

Prep Roundup

Nixyaawii's second half comeback sinks Rockets in OT

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MISSION — The Nixyaawii Golden Eagles erased a 17-point halftime deficit to defeat the Pilot Rock Rockets 81-71 on Tuesday night.

Mick Schimmel scored a game-high 28 points for the Golden Eagles (4-1) and Deven Barkley added 21 and Quannah Picard added 16. Nixyaawii outscored Pilot Rock 42-23 in the second half and 10-2 in overtime to get the win.

Bryson Pierce led the Rockets (5-2) with 26 points and scored 22 of those points in the first half, prompting the Golden Eagles to key on Pierce in the second half which helped lead their comeback.

PR	28	18	13	10	2	—	71
NCS	17	12	25	17	10	—	81

PILLOT ROCK — B. Pierce 26, C. Weinke 20, R. Lankford 11, B. Key 9, L. Weinke 3, Drake 2.
NIXYAAWII — M. Schimmel 28, D. Barkley 21, Q. Picard 16, Magi Moses 8, Burns 5, W. Oatman 2, Sigo 1.
3-pointers — PR 8, NCS 7. Free throws — PR 18-34, NCS 10-19. Fouls — PR 18, NCS 25.

IRRIGON 67, HEPPNER 32 — At Irrigon, the Knights remain unbeaten on the season as they doubled up the visiting Heppner Mustangs on Tuesday evening.

Johnny Phillips led the Knights (7-0) with 18 points while Lino Covarrubia added 11 and Adrian Roa added 10. Wyatt Steagall led the

Mustangs (2-4) with seven points.

HHS	8	14	4	6	—	32
IHS	27	18	13	9	—	67

HEPPNER — W. Steagall 7, H. Nichols 6, J. McAninch 6, K. Smith 4, G. McCurry 4, B. Wolters 3, L. Burright 2.
IRRIGON — J. Phillips 18, L. Covarrubia 11, A. Roa 10, D. Vera 5, J. Sandoval 5, A. Gomez 4, K. Fleming 4, P. Holcomb 4, L. Carrillo 3, E. Carillo 3.
3-pointers — HHS 0, IHS 6. Free throws — HHS 4-12, IHS 5-12. Fouls — HHS 8, IHS 16.

STANFIELD 56, ARLINGTON 50 — At Arlington, Brody Woods scored 15 points and Eduardo Nunez pitched in nine as Stanfield held off a late charge by Arlington for a win on Tuesday night.

The Tigers (4-5) led 44-31 after three quarters, but Arlington surged with 19 points in the fourth quarter to make it a close finish. Brett Troutman led the Honkers (2-4) with a game-high 27 points and Wesley Goad added 11.

SHS	16	13	15	12	—	56
AHS	17	9	5	19	—	50

STANFIELD — B. Woods 15, E. Nunez 9, M. Sanchez 8, F. Ramirez 8.
ARLINGTON — B. Troutman 27, W. Goad 11.
3-pointers — SHS 5, AHS 5. Free throws — SHS 11-21, AHS 7-9. Fouls — SHS 16, AHS 14.

MAC-HI 40, ENTERPRISE 39 — It came down to a dramatic finish at Milton-Freewater, where the Mac-Hi Pioneers were able to come away with a narrow 40-39 victory over Enterprise.

Despite not have their best

outing, the Pioneers (5-1) saved their best efforts for the fourth quarter and executed the win on their home court.

The Outlaws (3-3) also saved their best play for last to keep fans on their feet. A free throw as the clock was winding down was their only hope to send the game into overtime, but the missed shot ended the game in Mac-Hi's favor.

EHS	8	5	6	18	—	39
M-H	11	4	9	14	—	40

ENTERPRISE — R. Hayward 10, J. Wells 7, J. Even 6, C. Bathke 6, R. Masters 6, D. Marr 2, B. Greenshields 2.
MAC-HI — Z. Hodgen 12, A. Delgado 11, L. Garcia 10, J. Ruiz 5, D. Stevens 2.
3-pointers — EHS 3, M-H 4. Free throws — EHS 8-12, M-H 2-2. Fouls — EHS 11, M-H 10.

