

Saturday Prep Roundup

Pendleton's winning streak will continue into new year

Helix, Weston-McEwen also pick up big wins

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BEND — The Pendleton girls basketball team put together a complete team effort to notch their fifth straight win by defeating Wilson 72-61 on Saturday at the Les Schwab Holiday Hoopfest at Bend High School.

Jaiden Lemberger led the Buckaroos (6-5) with 21 points, while Maureen Davies netted 13 points and 10 rebounds, Hunter Kiele had 11, and Kalan McGlothlin had 10 points and a team-high 17 rebounds.

Head coach Kevin Porter also pointed out the efforts of Rylee Gentner, who finished with seven points and seven rebounds, as well as Hallie Porter, who only had two points but led the team with seven assists and four steals.

The Buckaroos built up a large lead in the fourth quarter over the Trojans (4-5), which allowed Porter to play his bench for the entire eight minutes to continue to get experience for the younger players.

Pendleton returns home on Tuesday to play Dallas at 6:30 p.m.

PHS 27 19 16 8 — 72
WHS 20 8 12 21 — 61

PENDLETON — J. Lemberger 21, M. Davies 13, H. Kiele 11, K. McGlothlin 10, R. Rentner 7, U. Guerrero 3, C. Cooley 3, S. Spriet 2, H. Porter 2.
WILSON — A. Kias 18, H. Renne 12, L. Scriban 12, C. Stone 8, N. McCleave 3, L. Balthazaar 3, R. Vranka Wafula 3, M. More 2.
3-pointers — PHS 4, WHS 8. Free throws — PHS 10-20, WHS 9-17. Fouls — PHS 15, WHS 17.

HELIX 43, IONE 33 — The Helix Grizzlies improved their record to 7-4 after picking up their seventh straight win.

Helix got off to a hot start against Ione, which entered the matchup off its fourth consecutive loss, and did not let up on its way to a 43-33 victory.

Senior Sadie Wilson has been a reliable leader for the Grizzlies and led the team Saturday with 15 points. Wilson got some help from fellow senior Kailey Mize, who chipped in 10 points of her own.

Helix will start 2018 on the road, and travel to Cover for a Friday night matchup.

IHS 5 12 2 14 — 33
HHS 10 16 11 6 — 43

HELIX — S. Wilson 15, K. Mize 10, A. Wood 9, A. Krol 4, C. Bennett 2, E. Fehrenbacher 2, H. Christman 1.
3-pointers — IHS 3, HHS 3. Free throws — IHS 6-8, HHS 4-11. Fouls — IHS 14, HHS 9.

WESTON-MCEWEN 61, CONDON/WHEELER 35 — Weston-McEwen will bring in the New Year with a season first.

Led by senior Chelsea Quaepts, the TigerScots won back-to-back games this weekend at the Les Schwab

Shootout held at Pendleton Convention Center. They finished their successful outing with a 61-35 win over Condon/Wheeler on Saturday.

Quaepts finished with a game-high 22 points and knocked down the team's only 3-pointer of the game.

"It was a really good weekend," head coach Mike Giusti said. "Coming back after a hard fought win was big for us."

The TigerScots (6-5) will return home for a week of play, first welcoming Grant Union on Thursday.

The Knights (0-10), who have yet to pick up a win, will try their luck again on the road at Mitchell High on Friday.

C/W 8 11 10 6 — 35
W-M 19 16 18 8 — 61
CONDON/WHEELER — A. Rietmann 14, K. Jaeger 7, A. Carnine 7, L. Clark 7.
WESTON/MCEWEN — C. Quaepts 22, A. Finifrock 14, K. Vesio 10, T. Burke 5, T. Hearn 4, K. Graves 4, A. Coffman 2.
3-pointers — C/W 1, W-M 1. Free throws — C/W 6-7, W-M 4-10. Fouls — C/W 10, W-M 7.

SOUTH WASCO COUNTY 57, ECHO 46 — Echo entered Saturday's matchup coming off two consecutive wins at the Bouncin' Cancer Tournament, but the Cougars (5-6) couldn't keep their short streak alive and fell to South Wasco Country 57-46.

Echo will have a chance to get back above .500 when it welcomes Nixyaawii and Joseph on Thursday and

Friday, respectively.

EAST LINN CHRISTIAN ACAD. 43, UMATILLA 35 — The Umatilla Vikings struggled throughout the Salem Academy Tournament, and capped off their weekend with yet another loss.

