

# BUCKS: Momentum turns at end of half

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movement and more isolation attempts by the Bucks to find space to get shots off. Pendleton took a 33-30 lead with 6:17 left in the third quarter on a 3-pointer by Tyler Newsom, the only made three of the game for the Buckaroos, which was the last lead the Bucks would hold.

From that point on, Pendleton spent the next 8:18 of game time spanning the third and fourth quarters in a scoreless drought, that was ended by a pair of free throws from Ryan Russell with 5:59 left in the fourth that made it a 45-35 game. Pendleton scored a mere nine points in the second half and shot just 2-of-13 from the field, with the teams' final two points coming on free throw makes from Dakota Sams and Kason Broncheau late in the game.

"(Walla Walla) made adjustments and we didn't do very well adjusting to their adjustments," said Pendleton assistant coach Ryan Sams. "They forced us into some bad shots ... we didn't take care of the ball in the second half and we weren't getting the good shots we were getting in the first half."

Sams noted that the way the final 30 seconds of the second quarter played out was a big hit to the Buckaroos' confidence and mindset when they came out for the second half.

Pendleton had just taken a 28-26 lead and held possession with 30 seconds left,



Pendleton's Dakota Sams drives on Walla Walla's Tyler Greene in the Bucks' 54-37 loss to the Blue Devils on Friday in Pendleton.

with Sams dribbling out the clock and holding for the final shot of the half. However, a referee whistled Sams for a questionable five-second call — with the Walla Walla defender not in the range necessary to start the count — giving the Blue Devils the ball back with 6.7 seconds left. And at the buzzer, Walla

Walla's Dylan Sullivan sank a deep 3-pointer to instead put the Buckaroos behind at the half.

"Oh I think so," Sams said of a momentum switch. "I thought we played a good first half, getting Tyler (Newsom) moving around on the block and getting him into positions on the wing

for good shots. We played a sound first half but getting that turnover and letting them get a shot off was big."

Newsom was the only Buckaroo in double figures with 15 points, though 10 of that came in the first half. The next highest scorer was Shaw Jerome with six. As a team, Pendleton shot just 1-of-13 from 3-point range, which continually built up frustration amongst the group as the game moved along, Sams said.

"I think it got to them when we were missing some 3s that we usually knocked down," he said, "and it got (Walla Walla) into positions to run and get out and go."

Pendleton will now have a few days to work out some bugs and get its project trajectory heading back in the right direction before Lewiston (ID) comes to town on Dec. 12 for a 7 p.m. tip.

**MISSING TEDDER:** Sams was acting head coach for Friday's game for Pendleton, as Kyle Tedder was forced to sit it out after picking up a pair of technical fouls during the Buckaroos' game against Southridge (WA) on Tuesday evening.

He is expected back on the bench for Pendleton's game with Lewiston (ID) on Dec. 12.

WW	15	14	14	11	-	54
PHS	14	14	5	2	-	38

WALLA WALLA — D. Sullivan 12, T. Greene 12, P. Likes 9, T. Hamada 7, T. Swanson 6, J. Weigand 5.  
 PENDLETON — T. Newsom 15, S. Jerome 6, V. Camp 4, R. Scott 4, R. Russell 4, D. Sams 3, K. Broncheau 1.  
 3-pointers — WW 8, PHS 1. Free throws — WW 9-13, PHS 6-15. Fouls — WW 17, PHS 13.

# DAWGS: Girls stopped by stifling defense

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"They've got some shooters," Arstein said of the three's the teams traded in the fourth quarter. "We have some shooters too, but, man, for a while there I was like, 'someone get a stop.' Preferably us."

Hermiston was able to slow down some of Chiawana's momentum with a huge and-1 from senior Patrick Wicks.

It was the start of the fourth quarter, and the Riverhawks pulled within 10 points after a 22-point third quarter performance. On the first play of the fourth, Wicks drew the foul on a reverse layup and converted the free throw attempt into a three-point play.

That gave not only Hermiston a spark, but set a fire under Chiawana and the Riverhawks went on a 10-3 run to threaten Hermiston's lead more than half way through the final quarter.

"In basketball it's a game of runs and I told the guys at the time out, we just have to withstand the run," Arstein said.

