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HERMISTON



Hermiston's Dayshawn Neal interrupts a pass intended for Trevin Reeser, of Bend, during the Bulldogs' 35-32 victory over the Lava Bears on Friday at Kennison Field.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Prep Roundup

Bucks win big at Hood River

Pendleton keeps playoff goal alive for another week

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The Pendleton Buckaroos traveled to Hood River in need of a win to help keep their playoff goal in focus. And after a slow start, Pendleton did just what it needed to as the Buckaroos beat the Eagles 32-6 on Friday night.

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Hood River took an early 6-0 lead on Pendleton (4-3 overall, 3-2 5A Special District 1) in the first quarter, but then the Buckaroos finally reached the end zone in the second quarter to take a 7-6 lead into halftime. Pendleton then rolled in the second half, outscoring the Eagles (2-4, 1-4) 25-0 to finish the game.

"We came out a little flat," Pendleton coach Erik Davis said. "We moved the ball okay, but penalties stalled us out and kept our momentum at bay. We scored the touchdown in the second quarter and it was a bit of a momentum shift for us."

"We came out in the second half and the defense bowed their necks a bit and we took it to them after that." With running back Shawn Yeager out for the season with an injury, Aiden Patterson stepped into the starting role and had a monster game running for 160 yards on 14 carries with a touchdown and added one receiving touchdowns as well. Alex Rendon added 18 yards on six carries with a score as well.

Quarterback Nick Bower threw for 153 yards and two touchdowns on 16-of-26 passing with zero interceptions. Bower's favorite target was again Shaw Jerome who caught five passes for 69 yards with a score.

With the win, Pendleton keeps a hold on the fourth-and-final playoff spot in the district with a one-game lead on Summit with two weeks left to play.

UP NEXT
Pendleton travels to Bend on Friday.

HEPPNER 64, CULVER 31

At Heppner, the Mustangs tallied their third straight win on the season by beating Culver on Friday night, setting up a league title game next week at Stanfield.

Heppner (3-3 overall, 2-0 Columbia Basin Conference) compiled 609 yards of total offense, including 478 rushing.

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Bulldogs hold off Lava Bears

Hermiston's Tyler Rohman tackles a Bend player in the endzone Friday at Kennison Field, jarring the ball loose.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney



Neal helps Hermiston win fourth straight

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — After his final homecoming game, Hermiston senior Dayshawn Neal was at a loss for words, reeling. First, he had to catch his breath, and second, he was reeling from the Bulldogs' 35-32 win over the Bend Lava Bears that did not come easy.

"I'm feeling it," said Neal, who finished with 122 receiving yards and three touchdowns. "It's just hard to explain."

Bend came to town on a five-game winning streak, and had yet to

Football
Bend
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Hermiston
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lose a league game. The Bulldogs (5-2 overall, 4-1 Special District 1) weren't threatened by the Bears' record, and came out on the hunt for a win scoring their first touchdown in the opening drive.

Junior quarterback Andrew James hit his favorite target of the night, senior Dayshawn Neal, for a 90-yard touchdown. Hermiston was up 7-0 just two minutes into the game.

The second drive with James and the rest of Hermiston's offense on the

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Keuchel dominant as Astros win Game 1

Houston starter strikes out 10 in 7 shutout innings

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dallas Keuchel faced the New York Yankees in the postseason for the second time and the Houston Astros ace shut them down again.

Keuchel struck out 10 in seven scoreless innings to help Houston to a 2-1 victory on Friday night in the AL Championship Series opener.

"I think it's just pitch execution, and it's just been there more times than it hasn't against the Yankees," Keuchel said.

Keuchel threw six scoreless innings in a 3-0 win over New York in the 2015 AL

ALCS - Game 1
New York
1
Houston
2

wild card game.

He allowed four hits — all singles — and walked one to improve to 8-2 with a 1.09 ERA in eight starts against the Yankees in the regular season and postseason combined. He joined Nolan Ryan and Mike Scott as the only Astros pitchers to reach double digits in strikeouts in a postseason game.

"Late movement — he moves the ball and he commands it well," the Yankees

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Houston Astros' Jose Altuve reacts after scoring during the fourth inning of Game 1 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees Friday in Houston.

Sports shorts

49ers release all-pro linebacker

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers have released linebacker NaVorro Bowman in a move that cut ties with one of the few remaining links from the team's last run of success. General manager John Lynch said he and coach Kyle Shanahan met with Bowman on Thursday night and it became clear that going in different directions was the best move for both sides. San Francisco then released Bowman on Friday.

Bowman originally joined the 49ers as a third-round pick in 2010 and quickly formed one of the league's best linebacking duos with Patrick Willis. The two were key to San Francisco's run of three straight trips to the NFC title game and one Super Bowl appearance.

But the 49ers (0-5) are rebuilding now after winning just seven games the past two seasons and want to commit to younger players.



Bowman

"You know, I was thinking about maybe driving a school bus. I thought it'd be fun. I drive the kids to school every morning, and I thought it'd be fun driving them home, too. I think I'll be OK. I think they'll be able to eat either way."

— Matt Kenseth

NASCAR driver on Friday joking about his future in the sport. Kenseth, in his 17th season on NASCAR's top circuit, does not yet have a 2018 ride lineup after being replaced at Joe Gibbs Racing.

Syracuse upsets No. 2 Clemson

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Eric Dungey threw for 278 yards and three touchdowns, Cole Murphy kicked a tiebreaking field goal in the fourth quarter, and Syracuse stunned No. 2 Clemson 27-24 on Friday night to put a damper on the Tigers' chances to repeat as national champions.

Clemson (6-1, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) had won 12 consecutive games on the opponent's home field, the longest streak in Clemson history and tied for the second longest active streak in the nation. Clemson also had won 11 consecutive games overall, the longest active winning streak in the nation.

The Orange (4-3, 2-1) are 3-6 against the previous year's national champion, also beating Penn State in 1987 and Michigan in 1998.

The Tigers took a big blow when quarterback Kelly Bryant suffered a concussion in the final minute of the first half.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1990 — Joe Montana passes for career highs of 476 yards and six touchdowns and Jerry Rice ties an NFL record with five scoring receptions as the San Francisco 49ers beat the Atlanta Falcons 45-35.

2005 — Ryan Newman sets a NASCAR record by winning his fifth consecutive Busch Series race, the Charlotte 300 at Lowe's Motor Speedway.

2015 — Sylvia Fowles has 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Minnesota Lynx capture their third WNBA title in five years with a 69-52 victory over the Indiana Fever in Game 5.

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