The 43-25 defeat was the third in as many days and the Vikings fall to 3-9 on the season.

Stanfield will take the court again in the new year for a two week homestand, first hosting Stanfield on Thursday. Tipoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

SKYVIEW (WA) 38, HERMISTON 28 — At Lake Oswego, Hermiston left the Nike Interstate Shootout 1-2 after falling to Skyview (WA) on the final day of competition.

The 10-point 38-28 loss was Hermiston's 10th of the season and the Bulldogs (2-10) will have one more road trip before returning to the Dawg House.

Hermiston will have over a week to prepare for its next matchup at Post Falls (ID). The Bulldogs will make the trip on Jan. 10.

BOYS BASKETBALL CENTRAL 54, HERMISTON 48 — The Hermiston

Bulldogs have a long bus ride back into town as they come off a tough weekend at the Crescent Valley Invitational.

After opening the invite with a 10-point loss to the host school, the Bulldogs (4-5) had yet another slow start that they were never able to fully recover from.

En route to Central's 54-48 win, the Panthers (7-2) outscored the Dawgs 12-7 in the first quarter.

Hermiston was able to make some offensive adjustments and try for a comeback after scoring in the double-digits the remaining three quarters but its efforts were squandered by poor free throw shooting that could have changed the outcome in the Bulldogs' favor.

Central used its size to its advantage to beat the Bulldogs in the paint and continue to increase its lead. After the game, head coach Casey Arstein noted that the defense was going to be a priority going forward.

"We didn't do the best job of getting them out of the paint," he said.

Size has always been a disadvantage for Hermiston, so along with working on pushing teams to the outside, Arstein wants the team to get better at working together.

"We're pretty much healthy," he added, "now we just need to work on working together as a team."

Hermiston will have only

a few days to work out its kinks before the Bulldogs head to AC Davis (WA) on Wednesday.

HHS 7 16 11 14 — 48
CHS 12 15 15 12 — 54
HERMISTON — C. Smith 13, R. Anderson 11, A. Earl 9, A. Mendez 6, J. Ramirez 6, A. James 3.
CENTRAL — B. Lesmeister 15, P. Mendazona 13, J. Cable 7, K. Kantola 6, I. Abraham 6, J. Cantu 4, J. Rodriguez 3.
3-pointers — HHS 7, CHS 2. Free throws — HHS 3-12, CHS 22-43. Fouls — HHS 27 (Anderson, James, Mendez fouled out), CHS 16.

BEND 60, PENDLETON 50 — The Pendleton Buckaroos skid continues as they dropped their final game in the Les Schwab Holiday Oregon Hoopfest 60-50.

Bend fared well in the tournament, as the Lava Bears split their previous two games. The Bucks (5-6) opened with two straight losses and were still unable to find success on Saturday.

Pendleton will hope to bounce back in the new year with a quick tournament to its next game. The Bucks will host The Dalles at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

ECHO 57, SOUTH WASCO COUNTY 36 — Echo finishes the year on a high note with a big 20-plus point victory over South Wasco County.

The Cougars now sit at 5-7 on the season and will enjoy a weekend at home. First on their schedule is Nixyaawii, which is slated to visit on Friday.

SCHIMMEL: Mac-Hi sneaks into top five, Riverside lands in sixth place

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running high and White got called for an unsportsmanlike penalty after hitting the back of Tremper's head as he was in a referee bottom position.

"Keep your cool," Phillips told the younger wrestler after the incident.

Tremper did just that and added 23 points to Pendleton's total.

Rendon was the next Buck with a top finish, and it came in his toughest bout of the day. Rendon moved easily through the quarter and semifinals — winning by fall in 44 seconds and 20 seconds, respectively. But Mac-Hi's Zach Crisman would work Rendon for nearly two full rounds. Rendon eventually won by fall 3:53 into the match. The win was good for 28 points.

Similar to his teammate, Bedola won by fall in all three rounds leading up to the first place match. But he had to go the full six minutes against Tyrell Reynoso of Madras before claiming the victory. He won by 7-2 decision, and chipped in 28 points to Pendleton's total.

Bannister was far from the final Buckaroo competing in the final round, but he was the last of Pendleton's squad to earn a first place finish.

After moving through the quarter and semifinals by a fall and 8-5 decision, respectively, Bannister faced a familiar foe in the first place bout.

