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## PENDLETON

# Bulldogs put end to 'War'

Hermiston ends season on six-game winning streak

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PENDLETON — Mark your calendars, as Friday, October 27, 2017, was the final battle in the War on 84.

Pendleton and Hermiston met for the final time at the Round-Up Grounds for the last game of the regular season. The Bulldogs entered the contest on a five-game winning streak, and the Buckaroos needed a win to keep their season alive.

Hermiston's 42-15 blow to Pendleton on its home turf puts the Buckaroos (5-4 overall, 4-3 Special District 1) in the hot seat while they have to wait to see if their season will continue. Meanwhile, the Bulldogs (7-2, 6-1) can relish in the fact they will forever hold the last bragging rights in the 95-year rivalry.

"I'm super elated," head coach David Faaeteete said. "The guys came out and competed and did what they had to do to get a win. Even when Pendleton tried to make it interesting, we responded and kept responding. Defense came away with some big plays. ... They took the best shots and they marched back and it was just fun to watch and great to be apart of."

Hermiston drew first blood, and put its first touchdown on the board just two minutes into the game. Quarterback Andrew James found Dayshawn Neal for 19 yards, and gave the Bulldogs their first lead. The score was Neal's only catch of the night, but the heavy coverage down the field on Hermiston's top target did not slow down the offense.

James would take matters into his own hands, and run in a 76-yard touchdown that put Hermiston up 14-0 going into the second quarter.

"As an offensive coordinator, you just take what's there and they're tripling Dayshawn," Faaeteete said. "So, it was just establishing the run game. ... All of those guys that get to touch the rock

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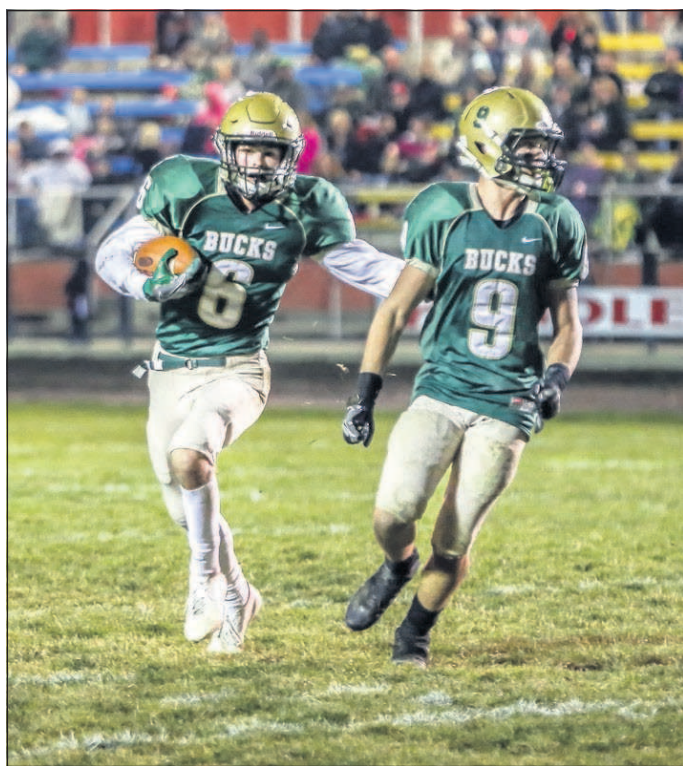


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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Jonathan Hinkle rushes up the middle of the Pendleton line in the Bulldogs' 42-15 win against the Bucks on Friday in Pendleton.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton's Sean Pourier (6) moves the ball downfield while teammate Luke Walchli (9) looks to block during Friday's game against rival Hermiston at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds.

## Former Bulldog Zabransky honored at final rivalry game

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PENDLETON — As part of the Great American Rivalry Series' involvement with Friday's Pendleton-Hermiston football game, alumni from both schools were inducted into the Series' Hall of Fame.

For Pendleton, the Pendleton Linebacker's Club as a whole was inducted in part for what they do to keep the tradition of Pendleton football alive as well as continuing to support the school and the program. And for Hermiston it was former Bulldog quarterback Jared Zabransky, who graduated in 2002 and went on to play football collegiately at Boise State and spent some brief time in the NFL and the Canadian Football League.

Both the Linebacker's Club and Zabransky received commemorative trophies for the honor, presented to them at midfield during halftime of Friday

night's game. The *East Oregonian* caught up with Zabransky prior to the start of the second half and below are a few of the highlights.

