

MISSION

Two hundred run in Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invite

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MISSION — More than 200 runners from fifteen high schools across Eastern and Central Oregon gathered at Wildhorse Resort Golf Course on Thursday afternoon for the annual Kyle Burnside Memorial Wildhorse Cross Country Invite.

Union sat atop the leaderboard in the men's team standings with 36 points, and the Bobcats were followed by Hood River Valley (65), The Dalles (79), Hermiston (145) and Baker (157) to round out the Top 5. Locally, Stanfield (221) was seventh, Heppner (230) was ninth, Pendleton (277) 11th, Helix (348) 13th and Mac-Hi (410) 15th.

On the women's side, The Dalles (66) was first followed by Hood River Valley (66), Hermiston (68), Enterprise (72) and Union (123). For the local teams, Pendleton (193) was seventh, Helix (208) eighth, and Stanfield (256) 10th.

Individually, Union's Alex Graffunder (15:35.0) and Tim Stevens (15:40.2) blew away the field in the men's competition to take the top two spots with a 45-second cushion. Heppner's Hunter Nichols finished third at 16:25.8 and Hermiston's Isaac Sanchez was fourth with a time of 16:32.1.

For the women, Hood River's Josephine Dickinson (19:27.3) and Frances Dick-



Hermiston's Amanda Nygard crests the top of a hill while competing in the Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invite on Thursday in Mission.

inson (19:33.3) earned the top two spots with Hermiston freshman Amanda Nygard finishing in fourth with a time of 19:47.8.

Here are the top three finishers for each team, starting with host Pendleton: (Boys) 46. Michael Brooks, 18:36.5; 60. Richard Scott, 19:19.1; 67. Leighton Redcrane, 19:29.8. (Girls) 26. Rylee Harris, 21:22.1; 40. Katie Beach, 22:17.0; 45. Jordyn Murphy, 22:31.8.

HERMISTON — (Boys) 4. Isaac Sanchez, 16:32.1; 22. Gregory Anderson, 17:33.4;

36. Emanuel Ibarra, 18:02.5. (Girls) 4. Amanda Nygard, 19:47.8; 8. Melany Solorio, 20:08.8; 17. Julianna Joyce, 20:47.0.

STANFIELD — (Boys) Sisay Hurty, 17:11.8; 33. Elias Esquivel, 17:59.4; 65. Garrett Wiggins, 19:29.1. (Girls) 36. Izabella Garcia, 21:59.8; 55. Chelsy Lemmon, 23:01.7; 59. Valerie Martin, 23:24.4.

HEPPNER — (Boys) 3. Hunter Nichols, 16:25.8; 30. Hayden Qualls, 17:52.5; 59. Leo Waite, 19:10.1. (Girls) 14. Madelyn Nichols,

20:39.5; 28. Mackenzie Heideman, 21:24.7; 82. Hannah Palmer, 26:07.2.

HELIX — (Boys) 44. Gavin Newton, 18:27.8; 75. Colton Reynolds, 19:50.7; 81. Bryce Fairchild, 19:59.3. (Girls) 22. Lucy Case, 21:10.9; 41. Kaylee Cope, 22:18.3; 44. Hannah Christman, 22:26.0.

MAC-HI — (Boys) 63. Thayne Krumbaugh, 19:22.8; 89. Deazen Zerba, 20:20.6; 106. Stephen Medina, 21:08.9. (Girls) 16. Mekenna Simpson, 20:39.5; 66. Lilee Roggow, 24:10.0;



Stanfield's Sisay Hurty competes during the Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invite on Thursday in Mission.

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88. Jessica Hernandez, 28:31.9.

RIVERSIDE / IRRIGON — (Boys) 108. Andrew Barker, 21:14.7; 116. Brian Franco, 21:46.3; 118. Connor Graham, 21:47.4; 129. Darnell Woods, 25:21.7.

UMATILLA — (Boys) 23. Zayne Troeger, 17:35.4; 96. Trevor Reiner, 20:33.3; 117. Alex Ibarra, 21:46.7. (Girls) 54. Abigail Cardenas, 22:59.0; 57. Jacqualine Brown, 23:14.7; 72. Cecilia Cardenas, 24:40.2.

NIXYAAWII — (Boys)

51. Mick Schimmel, 18:54.5; 56. Moses Moses, 19:03.0; 111. Reuben Sigo Bronson, 21:23.2. (Girls) 48. MacKenzie Kiona, 22:47.0; 60. Milan Schimmel, 23:37.0; 84. Ella Mae Looney, 26:58.0.

