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Bucks get first wins of 2018

Pendleton girls win sixth straight, boys stop losing skid

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — For the first 21 minutes of play Tuesday evening, Pendleton's first game of 2018 looked like a regrettable performance for the Buckaroos.

The Buckaroo girls did not have the look of a team that was riding a five-game win streak, instead they looked like the young team that was lost early in the season, and trailed Dallas 31-21 with 5:25 left in the third quarter.

"Sadly, that might've been one of the poorest games we've played all year," Pendleton coach Kevin Porter said. "We weren't patient on offense, we forced the ball when we didn't need to ... we just didn't have the effort I thought we should've had to start tonight."

However, for the final 13-plus minutes of the game, the Buckaroos played like a team on fire. Pendleton chipped away at Dallas' lead as the third quarter ticked away, and continued to gain momentum in the fourth quarter while the Dragons stumbled. Over that final 13-plus minute stretch, Pendleton outscored the Dragons 28-11 to steal a 49-42 win for its sixth consecutive victory.

"I don't know what switch they flipped, but I'm glad they flipped it," Porter said.

Kalan McGlothan powered Pendleton's comeback with another monster game and yet another double-double. She finished with 25 points and 13 rebounds, with 17 points coming in the second half. Jaiden Lemberger was the only other Buckaroo in double figures with 13 points. Porter says that the way McGlothan performs and the productions she gives game after game is surprising, but not surprising at the same time.

"She loves basketball and she puts the effort in," Porter said. "She's never going to get

Girls Basketball



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Pendleton

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Kalan McGlothan (34), of Pendleton, goes up for a jumper as Zoe Whitlow (32), of Dallas, tries to block Tuesday at Warberg Court.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

outworked. She's 5-foot-8 and plays like she's 6-foot-8. I tell the kids every day to play at a level you're opponent is not willing to play at, and I don't have to tell her that, she just does it."

Pendleton (7-5) controlled most

of the first quarter, getting the ball inside to the posts and drawing fouls to earn the majority of its 12 first-quarter points from the free throw line. But after a slow start, Dallas (6-3) roared back to take a 13-12 lead at the quarter break, and then

held the lead for the entire second quarter for a 24-19 advantage at halftime.

The Dragons slowly built up their advantage to its largest lead of 11 points with four minutes

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Prep Roundup

Pirates take down Rockets

Riverside girls win sixth straight game

East Oregonian

BOARDMAN — There is no stopping the Riverside girls basketball team as the Pirates wrapped up the brunt of their nonleague schedule Tuesday.

In the first of two games at Riverside High, the Pirates hosted the Pilot Rock Rockets — who won three of their last five games.

The Rockets, however, were no match for the streaking Pirates as Riverside handed Pilot Rock a 45-35 loss.

Led by junior Alondra Caldera, who scored a game-high 16 points, the Pirates (10-2) claimed their sixth consecutive victory.

The Rockets (8-4) made things interesting to start, and held their own to give Riverside a narrow 15-11 lead after the first quarter.

Both teams were held to single digits in the second quarter, but the Pirates were able to bounce back after the break and outscored Pilot Rock 22-14 in the second half.

Along with Caldera's game best performance, she notched five assists and five rebounds.

For the Rockets, junior Kaitelyn Evans was the top scorer with 12 points.

UP NEXT

Riverside will travel to Nyssa Friday to open league play. Tipoff is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Pilot Rock will host two nonleague games before it opens league play. First up on the schedule is a 6 p.m. matchup with Imbler on Friday.

PR	11	8	7	7	—	35
RHS	15	9	10	11	—	45

PILOT ROCK — K. Evans 12, S. Weinke 8, G. Austin 6, K. Deist 5, R. Oates 3, L. Brewer 1.
RIVERSIDE — A. Caldera 16, F. Rosen 8, Br. Avalos 6, E. Daltoso 6, S. Wightman 4, A. Hernandez 3, C. Garcia 2.
3-pointers — PR 1, RHS 2. Free throws — PR 10-22, RHS 13-29. Fouls — PR 20, RHS 19.

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Pro Basketball

Thomas has smashing debut as Cavs down Trail Blazers

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Isaiah Thomas showed flashes of what made him an All-Star in his long-awaited Cleveland debut as the Cavaliers snapped a three-game losing streak with a 127-110 win over the Portland Trail Blazers on Tuesday night.

