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Bucks, Dawgs ready for 'war'



In this 2016 file photo, Pendleton's Everett Willard takes down Hermiston's Tucker Salinas in the Bulldogs' 13-12 win against the Bucks in Hermiston. The two teams will meet on Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Round-Up Arena.


Pendleton, Hermiston come into Friday's game playing good football

By ERIC SINGER & Alexis MANSANAREZ
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Friday's game between the Pendleton Buckaroos and the Hermiston Bulldogs will pit together two teams that are playing their best football of the season.

Hermiston comes in riding a five-game winning streak behind a high-powered offense and solid defense. Pendleton is fresh off its best win of the

Football



Hermiston Bulldogs
(6-2, 5-1)



Pendleton Buckaroos
(5-3, 4-2)

• Friday, 7 p.m.
• at Round-Up Arena

season, 39-20 on the road against Bend, and has won four of its last five games overall. The Bulldogs edged out the Buckaroos 13-12 in Hermiston

last season, and the Buckaroos are determined to come out on top this time.

"Everybody here knows its a big game and everybody here wants to win," Pendleton senior safety Brendan Bedolla said. "We want to prove that we're one of the best teams in (Class) 5A and that we can compete."

Here is a look at what to expect from both sides on Friday night at the Round-Up Arena:

ON THE BUCKAROOS

SIDELINE: After a slip up three weeks ago against Mountain View, Pendleton rolls into Hermiston week with both its offense and defense firing on all cylinders. Pendleton held a talented Bend offense to just 296 yards of total offense and put up 420 yards themselves, on the heels of a dominant win at Hood River.

But the Buckaroos know they have a different beast with

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Buckaroos revere decades of dominance

Pendleton controlled bragging rights with Hermiston for more than 60 straight years

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Mark Mulvihill can still remember the feeling that Hermiston week brought him and his Pendleton Buckaroo teammates.

"There was a huge expectation that week that we had to win," said Mulvihill, who quarterbacked Pendleton from 1980-1982. "As a QB, I felt more pressure in those games than in any other game, more so than a playoff game even. You did not want to be that first class to lose to Hermiston."

"Other games were always fun and exciting, but the Hermiston game was a relief when it was over."

During Mulvihill's playing days, Pendleton was in the midst of a win streak over its rival Hermiston that lasted more than half a century. The



Pendleton quarterback Dean Fouquette, far left, is pursued by Hermiston's Larry Heyden (10) and Boyd Woodward (88) during Pendleton's 17-7 win over Hermiston at the Round-Up Grounds in 1970.

two Umatilla County schools that now sit just 27 miles apart began the series in 1922 when Hermiston — then known as the Irrigators — beat Pendleton 19-18 thanks to a pair of missed extra points by the Buckaroos.

However for the next 62 years Pendleton held on to the bragging rights as it won 56 of the 57 total meetings, with the only Buckaroos' non-victory being a 7-7 tie in 1941. To the Bulldogs credit, the playing field was slanted toward them

for a good chunk of that stretch as Pendleton was a bigger town and a bigger school that was regularly winning league titles, while Hermiston was struggling for winning seasons. But that did not stop both teams treating it with the same level of intensity as a state playoff game every time they stepped onto the field.

"There is nothing like rivalry week," said David Boor, who played for Pendleton from 1986-1988. "They did not like

"You did not want to be that first class to lose to Hermiston."

— Mark Mulvihill
Pendleton Buckaroos' quarterback, 1980-1982.

us and we did not like them."

Dean Fouquette, who was the starting quarterback for the Buckaroos in 1969 and 1970, got his first real taste of the rivalry in his first year as a starter in 1969. Pendleton, who came into the game 7-0 with the Intermountain Conference title already under its belt, scored an 85-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on the game's opening kickoff, but then was beat up by Hermiston for the remainder of the first half and trailed their rivals 18-7 at the break. There, the team got a swift pep talk from then-coach Don Requa that Fouquette said was "as good as I'd ever heard," and it worked as Pendleton came back to win the game

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Sports shorts

Wallace Jr. set to make NASCAR history in 2018 season

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Darrell Wallace Jr. will become the first black full-time driver at NASCAR's top level since 1971 when he takes over Richard Petty's iconic ride next season.

The 24-year-old Wallace, more commonly referred to by his nickname of "Bubba," became the first black driver to race at NASCAR's top level since 2006 when he replaced an injured Aric Almiroli earlier this year.

Wallace, an Alabama native and graduate of NASCAR's diversity program, has tried not to make race part of his climb through the ranks.

He won the Truck Series race at Martinsville in 2013 to become the first black driver to win at a national NASCAR series event since Wendell Scott in 1963.



Wallace Jr.

"I think we have to change the Collective Bargaining Agreement and let you do what is legal in your state. If marijuana is now in the process of being legalized, I think you should be allowed to do what's legal in your state."

— David Stern
Former NBA Commissioner said of medicinal marijuana use being allowed in the league.

Former EOU standout signed to Detroit Lions' active roster

LA GRANDE — Football fans watching Sunday's Detroit Lions-Pittsburgh Steelers game on Sunday may see a familiar face.

Former Eastern Oregon standout Jace Billingsley was signed to the Lions' 53-man roster off the practice squad on Wednesday. The move comes as Detroit will be without its top receiver, Golden Tate, on Sunday due to injury, which means that Billingsley could be active on Sunday and make his official NFL debut.

Billingsley spent the majority of the 2016 season on Detroit's practice squad before being promoted to the active roster prior to Week 16, but was inactive on gameday.

The 5-foot-9 receiver graduated from EOU in 2016 and was signed by the Lions as an undrafted free agent.



Billingsley

ECHO



Echo's Lexie Cox spikes the ball towards Jordan Valley's Emilee Burch in the Cougars' 3-0 win against the Mustangs on Wednesday in Echo.

Cougars advance to 2nd round

Cougars breeze by Mustangs

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
East Oregonian

ECHO — For the eight years that Janice Scott has been at the helm of the Echo volleyball team, the Cougars never made it passed the first round of postseason play. In fact, it had been two years since Echo made it to the Class 1A playoffs — its 2015 run was cut short with a loss in Round 1 to Dufur.

That all changed for the Cougars on Wednesday night. For the first time, Echo hosted a state playoff game, and also for the first time the Cougars will advance to Round 2. Echo easily defeated Jordan Valley in three straight sets (25-11, 25-16, 25-11) and had one of its best outings all season.

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1A Volleyball First Round


Jordan Valley
0


Echo
3

World Series

Astros even series with 11-inning win

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — George Springer screamed with joy as he circled the bases after hitting a two-run homer in the 11th inning.

Would it be enough? Was this the final plot twist on one of the wildest nights in postseason history?

Yes, it was — barely — and the Houston Astros won a World Series game for the first time in their 56 seasons.

Charlie Culberson hit a two-out homer in the bottom half off winner Chris Devenski, who then struck out Yasiel Puig in a tense, nine-pitch at-bat. The Astros outlasted the

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Game 2


Houston
7


Los Angeles
6

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1993 — The NFL expands, adding a team in Charlotte, N.C., starting in 1995.

2000 — The New York Yankees become the first team in more than a quarter-century to win three straight World Series championships, beating the New York Mets 4-2.

2012 — The NHL cancels all its games through the end of November because of the labor dispute between owners and players. A total of 326 regular-season games, more than 26.5 percent of the season, are lost.

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