

PENDLETON

Timberwolves come up short against Yaks

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PENDLETON — The BMCC men's basketball team led by four at halftime, but could not hold off the top team in the NWAC East as Yakima Valley rallied with a big second half to earn the 94-81 victory on Wednesday.

The Timberwolves (3-10 overall, 0-3 East) had one of their most efficient offensive games of the season, shooting 48 percent from the floor and 52 percent from 3-point range with only seven turnovers, which led to a 41-37 halftime lead. However,

the Yaks (12-4, 3-0) showed why they are atop the division as they shot 55 percent overall and nailed 15 3-pointers to secure the win. Yakima Valley outscored BMCC 57-40 in the second half.

Anthony Landeros and Jermiah Hillard each netted 17 points to lead BMCC and Jordan Moran had 12 off the bench. Gamaun Boykin led the Yaks with 24 points, while Quentin Raynor was 7-of-10 from 3-point range for 21 points.

YVC	37	57	-	94
BMCC	41	40	-	81

YAKIMA VALLEY — G. Boykin 24, Q. Raynor 21,

D. Lindgren 15, K. Davis 13, T. Delp 7, M. Britten 7, J. Blodgett 5, N. Brown 2.
 BLUE MOUNTAIN — A. Landeros 17, J. Hillard 17, J. Moran 12, C. Lonebear 8, A. Desire 6, J. Massey 6, E. Kaden 6, D. Serme 5, L. McAllister 4.
 3-pointers — YVC 15, BMCC 13. Free throws — YVC 11-12, BMCC 8-9. Fouls — YVC 11, BMCC 13.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

YAKIMA VALLEY 70, BMCC 57 — Hermiston grad Hayden Meyers put together the best game of her young BMCC career on Wednesday, tallying season highs with 13 points and 11 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to get BMCC past Yakima Valley with a 70-57 defeat. Sydney Wammock led the

Timberwolves (1-13 overall, 0-3 East) with 15 points and she also grabbed nine rebounds. Trista Takes Enemy led the Yaks (11-4, 1-2) with a game-high 26 points on 12-of-23 shooting and Sequoia Wheeler had 15. Yakima Valley's defense forced the Timberwolves into 23 turnovers, which they turned into 21 points in the game.

YVC	20	19	12	19	-	70
BMCC	14	12	17	14	-	57

YAKIMA VALLEY — T. Takes Enemy 26, S. Wheeler 15, K. Von Oelhoffen 11, C. Davis 4, K. Kruger 4, T. Mills 4, M. Lambert 4, B. Andrews 2.
 BLUE MOUNTAIN — S. Wammock 15, H. Meyers 13, M. Bisbee 9, C. Sidney 7, R. Willingham 6, K. Gerlinger 3, M. Boyer 2, A. Watson 2, S. Short.
 3-pointers — YVC 6, BMCC 5. Free throws — YVC 4-9, BMCC 8-14. Fouls — YVC 19, BMCC 14.

KNIGHTS: Phillips leads boys with a game-high 27 points

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... races. "I thought defensively we played really well," Royer said. "We gave them a couple of open looks in the first quarter and they hit them, and I think we did a good job of adjusting and playing really good defense for three quarters because they didn't get much of anything easy."

Despite a low scoring second quarter for both teams, Irrigon came out of the break with new energy and added 10 points to the board — all of which were from the team's top shooter senior Jada Burns.

Riverside was close to matching Irrigon's output, and cut its deficit to only four points, 30-26, going into the final quarter.

With just over five minutes to go in the third, Wightman hit a jumper to knot the score at 22 points apiece.

Irrigon, or rather Burns, answered with back-to-back three's to separate the two teams once again.

As time was ticking down in the fourth quarter, it was going to be up to Burns once again.

The Knights pushed their lead to 32-27 before Wightman stepped to the free throw line for a one-and-one. A violation on the Knights negated Wightman's first shot and she got another chance at the charity stripe.

Wightman hit the first one and the second shot fell shortly after to put Riverside within three.

At the timeout, Royer's game plan was simple.

"We were just going to match up and go man-to-man and switch any screen and just make sure they couldn't get an easy three," he said.

But there was no need as just seconds later Burns was fouled and hit one of her two free throws to put Irrigon up two possessions.

The Knights will have a quick turnaround and travel to Umatilla on Friday, while Riverside will have a chance to shake of the two



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Riverside's Alondra Caldera shoots the ball guarded by Irrigon's Taylor Davis in the Knights' 33-29 win against the Pirates on Wednesday in Irrigon.

consecutive league losses before it returns to the court Tuesday, hosting Stanfield.

BOYS BASKETBALL

A road win in the EOL is a big one. The trip is usually a few hours, making the time away from school and the long bus ride home tough if the score isn't to your advantage.

That wasn't the case for

Irrigon, which opened league play Saturday with a big 54-35 win over Vale.

The Knights came back home and used that momentum to hand Riverside a 56-50 defeat.

The two boys teams played in the second game of Wednesday's doubleheader, and like the first the opening quarter was truly a battle for the entire eight minutes.

"(Riverside) took this opportu-

nity and came out and played us really hard," head coach Davie Salas said. "We were a little sloppy, to be honest ... we tried to play at a fast tempo like we usually do and we were just really sloppy and kind of careless with the ball."