Men's Team Results
1. Union, 36; 2. Hood River, 65; 3. The Dalles, 79; 4. Hermiston, 145; 5. Baker, 157; 6. La Grande, 191; 7. Stanfield, 221; 7. Ontario, 221; 9. Heppner, 230; 10. Enterprise, 252; 11. Pendleton, 277; 12. Nyssa, 300; 13. Helix, 348; 14. Elgin, 353; 15. Mac-Hi, 410.
Women's Team Results
1. The Dalles, 66; 1. Hood River, 66; 3. Hermiston, 68; 4. Enterprise, 72; 5. Union, 123; 6. La Grande, 155; 7. Pendleton, 193; 8. Helix, 208; 9. Baker, 218; 10. Stanfield, 256.

Prep Football Roundup

Buckaroos earn crucial victory on road over Lava Bears

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BEND — Nick Bower threw for 275 yards and three touchdowns and Aiden Patterson ran for 95 yards and two touchdowns as their Pendleton Buckaroos earned a huge 39-20 victory over Bend on Friday night.

Pendleton (5-3 overall, 4-2 5A Special District 1) controlled the game in nearly all facets, out-gaining Bend (5-3, 4-2) in total yardage 420-296, winning the turnover battle one to three, and controlling the game clock for nearly 30 of the 48 minutes. Pendleton held a 21-14 lead at halftime and a

27-2 lead after three quarters, but were able to add to its cushion in the fourth quarter to pull away.

It was a crucial win for the Buckaroos, who hang on to the fourth playoff spot in the district with the victory.

"One of the things we talked about this week was getting on the board early and we were able to do that, 21 points in the first half," Pendleton coach Erik Davis said. "Nick (Bower) had a tremendous game, he was a leader on the field and he distributed the ball well ... and defensively we stiffened up a bit. Our kids didn't give up and they battled."

UP NEXT

Pendleton will host Hermiston at the Round-Up Arena for the regular season finale.

IRRIGON 40, UMATILLA 6 — At Umatilla, the Irrigon Knights' defense quieted a potent Umatilla offense on its way to thumping the Vikings on their home field 40-6 on Friday night.

Josue Aguilera ran for 134 yards and three touchdowns for Irrigon (4-3 overall, 2-2 Eastern Oregon League), and Lino Covarrubia added 82 yards and two touchdowns. Pedro Alvarez led Umatilla's (4-4, 1-3) offense with

61 rushing yards and one touchdown, while Kaden Webb threw for 133 yards on 7-of-16 passing.

"Our offensive line really dominated the game and our defense kept (Umatilla) in check," Irrigon coach Steve Sheller said. "I'm proud of our boys, they played their tails off tonight."

UP NEXT
Umatilla hosts Nyssa and Irrigon hosts Burns.

NYSSA 53, RIVERSIDE 6 — At Boardman, the Riverside Pirates lost for the fifth consecutive game as they were thumped by the undefeated Nyssa Bulldogs

on Friday night.

Riverside (2-5 overall, 0-4 Eastern Oregon League) finishes up the regular season at Vale next week.

ECHO 36, COVE 24 — At Cove, the Echo Cougars earned sole possession of third place in the district with a tough 36-24 win over Cove on Friday night, marking the Cougars' third straight win overall.

Echo (6-2 overall, 4-1 Special District 1) will play in a league playoff next week with opponent TBD.

SHERMAN 46, ARLINGTON 8 — At

Moro, the Arlington Honkers were held to a season-low eight points in a tough loss to the Sherman Huskies on Friday night.

Arlington (5-3 overall, 1-2 Special District 4) wraps up the regular season next week at Pilot Rock.

DUFUR 58, PILOT ROCK 22 — At Dufur, the Pilot Rock Rockets lost for the second straight week, this time losing to the No. 1-ranked Dufur Rangers 58-22 on Friday night.

Pilot Rock (2-5 overall) finishes up the regular season next week at home against Arlington.

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drive. Seconds later senior Jonathan Hinkle ran eight yards to the end zone to give Hermiston an early 7-0 lead.

"It was a good kick off return that sent that thing up and I just finished it off," Hinkle said of his seventh rushing touchdown of the season.

The Bulldogs (6-2 overall, 5-1 Special District 1) would put one more touchdown on the board — another short eight-yard rush from senior Dayshawn Neal — before breaking through in the second quarter.

Hermiston scored in rapid fire before halftime — three touchdowns in a five-minute span and two more just two minutes apart.

The Panthers' quarterback struggles caught up with them Friday. There were six passes thrown for a total of 31

yards, and only half of them were completions. Redmond had to rely on its run, which in the end didn't have much success either.

"The (singleback formation) is easiest for us to guard because that's stuff we can see," Gutierrez said. "I put it all on our coach (Scott) Hammond. He gets us ready and we just go out and play and execute."

That they did. Redmond's only first down in the first half was because of a face mask penalty on Hermiston and the Panthers (1-7, 1-5) could barely break through the defensive line. But Hermiston's performance wasn't perfect, and Redmond found its footing twice.