Against another Buck, Josh Whaley, Bannister won by a 10-2 major decision.

There were plenty of impressive performances on the mat, but a few stuck out to Phillips — Whaley included.

"I'm real happy for Josh Whaley, he was our third string 160 pounder a week ago and he gets in the finals," he said. "Alex Rendon wrestled a great match in the finals. Brendon Bedola is going to be down at 132 pounds in two weeks and we won at 152 today."

"It was good to see those kids compete hard and get after it," he added.

Other top finishers for

Pendleton was Whaley, who finished behind Bannister in the 160-weight class; Chris Chambers (132) finished in third place after winning by a fall (2:44) over Riverside's Christian Reyes; Black Davis (145), who placed third after pinning Dylan Staigle of Enterprise in 1:42; Kirk Liscom (182) also finished in third defeating another Pirate in 2:56.

Isaac Urbina (160) rounded out Pendleton's top-three finishers place after a major decision was called in his favor (10-0) over Ridgeview's Cole Jackson. Urbina wrestled for third after Whaley knocked him out of the semifinals.

Aiden Patterson (170) placed sixth after going down by a fall to Irrigon's Josue Aguilera in the fifth place match.

MAC-HI PIONEERS

Of the 14 wrestlers Mac-Hi brought to Pendleton, 10 of them placed to help the Pioneers edge out Riverside for a fourth place team finish (139).

Three earned second place finishes, two of which were after facing the hosting Buckaroos.

Kiez White (113) and Zach Crisman (138) both dropped the first place match to Pendleton wrestlers, but each earned 19.5 points toward the team's total for their efforts.

Joshua Torres (195) worked his way into the first place bout after winning by a 9-3 decision over fellow Pioneer Brandyn Chaney in the quarterfinals and then pinning Irrigon's Brady Harrington in 5:21 in the semis.

Against Harrison Manu of Madras, Torres won by fall in 5:08.

Jakob Henshaw (138) added key points, despite the tough outcome, to Mac-Hi's total after finishing in fourth place. The 12 points came after losing the third place match to Riverside's Ethan Snyder. Henshaw went down with an injury after the first

time to respect the Knights, even if they weren't invited to the playoff.

Milton threw two touchdown passes and ran for 116 yards with another touchdown, leading No. 10 UCF to a 34-27 Peach Bowl win over No. 7 Auburn on Monday.

Auburn suffered its second straight loss at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, where it was beaten by



Photo by Kathy Aney

Andrew Barker, of Riverside, wrestles Baker's Alex Duran Saturday during the finals of the Rollin Schimmel Wrestling Tournament in Pendleton in the 126-pound class. Barker prevailed.

round.

Alejandro Saldana (182) wrestled his way through the consolation rounds after losing to Irrigon's Cristian Michaels by a 4-3 decision in the quarterfinals.

Saldana won both consolation matches 10-6 and 10-8 and continued his success in the fifth place match against Mauricio Carrera of The Dalles. Saldana won by a 14-7 decision.

Brandyn Chaney (195) and Spencer Wells (220) both placed fifth. Chaney outlasted his teammate, Patton Wright — who finished sixth — to win by a 5-3 decision and Wells pinned Pendleton's Henderson in 1:02, and scored 13 points.

Alex Doherty (285) also earned a fifth place finish after pinning Baker's Trenton Ashby in 1:45.

Kyler Kelly (160) was the last Pioneer to place, and finished sixth after facing Catalino LeClaire of Madras, who won by a fall in 2:11.

RIVERSIDE PIRATES

Riverside fared well Saturday and picked up two first place finishes and four more finished in the top six.

Fernando Ortega started things off in the 106-weight

class, and placed first by pinning Liberty's Tanner Santesson in 2:50. Ortega received a bye in the first round and then easily moved his way through the quarter and semifinals — winning by falls in 0:29 and 1:10, respectively.

Andrew Barker (126) was the only other Pirate to finish in first place after winning in sudden victory 6-4 over Alex Duran of Baker. Like Ortega, Barker got to the final round after pinning his opponents in 1:45 and 4:46.

Also in the 106-weight class, Yeidi Ramos earned a sixth place finish after working his way out of the consolation rounds into a fifth place match with Liberty's Emerald Koeppel. Ramos was pinned in 0:47.

Abraham Silva (120), Ethan Snyder (138) and Christian Reyes (132) finished the tournament in second, third and fourth place, respectively.