Thomas scored 17 points and played 19 minutes in his first game in seven months, an impressive return to action for the dynamic point guard. Thomas added three 3-pointers and three assists before leaving with 8:10 left

and the Cavs up by 12.

LeBron James scored 24 points, Kevin Love had 19 and Jae Crowder added 15 for the Cavs, who were coming off losses at Golden State, Sacramento and Utah.

Damian Lillard scored 25 for the Blazers after missing five games with a hamstring injury. Jusuf Nurkic added 23 and CJ McCollum had 19 for Portland.

The Cavs were unable to separate from the Blazers until Thomas and Dwyane



Portland

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Cleveland

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Wade teamed up in the fourth quarter.

Thomas, who finished 6 of 12 from the field, knocked down a jumper and then fired a pass toward the baseline to a cutting Wade, who made a reverse layup. On Cleveland's next possession, Thomas spotted up in the corner in front of Cleveland's bench and buried a 3-pointer to give the Cavs a 100-91 lead.

A few moments later, James was sent in for Thomas, who first got a

hug from his teammate and another from coach Tyrone Lue as the crowd roared.

Thomas hadn't played since May 19 because of a torn labrum in his hip that ended his 2017 postseason with Boston and threatened to derail his career. But the 5-foot-9 playmaker, who inspired the Celtics and an entire city last year, patiently stuck with his rehab.

With 4:33 left in the first quarter, Thomas, wearing his familiar headband and No. 3, checked in to a loud ovation as Cleveland fans finally got to see a player

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Cleveland's Isaiah Thomas, right, drives past Portland Trail Blazers' Shabazz Napier in Tuesday's game in Cleveland.

AP Photo/Tony Dejak

Sports shorts

Bengals to keep Marvin Lewis as head coach through 2019

CINCINNATI (AP) — Coach Marvin Lewis got a two-year contract extension Tuesday, yet two more chances to try to get the Cincinnati Bengals that playoff victory that has eluded him for 15 seasons.

The agreement came after a second straight losing season and two days of discussions with owner Mike Brown. Lewis has the second-longest active coaching tenure in the NFL, behind Bill Belichick's 18 seasons with New England.

Unlike Belichick, who has won five Super Bowls and made two other appearances in the title game, Lewis is 0-7 in the playoffs, the worst such coaching record in NFL history. The Bengals have yet to win a playoff game since the 1990 season, the sixth-longest streak of futility in league history.



Lewis

"I think I'm the hottest guy in Buffalo right now. According to my Twitter, I think everybody's loving us right now. Obviously that's a crazy fan base and they're all pretty excited."

— Andy Dalton

The Bengals quarterback said of his role in Buffalo's long-awaited playoff appearance. Dalton threw a 49-yard touchdown pass with 44 seconds left to eliminate the Ravens and open a spot for the Bills, who got the final AFC wild-card berth.

Arizona QB Carson Palmer retiring after 15 seasons in NFL

PHOENIX (AP) — Arizona Cardinals QB Carson Palmer is retiring after 15 NFL seasons.

Palmer, who turned 38 last week, made the announcement in an open letter released Tuesday by the Cardinals. Palmer missed the last nine games of what would be his final season with a broken left arm.

He called his long professional career "the most incredible experience of my life."

The statement came one day after Cardinals coach Bruce Arians announced his retirement. Arians and Palmer spent the last five seasons together.

Palmer was a Heisman Trophy winner at USC and the No. 1 overall pick by Cincinnati in 2002. He threw for 46,247 yards, 12th-most in NFL history, in a career with the Bengals, Oakland and Arizona.



Palmer

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1920 — Boston Red Sox owner Harry Frazee sells pitcher-outfielder Babe Ruth to the New York Yankees for \$125,000 plus a \$350,000 loan.

1993 — The Buffalo Bills stage pro football's biggest comeback to beat the Houston Oilers 41-38 in overtime in the first round of the NFL playoffs.

2016 — Jimmy Butler breaks Michael Jordan's team record for points in a half, scoring 40 of his 42 after the break to lead the Chicago Bulls over the Toronto Raptors 115-113. Jordan had 39, also in the second half, in a game against Milwaukee in 1989.

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