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Bucks keep CRC streak alive

Pendleton wins 14th consecutive league game

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Buckaroos have owned the Columbia River Conference over the past three seasons, winning three consecutive conference titles in r a t h e r dominating fashion. And in the final year of the current C R C ' s existence, the Buckaroos are determined to leave on top again.

The Buckaroos extended their win streak in the CRC to 14 games following Friday's 78-62 victory over The Dalles at Warberg Court. Pendleton's last league loss came way back on Feb. 12, 2016, when they fell at home to rival Hermiston.

"We have guys that are fierce competitors and know what's on the line in these games and love that feeling," Pendleton coach Kyle Tedder said afterward. "They want to play for something and now every game is so meaningful and the guys just step up in big games. That's what good players and good teams do."

The Buckaroos (10-7 overall, 2-0 CRC) had another big night from junior Tyler Newsom, as the junior finished with a game-high 27 points, 10 rebounds and six assists. Newsom

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Pendleton's Tyler Newsome (22) goes up for a shot during Friday's game against The Dalles at Warberg Court.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Prep Roundup

Pilot Rock boys thump Stanfield

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PILOT ROCK — It was an emotional night in Pilot Rock as the Rockets hosted a doubleheader and took that time to honor the family of Liam Flanagan, an 8-year-old boy who passed away Saturday after an eight-day battle with a rare flesh-eating bacteria.

Students were decked out in camo, and even the visiting Stanfield Tigers paid their respects before the game. In the end, it was a big win for the Rockets, 60-38 over the Tigers, their sixth straight overall.

Seniors Levi Thieme (23 points), Chris Weinke (13), Bryson Pierce (12) and Riley Lankford (10) all scored in double digits. Thieme, Weinke and Pierce also had seven rebounds apiece for the Rockets (13-6 overall, 4-0 Columbia Basin Conference).

The Tigers (8-12, 1-3) were led by junior Elias Esquivel and senior Brody Woods each with 11 points each.

HERMISTON 77, HOOD RIVER VALLEY 74 — At Hood River, Hermiston overcame a sloppy first half in Hood River and defeated the Eagles 77-74 on Friday night.

"We'll take the win on the road," head coach Casey Arstein said. "It was a good team effort."

Junior Ryne Andreason led the Bulldogs (7-9 overall, 2-0 CRC) with 17 points. Sophomore Andrew Earl followed with 15. Junior Cesar Ortiz ended the night with 14, and Ramirez pitched in 12.

The Eagles (5-12, 0-2) opened the game with a 17-10 lead behind one of their top scorers of the night, senior Jonah Tactay — who had six points in the first quarter, and finished with 12 behind junior Carson Flores (18).

Hermiston began to turn things around in the second quarter, scoring 22 points to cut its deficit to 33-32 at the break.

Hood River came out and knocked down 25 third-quarter points, but the Bulldogs responded with 29 of their own in the fourth quarter to take and hold their lead.

WALLOWA 49, HELIX 36 — At Helix, the Grizzlies opened the game

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Prep Basketball

Dawgs score 32 in second half, down Eagles

Hermiston is now 2-0 in league after Friday night win

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
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HERMISTON — It had been a while since the Hermiston girls basketball team was riding a win streak. The Bulldogs hadn't put up three or more consecutive wins since February of 2017, but after back-to-back wins against La Grande and a league opening win in The Dalles, Hermiston was beginning to shake its preseason woes.

Now, the wins are beginning to pile up as the Bulldogs take their fourth straight victory with a 56-34 win over Hood River Valley in the Dawg House. Despite the clean-up Hermiston has to do in order to vie for the



top spot in the league, the Bulldogs (6-11 overall, 2-0 Columbia River Conference) remain undefeated in conference play and for the first time have some momentum as they get into the brunt of their league schedule.

"It's a confidence booster and we were able to win a game where we didn't necessarily play well," head coach Juan Rodriguez said. "We did what we needed to and those are the types of games we're going to have. I just told the girls that it being our last year in this league, every team is going to give us their best shot because they want to beat us and not many teams have."

Senior Maddy Juul — who played her first game since the start of the season, and finished the game with five points — sank some free throws to put the Bulldogs within striking distance.

For a team that has struggled from the charity stripe, Hermiston was able to make six of its nine free throws late in the second quarter to enter

the break up 24-23. Having Juul back in the rotation and coming of the bench is a different roll for the CRC's reigning Player of the Year.

"For me, having her come of the bench as a sixth player, that doesn't happen very often," Rodriguez said. "Obviously we'd like her to play a lot more, but with her knee we just want to have her play for the rest of the season. ... Being able to bring her in to back up Jordan (Thomas) is a little bit of a luxury, even though she is a little bit hobbled."

With Juul able to rest Thomas, the 6-foot-3 junior

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Hermiston's Jazly Romero puts up a shot in front of Hood River's Hannah McMerney in the Bulldogs' 56-34 win against the Eagles on Friday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris



Sports shorts

Fossil native, Logan, recognized for work on the basketball court

Fossil native and current Trinity Bible College basketball star Emma Logan was one of five nominees selected for the Student-Athlete of the Week by the National Christian College Athletic Association for the week of Jan. 22-27.

Logan, who played her prep basketball at Condon/Wheeler, helped her team to a 2-1 record and scored a total of 89 points — an average of 29.6 per game. Along with those points, Logan also averaged 10.3 rebounds and nine assists per game, while shooting 46 percent from the field and a 91.6 percent at the free throw line.

For the season, Logan, a sophomore forward, is averaging a team-best 24.3 points, 9.6 rebounds, and 5.9 assists per game. Trinity Bible College is located in Ellendale, North Dakota, and holds an 18-14 overall record this season.



Logan

"The old Sixers, the old Sixers. We've got to come in with a new mentality and we've got to leave the past and play the way we play."

— Ben Simmons

Philadelphia 76ers forward on beating the San Antonio Spurs for the first time in 13 games on the road. Philadelphia also won the season series against the Spurs.

Ruthy Hebard scores 20 points, No. 7 Oregon beats Colorado

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — For slightly more than a half, No. 7-ranked Oregon received a test from unranked Colorado.

And were able to withstand a challenge they anticipated.

Ruthy Hebard had 20 points and nine rebounds to help Oregon beat Colorado 74-55 on Friday night.

"Our coaches remind us that any time we walk on the floor, (it's) with a target on our back," Hebard said. "Teams will give us their best game and that comes with being a good team."

Sabrina Ionescu, the Pac-12's leading scorer, added 14 points for Oregon (19-3, 8-1 Pac-12), winners of 11 of its last 12. Satou Sabally contributed 12 for the Ducks, winners of 12 of their last 13.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

For Jan. 28

1901 — The American League is founded. The league plans for a 140-game schedule, set player rosters at 14 and recognizes the players' union.

1990 — The San Francisco 49ers beat the Denver Broncos 55-10 in the most lopsided Super Bowl. The 49ers are the first repeat NFL champion in a decade and tie the Pittsburgh Steelers with four Super Bowl wins.

2007 — Roger Federer captures his 10th Grand Slam singles title without dropping a set at the Australian Open, beating Fernando Gonzalez 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4.

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