WESTON-MCEWEN 43, RIVERSIDE 42 — It was a busy night in Athena for the Weston-McEwen TigerScots and the Riverside Pirates.

In the second game of a doubleheader, the TigerScots overcame their weekend struggles and pulled off a one-point 43-42 victory over the Pirates.

It was Weston-McEwen's second win of the season, and it moved the TigerScots record to 2-5. For the Pirates (3-3), the loss stopped a short two-game winning streak.

Brett Speed led all scorers with 17 points for Weston-McEwen. Jonhan Pena chipped in a team-high 13 for Riverside.

RHS	8	12	11	12	—	42
W-E	3	10	16	13	—	51

RIVERSIDE — J. Pena 13, M. Hager 11, M. Madrigal 8, A. Zellar 5, F. Barajas 3, F. Chavez 3.
WESTON-MCEWEN — B. Speed 17, A. Gamble 8, P. Munk 7, K. Rodriguez 6, J. Speed 4.
3-pointers — RHS 6, W-E 4. Free throws — RHS 9-16, W-E 8-12. Fouls — RHS 13, W-E 17.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

IRRIGON 54, HEPPNER 38 — At Irrigon, the Knights' girls basketball team also remains unbeaten on the season after a win over Heppner on Tuesday evening.

Alyia Munoz led the Knights (7-0) with 14 points, six rebounds and five steals, while Kylie Wyant had 12 points and five boards, Jada Burns had 12 points, five assists and four rebounds, and Ana Zacarias had nine points and seven steals. Wyant scored 10 of her 12 in the first quarter.

Sydney Wilson led the Mustangs (4-1) with 13 points and Jaiden Mahoney added 11 points.

HHS	10	9	8	11	—	38
IHS	24	13	10	7	—	54

HEPPNER — S. Wilson 13, J. Mahoney 11, M. Correa 6, J. Currin 4, Nichols 2, S. Grant 2.
IRRIGON — A. Munoz 14, K. Wyant 12, J. Burns 12, A. Zacarias 9, T. Davis 3, B. Rice 2, N. Romero 2.
3-pointers — HHS 1, IHS 4. Free throws — HHS 9-20, IHS 4-12.

ENTERPRISE 47, MAC-HI 21 — At Milton-Freewater, the Mac-Hi Pioneers dropped their third straight game, falling to Enterprise at home

on Tuesday.

Sydney Earls led the Pioneers (1-6) with 10 points and McKenna Yensen added five points. Riley Gray led the Outlaws (5-1) with a game-high 12 points.

M-H	3	6	4	8	—	21
EHS	12	11	12	12	—	47

MAC-HI — S. Earls 10, M. Yensen 5, B. Hernandez 3, Castillo 2, H. Hair 1.
ENTERPRISE — R. Gray 12, Exon 9, A. Gray 7, Moncrief 5, Carlsen 5, Gasset 4, Bedard 3, Christman 2.
Free throws — M-H 3-8, EHS 5-7. Fouls — M-H 13, EHS 11.

BAKER 67, STANFIELD 34 — The Stanfield Tigers skid continues with a tough loss to Baker's junior varsity squad on Tuesday.

Despite three Tigers scoring 13 points each — Kylee McClure, Kendra Hart and Jessica Wallace — the Bulldogs (4-0) outlasted the Tigers (0-8), and commanded a lead in the second quarter that they would never relinquish.

Sydney Keller was Baker's top scorer with 12 points on the night.