The Bulldogs did just that and held on for their third consecutive victory.

Ortiz led all scorers with 22 points on the night. Andreason and Wicks both chipped in 12 each for Hermiston. For Chiawana, senior Taylor Kroll (17), Kroner (17) and Penny (11) were the top shooters.

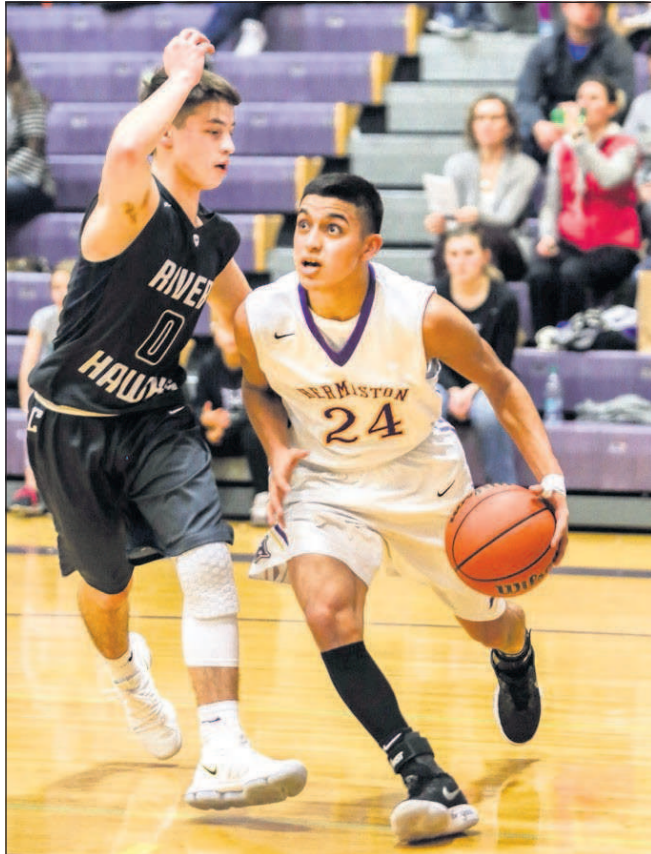
Hermiston will continue its home stand with another game in the Dawg House on Tuesday against Cleveland. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

## Girls basketball

It was a tale of turnovers for the Hermiston girls basketball team. The Bulldogs gave up 26 turnovers to the Chiawana Redhawks, who capitalized on each to run away with a 58-43 win Friday.

In the Bulldogs' second home game of the week, they got off to a good start minus usual starter senior Maddy Juul. Hermiston chipped away at a seven-point deficit with the help of a 3-pointer by senior Hannah Thompson. The 10-2 run knotted the score at 10 points apiece after the first quarter but the Riverhawks (3-1) quickly reasserted their dominance. Their 2-3 zone shut down Hermiston's offense and forced mistakes that have plagued the young team early in the season.

"The activity of their zone really hurt us and some of our



Hermiston's Jordan Ramirez (24) drives toward the basket around Isaiah Cantu (0), of Chiawana, during Friday's non-league game in Hermiston.



Hermiston's Jazlyn Romero (22) gets around Macey Morales (1), of Chiawana, during Friday's non-league game in Hermiston.

girls were a little indecisive with the ball," head coach Juan Rodriguez said after the game. "We were successful when we caught the ball and when we attacked but when you're a little timid of them."

Chiawana fed off Hermiston's apprehensiveness and turned turnovers into transition points and took advantage of second-chance balls to push its lead to 28-16

at halftime.

In the first half alone, the Riverhawks tallied nine steals and 17 rebounds — compared to the Bulldogs' two steals and 12 rebounds.

Their depth off the bench also played a factor in their ability to stay aggressive, especially later in the game when Hermiston's depth was tested.

"What they do really well

is they bring three or four girls off the bench that gives their starters some breaks and right now that's what we're struggling with," Rodriguez said, "a little bit with our youth and also just with girls stepping up and being able to fill roles and give us positive minutes to give girls breaks."

The Bulldogs (1-4) caught a small glimpse of the talent coming off their bench, as senior Regan Meyers and freshman Paige Palzinski racked up eight combined points.

