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PENDLETON

Bucks stomp Tigers, win 73-50

A short break from league proved successful, no injuries and big win

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East Oregonian

PENDLETON — On Friday's Columbia River Conference opener, the Pendleton girls basketball team's stellar defensive was on display.

In Tuesday's non-league matchup — when the La Grande Tigers came to town — the Buckaroos were still impressive on defense. But their offense, more specifically senior Maureen Davies, stole the show.

Behind Davies' team-leading 18 points, the Bucks have reached double digits wins after a 73-50 rout over the Tigers.

"She played with unbelievable effort tonight," head coach said of Davies' performance. "And I can tell you right now when you can get that kind of effort out of her and you have Kalan (McGlothan) to go with it and Jaiden (Lemberger) knocking down shots — we're not one dimensional."

"That's the goal, that's been the goal all year long to not be one dimensional, and Maureen Davies was an absolutely animal tonight and I couldn't be happier."

It only took 11 seconds of play and a 3-pointer from Lemberger to light Pendleton's spark. The Buckaroos (10-6 overall, 1-0 CRC) got out to an early 22-12 lead after the first quarter.

By halftime, Davies already racked up 10 points. She would go on to finish the game with seven rebounds, three blocked shots, two steals and one assist. Lemberger hit three of her four total 3-pointers in the first half as well.

McGlothan was making her presence known in the paint, getting four of her



Pendleton's Jaiden Lemberger shoots the ball over La Grande's Alexyss Chamberlain in the Bucks' 73-50 win against/loss to the Tigers on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Prep Roundup

Pendleton falls in non-league road game

Irrigon boys complete season sweep of Riverside, Nyssa girls with win over Vale

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LA GRANDE — Pendleton road into La Grande on Tuesday with a four-game win streak. The non-league game versus the Tigers came just days after the Buckaroos' first CRC road win in Hood River.

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La Grande
57

However, this road trip would not have the same outcome as Pendleton fell 57-50. Junior Tyler Newsom led the efforts with a game-high 27 points.

La Grande has been solid, winning eight of its last 10 games before hosting the Bucks (9-7 overall, 1-0 Columbia River Conference).

The Tigers got out to an early lead and maintained it throughout the rest of the game. Junior Nick Tsiatsos was La Grande's top shooter with 20 points.

The game would favor the home team as the Tigers improved to 12-7 overall after the victory and sit atop their Class 4A Greater Oregon League.

Pendleton will play its first CRC game at Warberg Court on Friday, hosting The Dalles at 7 p.m.

PHS	12	13	9	16	—	50
LGHS	17	12	12	16	—	57

PENDLETON — T. Newsom 27, K. Sams 9, R. Scott 6, R. Russell 5, S. Jerome 2, D. Jackson 1.
LA GRANDE — N. Tsiatsos 20, K. Chandler 15, C. Reed 6, N. Chamberlain 4, I. Chamberlain 4, B. Bell 4, G. Blackman 2, H. Youngblood 2.
3-pointers — PHS 7, LGHS 4. Free throws — PHS 11-15, LGHS 17-24. Fouls — PHS 18, LGHS 15.

IRRIGON 45, RIVERSIDE 31

The visiting Irrigon Knights earned a season sweep of Riverside on Tuesday.

On Jan. 10, just one game into Eastern Oregon League play, Irrigon handed Riverside a 56-50 loss on its home court.

The Pirates were hoping to get revenge when they hosted the Knights, but fell short. The 45-31 loss is Riverside's third in its last four games.

Meanwhile, Irrigon is now riding a three-game win streak with the victory.

The Knights (16-2 overall, 5-1 EOL) will have a quick turnaround and return home to welcome Umatilla for a Thursday matchup. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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MLB

Martinez rockets up Hall of Fame ballot as DHs gain respect

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Edgar Martinez is rocketing up the Hall of Fame ballot, boosted 13 years after his final swing by new-age statistical analyses and campaigning.

