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Staff photo by E. J. Harris
Hermiston's Jonathan Hinkle celebrates scoring a touchdown in the Bulldogs' 40-14 win against Hood River on Friday in Hermiston.

Bulldogs run past, over Hood River

Hermiston defends home turf, moves to No. 5 in state

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — It wasn't pretty, but Hermiston got it done Friday night against Hood River Valley. Back at home after a week on the road, the Bulldogs handily defeated the Eagles 40-14 at Kennison Field.

The game started under cotton candy skies as the sun set, and it seemed as soon as it got dark the Dawgs were unleashed.

"As the game progressed and our guys got comfortable we started picking up some things and started playing," head coach David Faateete said.

Hermiston scored 34 of its 40 points in the second quarter, and pounded the ground for 220 total rushing yards. Senior running back Jonathan Hinkle led the charge with 61 yards on eight carries and added a touchdown to increase the Bulldogs' lead late in the first half.

However, it was junior quarterback Andrew James who was



Staff photo by E. J. Harris
Hermiston's Dayshawn Neal (1) and Peter Earl wrap up Hood River's Michael Jones in the Bulldogs' 40-14 win against Hood River on Friday in Hermiston.



the first to find the end zone. After a lackluster first quarter where both teams went three-and-out

on their first drives, Hermiston worked its way into Hood River territory to start the second quarter on the Eagles' 11-yard line with a fresh set of downs. James on the quarterback keep ran the ball in for 11-yards and got the first seven points on the board.

In a unique turn of events that the Bulldogs (3-2 overall,

2-1 Special District 1) can thank Mother Nature for, they recovered an accidental on-side kick — which was caused by heavy winds — and James took the field again, and again found the end zone.

He first connected with senior wide receiver Dayshawn Neal for 21 yards, and then carried for a

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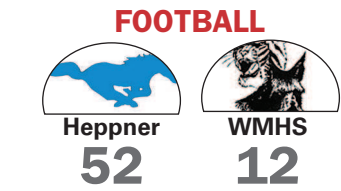
Mustangs get back to their winning ways

Heppner earns first 2017 league victory

By ERIC SINGER
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ATHENA — The Heppner Mustangs began the season with an uncharacteristic 0-3 start, as a tough preseason schedule had the team searching for success.

The Mustangs appear to be headed on the right track now with two consecutive victories now after thumping Weston-McEwen on its home field 52-12 on Friday



night in the Columbia Basin Conference opener for both teams. Heppner (2-3, 1-0 CBC) dominated the game on the stat sheet, out-gaining Weston-McEwen (1-3, 0-1) 315-154 and winning the field position battle all game long.

"Obviously the win is great, but we all really came together as

a team tonight and it felt good," Heppner senior Beau Wolters said. "All of those little things you do in practice, it comes together with the whole team like tonight ... We've always had a rivalry with Weston-McEwen but we just came together and got a good team win tonight."

Wolters stole the show for Heppner's offense, as he fought through tackles and showed off his speed on numerous occasions and rushed for 151 yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries and also added one touchdown catch. Senior running back Coby Dougherty also got plenty of action out of

the backfield, rushing for 72 yards on 10 carries with another three touchdowns for the Mustangs.

"I want to give a shoutout to my lineman," Wolters said. "They've really been stepping up this week and worked on a lot of things in practice and stepped up this game. The one things I've really come to appreciate playing here is a good offensive line and they've really improved from that first game getting beat by St. Paul."

Heppner scored the first points of the game in the first quarter when it capped off a 8-play,

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PREP ROUNDUP

Bucks thump Panthers

Pendleton gets above .500 mark on season

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REDMOND — The Pendleton Buckaroos earned a statement victory on Friday night as they traveled down to Redmond and dominated the Panthers to a 50-8 victory to earn a key league victory.

Pendleton (3-2, 2-1 SD1), which led 16-8 at halftime, rode its rushing attack on offense as the Buckaroos piled up 280 rushing yards, including 126 yards and

two touchdowns from junior running back Shawn Yeager.

