Revenge at the Dawg House

Hermiston welcomed La Grande after facing each other just days prior

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HERMISTON — It was a rematch in more ways than one Tuesday night at the Dawg House.

Hermiston hosted La Grande, a team that handed the Bulldogs

Boys

Basketball

66

Girls

Basketball

50

a 10-point loss just three days ago, and the boys were ready to get back on the court and rewrite the outcome against a tough 4A Greater Oregon League team.

But it wasn't just the players that had bragging rights on the line.

Hermiston head coach Casey Arstein and La Grande head coach Mark Carollo grew up three doors down from one another in Hermiston, were teammates on the basketball court and double partners in tennis.

Carollo has been the better athlete, Arstein admits, but now when the pair see each other again at Carollo's wedding in July,

Arstein can rub this 66-59 win in. "I'll take the dub over him tonight

at home," Arstein said after Hermiston escaped with the victory. Turnovers and missed opportu-

nities hurt Hermiston during its first outing at La Grande, but a cleaner performance at home gave the Bulldogs (5-9) the advantage for the entire of the game.

Junior Andrew James stepped in for an injured Jordan Ramirez, who is probable for Friday's league opener, and aided in Hermiston's efforts to go up 14-10 at the half.

James didn't record any points on the night, but his selfless play and help moving the ball led to the Bulldogs opening the game with three consecutive 3-pointers and a total of 11 after by the end of the night.

Cesar Ortiz has been a reliable shooter behind the arc for Hermiston, but it was Cole Smith who got things started for the Bulldogs with the first

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ABOVE: Hermiston's Ryne Andreason (1) goes up for a shot against pressure from Braden Bell (21), of La Grande, during Tuesday's game at the Dawg House.

LEFT: Hermiston's Jordan Thomas and Regan Meyers (15) battle for a rebound with Alexyss Chamberlain (13), of La Grande.

Box scores

10 13 21 18 -Hermiston 14 14 20 18 — 66 LA GRANDE — K. Chandler 20, G. Blackman 15, B. Bell 11, I. Chamerlain 8, C. Reed 2, N. Tsiatsos 2, J. Walker 2, H. Hermiston

Youngblood 2. HERMISTON — C. Ortiz 26, C. Smith 11, A. Earl 8, P. Wicks 8, R. Andreason 6, T. McCullough 4, B. Davis 2, A. Mendez 1. 3-pointers — LG 4, HHS 11. Free throws — LG 4-7, HHS 13-15. Fouls — LG 21, HHS 13.

La Grande
Hermiston
LA GRANDE — C. Collman 16, E. Dunlap 11, J. Homan 6, L.
Chamberlain 4, D. Lester 4.
HERMISTON — J. Thomas 22, H. Thompson 10, J. Romero 7,
R. Meyers 6, A. Green 3, M. Wilson 2.
3-pointers — LG 1, HHS 4. Free throws — LG 8-19, HHS 4-16.
Fouls — LG 15, HHS 18.

Prep Roundup

Bucks win in final ticks

Pendleton hits late layup to go up one in narrow victory

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Buckaroos weren't going down without a fight Tuesday night when they hosted Baker for one of its last non-league games.

Trailing the entire game, a strong collective defensive effort and a final run by Dakota Sams and Shaw Jerome gave Pendleton its first lead of the night, which was enough to skate by with a 50-49 victory.

"It's good to be tested like this," head coach Kyle Tedder said. "It's good to have tight ones. It's a confidence and momentum builder."

Sams, the freshman who came through for the Buckaroos (8-6) in the end, may have the most confidence at the moment.

But Pendleton always stayed within reach thanks to good defense led by Ryan Russell.

"He's our anchor, our best vocal leader" Tedder said. "He's our quarterback out there, and you know what you'll get from him every night."

Tedder went on to say that Pendleton's defensive output is almost where it needs to be before entering league play — something it'll rely heavily on to remain at the top of the Columbia River Conference.

Leading Pendleton's ffense was Tyler Newsome, who finished with 17 points. Russell chipped in 11 of his

For the Bulldogs (8-9), Gabe Gambleton finished with a game-high 18 points. Next, the Bucks will

travel to Hood River Valley to begin league play. Tipoff is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Pro Basketball

Lillard scores 31, leads Blazers to end skid at home

PORTLAND (AP) Damian Lillard scored 31 points and the Portland Trail Blazers snapped a threegame losing streak with a 118-111 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Tuesday night.