His percentage of the vote more than doubled from 2015 to last year, and he is



Rodriguez

projected to be around the 75 percent needed for election when this year's voting is announced Wednesday. He could become only the second Hall of Famer who was primarily a designated hitter.

"I think it's kind of like relief pitchers: Once the first couple started to get in, people had to accept the fact that they're part of the game now," said MLB.com's

Tracy Ringolsby, who voted for Martinez for the first time this year. "You can't get around them. You can't ignore it. And so, you have to give them consideration."

Martinez received 25.2 percent in 2014, when Frank Thomas became the first player elected after spending the majority of his career as DH, a position instituted in 1973. Martinez rose to 27 percent the following year, 43.4 percent in 2016 and

58.6 percent last year. He is on 77.1 percent of the 231 ballots obtained by Ryan Thibodaux and posted on his Hall of Fame vote-tracker.

Chipper Jones, Jim Thome and Vladimir Guerrero are likely to be overwhelming picks, and Trevor Hoffman could get in, too, after a near-miss last year.

Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds are both tracking at 63.6 percent in the sixth ballot appearance for each.

That is up about 3-4 percent from their vote-tracker percentage last year, when Clemens finished at 54.1 percent and Bonds at 53.8.

Martinez's Hall chances have been aided by Ryan M. Spaeder, a 28-year-old fan from Virginia who sent statistical analyses to about 250 voters. Martinez is making the ninth of the 10 appearances he is allowed on the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot.

"We now have tools to evaluate players that we didn't have even 10 years ago, and it's easy now to compare Edgar, not just to other DHs but to other hitters, both of his era and all eras," former ESPN reporter Jayson Stark said. "He measures up against all of them."

A seven-time All-Star, Martinez was a designated hitter in 1,412 of 2,055 career regular-season games.

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Lillard chosen as All-Star reserve

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Curry will be able to stock his All-Star roster with plenty of Golden State teammates.

Klay Thompson and Draymond Green were chosen as reserves Tuesday, giving the defending NBA champions a record-tying four All-Stars.

The Minnesota Timberwolves and Washington Wizards also had two reserves selected, and they will go into the pool of players that Curry and fellow captain LeBron James can draft to comprise the teams for the Feb. 18 game. Their rosters will be unveiled Thursday, though the selection process won't be televised.

Minnesota's Jimmy Butler and Karl-Anthony Towns were chosen from the Western Conference, along with Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook, San Antonio's LaMarcus Aldridge and Portland's Damian Lillard.



Lillard

"I'm looking forward to the moment when I can be done with the game and I can sit back with my family and my friends and we can drink some wine and talk about all the accomplishments that I had and feats I was able to accomplish."

— LeBron James

The Cleveland Cavalier said after becoming the youngest player ever to join the NBA's 30,000-point club.

NFL establishes owner-player committee on social justice

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL has established a player-owner committee focusing on social and racial justice initiatives.

The league also said Tuesday it is beginning a "Let's Listen Together" campaign that includes digital content and commercials highlighting player-led work on equality issues. That platform will include social media support and letters from players and owners.

Owners on the committee are Arizona's Michael Bidwill, Atlanta's Arthur Blank, Jacksonville's Shahid Khan, Cleveland's Jimmy Haslam and Miami's Stephen Ross. Current players Josh McCown, Josh Norman, and Kelvin Beachum, Pro Football Hall of Famer Aeneas Williams and former player Anquan Boldin are on the committee.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2010 — Peyton Manning throws three touchdown passes and the Indianapolis Colts rally from an 11-point, first-half deficit to beat the New York Jets 30-17 in the AFC championship game.

2014 — Carmelo Anthony scores a career-high and franchise-record 62 points, most at the current Madison Square Garden, and the New York Knicks beat Charlotte 125-96. Anthony, with 56 after three quarters, stays in for the first few minutes of the fourth to break Bernard King's Knicks record of 60 points and Kobe Bryant's arena record of 61, set five years ago.

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