

Prep Roundup

Stanfield, Heppner shine at Bulldog Fest cross country meet

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HERMISTON — The Bulldogs hosted their final cross country meet of the season at Riverfront Park on Thursday. As sports tradition would have it, Hermiston also honored their seniors for Senior Night, even though most sat this race out in preparation for Saturday's meet in Portland.

After the pre-race festivities ended, the Bulldogs girls junior varsity team — along with varsity squads from Stanfield, Umatilla, Heppner, Helix, Weston-McEwen, and Riverside/Irrigon — stepped on to the starting line for the two-loop course around the park.

Hermiston head coach

Troy Blackburn had a warning for all the runners.

“Stay to the left,” he said as he gestured toward the outer part of the course that extends beyond the visible perimeter.

However, this warning escaped the mind of the girl's 5,000-meter winner Kyla Hook of Enterprise.

“I went the wrong way one time,” she said after clocking 20:35.50. “I went right for like 30 meters and then went, ‘oh, this is not the right way.’ So I went back and around and caught up.”

Hook's disappointment turned into excitement after her first place finish. She led Enterprise as its No. 1 runner for its fourth consecutive meet, which went on to win

the meet with 32 points.

Teammate and sophomore Ellyse Tingelstad followed less than a second behind the freshman for second place (21:17.70) and Heppner freshman Madelyn Nichols took third place (22:07.70).

The other schools finished as follows: 2. Griswold, 57 points; 3. Heppner, 85; 4. Stanfield, 93; 5. Umatilla, 107; 6. Hermiston, 114.

In the boy's race, first through third place overall was decided by 16 points. Stanfield finished with five runners in the top 20 to take first place with 53 points.

Heppner followed with 59 points, as the Mustangs best runner finished second. Junior Hunter Nichols ran 17:06.30 and continues as

their No. 1 runner. Enterprise rounded out the top three with 69 points of its own. The Outlaws had three runners finish inside the top 10 with senior James Madsen leading the bunch. Madsen finished in 18:42.30 which was good for sixth place.

VOLLEYBALL

PENDLETON 3, THE DALLES 0 — At The Dalles, Pendleton got back on track Thursday night as they thumped The Dalles 25-15, 25-19, 25-17 for a big league victory.

The Buckaroos (8-2, 4-1 CRC) had great team effort on offense with Maureen Davies leading with seven kills, Rylee Gentner and Kalan McGlothan each

tallying five and Elli Nirschl with four. Lauren Richards also tallied 12 assists. On defense, McGlothan and Aspen Garton each had three digs with Kourtney Garnett and Davies tallying two each. Davies also had two blocks.

HEPPNER 3, STANFIELD 0 — The Mustangs returned home and with it continued their winning streak after defeating the Tigers in straight sets.

Behind a big performance from junior middle blocker Jenna McCullough, Heppner (13-5, 3-1 CBC) took it's third consecutive match 25-13, 25-15, 25-12.

McCullough finished with five kills and two blocks on the night. Sophomore Nicole

Propheter also finished with five kills. However, leading the team in kills was senior Morgan Correa with six of her own and five aces.

Stanfield (1-13, 0-4) stats were not available by press time.

LA GRANDE 3, MAC-HI 0 — At Milton-Freewater, the Mac-Hi Pioneers' losing streak continued to seven games as La Grande earned a 25-15, 25-8, 25-7 victory.

Britany Wells led the Pioneers (1-10, 0-3 GOL) with three kills and nine digs, while Anney Banke had two kills, two aces and seven assists. Abby Richwine added a pair of kills with four blocks.

VOLLEYBALL: TigerScots used serving runs to win

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Chelsea Quaepts led the TigerScots' defensive effort with 16 solid digs and Emma Olson had nine.

The TigerScots and Rockets (12-6, 1-3) were very evenly-matched all across the court, which led to a lot of close scores to start out each set. But when it came down the stretch, the TigerScots were able to pull away nearly every time with big runs thanks to solid performances from the serving lines. In the first set, Weston-McEwen finished off the win with a 10-3 run, a 10-4 run in the third set and a 13-5 run to close out the fourth set.

The most impressive run was in that fourth set, when Olson served 10 consecutive points for her team with four aces.

“My heavens, that fourth set with Emma, just wow,” White exclaimed. “That's hard to recover from for the other team.”

Pilot Rock was able to flash its skill in its second-set victory. On offense, the Rockets used some quick passing and smart hits at the net to continually get Weston-McEwen out of position and forced error after error for the TigerScots. Overall, Pilot Rock served 12 aces as a team with five from Jillian Adlard. Abby Rigby led the

Rockets with 10 kills with Rhyanne Oates following with nine and Kaitlyn Evans with seven.

