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MISSION

Bulldogs run well at districts



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Isaac Sanchez leads the pack in front of Hood River's Josh Haynes at the Columbia River Conference district meet on Thursday in Mission. Sanchez finished in first place with a time of 16 minutes, 11 seconds.

Sanchez wins boys title, Hermiston girls team qualifies for state

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

MISSION — In 1994, Juan Sanchez won the boys cross country district title for Hermiston High School, the first individual title for the school.

Twenty-three years later on Thursday afternoon, his son, Isaac, bookended the family legacy at Hermiston and captured the final district title in Oregon for Hermiston. The school will join the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association next year.

Isaac, a senior for the Bulldogs, completed the 3.1 mile course that winds through the hilly front nine holes at the Wildhorse Resort Golf Course in a time of 16 minutes, 11 seconds for the Columbia River Conference 5A District 5 boys title.

It was the first thought that went through his mind as he sped toward the finish line to seal his



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Melany Solario (38) and Amanda Nygard keep pace with The Dalles' Hanna Ziegenhagen (64) and Emma Mullins during the Columbia River Conference district meet on Thursday in Mission.

victory.

"For my dad to be the first and now I'm the last in Oregon,

I thought that was pretty neat,"

Sanchez said proudly after the race. "It feels great, I've worked

hard ever since my freshman year ... and it finally paid off today."

Sanchez and his Bulldog teammates ran the same course just one week ago at the Kyle Burnside Memorial Invite where he ran a time of 16:32 with a fourth place finish. He confirmed that having that prior experience on the course was a help to him, making him feel more prepared for some of the challenging hills and quick turns. It seemed to help, as Sanchez hit the one mile and two-mile markers neck-and-neck with Hood River Valley's Josh Haynes. Then with roughly a half-mile left, Sanchez turned it on and finished with a 14-second cushion on second place.

"My strategy was to try and take the lead early but not go too crazy," he said. "Kind of maintain my pace until the end and then kick it in towards the end of the

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PENDLETON

A lot on the line for Bucks, Dawgs

Playoff positioning, bragging rights up for grabs Friday

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East Oregonian

PENDLETON — For the past two seasons, the Hermiston-Pendleton football game had a different feel for the Pendleton Buckaroos.



Hermiston Bulldogs (6-2, 5-1)



Pendleton Buckaroos (5-3, 4-2)

• Fri., 7 p.m.
• at Round-Up Arena

With Pendleton's playoff hopes dashed by Week 9 both times, the Buckaroos were out playing for pride and bragging rights with nothing to lose. And on the other sideline, Hermiston was trying to better its stance in the playoffs.

However, this season the Buckaroos (5-3 overall, 4-2 Special District 1) have much more on the line with Hermiston (6-2, 5-1). A win over the Bulldogs can clinch a playoff spot for the Buckaroos for the first time since 2014, while also snapping a five-game winless streak against the Bulldogs. On top of that, its the final time the schools will meet before Hermiston's departure for the WIAA and the Buckaroos want bragging rights back.

"There is no doubt it's a different feeling this week," Pendleton coach Erik Davis said at practice on Wednesday. "Our goals are still in sight and I'd be lying if I said they think it's just

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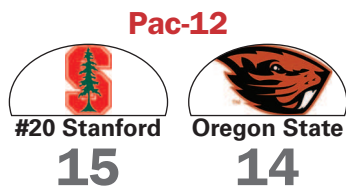
College Football

Late fumble helps Cardinal spoil Beavers' upset attempt

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Keller Chryst threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to JJ Arcega-Whiteside with 20 seconds left and No. 20 Stanford survived Bryce Love's absence for a 15-14 come-from-behind victory over Oregon State on Thursday night.

Love, the nation's leader with an average of 198.1 yards rushing per game, tweaked an ankle against Oregon on Oct. 14. The Cardinal (6-2, 5-1 Pac-12) announced that Love would sit out about 90 minutes before the start of the game in Corvallis.



Stanford went for it on fourth-and-10 on the Oregon State 40 with 2:19 left in the game and Chryst hit Kaden Smith with a 25-yard pass to keep the drive alive. After Chryst found Arcega-Whiteside in the end zone, the 2-point conversion failed but Stanford intercepted Oregon State quarterback Darell Garretson's hurl with 3 seconds left to end it.

The Beavers (1-7, 0-5) were playing the second game since the school parted ways with head coach Gary Andersen. Interim coach Cory Hall was the cornerbacks coach.

After the defenses dominated the first quarter, Stanford opened the scoring with Jet Toner's 40-yard field goal. On Oregon State's ensuing drive, Garretson's keeper put the Beavers up 7-3.

Stanford recovered Garretson's fumble at the Oregon State 16 but wasn't able to get closer and settled for a Toner's 33-yard field goal to head into halftime down 7-6.

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Stanford wide receiver JJ Arcega-Whiteside sheds an Oregon State defender during the first half of Thursday's game in Corvallis.

AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez

Sports shorts

Girardi fired as Yankees manager

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Girardi was fired as New York Yankees manager Thursday after a decade that produced just one World Series title for a team that expects to win every year.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman made the announcement five days after New York lost to Houston in Game 7 of the AL Championship Series.

An intense and driven former All-Star catcher, Girardi was at the end of his four-year contract and said last weekend he had to speak with his family before deciding whether he wanted to return. New York made the decision for him.

Girardi's 910-710 regular-season record with the Yankees is sixth in victories managing the team behind Joe McCarthy (1,460), Joe Torre (1,173), Casey Stengel (1,149), Miller Huggins (1,067) and Ralph Houk (944).



Girardi

"We want it closed. We've got to have it closed. I feel the electricity when it's closed is so much better. And we love playing here. We have so much excitement being here and the electricity and the vibe. And I feel like we feed off of it."

— Chris Devenski

Houston's reliever said of the Astros 7-6 extra inning win in Game 2 on Wednesday to tie the World Series at 1-1.

Flacco injured as Ravens thump Dolphins 40-0 on Thursday night

BALTIMORE (AP) — Joe Flacco threw a touchdown pass before being knocked from the game with a concussion, and the Baltimore Ravens frustrated quarterback Matt Moore and the Miami Dolphins in a 40-0 victory Thursday night.

Alex Collins ran for a career-high 113 yards, and Baltimore (4-4) returned two interceptions for touchdowns in the most lopsided shutout in franchise history.

In the midst of one of his best performances of the season, Flacco was struck in the helmet by Miami (4-3) linebacker Kiko Alonso while sliding at the end of an impromptu run. Flacco's helmet flew off his head, and the 10-year quarterback appeared dazed as he struggled to his feet.

Flacco was initially placed in concussion protocol, and by halftime was ruled out.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1984 Washington State's Rueben Mayes sets an NCAA record with 357 yards rushing, 197 in the first half, and scores three touchdowns in a 50-41 victory over Oregon.

1996 After two humbling losses at home, the New York Yankees win their first World Series title since 1978 with a 3-2 victory over the defending champion Atlanta Braves in Game 6.

2013 Serena Williams ends her best season in style, rallying past Li Na 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 for her second straight WTA Championship and 11th title of the year.

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