BHS	15	15	17	20	—	67
SHS	13	4	8	14	—	38

BAKER — S. Keller 12, A. Carter 11, L. Benson 9, H. Zikmund 7, J. Hellburg 7, A. Bennett 6, H. Sanders 6, H. Paulsen 3, I. Nemec 3, A. Calaway 2.
STANFIELD — K. McClure 13, K. Hart 13, J. Wallace 13, A. Griffin 6, K. Soto 3, S. Sharp 2.
3-pointers — BHS 4, SHS 1. Free throws — BHS 8-19, SHS 4-13. Fouls — BHS 17 (Sharp fouled out), SHS 18.

NIXYAAWII 69, PILOT ROCK 41 — The Nixyaawii Eagles continued their dominate play and handed Pilot

Rock a 69-41 defeat. With the home court advantage, Nixyaawii picked up its fifth consecutive win on the season. Pilot Rock got hit with its second loss to move to its overall record 5-2.

The Eagles were led by Milan Schimmel, who scored a game-high 25 points. Schimmel also tallied 10 steals. For the Rockets, Grace Austin led the team with 14 points.

PR	6	11	6	18	—	41
NCS	20	17	13	19	—	69

PILLOT ROCK — G. Austin 14, L. Brewer 11, S. Weinke 5, B. Balezina 5, K. Evans 4, K. Deist 2.
NIXYAAWII — M. Schimmel 25, M. Stewart 11, E. Butler 10, K. Melton 7, E. Looney 6, T. Melton 4, M. Kiona 2, A. Hart 2, T. Broncheau 1, K. Mountain Chief 1.

WESTON-MCEWEN 51, RIVERSIDE 47 — In Athena, it came down to the buzzer for the Weston-McEwen TigerScots. The team finally got things going against a streaking Riverside and executed a 51-47 thanks to a late 3-pointer from Katie Vescio.

Vescio finished with a game-high 15 points for the TigerScots (2-5). For the Pirates (5-2), Alondra Caldera recorded a team-high 12 points.

RHS	10	14	7	16	—	47
W-E	9	13	10	19	—	51

RIVERSIDE — A. Caldera 12, F. Rosen 10, S. Wightman 9, A. Hernandez 6, Br. Avalos 5, Bi. E. Daltoso 3, Avalos 2.
WESTON-MCEWEN — K. Vescio 15, C. Quamepts 13, A. Finfrack 11, K. Graves 4, J. Lambert 2, T. Burke 2.
3-pointers — RHS 1, W-E 3. Free throws — RHS 14-25, W-E 14-23. Fouls — RHS 17, W-E 25.

BUCKAROOS: Boys pull away from Lewiston behind Newsom's 28

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and everybody else to be in top shape in another month or so, but for now we're still learning."

The game began as anything but an offensive showcase for both teams, as the scoreboard was stuck at 0-0 until the four minute mark of the first when Lewiston's (7-1) Alyssa Ralstin hit a jump shot. Pendleton finally broke onto the scoreboard at the 3:07 mark when McGlothan grabbed an offensive rebound off a Buckaroo miss and made a floater while being fouled. A made free throw gave Pendleton a 3-2 lead, which was its only lead of the game.

Lewiston led just 5-3 after the first quarter and Pendleton fought to within 14-12 early in the second quarter before the missed shots began to add up and Lewiston started to pad its lead. The Buckaroos made just 2-of-27 attempts in the first half and trailed 20-14 at the break, and for the game made just 10-of-53 attempts (19 percent).

"Mama said there'd be days like this," Pendleton coach Kevin Porter joked. "There's no secret formula to why we didn't make shots. We've been hitting those shots ... We got wide-open 15-footers on the baseline and the foul line, wide-open 3-pointers that Jaiden (Lemberger) normally will knock down, and we just couldn't get it in the hole tonight for some reason."

McGlothan echoed Porter's feelings, adding "You just have those games and you can't do anything about those sometimes," she said. "We had great effort and heart out there so that's all you can ask for as a team,



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Pendleton's Jaiden Lemberger traps Lewiston's Morgan Genzer on the baseline in the Bucks' 51-38 loss to

really." Pendleton's scoring was helped out by its aggressiveness in taking the ball to the basket, as the Buckaroos attempted 29 free throws and made 17. The 17 points was nearly as many as the team scored on made field goals (21) in the game. Behind McGlothan, Maureen Davies added nine points, eight rebounds and four blocks, and Lemberger finished with 11 points.

