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HERMISTON

Bulldogs aiming to keep up the pace

Hermiston looking for third straight victory

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East Oregonian

HERMISTON — After the Hermiston football team's 40-14 win at home last week, head coach David Faaeteete had some immediate goals.

He wanted to focus on three things in the upcoming week of practice that plagued the Bulldogs (3-2 overall, 2-1 Special District 1) despite earning their second league win. They including play at the defensive line, special teams execution, and ball leverage with the younger players.

Football



Hermiston Bulldogs
(3-2, 2-1)



Ridgeview Ravens
(0-5, 0-3)

• Friday, 7 p.m.
• At Ridgeview HS

When facing a winless team in the Ridgeview Ravens on Friday, Hermiston will likely have success on special teams and the No. 2's and 3's may get some playing time if they Bulldogs' manage to get to a comfortable lead, but it will be the defensive line that will be tested on the road in Redmond.

The Ravens (0-5, 0-3) have struggled

since their 13-1 state championship season in 2013. Ridgeview has won eight total games in the past three years, and only two of those were during league play. The biggest problem has been its offense, which has lacked balance these past few seasons. While this season the Ravens have yet to prove they have any sort of stability, they do possess a weapon

See DAWGS/B2

MLB

Dbacks survive and advance



Arizona Diamondbacks' Daniel Descalso (3) scores on a two-run triple by Archie Bradley during the seventh inning of the National League wild-card playoff baseball game against the Colorado Rockies, Wednesday in Phoenix.

Arizona moves on to face Los Angeles in NLDS

By BOB BAUM
Associated Press

NL Wild Card

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PHOENIX — Three bags, four times.

And you wouldn't believe who got in on all the fun for the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Spirited reliever Archie Bradley hit a stunning triple in the seventh inning, driving

in two runs with one of four three-baggers by Arizona that sent the Diamondbacks past the

Colorado Rockies 11-8 in the National League wild-card game Wednesday night.

Paul Goldschmidt launched an early three-run homer and the Diamondbacks built a 6-0 lead before ace Zack Greinke faltered. Colorado climbed back into it and cut it to 8-7 when Nolan Arenado and Trevor Story hit back-to-back homers in the eighth off Bradley,

perhaps exhausted from hustling around the bases and shouting in excitement to giddy teammates.

But then A.J. Pollock knocked in two runs with Arizona's fourth triple, this one off closer Greg Holland, as the Diamondbacks scored three times in their half of the eighth to finally put away a wild game.

See DBACKS/2B



A team of sophomores called 'The Prisoners' engages in a slimy tug of war Wednesday during Pendleton High School's Mud Wars at the Happy Canyon Arena.

MUD OF WAR

Sports shorts

Seattle Storm hires new coach

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Hughes is the new coach of the Seattle Storm.

Hughes spent 11 years coaching the San Antonio Stars before retiring after the 2016 season. The 62-year-old replaces Gary Kloppenburg, who was Seattle's interim coach after the team fired Jenny Boucek on Aug. 10. Kloppenburg helped guide the Storm to the playoffs as the No. 8 seed where they lost in the opening round to Dallas.

Seattle has a solid nucleus for Hughes to work with led by Sue Bird, Breanna Stewart and Jewell Loyd. The Storm, who were 15-19 this year, also have the fifth pick in a loaded draft next April.

Hughes has coached more WNBA games (524) than anyone in league history and is 237-287 in his career. That's the third most wins in the league. He won WNBA Coach of the Year twice, garnering the honor in 2001 when he was with Cleveland and then again in 2007 in San Antonio.



Hughes

"It felt scary in the locker room when I couldn't really breathe at the time ... It felt all right at the time, so I kept on playing. Once the game was over and the fact the adrenaline wore off, and, man, the pain got a lot more. I went to the hospital, I think, jus to make sure everything was all right, man."

— Rees Odhiambo

Seattle Seahawks offensive lineman was released from the hospital on Monday after being diagnosed with a bruised sternum following a scary hit in Sunday's game against Indianapolis.

PENDLETON Buckaroos facing big test

Unbeaten Mountain View visits for homecoming game

Football

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By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

• Friday, 7 p.m.
• At Round-Up arena

PENDLETON — One of Pendleton's main goals prior to the 2017 season was to become a playoff team again for the first time since 2014. With the season halfway over, the Buckaroos are halfway to that goal.

Heading into Week 6, Pendleton (3-2 overall, 2-1 Special District 1) sits in a tie with Hermiston for third place in Special District 1 and are clinging to one of the four playoff spots in the district. Beneath the surface, Pendleton's playoff resume right now is relatively weak with zero wins against teams with winning records, including two wins against winless teams (Ridgeview, Redmond). Pendleton's time to cement itself in the district and in the state starts Friday as it faces its biggest test yet, hosting Mountain View homecoming night at the Round-Up arena.

"We're going to have to beat the good teams to be a playoff team and this is a huge one for us," Pendleton head coach Erik Davis said. "We know going into

this if we have any shot at a conference title this is a big one. We expect Mountain View to be the team we know them to be, but we're an improved football team as well and we're excited about where our momentum is going into this Friday."

Mountain View (5-0, 3-0) comes roaring into Pendleton unbeaten on the season and are ranked No. 3 in Class 5A, fresh off a dominant 35-13 victory over Summit. The Cougars have perhaps the best running game in the state, powered by a big, stout offensive line and junior running back Jonas Larson who already eclipsed the 1,000 rushing yard mark on the season.

Larson torched Summit for 269 yards and four touchdowns last week and piled up 187 yards with one score in Mountain View's 28-7 win over Hermiston on Sept.

See BUCKS/B2

Defending champion Penguins drop season opener in OT to Blues

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Alex Pietrangolo beat Matt Murray 1:15 into overtime to give the St. Louis Blues a 5-4 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

The Blues recovered after letting a two-goal, third-period lead slip away when Pietrangolo's shot from the slot hit Murray and slipped under the crossbar for his second goal.

Paul Stastny had a goal and an assist for the Blues, Brayden Schenn and Colton Parayko also scored, and Jake Allen finished with 34 saves.

Sidney Crosby and Conor Sheary scored 54 seconds apart in the third to tie it, but the Penguins couldn't complete the comeback on a night the two-time defending Stanley Cup champions raised the franchise's fifth Cup banner in the rafters at PPG Paints Arena. Justin Schultz and Olli Maatta also scored for the Penguins.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1985 — Eddie Robinson becomes college football's winningest coach as Grambling beats Prairie View A&M 27-7. It's Robinson's 324th career victory, one more than Paul "Bear" Bryant had before he retired from Alabama after the 1982 season.

1994 — The NBA shortens the 3-point distance to a uniform 22 feet.

2005 — Daniel Alfredsson scores twice in the final 6 minutes of regulation and once during the first shootout in NHL history, leading Ottawa to a 3-2 win over Toronto.

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