

Prep Roundup

Pendleton boys beat Baker in season opener

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The Pendleton Buckaroos overcame some shooting woes on the floor and from the free throw line to squeeze out a road victory over Baker 55-47 on Wednesday evening.

As a team, the Buckaroos (1-0) shot 35 percent from the floor and a meager 43 percent from the free throw line, hitting on just 16 of their 37 attempts from the line. On the flip side, Pendleton's defense held Baker (0-1) to 30 percent shooting from the floor, sinking only 25 of its 81 shot attempts.

Leading Pendleton in scoring was Richard Scott with 15 points on an efficient 6 of 9 shooting and 3 of 3 from the free throw line,

while Dakota Sams had 13 and Ryan Russell had seven. Scott and Russell each pitched in eight rebounds as well and Shaw Jerome led the Bucks with four assists.

Pendleton next heads west to play in the Wilsonville Invitational beginning on Friday night.

PHS 9 18 12 16 - 55
BHS 14 7 12 14 - 47
PENDLETON — R. Scott 15, K. Sams 13, T. Newsom 11, R. Russell 7, S. Jerome 4, K. Broncheau 3, D. Jackson 2, W. Camp, C. Sandford.
BAKER — G. Gambelton 11, C. Long 9, C. Osborn 8, K. Sand 8, D. Story 6, R. Flanagan 5, L. Nelson, J. Zikmund, D. Lincott.
 3-pointers — PHS 3, BHS 7 Free throws — PHS 16-37, BHS 4-11. Fouls — PHS 13, BHS 24 (fouled out Gambelton, Story)

WHITE SALMON (WA) 68, RIVERSIDE 65, OT — At White Salmon, the Riverside Pirates started

their season in heart-breaking fashion with an overtime loss to White Salmon on Wednesday evening.

Riverside (0-1) next plays College Place (WA) on Friday at 5 p.m. at the Mac-Hi Tournament in Milton-Freewater.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

WALLA WALLA (WA) 40, HERMISTON 29 — At Walla Walla, Hermiston could muster only two points in the fourth quarter as it dropped its season opener on the road on Wednesday night.

Jazlyn Romero led the Bulldogs (0-1) in scoring with 12 points.

The Bulldogs stay home on Friday to host Wilsonville at 7 p.m.

in the first day of the Hermiston Holiday Tournament.

RIVERSIDE 49, WHITE SALMON (WA) 16 — At White Salmon, the Riverside Pirates kicked off their 2017-18 season with a big road victory on Wednesday evening.

Riverside (1-0) next plays College Place (WA) on Friday at 3:30 p.m. at the Mac-Hi Tournament.

DESALES (WA) 58, WESTON-MCEWEN 50 — At Walla Walla, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots fell just short in their season opener with DeSales (WA) on Wednesday night.

Weston-McEwen (0-1) next plays Irrigon on Friday at 3 p.m. in lone for the Lone Basketball Bonanza.

BUCKAROOS: Kiele, Gentner combine for 18 points, 18 rebounds

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to help us. When we're healthy, we're going to be tough but right now we're still learning."

Even in the midst of the inexperience on the floor, Pendleton fought hard throughout all 32 minutes of game time and kept itself in the game. Pendleton scored the first basket of the game before Baker quickly tied and took the lead and the Bulldogs (1-0) led the rest of the way. However, their lead never got to more than nine points, as Pendleton fought back to within deficits of one-to-three points on several occasions.

The Buckaroos gave the Bulldogs one final run within the final two minutes when Jaiden Lemberger sank a 3-pointer to trim the Bulldogs' lead to 50-46 with 1:40 left, followed by one made free throw from Maureen Davies to get within 50-47 with just 30 seconds left. But that was



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton's Hunter Kiele (30) battles for a rebound with a Baker player Wednesday at Warberg Court.

as close as Pendleton could get. The Bucks were forced to foul on defense over the

final half-minute, and the Bulldogs went 6 of 6 from the free throw line to seal

the win.

Lemberger led the Buckaroos in scoring with 11 points and Davies had 10 points with six rebounds and three blocked shots. Hunter Kiele played big minutes in the post with the absence of McGlothlin and Bradt and performed well with 10 points and seven rebounds — four of which were on the offensive end.

"Hunter did a great job," Porter said. "She'll never be out-worked, ever, that's for sure. She gets a lot of rebounds and does a lot of stuff for us and we needed it."

Porter was also pleased with the effort given by Rylee Gentner, who turned in solid opener with eight points and 11 rebounds in her first game back on the court after sitting out last season.

"Between (Kiele) and Rylee Gentner, they had almost 20 rebounds and those are rebounds I didn't know I was going to have coming into this year,"

Porter said, "so I'm excited about that."

Sydney Younger scored a game-high 21 points to lead the Bulldogs, who shot 43 percent from the floor for the game and had 20 turnovers of their own.

Pendleton will now have one day of practice to try and work out some kinks before Summit comes to town for a 2:30 p.m. game on Saturday at Warberg Court.