CJ McCollum had 27 points, including six 3-pointers, and the Trail Blazers led by as many as 27 points in third quarter.

Devin Booker had 43 for the Suns, who have lost three straight and five of their last



Booker rallied the Suns in the final quarter with 21 points. His 3-pointer got the Suns within 103-93 with just over seven minutes left and Portland coach Terry Stotts put his starters back in.

another Booker hit 3-pointer to narrow Portland's lead to 107-99. McCollum answered with a basket, and Portland got a stop before Al-Farouq Aminu's 3 from the corner with 3:30 left.

Another 3-pointer by Aminu put Portland up 117-105 with 1:12 left and put the game out of reach.

Booker finished with five 3-pointers, four of them in the fourth quarter alone.

It was Portland's first game back home after a fourgame road trip. The Blazers dropped consecutive games to Houston, New Orleans

and Minnesota.

The Suns were without Marquese Chriss for the third straight game because of a right hip strain. Dragan Bender started in his place.

Phoenix was also without T.J. Warren because of low back soreness. Both Chriss and Warren were considered day-to-day.

Portland's Napier, who has helped give the Blazers a spark off the bench, was available after nursing a lower back strain. He had his back wrapped team warmed up for the second half. Napier finished with 11.

Lillard hit a 3-pointer with the first shot of the game, and the Blazers opened 8 for 8 from the field. Lillard finished the opening quarter with 12 points, second only to Booker with 13.

Pat Connaughton's 3-pointer put the Blazers up 45-36, and McCollum hit a 3-pointer to stretch the lead to 66-51 going into the Lillard and Booker

with an ice pack while the each finished the half with 20 points.

> Portland pulled away in the second half, going up 80-56 after McCollum's steal and layup. The Suns opened the half just 1-of-13 from the

> The game got a bit testy in the fourth quarter, when Maurice Harkless Booker exchanged words. Both were given technical

Troy Daniels finished with 18 points off the bench for Phoenix.

Sports shorts

Pendleton's Naughton named a top HS prospect in Oregon

PENDLETON Pendleton's Daniel Naughton finished his junior year as a littleknown college baseball prospect, but now he'll start his senior year as one of the top college prospects in the state of Oregon.

Baseball Northwest, a prep base-

ball showcase for the top prospects in the Northwest, recently ranked Naughton as the No. 3 prospect in the entire state for 2018. Naughton, right-handed pitcher standing 6-feet tall, signed to pitch at Gonzaga University in November.

Naughton is ranked behind Westview infielder and Michigan signee Willie Weiss and Lake Oswego shortstop and Oregon State signee Jake Dukart. La Grande right-handed pitcher GT Blackman, who is signed at Lewis-Clark State College, is ranked No. 7.

"I said, `It is going to happen, what time is that going to happen? Why not now and why not us?'"

 Kevin Sumlin Arizona's newest head football coach said in regards to a Wildcat appearance in the Rose Bowl. Arizona is the only one of the original Pac-10 never to play in the game. Sumlin was introduced as coach at a news conference on Tuesday.

Umatilla's Durfey earns all-state football honors

UMATILLA — Umatilla's Trent Durfey picked up another accolade for his outstanding junior season. Having already been named Eastern Oregon

League Defensive Player of



the Year, Durfey recently was selected to the Class 3A all-state team as a second team linebacker. The 6-foot-2, 210-pounder was a star among a Vikings defense that struggled in 2017, as he tallied 93 total tackles with two forced fumbles, one interception and one fumble recovery.

A few league rivals also earned honors: WR/ DB Tanner Hamilton, OL/DL Karson Brown, OL Wyatt Currey, DL Trey Lowe, and P Kyle Haueter from Vale; LB JoJo Sanchez and DB Tye Anderson of Nyssa; and WR Luke Bailey and LB Evan Gunderson of Burns.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1961 — The Cincinnati Royals' 22-year-old rookie sensation, Oscar Robertson, becomes the youngest player to receive NBA All-Star MVP

1986 — Tim Witherspoon wins a majority decision over Tony Tubbs in Atlanta to win the WBA heavyweight title.

1996 — Detroit's Steve Yzerman becomes the 22nd player in NHL history to score 500 goals as the Red Wings beat the Colorado Avalanche 3-2.

2014 champion Serena Williams becomes the winningest woman at the Australian Open, notching career win

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