, 6:30 p.m.
La Grande at Mac-Hi, 7 p.m.
Friday
Nixyaawii at Cove, 2 p.m.
Vale at Riverside, 3 p.m.
Echo at Wallowa, 4 p.m.
Burns at Irrigon, 4 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Monument/Daville (at Dayville), 5 p.m.
Nyssa at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Irrigon at Umatilla, 5 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Irrigon at Umatilla, 7 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Thursday
Hermiston, Helix, Stanfield, Umatilla, Weston-McEwen, Riverside/Irrigon, Heppner at Bulldog Fest (Riverfront Park, Hermiston), 4:50 p.m.
Friday
Mac-Hi at Baker Invitational, 4:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday
Eastern Oregon at Walla Walla, 6 p.m.
Friday
Blue Mountain at Treasure Valley, 6 p.m.
College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Friday
North Idaho at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.
Carroll at Eastern Oregon, 3:30 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Friday
Carroll at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.
North Idaho at Blue Mountain, 4:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday
Montana State-Northern at Eastern Oregon, 6 p.m.

Baseball

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division
W L Pct GB
z-Boston 92 66 582 —
z-New York 88 69 561 3½
Tampa Bay 76 81 484 15½
Toronto 75 84 472 17½
Baltimore 75 84 472 17½
Central Division
W L Pct GB
x-Cleveland 99 59 627 —
Minnesota 83 75 525 16
Kansas City 78 80 494 21
Chicago 64 93 408 34½
Detroit 62 96 392 37
West Division
W L Pct GB
x-Houston 98 60 620 —
Los Angeles 78 79 497 19½
Seattle 77 82 484 21½
Texas 76 82 481 22
Oakland 73 85 462 25

Wednesday's Games

Houston 12, Texas 2
Oakland 6, Seattle 5
Pittsburgh 5, Baltimore 3
Cleveland 4, Minnesota 2
Boston 10, Toronto 7
N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 1
Kansas City 7, Detroit 4
L.A. Angels at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Minnesota (Santana 16-8) at Cleveland (Carrasco 17-6), 12:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Faria 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Gray 10-11), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Peacock 12-2) at Boston (Rodriguez 6-6), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Manaea 11-10) at Texas (Gonzalez 8-12), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Norris 2-6) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 0-7), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Norris 4-8) at Kansas City (Duffy 9-9), 8:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division
W L Pct GB
x-Washington 95 63 601 —

Miami 74 84 468 21½
Atlanta 71 87 449 24½
New York 69 90 434 27
Philadelphia 64 95 403 31½

Central Division

W L Pct GB
x-Chicago 89 69 563 —
Milwaukee 83 75 525 6
St. Louis 82 76 519 7
Pittsburgh 73 85 462 16
Cincinnati 67 91 424 22

West Division

W L Pct GB
x-Los Angeles 101 57 639 —
y-Arizona 92 67 579 9½
Colorado 86 73 541 15½
San Diego 70 89 440 31½
San Francisco 62 97 390 39½
x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Wednesday's Games

Colorado 15, Miami 9
Arizona 4, San Francisco 3
Pittsburgh 5, Baltimore 3
Chicago Cubs 5, St. Louis 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 7, Washington 5
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 0
L.A. Dodgers 10, San Diego 0
Thursday's Games
Cincinnati (Romano 5-7) at Milwaukee (Suter 3-2), 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Brault 1-0) at Washington (Jackson 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Teheran 11-12) at Miami (Peters 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 7-5) at St. Louis (Lynn 11-8), 7:15 p.m.

Wild Card Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
W L Pct GB
z-New York 87 69 558 +5
z-Minnesota 82 74 526 —
z-clinched playoff berth

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W L Pct GB
y-Arizona 90 66 577 +6
Colorado 84 72 538 —
Milwaukee 83 75 525 2½
St. Louis 81 75 519 3
y-clinched wild card

Football

NFL

Thursday's Game
Chicago at Green Bay, 5:25 p.m.
Sunday's Games
New Orleans vs Miami at London, UK, 6:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 10 a.m.
Carolina at New England, 10 a.m.

Tennessee at Houston, 10 a.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 10 a.m.
Buffalo at Atlanta, 10 a.m.
L.A. Rams at Dallas, 10 a.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 10 a.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 1:05 p.m.
Oakland at Denver, 1:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle, 5:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

Washington at Kansas City, 5:30 p.m.

NCAA

Top 25 Schedule
Friday
No. 5 Southern Cal at No. 16 Washington State, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
No. 14 Miami at Duke, Friday, 4 p.m.

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W L T Pts GF GA
Toronto FC 18 5 8 62 67 33
New York City FC 16 8 7 55 52 38
Atlanta United FC 15 8 7 52 66 35
Chicago 15 10 6 51 57 41
Columbus 14 12 5 47 48 47
New York 12 11 7 43 46 42
Montreal 11 14 6 39 49 52
Orlando City 10 13 8 38 38 51
New England 10 10 5 38 48 58
Philadelphia 9 13 9 36 40 43
D.C. United 9 17 5 32 30 52

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W L T Pts GF GA
Vancouver 14 10 6 48 47 43
Sporting K.C. 12 6 11 47 37 23
Seattle 12 8 11 47 45 37
Portland 13 10 8 47 53 47
FC Dallas 10 9 11 41 42 42
Real Salt Lake 12 14 5 41 46 52
Houston 10 10 10 40 50 43
San Jose 11 14 6 39 33 56
Minnesota United 9 15 5 32 40 59
Los Angeles 7 17 7 28 40 61
Colorado 7 18 5 26 27 46

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta United FC 3, Philadelphia 0
D.C. United 3, New York 3, tie
New York City FC 1, Montreal 0
Orlando City 6, New England 1
FC Dallas 2, Colorado 0
Los Angeles 3, Houston 3, tie
Chicago 4, San Jose 1
Seattle 3, Vancouver 0

PIGSKIN PICKERS

Week 4

Overall:
Last Week:

HRV at Hermiston
Pendleton at Redmond
Heppner at WMHS
Irrigon at Riverside
USC at Wash. State
V.Tech at Clemson
Sac State at E.Wash.
Steelers at Ravens
Raiders at Broncos
Colts at Seahawks



Ron Gibbs
25-5
8-2
Hermiston
Pendleton
Heppner
Irrigon
USC
Clemson
EWU
Steelers
Broncos
Seahawks



Mike Appleton
23-7
6-4
Hermiston
Pendleton
Heppner
Riverside
USC
Clemson
EWU
Steelers
Raiders
Seahawks



Eric Singer
23-7
7-3
Hermiston
Pendleton
Heppner
Irrigon
WSU
Clemson
EWU
Steelers
Broncos
Seahawks



Jodi Bloomberg
22-8
8-2
Hermiston
Pendleton
WMHS
Irrigon
WSU
Clemson
EWU
Ravens
Broncos
Seahawks



Clint Shoemake
22-8
8-2
Hermiston
Pendleton
Heppner
Irrigon
USC
Clemson
EWU
Steelers
Raiders
Seahawks



Zachary Orem
22-8
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Pendleton
Heppner
Irrigon
WSU
Clemson
EWU
Steelers
Broncos
Seahawks



John Airoidi
21-9
6-4
Hermiston
Redmond
Heppner
Irrigon
WSU
Clemson
EWU
Steelers
Broncos
Seahawks



Weston Putman
21-9
6-4
Hermiston
Pendleton
Heppner
Riverside
USC
Clemson
EWU
Steelers
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Seahawks



Brandon Case
17-13
5-5
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Pendleton
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USC
Clemson
Sac State
Steelers
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16-14
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