Despite some of the careless ball handling and mistakes made in their usually flawless high-paced offense, the Knights (13-0 overall, 2-0 EOL) came out on top with a 20-15 lead — it was a lead they would never relinquish.

The Pirates (7-8, 0-2) were close to catching the streaking Knights.

After a lackluster second quarter, Riverside narrowed Irrigon's margin to 39-36 with only seconds left in the third.

"You can't overlook any team," Salas said. "Every team is going to give you their best."

Senior Mason Hegar knocked down two free throws to add to his eventual team-best 13 points, and put the Pirates in one possession of matching the Knights.

If it came down to a 3-pointer, Riverside wouldn't have batted an eye. The Pirates knocked down eight total shots from behind the arc.

But it was a Knight who would hit a three at the buzzer to extend their lead.

Senior Adrian Roa snatched the ball away from Riverside at half court, took a few steps and hit an off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer to put Irrigon up 42-36.

The Pirates gave a resounding effort in the fourth quarter but the Knights weren't going to let this one slip away, especially with senior Johnny Phillips dominating the paint.

Phillips recorded a game-high 27 points, 20 of which were in the second half, and led his team to their second straight league win.

The boys will follow the girls to Umatilla to face the Vikings at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Riverside will take the court again in Boardman on Tuesday against Stanfield.

BLAZERS: Lillard scores team-high 29

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games without Harden, who is out for at least two weeks with a hamstring injury.

Lillard scored 29 after missing the last two games with a strained right calf, and C.J. McCollum added 24 points as the Blazers saw a three-game winning streak snapped.

Paul had 11 assists, seven rebounds and three steals, and Capela added 13 points with eight rebounds.

Gerald Green scored all of Houston's points in a 5-2 run that extended the lead to 103-89 midway through the fourth period. He finished with 12 points and has scored in double digits in seven straight games for the first time since 2015.

"We're having to manufacture points in different ways," Paul said. "Gerald continues to be great and be aggressive. ... James averages 30 and we're just doing it by committee."

Lillard scored the first seven points of an 11-0 spurt that got the Trail Blazers within 103-100 with about 3 1/2 minutes left.

Paul received a technical in that span for arguing about a foul called on P.J. Tucker.

The Rockets led by nine entering the fourth quarter and were up by 11 with about 7 1/2 minutes remaining after Gordon scored four points. He made a layup before missing a shot on the next possession, only to grab it with one hand and finish with a dunk that made it 98-87.

Portland's Ed Davis was called for a flagrant foul late in the third when he hit Tarik Black in the right eye as Black dunked. Black remained on the court for a couple of minutes before being helped to his feet and escorted to the locker room, holding a towel over his right eye. The team said he had an abrasion to his right eye and he'll miss Friday's game.

Paul made the free throw on that play, and Tucker added a layup after that to extend the lead to 84-74.

The Rockets led 55-45 at halftime.

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: Lillard had eight assists and five rebounds and made 10 of 12 free throws. ... Portland had six blocks, led by Jusuf Nurkic's three.

Rockets: Black tied a season high with 13 points. ... Nene missed his fourth straight game with a bruised right knee. ... Gordon has scored 20 or more points in 21 games this season after doing so in only 19 games last season.

HE SAID IT

Lillard on being unable to combat Houston's runs: "When you're dealing with a team that shoots 3s as much as them and as well, you can't give them extra possessions and I thought we did that on too many occasions."

UP NEXT

Trail Blazers: Visit New Orleans on Friday.

DUCKS: Offense flourished in nonconference, struggling mightily in Pac-12 play

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beat Utah 80-77 on Sunday to move into a tie for ninth place with the Ducks at 1-2.

Arizona fell into second place in the conference at 2-1 following an 80-77 loss at Colorado on Saturday.

After averaging 85.3 points in 13 nonconference games, the Ducks rank last in scoring in Pac-12 games at 65.7. Oregon's two confer-

ence losses featured two of its four worst shooting performances of the season.

"I've been concerned with our offense all year," Altman said. "Our ball movement hasn't been good all year. We talk about it and stress that."

Oregon is shooting 42.2 percent from the field in conference games after going 25-for-69 from the field in the loss to the Beavers.

"Sometimes, there is a little miscommunication," junior forward Paul White said. "As a team, we've got to relay the message if we hear it from coach. That's the team's fault if we are getting into our offense and it's not looking as efficient."

Oregon talked about working the ball inside more against the Beavers, but had 29 three-point attempts — its second-most all season —

while making eight against the Beavers.

"We took nine in the first six or seven minutes of the game and four of them were contested and five were decent looks," Altman said.

Freshman Kenny Wooten, who is shooting 76.8 percent from the field, has fouled out of both conference losses while totaling one shot from the field in 40 minutes during those contests. With Wooten

limited to 13 minutes at OSU, White led the way with 16 points.

"Kenny has been efficient on the block and others have as well whenever we get it in the paint," White said. "We just have to find our identity."

Freshman Victor Bailey played 18 minutes against Oregon State before finishing with 11 points, matching his most points in seven weeks,

to go with three assists. Bailey was 5-for-12 from the field and tied for the team lead with two steals.

"My first year doing all this, I am just trying to play hard," he said.

With Oregon trailing by 11 with 4:18 to play, Altman sent Bailey in for senior guard Elijah Brown and played the freshman the rest of the way.

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