And on defense, the Rockets staved off potential TigerScot runs with big defensive saves from several players, notably Oates who had 29 digs including a few highlight-reel ones.

“We battled, our girls were in it and they put everything out on the floor and played with all heart and I can't ask anything more,” Howland said. “Today definitely came down to who executed most and who made the least amount of mistakes, and we just have to tighten up on our errors.”

With both teams now one

round through league play, they know where they stand as a team and what they need to improve on. For the defending state champion TigerScots, Thursday's game taught White one very key quality about his team.

“It tells me that we're really super tough,” he said. “We came back from maybe not our best performance of the year on Tuesday (a 3-1 loss to Heppner) plus all the distractions of homecoming, and then to step up ... I can't say enough about their toughness tonight and that's been a trademark of this team. They're tough, they hang in there and that's what we've got to keep relying on going forward.”

PREP FOOTBALL: EOL opens play as well

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than 10 points just once, but its defense allows 39.7 points per game.

Stanfield has won each of the last two games of the series.

Both games kick off at 7 p.m.

Here's a quick look at the rest of the small-school games for Umatilla and Morrow County schools:

IRRIGON (2-1) at RIVERSIDE (2-1) — In what could be one of the best games of the week across Umatilla and Morrow Counties, the Riverside Pirates look to get back on track against an Irrigon in both teams' Eastern Oregon League opener.

After a strong first two weeks, Riverside was beaten handily by Mac-Hi in Week 3 by a 35-6 score. On the other side, Irrigon's offense appears to be settling in and catching up to the stout defense that has led the Knights to two consecutive victories, most recently a 32-21 win over Lakeview.

Irrigon holds the bragging rights from their meeting in 2016, where the Knights earned a 26-6 victory. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. in Boardman.

rushing yards in the Vikings' past three games.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. in Burns.

PILOT ROCK (1-3) at ENTERPRISE (1-1) — The Pilot Rock Rockets continue their stretch of road games on Friday night when they travel northeast to take on an Enterprise team fresh off its first win of the season.

Enterprise walloped Imbler on the road by a 40-8 score, just one week after losing its season opener 30-18 on the road against Umatilla. Meanwhile Pilot Rock is coming into the game looking to bounce back from its 54-14 loss at the hands of Sherman last week.

Kick off is set for 7 p.m.

ECHO (3-1, 1-0) at WALLOWA (3-1, 1-0) — Echo rebounded from a disappointing loss to Crane with a big win on the road against Pine Eagle last week to notch its first league win.

The Cougars stay on the road for the third straight week on Friday night when they face a tough Wallowa team. Wallowa has ripped off two straight wins with a 54-40 win over Shermant and a 48-12 win at Joseph last week. This game is a showdown of two high-powered offenses with the potential to score at will, so defenses will be the key to the team that comes out on top.

Echo holds bragging rights with a 52-26 win over Wallowa last year. The game kicks off at 7 p.m.

ARLINGTON (3-1, 1-0) vs. MITCHELL/SPRAY/WHEELER (2-1) — After a loss in Week 1, Arlington has responded in a big way with three straight victories by a combined 188-32 score.

The Honkers hope to make it four straight wins on Friday night when they travel to Fossil to take on Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler, a team that Arlington beat last season 61-0. The Honkers have cracked the top 10 in the OSAA Class 1A rankings at No. 9, and need more wins to help solidify a spot in the playoffs at the end of the season.

Kick off is set for 4 p.m.

BULLDOGS: Play in Westview Tournament on Saturday

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Before the final buzzer sounded, sophomore Emma Combes sent a kill zooming across the court for Hermiston's final point of the match.

Despite this overcome, Dyck is hopeful the girl's development over the season will soon show.

“Tonight I think a lot of it has to do with the fact

that we — I don't know that we necessarily trust that we have done enough,” she said. “I believe we have. I see the growth that they have made over the last couple of months but when you have a young team and have a lot of girls that haven't been on varsity before it's a matter of them believing in themselves.

“So I think that keeps

us from finding a rhythm because we are constantly questioning ourselves.”

Now, Hermiston will just have to move on, as Dyck said, and get ready for a quick turnaround. The Bulldogs will compete in the Westview Tournament at Westview High School on Saturday, and Dyck hopes this environment will better suit the team.

“Hopefully we can have some back-to-back matches where we don't have time to think and we just work some stuff out,” she said. “Tournaments seem to be good for us because we have a lot of bounce back and were able to move on quickly. So I'm hopeful that this weekend we can try some different things out and hopefully get through some mental barriers.”