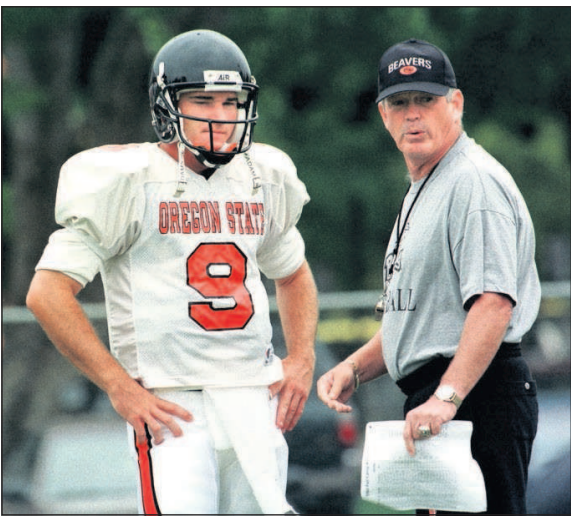
"I told the girls it's only the first game of the year," Porter said. "We're short-handed and we're going to learn from this and we'll be better for this."

BHS - 14 19 8 15 - 56
PHS - 13 16 9 9 - 47
BAKER — S. Younger 21, J. Ramos 9, K. Flanagan 8, R. Gwillim 5, D. Davis 4, C. Ward 4, E. Carter 2, A. Carter 2.
PENDLETON — J. Lemberger 11, M. Davies 10, H. Kiele 10, R. Gentner 8, U. Guerrero 6, H. Porter 2.
 3-pointers — BHS 2, PHS 4. Free throws — BHS 9-18, PHS 9-17. Fouls — BHS 16, PHS 15.

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BEAVERS: Smith aims to refresh program after disappointing season

In this Aug. 18, 1999 file photo, Oregon State head football coach Dennis Erickson talks strategy with quarterback Jonathan Smith during practice in Corvallis.



AP Photo/Don Ryan, File

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for the longest touchdown pass in school history, with a 97-yards TD pass to Chad Johnson in 2000.

"We interviewed several qualified candidates and Coach Smith emerged as our top choice," athletic director Scott Barnes said. "He brings to Oregon State football an impressive plan to build our program. He has a unique perspective on what it means to be a part of Beaver Nation and to be successful for our student-athletes on and off the field."

After Anderson stepped down, the Beavers promoted cornerbacks coach Cory Hall as interim coach. Hall appeared to inspire the team, which challenged

Stanford in a close 15-14 loss. And a group of players started an online petition supporting Hall, as well as a Twitter hashtag #HALLin.

But Hall's connection to the players didn't translate to wins. The Beavers wrapped up the season with a 69-10 loss to rival Oregon in the Civil War game to finish 1-11 overall and 0-9 in conference.

Hall's status on the staff with Smith as head coach is not known.

"It definitely took a toll on us," senior linebacker Manase Hungalu said of the season and Andersen's abrupt departure. "It was definitely a situation you would not want the players to be in halfway through the season. It's tough for the players, it's tough for the whole community."

- EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE**
 Players of the Year — Preslee Jensen, Tessa McFetridge, Vale, sr.;
 Coach of the Year — Shannon Steele, Vale
FIRST TEAM
 Preslee Jensen, Vale, sr.; Tessa McFetridge, Vale, sr.; Allee Ewing, Vale, sr.; Dallee Johnson, Vale, sr.; Rachel Duhn, Burns, sr.; Makenna Collins, Irrigon, fr.; Sabite Kelso, Vale, sr.
SECOND TEAM
 Graciee Jacobs, Vale, sr.; Mya Chapman, Irrigon, sr.; Kendall Hawley, Vale, sr.; Sierra Cleaver, Vale, so.; Bella Woodworth, Burns, sr.; Allie Hueckman, Burns, fr.
HONORABLE MENTION
 Nancy Ortiz, Umatilla, sr.; Lupe Flores, Umatilla, sr.; Nichol Lambie, Nyssa, so.; Lexi Shaffield, Vale, jr.; Lily Rockwell, Riverside, so.; Demia Hardin, Vale, so.; Hailey White, Irrigon, so.; Britain Hartley, Nyssa, so.; Syriah Trujillo, Nyssa, so.; Emma Mueller, Irrigon, fr.; Sayra Diaz Ramos, Riverside, sr.; Parker Landon, Burns, sr.

PIGSKIN PICKERS

RESULTS

Overall:
Last Week:



Ron Gibbs

95-25
9-1



Clint Shoemaker

91-29
9-1



Zachary Orem

85-35
7-3



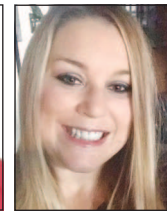
Eric Singer

82-38
7-3



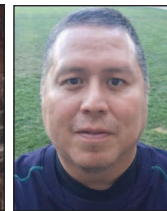
Mike Appleton

80-40
6-4



Jodi Bloomberg

79-41
6-4



Brandon Case

79-41
7-3



John Airoidi

75-45
8-2



Weston Putman

73-47
5-5



Alexis Mansanarez

70-50
8-2

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