Hermiston also had spurts of aggressiveness that opened the lane for buckets inside even with Chiawana's 6-foot center, Clair Eubanks, guarding the basket.

"Our effort is there and I think we work hard all the time," Rodriguez said. "Now, we have to be able to channel that into making less mistakes defensively. Against a team like that, you make a mistake, they are going to make you pay and even when you play good defense they are going to make a tough shot. So, it's just those little things that will win us games down the road and that team has a lot of athletes. I was happy with the spurts of what we did, but then again we have to put 32 minutes together."

Eubanks was second behind senior Kennedy Cartwright, who scored a game-high 20 points on the night. Eubanks finished with 15 of her own with three blocks and three steals.

Junior Madison Wilson was the most aggressive Bulldog on defense and finished with a team-high three steals and one block.

Junior Jordan Thomas led Hermiston with 12 points, and senior Hannah Thompson trailed with nine.

Hermiston will have a quick breather before hitting the road Tuesday to face Cleveland at 7:30 p.m.

CHS	10	18	14	16	-	58
HHS	10	6	11	16	-	43

CHIAWANA — K. Cartwright 20, C. Eubanks 15, D. Pink 7, M. Morales 6, A. Agundis 4, K. Thorne 4, M. Burton 2.  
 HERMISTON — J. Thomas 12, H. Thompson 9, R. Meyers 6, J. Romero 6, M. Wilson 5, P. Palzinski 4, S. Stefani 1.  
 3-pointers — CHS 6, HHS 5. Free throws — CHS 10-13, HHS 4-10. Fouls — CHS 10, HHS 13.

CHS	18	13	22	14	-	67
HHS	21	17	22	16	-	76

CHIAWANA — T. Kroll 17, M. Kroner 17, A. Penny 11, C. Dewitt 8, I. Cantu 6, I. Wallwork 4, S. Schmidt 4.  
 HERMISTON — C. Ortiz 22, R. Andreason 12, P. Wicks 12, A. Mendez 10, J. Ramirez 9, C. Smith 6, A. Earl 5.  
 3-pointers — CHS 9, HHS 10. Free throws — CHS 4-12, HHS 13-16. Fouls — CHS 18, HHS 13.

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## Prep Roundup

# Vikings advance to Clash title game

East Oregonian

The Umatilla Vikings advanced to the championship game of their Columbia River Clash tournament with a big win over Echo on Friday night.

Kaden Webb scored 12 points with six assists and Seth Cranston had 12 points, five steals and four rebounds to lead the Vikings (4-0). Morgan Marcum led the Cougars (1-3) with five.

Umatilla plays Pilot Rock on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. for the Clash title at Umatilla High School.

EHS	7	1	4	6	-	18
UHS	20	18	18	14	-	70

ECHO — M. Marcum 5, B. MacPherson 4, D. Curjel 3, Z. Gerhke 2, N. Scott 2, T. Mulder 2.  
 UMATILLA — K. Webb 12, S. Cranston 12, S. Garcia 11, C. De Loera 8, U. Garcia 7, J. Garcia 6, M. Garcilazo 4, G. Armenta 4, T. Durfee 2, N. Holford 2, L. Miller 1, S. Hartung 1.  
 3-pointers — EHS 0, UHS 4. Free throws — EHS 2-5, UHS 4-8. Fouls — EHS 9, UHS 7.

**PILOT ROCK 66, STANFIELD 37** — At Umatilla, Bryson Pierce scored a game-high 23 points as Pilot Rock put away the Stanfield Tigers on Friday at the Columbia River Clash tournament.

Bodie Key added 19 points for the Rockets (5-0) and Chris Weinke chipped in 14. Eduardo Nunez led the Tigers (2-5) with 10 points and Elias Esquivel and Brody Woods both finished with nine.

Pilot Rock will play for the Clash tournament championship on Saturday at Umatilla High School.

PR	14	15	23	14	-	66
SHS	6	11	8	12	-	37

PILOT ROCK — B. Pierce 23, B. Key 19, C. Weinke 14.  
 STANFIELD — E. Nunez 10, E. Esquivel 9, B. Woods 9.  
 3-pointers — PR 3, SHS 3. Free throws — PR 15-37, SHS 10-22. Fouls — PR 25, SHS 20.

