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Buckaroos bash Braves

Pendleton pounds 16 hits, scores 18 runs in win

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PENDLETON — As the Pendleton softball team took its positions at Steve Cary Field on Wednesday to begin its game with Kamiakin, each player did so with a little bit of fatigue plus a few bumps and bruises.

Why? Because Wednesday was Pendleton's fifth game in the span of three days, following its two-day stay in the Happy Valley Tournament in Milwaukie. However the Buckaroos did not let those factors

bother them against Kamiakin, as they cranked out 16 hits and pushed across 18 runs in a 18-0 win over the Braves.

"That's what we want every game," said Pendleton's Kalan McGlothlan, who went 2-for-4 with three runs scored

and a solo home run.

Although five games in a short span can bring fatigue and soreness, McGlothlan and Buckaroos' coach Tim Cary both agreed that it has been a big benefit to the offense by simply getting repetitions against live pitching.

"As the games progress you get a little strong in your hitting, and I think we showed that today," Cary said. "We've seen five live pitchers in a row right now and it's so much better than to see me throwing batting practice ... and that pays off in a positive way where by game five we're really comfortable at the plate."

The Buckaroos have proved that they are comfortable by winning all five games of the week, including scoring double-digit runs in each of the last three games. On Wednesday, the Buckaroos got at least one hit from every spot in the lineup and had seven extra-base hits overall.

"I think the more we score and the more at-bats we get, the more confident our hitters are, and so this is a very positive thing to have this early in the season," Cary said. "Confidence is a very powerful

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

ABOVE: Alexi Brehaut, of Pendleton, watches the trajectory of her hit during Tuesday's game against Kamiakin at Steve Cary Field. **BELOW:** Pendleton pitcher Lauren Richards winds up during Tuesday's game against Kamiakin at Steve Cary Field.



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Prep Roundup

Bucks finish tourney perfect

Pendleton baseball beats Putnam, Roseburg

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Buckaroos finished off a perfect 4-0 mark at its Red Lion Buckaroo Baseball Classic on Wednesday afternoon as they defeated Rex Putnam 14-8 and Roseburg 9-8.

Against Putnam, the Buckaroos (5-5) cranked out 12 hits from eight different players. Ryan Russell led the team going 3-for-3 with two home runs, one double and six RBI total. Russell's first long ball was a grand slam in the third inning for a 7-3 Buckaroo lead and he later hit a two-run shot to left in the sixth inning to go up 14-8.

Avery Deutz had two doubles in the game as well, while Gabe Umbarger tripled and had two hits overall with two runs scored.

Then against Roseburg (5-1) the Buckaroos trailed 8-6 in the bottom of the sixth before getting its rally going. Tucker Zander started the inning with a walk and then later scored on a wild pitch. Then Nick Bower smacked a double that brought in Daniel Naughton and Ryan Stahl for the go-ahead run for a 9-8 Buckaroo lead.

In the seventh with Zander on the mound, Roseburg loaded the bases with two singles and a walk. However Zander induced an infield fly out and a fly out to right field to save the game.

Bower finished the game a team-best 3-for-4 with his double. The only other extra-base hit was a three-run home run to center by Naughton in the first inning. Naughton also started the game on the mound and struck out seven while allowing seven runs (only two earned) in 4 2/3 innings.

Game 1	RPH	PHS	R	H	E
300203	0	8	9	1	
106124	X	14	12	1	

(RP) J. Junta, C. Grace (4), T. Drog (6). (P) R. Russell, C. Roberts (5), T. Sweek (6). W — Russell, L — Drog.

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College Baseball

Timberwolves split with Yaks

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PENDLETON — The Blue Mountain Timberwolves finally began regional play on Wednesday afternoon as they split a double-header with a very good Yakima Valley program on a windy day in Pendleton. The Yaks (19-5 overall, 1-1 East) scored 15 unanswered runs in the opener to win 15-1 and the Timberwolves (12-10, 1-1) earned a 7-5 win in the second game.

In the Timberwolves' Game 2 victory, both teams traded runs through the first half of the game before BMCC held on late.

Yakima took the lead in the top of the first on an RBI single by

John Sage, but the Timberwolves answered in the bottom half when TJ Rea came across to score from third to tie the game at 1-1.

After the Yaks went up 2-1 in the third, the Timberwolves again answered on a sacrifice fly by Nate Cantonwine to bring home Dustin Durlfingler to tie it at 2-2. The teams matched scoring one more time in the fourth inning with the Yaks adding two runs and the Timberwolves getting two on a RBI groundout by Kyler Lunny and a bases-loaded walk by TJ Rea.

The Yaks took a 5-4 lead in the fifth inning, however this time the Timberwolves waited one more inning to get back in it. In the bottom of the sixth, Garrett Friesz

scored from third on a passed ball to tie the game at 5-5 and then Cooper Saxton scored on a Yakima error to put the Timberwolves their first lead of the game at 6-5. Two batters later, Tanner Broom gave the Timberwolves a bit of a cushion with an RBI single for a 7-5 lead.

Brooks Juhasz earned the victory on the mound after throwing 1 2/3 perfect innings of relief. Noah Keough picked up the save after throwing 2 1/3 scoreless innings while allowing only two hits.

Durlfingler and Friesz were the Timberwolves' top hitters with two hits a piece, while Broom and Rea each had two RBI.

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Staff photo by Eric Singer

BMCC pitcher Colton Walker delivers a pitch during the second inning of the Timberwolves' game with Yakima Valley on Wednesday in Pendleton.

Sports shorts

John R. Wooden Award Finalist

NCAA basketball player of the year

Deandre Ayton, Arizona, freshman
Marvin Bagley III, Duke, freshman
Mo Bamba, Texas, freshman
Keita Bates-Diop, Ohio State, junior
Trevon Bluiett, Xavier, senior
Mikal Bridgel, Villanova, junior
Miles Bridges, Michigan State, sophomore
Jalen Brunson, Villanova, junior
Jevon Carter, West Virginia, senior
Carsen Edwards, Purdue, sophomore
Keenan Evans, Texas Tech, senior
Devonte' Graham, Kansas, senior
Jock Landale, Saint Mary's, senior
Luke Maye, North Carolina, junior
Trae Young, Oklahoma, freshman



Towns' franchise-record 56 points

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Karl-Anthony Towns scored a franchise-record 56 points and added 15 rebounds for his league-leading 63rd double-double, and the Minnesota Timberwolves (43-33) beat the Atlanta Hawks (21-54) 126-114 on Wednesday night.

Towns was 6 of 8 from 3-point range and added four assists for Minnesota, which recovered after a disappointing loss Monday to the lowly Memphis Grizzlies and trailing last-place Atlanta throughout the first quarter.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1960 — Boston's Bill Russell pulls down an NBA Finals record 40 rebounds, as the Celtics lose to St. Louis, 113-103.

1982 — Michael Jordan's jump shot with 16 seconds remaining gives North Carolina a 63-62 victory over Georgetown for the NCAA title.

1990 — Houston's Akeem Olajuwon is the third player in NBA history to achieve a quadruple double during a 120-94 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks. He scores 18 points, 16 rebounds, 11 blocked shots and 10 assists.

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