Senior Jack Taylor scored the Panthers' only touchdowns of the night, a 78-yard run in the second quarter and another run for 49 yards in the third. It wasn't due to a lack



Hermiston's Dayshawn Neal runs the ball chased by Redmond's Tyson Hester and Cooper Browning (4) in the Bulldogs' 62-14 win against the Panthers on Friday.

of effort on the Bulldogs part, as they made it extremely difficult for Taylor to break through a sea of purple. But a lack of execution in those moments gave Taylor all he needed to sprint down the field.

"We pretty much suered up

everything we need to do on defense and took care of it for the most part," head coach David Faaeteete said. "We had a couple lapses. We had guys wrapped up, but didn't finish tackles. We have to get those things fixed."

Redmond's second quarter

score was sandwiched in between five Hermiston touchdowns. A 39-yard connection from James to senior Luke Walchli started things off. Neal and Hinkle took care of the rest. Both of Hinkle's touchdowns in the second quarter were on the ground — a 36-yard rush followed by a 12-yard run — and Neal would once again be James' favorite target and bring home a 39-yarder and a 16-yard reception with no time left on the clock.

All sides of the ball were clicking, and that continued well into the second half with some No. 2 and 3's in. Senior Garron Anderson would be the last Bulldog to score. His 6-yard run put the nail in the coffin and secured Hermiston's 48-point victory.

"We just played all together, as a team, like everybody was blocking down field just going full

speed," Gutierrez said. "Everybody was in the game even the side lines were in it."

James was able to sit out the fourth quarter with the comfortable lead and finished 8-of-10 for 157 yards and three touchdowns. He also had eight carries for 40 yards, but it was Hinkle who had the best ground game. Hinkle finished with 160 yards and three touchdowns on nine carries. Neal led the receivers with four catches for 74 yards and two touchdowns.

UP NEXT
Hermiston will finish its regular season in Round-Up Stadium. The Bulldogs will travel up the highway to face the Pendleton Buckaroos in their rivalry match up at 7 p.m. Friday.

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three touchdowns. Wilson added 79 passing yards and one touchdown with one interception.

"He's shown that he can really run," Grant said of the freshman. "I haven't wanted him to run a lot early in the year, but I think he's shown that he's capable and that's a real weapon for us."

The Mustangs took advantage of good field position all game long, starting with the game's opening kickoff that gave them the ball at their own 49. Heppner drove 51 yards on 11 plays that was capped off by a six-yard plunge by Wilson. Heppner started a drive inside its own 30 just three times on nine drives and four times started outside its own 40.



The Tigers' Justin Keeney looks for an opening during Friday's game against Heppner in Stanfield.

Stanfield looked like it would answer the Mustangs' opening scoring drive with one of its own, moving

easily through the Mustangs' defense all the way down to Mustangs' 10. But the Heppner defense tightened up

and Wilson intercepted a pass by Stanfield's Shayne Keltz at the four-yard-line.

From there, Heppner drove 96 yards on 10 plays and took a 16-0 lead early in the second quarter when Dougherty took an inside handoff in the backfield, patiently followed his blockers and then attacked the hole and sprinted 35 yards through Tigers defense for the score. Another Wilson touchdown run two drives later put Heppner up 22-0 late in the second quarter.

However, Stanfield did not give in. The Tigers intercepted a pass by Wilson at its own 20 with just 1:06 left to play in the first half and turned to Adrian Renner to give them a boost. Renner, who finished the game with 127 rushing yards, utilized his speed and busted off a 43 yard run to

put the Tigers in scoring position. After a few failed pass attempts, Renner took a sweep handoff and cut his way through the Mustangs defense for an 18-yard touchdown to cut the deficit to 22-8 with 13 seconds left in the half.

The late Tigers score made Grant a little worried going into the half, thinking about a possible momentum swing for the Tigers going into the second half. However, that was not the case. Heppner's defense held Stanfield to just 92 yards of offense in the second half, and the offense continued to wear down the Tigers, move the chains, and find the end zone. The only touchdown Heppner allowed was a one-yard rush by Keltz late in the fourth quarter.

"The kids just figured it out and played it better," Grant

said. "Maybe we were being a little too careful to start but we finally said 'To heck with it' and came out and got after it and we really did shut it down. But Stanfield really played hard. They ran hard, blocked hard, and challenged us."

Up next, Stanfield will host Monroe on Friday for its regular season finale. Heppner will host Corbett as the Mustangs aim for a fifth straight victory and go into the playoffs at full strength.

"Those losses that we had early on were good for us," Dougherty said. "We learned a lot in those games and we've grown so much as a team, it's amazing where we are now."

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