**EO: What do you remember from your high school days about the Pendleton-Hermiston rivalry?**

JZ: "Pendleton beat us all three years I was on varsity. We missed a field goal my sophomore year that would've won the game for us, but the other two years they (Pendleton) had some really good guys, some big-time Division I linemen in Roy Scheuning and Sean Perkins and their running backs Stephen Bisnett and J.D. Lambert. I played defense in three games in high school and two of them were against Pendleton. I played safety and we'd line up and yell 'They're going to run the B gap, stuff the B gap!' and sure enough Scheuning would just downblock and lay out our tackle, the linebackers would get blown up and I'm

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## Special District 5 cross country

# Enterprise passes Union for district title

Heppner's Nichols, Burns' Klus, Nyssa's Page qualify for state

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PENDLETON — When 16 teams gathered Friday at Pendleton Community Park for the 3A/2A/1A-Special District 5 Cross Country Championships, there was a good idea of who would take home the boys championship. Union did so in true Union fashion, by dominating the competition with

an elite class of runners. But it was the girls championship that was the most dramatic.

Both Union, and its familiar foe, Enterprise, finished tied with 37 points apiece. The tiebreaker came down to Enterprise's No. 5 and 6 runners, who edged out Union for the Outlaws second consecutive district title.

"We know we're always competing (with Union),"

Enterprises No. 1 runner Kyla Hook said. "We knew today it was either going to be Union or us and of course we wanted it."

Hook finished fourth in 19:58.55.

"Usually, it's me and Union's top runner so today I just wanted to break away from the group," Hook said.

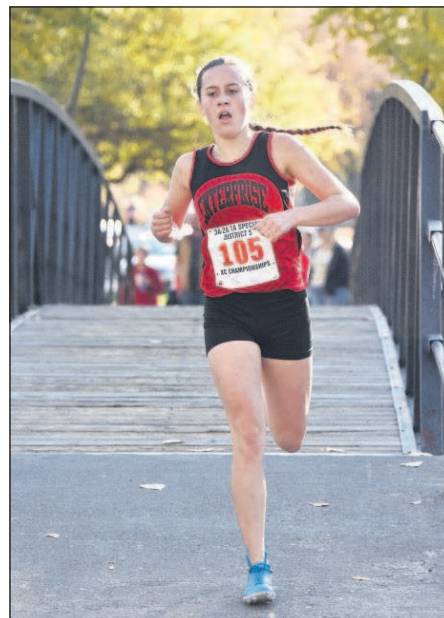
"I tried my best. Our fifth and sixth runners are really picking it up this year and

that's how we beat Union this year."

Hook's race, however, didn't come easy. She's battled back from obstacles in the past, like when she ran the wrong way in the Bulldogs Fest in Hermiston but still managed to come away with a first place finish. This time around, it was a retainer that caused her problems.

"I started out pretty good and I felt pretty strong, and I felt fine really throughout the

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Enterprise's Kyla Hook crosses the footbridge during the 3A/2A/1A/Special District 5 meet on Friday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

## Sports shorts

### Cubs' Rizzo wins Clemente Award

HOUSTON (AP) — Anthony Rizzo, a cancer survivor and World Series champion, has been recognized for his foundation's work to help other families dealing with cancer.

Rizzo has won the 2017 Roberto Clemente Award, which is baseball's biggest honor for sportsmanship and community involvement.

Rizzo, 28, was only 18 years old and in the Boston Red Sox minor league organization 2008 when he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. He went through six months of chemotherapy, at the same time his grandmother was dealing with breast cancer, and six more weeks of treatment before doctors told Rizzo he was clear of his cancer.

In 2012, he started the nonprofit Anthony Rizzo Family Foundation to raise money for cancer research and to provide support to children and their families struggling with the disease.



Rizzo

"I whiffed. There's no other way to categorize it. He's young, he was under club control — that was one I wish I could undo ... It's clearly the worst deal I've ever made. And it resonates every time he hits a home run."

— Jerry Dipoto

Seattle Mariners GM on trading Chris Taylor to the Dodgers in June 2016 for pitcher Zach Lee. Taylor has blossomed into a key player for the NL-champion Dodgers, hitting .288 with 21 home runs in 140 games this season.

### Texans CEO apologizes over likening players to 'inmates'

HOUSTON (AP) — Bob McNair, the chairman and chief executive of the Houston Texans, apologized Friday after a report said he declared "we can't have the inmates running the prison" during a meeting of NFL owners over what to do about players who kneel in protest during the national anthem.

McNair said he regretted using the expression and that he was "not referring to our players."

"I used a figure of speech that was never intended to be taken literally," McNair said. "I would never characterize our players or our league that way and I apologize to anyone who was offended by it."

Texans left tackle Duane Brown told reporters that he was "sickened" by McNair's words.

"I think the comments were disrespectful, I think it was ignorant, I think it was embarrassing," Brown said.



## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1950** — Nevada punter Pat Brady boots an NCAA record 99-yard punt in a 34-7 loss to Loyola Marymount.

**2006** — Oregon State capitalizes on four turnovers to upset the Trojans 33-31, snapping USC's 27-game Pac-10 winning streak.

**2012** — Serena Williams beats Maria Sharapova 6-4, 6-3 to win the WTA Championships for the third time and finish the year with another title. Williams ends the year with a 59-4 record. Since her first-round loss at the French Open, she is 31-1, winning Wimbledon, the Olympic gold medal and the U.S. Open.

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