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, 4 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL
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/Dayville (at Dayville), 5 p.m.
 Nyssa at Umatilla, 5:30 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER
Friday
 Irrigon at Umatilla, 5 p.m.
Saturday
 Pendleton at Sandy, 1 p.m.
 Nyssa at Riverside, 1 p.m.
 Baker at Mac-Hi, 1:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER
Friday
 Irrigon at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Saturday
 Baker at Mac-Hi, Noon
 Nyssa at Riverside, 1 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY
Friday
 Mac-Hi at Baker Invitational, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
 Hermiston, Pendleton at Nike Portland XC, 8 a.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Friday
 Blue Mountain at Treasure Valley, 6 p.m.
 College of Idaho at EOU, 7 p.m.
Saturday
 Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER
Friday
 North Idaho at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.
 Carroll at Eastern Oregon, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday
 Spokane at Blue Mountain, 2:15 p.m.
 Providence (MT) 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.
Saturday
 Spokane at Blue Mountain, Noon
 Providence (MT) at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

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

Baseball
MLB
Thursday's Games
 Cleveland 5, Minnesota 2
 Tampa Bay 9, N.Y. Yankees 6
 Houston 12, Boston 2
 Oakland 4, Texas 1
 Chicago White Sox 5, L.A. Angels 4
 Detroit 4, Kansas City 1
Friday's Games
 Toronto (Biagini 3-12) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 12-12), 10:05 a.m.
 Baltimore (Miley 8-14) at Tampa Bay

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 3
 Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4
 Miami 7, Atlanta 1
 Chicago Cubs 2, St. Louis 1, 11 innings
Friday's Games
 Cincinnati (Stephenson 5-6) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 11-11), 11:20 a.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Harvey 5-6) at Philadelphia (Lively 3-7), 4:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Cole 12-11) at Washington (Strasburg 14-4), 4:05 p.m.
 Atlanta (Gohara 1-3) at Miami (Straily 10-9), 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 5-8) at Colorado (Bettis 1-4), 5:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Greinke 17-6) at Kansas City (Kennedy 4-13), 5:15 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Anderson 11-4) at St. Louis (Gant 0-0), 5:15 p.m.
 San Diego (Lyles 1-4) at San Francisco (Stratton 3-4), 7:15 p.m.

Wild Card Standings

AL	W	L	Pct	WCGB
z-New York	89	70	.560	—
y-Minnesota	83	76	.522	—
z-clinched playoff berth				
y-clinched wild card				

NL

y-Arizona	W	L	Pct	WCGB
92	67	579	—	
Colorado	86	73	541	—
Milwaukee	84	75	528	2
z-clinched playoff berth				
y-clinched wild card				

Football

NFL
Thursday's Game
 Green Bay 35, Chicago 14
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.

NCAA
Top 25 Schedule
Friday
 No. 5 Southern Cal at No. 16 Washington State, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 No. 14 Miami at Duke, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday
 No. 1 Alabama vs. Mississippi, 6 p.m. (ESPN)
 No. 2 Clemson at No. 12 Virginia Tech, 5 p.m. (ABC)
 No. 13 Auburn vs. No. 24 Mississippi State, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
 No. 15 Okla. St. at Texas Tech, 5 p.m. (FOX)
 No. 17 Louisville vs. Murray St., 12:30 p.m.
 No. 18 South Florida at East Carolina, 9 a.m. (CBSN)
 No. 19 San Diego St. vs. N. Illinois, 7:30 p.m.
 No. 21 Florida vs. Vanderbilt, 9 a.m. (ESPN)
 No. 22 Notre Dame vs. Miami (Ohio), 2 p.m. (NBCSN)
 No. 25 LSU vs. Troy, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

UMATILLA (3-1) at BURNS (2-2)


— Last season, the Umatilla Vikings began the season 4-0 before opening up league play at home against Burns, where the Hilanders made a statement with a 40-14 victory. It began a 2-3 finish for the Vikings as they missed out on the postseason, with all three losses coming to the three far east teams — Burns, Vale, and Nyssa — by a combined 136-27 score.

This season, Umatilla again comes into its league opener with Burns strong as the Vikings are 3-1 and are fresh off a 52-26 win on the road against Portland Christian. Burns comes into the game off a 32-28 victory over Grant Union last week.

But the Vikings have been riding surprise start Pedro Alvarez at running back, who ran for 313 yards on 16 carries against Portland Christian and who has 627

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