**NIXYAAWII 78, CRANE 40** — At La Grande, 10 players earned their way into the scorebook for the Nixyawii Golden Eagles on Friday as they defeated Crane on Friday at Eastern Oregon University.

Mick Schimmel led all scorers with 23 points for the Golden Eagles (3-0), while Quannah Picard and Magi Moses each had 12. Chase Joyce led Crane (1-4) with 13 points.

NCS	20	16	20	22	-	78
CHS	7	12	7	15	-	40

NIXYAAWII — M. Schimmel 23, Q. Picard 12, M. Moses 12, D. Barkley 8, D. Sigo 4, M. Moses 4, N. Enright 4, W. Gatman 4, L. Otega 3, J. Ashley 2, T. Burns 2, R. Bronson.  
 CRANE — C. Joyce 13, M. Maupin 10, J. Balowski 7, J. Roozeboom 5, P. Krueger 2, R. Epling 2, R. Landon 2.  
 3-pointers — NCS 4, CHS 4. Free throws — NCS 10-15, CHS 3-9. Fouls — NCS 10, CHS 12.

**RIVERSIDE 50, ARLINGTON 36** — At Umatilla, the Riverside Pirates picked up their second win of the season by putting away the Arlington Honkers on Friday night at the Columbia River Clash.

Mario Madrigal led the Pirates (2-3) with 12 points and Mason Hegar pitched in 11 points. Thomas Evans led the Honkers (1-3) with 10 points.

RHS	10	15	16	9	-	50
AHS	8	14	7	7	-	36

RIVERSIDE — M. Madrigal 12, M. Hegar 11, C. Rea 8, F. Aparicio 8, J. Pena 7, F. Chavez 3, A. Zellar 1.  
 ARLINGTON — T. Evans 10, W. Goad 8, B. Troutman 8, T. Longacre 2, D. Valdez 2.  
 3-pointers — RHS 8, AHS 2. Free throws — RHS 6-9, AHS 4-10. Fouls — RHS 10, AHS 8.

**MAC-HI 44, HEPPNER 32** — At Heppner, Luis Garica and Alexis Pio teamed up to carry the Mac-Hi Pioneers past the Heppner Mustangs on Friday night.

Garcia scored a game-high 14 points for the Pioneers (4-0) and Pio added 12. The Pioneers hit eight 3-pointers in the game and only nine shots from inside the arc. Wyatt Steagall led the Mustangs (1-2) with 10 points.

M-H	7	15	11	9	-	42
HHS	7	5	14	8	-	34

MAC-HI — L. Garcia 14, A. Pio 12, Perez 7, Ruiz 5, Stephens 3, Delgado 3.  
 HEPPNER — W. Steagall 10, H. Nichols 7, T. Smith 5, A. Lindsay 5, B. Wolters 3, J. McAninch 2.  
 3-pointers — M-H 8, HHS 2. Free throws — M-H 2-4, HHS 4-9.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**WALLA WALLA 87, PENDLETON 35** — At Walla Walla, the young Pendleton Buckaroos couldn't keep up with the talented Walla Walla Blue Devils in non-league action on Friday night.

Jaiden Lemberger was Pendleton's (1-3) leading scorer with 14 points and Maureen Davies added 13 points. Meghan Yenny led the Blue Devils (3-1) with a game-high 17 points.

PHS	11	11	12	1	-	35
WWH	10	27	27	23	-	87

PENDLETON — J. Lemberger 14, M. Davies 13, R. Gentner 4, U. Guerrero 2, S. Spriet 1, S. Scott 1, H. Kiele, H. Porter.  
 WALLA WALLA — M. Yenny 17, M. Gilmore 12, E. Ogden 10, K. Locati 9, O. Doepker 8, P. Bergevin 8, M. Miller 7, F. Hoe 6, E. Wenzel 6.  
 3-pointers — PHS 2, WW 10. Free throws — PHS 11-19, WW 8-13. Fouls — PHS 13, WW 17.

**HEPPNER 53, MAC-HI 24** — At Heppner, Jacee Currin scored 15 points and Madison Combe added 12 points as Heppner thumped Mac-Hi on Friday.

Sydney Earls was the Pioneers' (1-4) leading scorer with six points and McKenna Yensen was close behind with five points. The win keeps the Mustangs (3-0) unbeaten on the season.

