

2A COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE

Stanfield ran away with the Columbia Basin Conference regular season and district championships last year on their way to a state runner-up finish. However, with only one returning varsity player for Stanfield, the CBC title race is wide open this year, as four teams could battle for two playoff spots.

PROJECTED FINISH

- Pilot Rock Rockets
- Heppner Mustangs
- Weston-McEwen TigerScots
- Stanfield Tigers
- Culver Bulldogs

(Rankings based on coach and media votes)

2016-17 FINAL STANDINGS

	League	Overall
Stanfield	8-0	22-2
Weston-McEwen	4-4	14-11
Heppner	4-4	12-7
Pilot Rock	4-4	11-10
Culver	0-8	1-18

RETURNING ALL-LEAGUE

- Pilot Rock** — Chris Weinke, sr.; Bryson Pierce, sr.
- Weston-McEwen** — Brett Speed, sr.
- Culver** — Weston Basl, sr.
- Stanfield** — None
- Heppner** — None

Pilot Rock Rockets

Head coach: Eric Smidt, 1st season
Assitant coach: Craig Smidt, 1st season
Returning starters: Bryson Pierce, G/F, sr.; Levi Thieme, F, sr.; Chris Weinke, G, sr.; Riley Lankford, G, sr.
Impact newcomers: Logan Weinke, G, so.; Bodie Key, G/F, so.; Austin Drake, G/F, so.; Cade Munkers, G/F, jr.; Christian Haskell, Payton Thumund, G/F, so.
2016-17 season: 11-10 overall, 4-4 Columbia Basin Conference (4th)

2017-18 SCHEDULE

Dec. 1	vs. Echo%	W 55-33
Dec. 2	vs. Mon./Dayville%	W 54-23
Dec. 5	vs. Helix	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 7	vs. Riverside (at Umatilla)	3:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Nixyaawii	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. Enterprise	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	vs. Condon/Wheeler	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Umatilla	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	at Enterprise	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	at Irrigon	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 2	at Riverside	7 p.m.
Jan. 5	vs. Imbler	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	vs. Union	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Culver*	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Weston-McEwen*	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. Heppner*	4 p.m.
Jan. 26	vs. Stanfield*	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Culver*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	vs. Weston-McEwen*	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Heppner*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Stanfield*	5:30 p.m.

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Chris Weinke (20), of Pilot Rock, goes up for a shot with pressure from Weston-McEwen's Ethan Reger (3) during a 2017 game in Athena. Weinke is one of two all-league players returning to the Rockets for this season.

Heppner Mustangs

Head coach: Jeremy Rosenbalm, 8th season
Assistant coach: Ken Grieb, 15th season
2016-17 season: Heppner finished .500 in league play (4-4) and 12-7 overall last year.
The Mustangs season ended with a tough loss, 43-41, to Weston-McEwen in the Columbia Basin Conference's league tournament. Barely missing a postseason run, they finished ranked No. 16.
Returning starters: Kevin Smith, wing, sr.; Wyatt Steagall, post, sr.;
Other returners: Alex Lindsay, post, sr.; Beau Wolters, wing, sr.; Coby Dougherty, G, sr.; Hunter Nichols, G, jr.; Gibson McCurry, post, jr.
Impact newcomers: Trent Smith, G, jr.; Tyler Carter, W/P, jr.; Logan Burright, wing, jr.; Justin McAninch, post, jr.
Rosenbalm's expectations: "With a bunch of newcomers on the varsity team we need to come ready to work and get better every day. Players will be in new positions and might be asked to be do things they may not have done in the past. If we are willing to work hard and be disciplined, then we have a great opportunity to be playing for a district championship come February."

2017-18 SCHEDULE

Dec. 8	vs. Mac-Hi	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	vs. Imbler	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	at Irrigon	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	at Imbler	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	vs. Grant Union	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	vs. Umatilla	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 19	at Echo	7 p.m.
Dec. 28	vs. Liberty Christian (WA)	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Waitsburg (WA)	1:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Union	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 6	vs. Elgin	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	vs. Stanfield*	6 p.m.
Jan. 13	vs. Weston-McEwen*	4 p.m.
Jan. 18	at Culver*	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Pilot Rock*	4 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Stanfield*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 1	at Weston-McEwen*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 3	vs. Culver*	4 p.m.
Feb. 9	vs. Pilot Rock*	7:30 p.m.

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Stanfield Tigers



EO File photo
Stanfield's Brody Woods shoots a jump shot in the lane in the Tigers' 59-48 win against Oakridge in the 2017 2A state tournament at Pendleton. Woods is the lone varsity returner from Stanfield's state runner-up team from 2016-17.

Head coach: Devin Bailey, 2nd season
Assistant coaches: Dino Ibarra, 4th year; Tyler Hawkins, 2nd season
2016-17 season: 22-2 overall, 8-0 CBC (1st); lost to Santiam in 2A championship game
Returning starters: Brody Woods, F, sr.
Other returning players that earned varsity letters: Hugo Hernandez, G, jr.; Elias Esquivel, G, jr.
Other seniors: Shayne Keltz, C; Blake Bailey, C;

Adrian Renner, G
Impact newcomers: Jakeb Cook, C, jr.; Fernando Jose Ramirez Garcia, F, jr.
Bailey's expectations: "We want to be very competitive in league and keep the winning tradition of Stanfield Basketball thriving." Bailey plans to run a fast-paced offense, constant moving parts and when on defense, the Tigers will need to play aggressive without fouling pressure.

2017-18 SCHEDULE

Nov. 30	vs. Irrigon	L 73-43
Dec. 1	at Sherman	L 70-41
Dec. 2	vs. Culver (at Sherman)	W 61-40
Dec. 4	vs. Nixyaawii	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	at Baker	7 p.m.
Dec. 7	vs. Arlington%	2 p.m.
Dec. 8	Columbia River Clash	TBD
Dec. 9	Columbia River Clash	TBD
Dec. 12	at Arlington	6 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. Riverside	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 16	Stanfield Tournament	TBD
Dec. 19	at Imbler	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	at Irrigon	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	at Umatilla	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	vs. Echo	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	at Heppner*	6 p.m.
Jan. 13	vs. Culver*	2:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	at Riverside	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20	vs. Weston-McEwen*	4 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Pilot Rock*	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Heppner*	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Culver*	6 p.m.
Feb. 9	at Weston-McEwen*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 10	vs. Pilot Rock*	5:30 p.m.

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Weston-McEwen TigerScots

Head coach: Brian Pickard, 10th season
Assistant coaches: Tim Reger, Chad Wunsch, Dallas Reich, Elliot Salter
Returning starters: Brett Speed, G, sr.; Jacob Speed, G, sr.;
Impact newcomers: Parker Munck, G, sr.; G. Smith, sr.; Blair Rudolph, so.; K. McGill, so.; E. Ezell, jr.; Z. Mann, jr.
2016-17 season: 14-11 overall, 4-4 Columbia Basin Conference (2nd); lost to Santiam in first round of 2A playoffs.

2017-18 SCHEDULE

Dec. 5	at Irrigon	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	vs. Salem Acad. (at Kennedy)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	vs. Riverside	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	vs. Grant Union	3 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Imbler	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	vs. Toledo (at Moda Center)	1:30 p.m.
Dec. 21	vs. Waitsburg (WA)	7 p.m.
Dec. 29	vs. Burns (at Pendleton CC)	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 30	vs. Condon/Wheel. (at Pend. CC)	7:30 p.m.
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