Lewiston's Morgan Genzer led all scorers with 17 points with the help of five made 3-pointers.

Even with the loss, Porter was very happy with the

effort that Pendleton gave in the game following up its tough loss at Walla Walla on Friday night.

"I'm proud of the effort," Porter said. "I challenged them to come out with effort and desire because those are things we can't coach, and I thought we had a lot of effort and desire. We executed well, we just couldn't hit a shot, and that game just came down to a few possessions."

BOYS BASKETBALL

PENDLETON — Following Friday's lethargic loss at home to Walla Walla, the Pendleton Buckaroo



boys were anxious to get back on the floor Tuesday night to right the ship. And after a bit of a sloppy first half on Tuesday night against Lewiston (ID), the Buckaroos found a groove in the second half and stayed in it for all 16 minutes as they coasted to a 71-57 win at Warberg Court.

"I think they were hungry," Pendleton coach Kyle Tedder said of his team. "When you lose two in a row, two tough ones, you want to get better because you can't go down three in a row. We got contributions from all over the place ... we shot 59 percent overall and I'm happy with that on any given night."

Junior Tyler Newsom had a huge game for Pendleton (4-3) with a game-high 28 points, six rebounds and three assists. He shot 9-of-14 from the floor and was 4-of-6 from 3-point range and scored 17 of his

points in the second half. "I felt confident," Newsom said. "I tried to make plays for others and they tried to make plays for me and it worked out."

Pendleton and Lewiston were deadlocked at 10-10 after the first quarter and the Buckaroos held a slim 26-25 lead at the break. But Pendleton started the second half confidently and efficiently and slowly built up a lead. But just as Pendleton would start to get momentum, Lewiston would counter with a shot or two of its own to stay close behind.

A turning point for the Bucks came with 6:53 left in the game when Ryan Russell nailed a 3-pointer from the top of the key to put his team up 49-43, and just one minute later Pendleton's lead reached double digits at 53-43 following a lay-in from Richard Scott.

"They (Lewiston) had their punches but at the

Pendleton's Maureen Davies shoots the ball over Lewiston's Kaitlyn Isley in the Bucks' 51-38 loss to the Bengals on Tuesday in Pendleton.

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same time, we responded with the best poise we've had all year," Tedder said. "And that's the bottom line. We still have to get better, we still have to improve, but this was a flash of what could come."

Russell was outstanding for the Buckaroos with 10 points on a perfect 4-for-4 shooting night with two clutch second half 3-pointers, while adding six rebounds and superb interior defense. Scott scored 12 points with six rebounds inside, while Dakota Sams added 12 points and Shaw Jerome finished with nine points.

Pendleton shot a superb 49 percent from the floor making 24-of-41 shot attempts and was 7-of-13 from 3-point range.

"At the end of the day we want to play well and protect our home court," Tedder said. "We have some guys that are hungry and figuring it out and that's what's the beauty of this. I said Day 1 this is a project, we're going to have our highs, we're going to have our lows, but this was a step forward."

Girls Basketball	LHS	5	15	18	13	—	51
	PHS	3	10	12	13	—	38

LEWISTON — M. Genzer 17, C. Cady 10, A. Ralstin 8, D. Randall 5, B. Cornelia 4, M. Stoddard 4, M. Eke 3.
PENDLETON — K. McGlothan 10, M. Davies 9, J. Lemberger 6, R. Gentner 4, H. Kiele 3, U. Guerrero 3, H. Porter 2, S. Spriet 1.
3-pointers — LHS 7, PHS 1. Free throws — LHS 4-11, PHS 17-29. Fouls — LHS 21, PHS 8.