Silva received byes in the first two rounds and made his way into the first place match after pinning Echo's Eng Daylon in 1:19. However, he was bested by Shane Lund of Enterprise in 4:22 to fall into second place.

Snyder easily found his way into the semifinals where he was then defeated



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Kaleb Kendrick, of Irrigon, grimaces during his wrestling match with Mac-Hi's Alex Doherty during the 285-pound semi-final Saturday during the Rollin Schimmel Wrestling Tournament in Pendleton.

by Mac-Hi's Crisman. After the 10-6 decision didn't go in Snyder's favor he ended up claiming third after Henshaw went down with his injury.

Reyes made it through Round 1 and the quarterfinals unscathed but after getting pinned by Liberty's James Roy in the semis, he wrestled for third place against Pendleton's Chambers. Chambers pinned Reyes in 2:44.

IRRIGON KNIGHTS

The Irrigon Knights didn't have any first place finishes but their two wrestlers finished in second place and four others ended the day in the top six to move Irrigon into seventh place (90).

Alex Miranda-Walls (170) and Cristian Michaels (182) earned a spot in the first place match, but then lost by 15-5 to Baker and a win by fall in 0:48 seconds to The Dalles, respectively.

After Tucker McAllister (220) received a bye to start the day, he defeated Mac-Hi's Spencer Wells to move into the semifinals. There, he was pinned by Rafael Hinojosa of Liberty in 2:43.

The tough competition didn't wear down McAllister, and even if it did he didn't show it as he won in the ultimate tie breaker (4-3) over Baker's Hudson Cole.

Brady Harrington (195) placed fourth after G'ovi Quezada of Baker won by

a 4-3 decision and Josue Aguilera (170) finished in fifth after pinning Pendleton's Patterson.

Luis Cardenas (126) was the last Knight to place, and finished sixth after Ridgeview's Danny Cornejo pinned him in the second round (2:36).

ECHO COUGARS

Echo rounded out the top 10 in team finishes after scoring 74 points, 26 of which were from Kenneth Bevan's top finish.

The 220-pounder went toe-to-toe with Liberty's Hinojosa, but it was Bevan who came out on top of a 6-5 decision.

Kyle Ranger (126) and Eng Daylon (120) finished in third place after they both pinned Liberty wrestlers.

Mychael Pointer (145) was the final Cougar to place, and he finished fifth after winning by fall over Jake Eskew of Baker.

Team Results

1	Pendleton	247.0
2	Baker	184.5
3	Liberty	181.0
4	Mac-Hi	139.0
5	Ridgeview	123.0
6	Riverside	119.0
7	Irrigon	90.0
8	Enterprise	80.0
9	Madras	78.0
10	Echo	74.0
11	The Dalles	67.0
12	Walla Walla	0.0

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Milton powers No. 10 UCF to 34-27 Peach Bowl win over Auburn

ATLANTA (AP) — McKenzie Milton wanted to throw a blanket of 13 wins and no losses over the College Football Playoff.

After Milton and Central Florida capped a perfect season, he suggested it was

time to respect the Knights, even if they weren't invited to the playoff.

Milton threw two touchdown passes and ran for 116 yards with another touchdown, leading No. 10 UCF to a 34-27 Peach Bowl win over No. 7 Auburn on Monday.

Auburn suffered its second straight loss at Mercedes-Benz Stadium, where it was beaten by

Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship game one month ago.

The Knights won in their final game with coach Scott Frost, who stayed with the team through the bowl game after accepting an offer to become the new coach at Nebraska, his alma mater. Frost will bring most of his UCF assistants to Nebraska.

BRIEFLY

Bentley leads South Carolina past Michigan 26-19 in Outback

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jake Bentley threw for 239 yards and two touchdowns Monday to pace the win, which gave the Gamecocks (9-4) at least nine wins in a season for just the seventh time.

Bentley shrugged off a slow start to toss scoring passes of 21 yards to Bryan Edwards and 53 yards to Shi Smith, the latter giving his team a 23-19 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Michigan (8-5) finished with its first three-game losing streak under coach Jim Harbaugh. The Wolverines turned the ball over five times after halftime, including an

end zone interception that denied them an opportunity to regain the lead with just under eight minutes to go.

The loss also cost the Big Ten a clean sweep of bowl games involving conference members. The league entered 7-0, looking to go unbeaten in postseason play for the first time since 1998 when it went 5-0.