4A GREATER OREGON

he La Grande Tigers went undefeated in league play in 2016 and were on their way to have a deep playoff run, but a four-point loss ended their season in Round 1. Improvements from Ontario and Baker could make for an interesting season with only one playoff spot up for grabs.

PROJECTED FINISH

- La Grande Tigers
- Ontario Tigers
- Baker Bulldogs
- Mac-Hi Pioneers

2016-17 FINAL STANDINGS

League Overall

- La Grande 6-0 19-3
- Ontario 4-2 11-10 9-16 Baker 2-4
- Mac-Hi 0-6 6-14

RETURNING ALL-LEAGUE

La Grande — Andrew Peasley, sr.; G.T. Blackman, sr.; Kaden Chandler, jr.

Ontario — Adam Hawker, sr. **Mac-Hi** — Luis Garcia, sr.

Mac-Hi **Pioneers**

Head coach: Jordon Poyner **Assistant** coaches: Travis Crittenden, Tyler Mitchell 2016-17 sea-

son: Mac-Hi finished last season 6-14 overall and 0-6 in the Greater Oregon League.

Returning starters: Alexis Pio, G, jr.; Luis Garcia, G, sr.

Other returners: Alex Delgado, G, sr. Zach Hodgen, F, jr; Adrian Martinez, G, sr.

2017-18 SCHEDULE

Dec. 1 vs. Prescott(WA) W 57-35 Dec. 2 vs. College Place(WA) W 44-32 Dec. 5 at Waitsburg(WA) 7:30 p.m. at Heppner Dec. 8 7:30 p.m. Dec. 9 at Heppner Tourn. 2:30 p.m. Dec. 12 vs. Enterprise Dec. 15 vs. Con./Wheeler% 4:30 p.m. Dec. 16 vs. Enterprise% 2:30 p.m. Dec. 19 vs. Irrigon 7:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at Riverside 5:30 p.m. at Enterprise Jan. 4 7 p.m. Jan. 6 vs. Baker* 4:30 p.m. Jan. 9 vs. Weston-McEwen 7:30 p.m. at La Grande* 7:30 p.m. Ian. 12 Jan. 15 vs. The Dalles **TBD** Jan. 20 at Ontario* 4:30 p.m. Jan. 22 vs. DeSales(WA) 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 vs. Waitsburg(WA) 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 vs. Baker* 4:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Feb. 3 vs. La Grande* Feb. 10 vs. Ontario* 4:30 p.m. *-league game %-Played at Pilot Rock High School.

3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE

4A/3A BOYS BASKETBALL

matilla controlled the league a year ago by claiming both the regular season title and district title over Irrigon. The Vikings, led by defending EOL player of the Year Kaden Webb, and Knights expect to battle it out again this year, though Burns and Nyssa could make a run at one of the two playoff spots.

PROJECTED FINISH

- Umatilla Vikings
- Irrigon Knights
- Nyssa Bulldogs
- Burns Hilanders
- 🐎 Vale Vikings riverside Pirates 🐎

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

2016-17 FINAL STANDINGS

	League	Overall
🆄 Umatilla	8-2	17-8
🐴 Irrigon	7-3	15-9
🏚 Burns	6-4	14-10
N Nyssa	5-5	8-13
Riverside	2-8	6-14
>> Vale	2-8	4-18



In this 2017 file photo, Umatilla's Trent Durfey shoots the ball over Irrigon's Austin Rice in the Vikings' 61-59 win against the Knights in Umatilla.

Umatilla Vikings

Head coach: Scott Bow, 1st season (10th season, previous nine coaching

Assistant coaches: Shann West, 4th season; Dan Durfey, 4th season

2016-17 season: Under former head coach Derrek Lete, the Vikings finished last season 17-8 overall and 8-2 in league play. Umatilla made it to Round 1 of the playoffs but suffered a 66-40 loss to Horizon Christian, Tualatin.

Returning starters: Kaden Webb, sr.; Seth Cranston, sr.; Sebastian Garcia, jr.; Trent Durfey, jr.

Other returning players that earned varsity letters: Moises Garcilazo, sr.; Gio Armenta, sr.;

Uriel Garcia, jr.; Shane Hartung, jr. Other seniors: Miller, Jose Garcia

Transfers or varsity newcomers expected to make an impact: Christian De Loera, jr. (Irrigon)

Bow's expectations: The team's goals are to repeat as the league champs and compete at the final eight tournament in Coos Bay. Offensively, "with a deep bench this year, we will be pushing the

transition offense," Bow said. On defense, the boys "will focus most of our attention on putting pressure on the ball and taking teams out of their comfort zone."

ball up the floor with a bunch of

2017-18 SCHEDULE

Dec. 1	vs. Riverdale	W 50-30
Dec. 2	at Veronia	W 57-46
Dec. 7	vs. Union	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. Gervais%	4:45 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Heppner	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	vs. Pilot Rock	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	at Nixyaawii	7:30 p.m.
an. 2	vs. Kennewick (V	VA) 7 p.m.
an. 4	vs. Stanfield	7:30 p.m.
an. 12	vs. Irrigon*	7:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 at Burns* 5 p.m. Jan. 19 vs. Nyssa* 7:30 p.m. Ian. 20 vs. Vale* 3 p.m. at Irrigon* 7:30 p.m. Jan. 25 Jan. 26 vs. Riverside* 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 at Nyssa* 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at Vale* 3:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at Riverside* 7:30 p.m. vs. Burns* 6:30 p.m. Feb. 10 %-at Amity