Boys Basketball	LHS	10	15	15	17	—	57
	PHS	10	16	17	28	—	71

LEWISTON — C. McKenzie 19, C. Spencer 12, D. Santana 10, T. Bradley 5, K. Van Boeyen 5, B. Ruddell 3, T. Wallace 3.
PENDLETON — T. Newsom 28, R. Scott 12, D. Sams 12, R. Russell 10, S. Jerome 9, K. Broncheau, D. Jackson, G. Lee, W. Camp, C. Sandford, M. Gallegos.
3-pointers — LHS 9, PHS 7. Free throws — LHS 6-7, PHS 16-23. Fouls — LHS 22, PHS 6.

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went on their 14-0 run.

From the last three minutes of the third quarter to the first two of the fourth, Cleveland held Hermiston at bay while knocking down jumpers and getting nearly every rebound. Leading the charge was Moore, who in that five minute span scored eight of the 14 points.

Like Arstein described, the Bulldogs slowly but surely climbed out of the hole they dug themselves into with four clutch free throws by junior Ryne Andreason — who ended the night with a team-high 15 points.

After getting within four

points of Cleveland with two minutes left on the clock, Hermiston stayed getting into foul trouble. Junior Andrew James — who played his first minutes since a back injury sustained at end of the football season — and senior Cesar Ortiz — both picked up their fourth foul seconds apart.

Junior Jordan Ramirez, who was benched earlier after picking up his fourth, was out for good after getting called for his fifth foul with only seconds remaining.

The early foul trouble that Ramirez was in hurt the Bulldogs, as they allowed silly mistakes and sloppy play without the starting

point guard in.

"When Jordan got in foul trouble it felt like we turned the ball over a lot and guys (felt) a little bit pressure — just from running our stuff I didn't want to try to run a set every time, I just wanted to play," Arstein said. "I thought we forced a lot, forced a lot of dumb passes and forced some dumb shots. We shoot better off of assists and we had some guys just jacking stuff up."

With Ramirez out, another star point guard took over. But he wasn't in purple and white.

Moore led the Warriors with a game-high 24 points, 18 of which came in the second half, and when his

shots kept falling, Hermiston's weren't.

"It just allows them to get back on defense and build their defense and it just doesn't allow us to build our offense up," Ortiz said of Cleveland's late success.

Despite the loss, there were moments where the Bulldogs shined and perhaps the brightest was from sophomore Sergio Madrigal.

"I thought Sergio did a great job," Arstein said. "He's only a sophomore and plays pretty much 30-25 minutes of (junior varsity), so I was proud of him."

When Madrigal entered the game minutes into the second half, both teams were trading the lead.

Cleveland was up 22-18 after the first quarter, but Hermiston again fought back at the charity stripe to knot the score at 24 points apiece.

With one minute left until the break, the score was tied again at 33-33 and that's when Madrigal hit a 3-pointer that spun around the rim and just as the ball looked like it was going to fall into the hands of a Warrior, it hit the net to give the Bulldogs at 36-33 lead at halftime.

Their back-to-back 18 point quarters in the first half kept Hermiston in the game, but after Cleveland outscored the Bulldogs 36-24 in the second half, it

was the Warriors who came out on top.

Hermiston will need to quickly shake this game off as the Bulldogs have a very quick turn around, traveling to Walla Walla on Wednesday for its home opener. Tipoff is at 7 p.m.

CHS	22	11	17	19	—	69
HHS	18	18	12	12	—	60

CLEVELAND — S. Moore 24, R. Anderson 16, J. Rodrick 10, J. Sanders 7, J. Joseph 4, A. Osman 1, J. Bolger 2.
HERMISTON — R. Andreason 15, C. Ortiz 13, J. Ramirez 9, P. Wicks 7, S. Madrigal 4, C. Smith 3.
3-pointers — CHS 2, HHS 8. Free throws — CHS 11-19, HHS 20-25. Fouls — CHS 23 (Sanders fouled out), HHS 21 (Ramirez fouled out).

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