M-H	8	4	9	3	-	24
HHS	14	19	12	8	-	53

MAC-HI — S. Earls 6, M. Yensen 5, H. Hair 4, K. Castillas 4, B. Hernandez 3, B. Jones 2, Martine, J. Hernandez, Castillo.  
 HEPPNER — J. Currin 15, M. Combe 12, S. Wilson 7, Ashbeck 7, McCullough 4, S. Grant 3, M. Correa 2, Gray 2, Nichols 1, Mitchell 1.  
 3-pointers — M-H 2, HHS 1. Free throws — M-H 4-17, HHS 8-22. Fouls — M-H 14, HHS 16.

**IRRIGON 67, IMBLER 40** — At Heppner, the Irrigon Knights won their fifth straight game with a defeat of Imbler on Friday night at the Heppner tournament.

Ana Zacarias led the Knights (5-0) with a game-high 17 points and Jada Burns had 11.

IRR	23	20	16	8	-	67
IMB	7	6	12	15	-	40

IRRIGON — A. Zacarias 17, J. Burns 11, T. Davis 8, A. Munoz 8, K. Wyatt 6, O. Luna 6, B. Rice 5, Bowman 2, M. Davis 2, Carillo 2, Romero.  
 IMBLER — McGinness 13, Kilpatrick 10, McKaig 6, Burnette 5, Barry 2, Smith 2, McDonald 2.  
 3-pointers — IRR 3, IMB 1. Free throws — IRR 2-3, IMB 17-23.

**UNION 42, ECHO 34** — At Umatilla, Marti Huff scored 23 points but it was not enough to lead her Echo Cougars to a win as they fell to Union on Friday.

Huff scored her 23 points on 7-of-13 shooting and added eight rebounds as well for the Cougars (1-3). Union's Katie Good had a game-high 25 points.

UHS	10	15	6	11	-	42
UNION	9	8	10	7	-	34

UNION — K. Good 25, A. O'Reilly 9, T. Daggett 3, K. Martens 2, B. Kehr 2, K. Martini 1.  
 ECHO — M. Huff 23, L. Cox 5, R. McCarty 3, A. Putnam 2, B. MacPherson 1.  
 3-pointers — UHS 1, EHS 2. Free throws — UHS 15-32, EHS 10-22. Fouls — UHS 21, EHS 25.

**KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN 51, WESTON-MCEWEN 39** — In the first day of the Kennedy Classic at Kennedy High School in Mt. Angel, the TigerScots struggled to get anything going against a streaking Washington squad.

Chelsea Quaepts scored 14 points to lead the TigerScots (1-4) and Alyssa Finifrock added 10.

WE	3	11	6	19	-	39
KWC	15	14	8	14	-	51

WESTON-MCEWEN — C. Quaepts 14, A. Finifrock 10, K. Vescio 7, J. Lambert 4, L. Moses 2, T. Hearn 1, H. McIntyre 1.  
 KING'S WAY CHRISTIAN — L. Zook 17, Cummins 14, K. Zook 7, Schroedes 6, Hutcheson 3, Kobb 2, Moats 2.  
 3-pointers — WE 1, KWC 2. Free throws — WE 6-10, KWC 9-16. Fouls — WE 18, KWC 13.

## WRESTLING

**POST FALLS 54, HERMISTON 28** — At Post Falls, Idaho, the Hermiston wrestling team dropped a dual match with Post Falls on Friday.

Hermiston won only five of the fifteen matches, with Joey Gutierrez (195 pounds), Sean Stewart (220), Beau Blake (285), and Zach Kirkpatrick all winning by fall. Aidan Villareal (145) won by an 11-3 major decision.

**MULLENBURG TOURNAMENT** — At La Grande, four Pendleton Buckaroos and a pair of Mac-Hi Pioneers are still alive for tournament titles after the first day on Friday.

For Pendleton, Koby Jones and Chris Chambers both advanced to the quarterfinals of the 132-pound bracket on Friday, with Alex Rendon doing the same at 138 pounds and Blake Davis at 145 pounds. For Mac-Hi, both Josh Torres at 195 and Spencer Wells at 220 are also into the quarterfinals.