Irrigon Knights

2017-18 SCHEDULE

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Nov. 30	at Stanfield	W 73-43
Dec. 1	vs. Weston-McEwen%	W 64-43
Dec. 2	vs. Enterprise %	W 49-36
Dec. 5	vs. Weston-McEwen	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	vs. Imbler&	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	vs. Mac-Hi&	2:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	vs. Heppner	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Union	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	vs. Lib. Christ. (WA)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Mac-Hi	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Stanfield	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	8 vs. Waitsburg (WA)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Pilot Rock	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	at Vale*	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	vs. Riverside*	7:30 p.m.

at Umatilla* 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19 vs. Burns* Jan. 20 vs. Nyssa* 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at Riverside* Jan. 25 vs. Umatilla* 7:30 p.m. Feb. 2 7:30 p.m. at Burns* 6:30 p.m. Feb. 3 at Nyssa* 7:30 p.m. Feb. 9 vs. Vale* *-league game

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Feb. 8

Feb. 10

Head coach: Davie Salas, 2nd season **Assistant coaches:** Eric Solis (JV), 3rd season; Michael Swanson, 1st season **2016-17 season:** 15-9 overall, 7-3 EOL

(2nd), lost to Salem Academy 82-57 in first round of 3A playoffs **Returning starters:** Daniel Vera, G, sr.;

Johnny Phillips, F, sr.; Lino Covarrubia, G, jr. Other starters: Abe Gomez, G, sr.; Keith Fleming, F, jr.; Adrian Roa, G, sr.; Omar Vera, G, sr.; Eric Carillo, G, sr. Other seniors: Jesus Sandoval, Peyton Holcomb.

Salas' expectations: "To compete in every game we play in to the best of our ability. Our team goal is to compete for a league title and make a run at state.



Kiverside Pirates

Head coach: Clair Costello, 26th season

2016-17 season: 6-14 overall, 2-8 Eastern Oregon League

Returning starters: Felix Aparicio, P. sr.; Danny Rodriguez, W. sr.; Mason Hegar, P, sr.

Other returners: Johan Pena, G, soph.; Mario Madrigal, G, jr. Other players to watch: Cris-

coaches:

Christian (JV), 3rd season; Tim Hutchinson (C), 3rd season

2016-17 season review: 1-18

Returning starters: Melissa Martinez, G, sr.; Becca Jones, G,

vs. Helix

at Heppner

vs. Irrigon

vs. Con./Wheeler#

vs. Enterprise#

vs. Irrigon

at Riverside

vs. Pilot Rock\$

vs. College Place(WA) L 65-38

at Waitsburg (WA) 6 p.m. vs. Stanfield% 3:30 p.m.

vs. Enterprise 5:30 p.m.

Michaud, 3rd season

overall, 0-6 GOL (4th)

Assistant

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Dec. 28

tian Rea, G, soph.; Francisco Chavez, G, soph. **Impact newcomers:** Francisco

Barajas, G, fr. Costello's expectations: With eight returning varsity players, Riverside's expectations are fairly high this year. "The EOL

is a tough league top to bottom," Costello said, "we need to be ready to battle every week."

sr.; Brianna Hernandez, G, sr.;

Other returners: Sydney Earls,

W/G, jr.; Kayla Casillas, G/W, jr.;

Other seniors: Anahi Castillo, P, sr.

Impact newcomers: Victoria

Garcia, P, so.; Courtney Breeding,

G, so.; Jacqueline Hernandez, W, so.

vs. Baker*

vs. Weston-McEwen

at La Grande*

vs. DeSales (WA)

at Ontario*

vs. Waitsburg (WA)

at Baker

vs. Touchet (WA)

vs. La Grande*

vs. Elgin

vs. Ontario*

McKenna Yensen, P. sr.

Hannah Hair, P, sr.

Mac-Hi Pioneers

2017-18 SCHEDULE

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Feb. 10

*-league game

%-at Umatilla High School

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3 p.m.

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6 p.m.

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TBD

2017-18 SCHEDULE at White Salmon L 68-65 vs. College Place (WA) vs. Prescott (WA) vs. Pilot Rock (at Umatilla) at Umatilla Tournament at Umatilla Tournament at Weston-McEwen at Stanfield at Stanfield Tournament vs. White Salmon (WA) vs. McLoughlin at Stevenson (WA) vs. Pilot Rock at Nyssa* at Irrigon* vs. Stanfield vs. Vale* vs. Burns* vs. Irrigon* at Umatilla* at Vale* 6:30 p.m. at Burns* vs. Umatilla* 7:30 p.m.

vs. Nyssa*

5:30 p.m.

*-league game

L 60-33 W 38-33 3:30 p.m. ŤBD TBD 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. TBD 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 5 p.m. 7 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL **4A** GREATER OREGON **Head coach:** Brooke Garton LEAGUE

The Baker Bulldogs put together a perfect run in the Greater Oregon League a season ago on their way to an appearance in the 4A state tournament. With only two seniors gone, the Bulldogs are a team to watch for again, with La Grande expected to be on their heels.

2016-17 FINAL STANDINGS

League Overall

Baker 6-0 19-3 La Grande 4-2 11-10

2-4 5-17 Ontario

0-6 1-18 Mac-Hi

- **PROJECTED FINISH** Baker Bulldogs
- La Grande Tigers
- Ontario Tigers
- Mac-Hi Pioneers
- **GOL District Tournament** • First round - Feb. 13 (#4 at #3 seed).
- Semifinals Feb 15 (Round 1 winner at #2) • Finals - Feb. 17 (Semis winner at #1 seed)