"Our offensive line did a fantastic job controlling the line of scrimmage," Pendleton coach Erik Davis said. "Yeager was a tremendous workhorse and we continued to feed him the football. We were able to continually move the ball and move the chains and we just stuck with it."

Quarterback Nick Bower had another efficient game with 141 yards and two touchdowns on 15 of 22 passing with zero interceptions. Bower also ran for 68 yards and two scores. His favorite target continues to be Shaw Jerome, who caught seven passes for 76 yards and a touchdown. Willie Camp also hauled in a touchdown.

Defensively, Pendleton effectively shut down Redmond's rushing attack and forced three turnovers. Redmond's lone score came on a 29-yard run in the second quarter. The unit continues to be solid against the run, which is a pleasant sight for Davis.

"The kids are flying around, execute well and win the physicality up front," Davis said. "They keep getting better week-in and week-out. We know we have our work cut out with Mountain View next week, but the momentum is on our side now."

Pendleton will return home to host Mountain View on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Round-Up arena.

STANFIELD 22, CULVER 20 — It came down to the final seconds of the game, as Stanfield was looking at it's fourth potential consecutive loss of the season. As the clock counted down, and Culver worked its way down it's home field into field goal range the Tigers had no choice but to get in formation and put pressure on the kicker. And it worked. The Bulldogs missed wide left, and Stanfield came away with the 22-20 win.

"We made a few mistakes on good drives, but ultimately kept our heads in the game and kept playing defense," head coach Davy Salas said.

The Tigers (1-3 overall, 1-0 CBC) didn't do a good job of wrapping up Culver's running back and allowed themselves to get into a 20-8 deficit. But Salas told the team as long as they stay

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Westbrook signs 5-year, \$205 million extension with Thunder

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Russell Westbrook is staying with the Thunder.

The superstar point guard and reigning NBA MVP has signed a contract extension to remain in Oklahoma City, the team announced Friday. ESPN first reported the agreement and said it would be for five years and worth \$205 million.

Westbrook said this week that Oklahoma City is where he wanted to be. He said he was thrilled with the offseason additions of four-time All-Star Paul George and 10-time All-Star Carmelo Anthony. Both have player options on their deals after this season.

Westbrook averaged a triple-double last season and was the league scoring champion. He averaged 31.6 points, 10.7 rebounds and 10.4 assists and broke Oscar Robertson's single-season record for triple-doubles with 42.



Westbrook

"I talked to my brother like four days ago. Today I was able to talk to him again. He was trying to get gas. He's been in the line for almost 27 hours. He just called me to talk to me a little bit and inform me about the situation over there. It's not good, man. It's been nine days and people are not really getting anything."

— Carlos Beltran

Houston Astros slugger and Puerto Rico native has raised \$1.3 million and put together 300,000 pounds of supplies to help the hurricane relief in his native country.

Angels rally to beat M's as Trout hits 200th home run

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Luis Valbuena hit a two-run, pinch-hit double in the eighth inning to cap a four-run rally as the Los Angeles Angels overcame three home runs by Seattle in a 6-5 victory over the Mariners on Friday night.

Mike Trout hit two home runs for the Angels, in the process becoming the fifth player in major league history to collect 1,000 hits and 200 home runs by their age 25 season. He joined Alex Rodriguez, Mickey Mantle, Mel Ott and Jimmie Foxx.

Trout turned 26 last month. Trout's first-inning homer was overcome by back-to-back solo homers by Nelson Cruz and Kyle Seager in the fourth off Tyler Skaggs (2-7). It was home run No. 39 for Cruz and No. 26 for Seager. The Angels tied it in the bottom of the inning when Andretonio Simmons singled and eventually scored on Cliff Pennington's sacrifice fly.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1927 — Babe Ruth hits his 60th home run of the season in the eighth inning off Tom Zachary to lead the New York Yankees to a 4-2 victory over the Washington Senators.

1984 — The Los Angeles Rams set an NFL record with three safeties in a 33-12 victory over the New York Giants.

2000 — At the Sydney Olympics, Marion Jones wins gold in the U.S. women's 1,600-meter relay and bronze with the 400-meter squad, making her the only woman to win five track medals at one Olympics.

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