



Hermiston pitcher Caden Schwirse throws from the mound in the Bulldogs' 5-0 loss to Heritage on Friday in Hermiston.

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"I'm pretty happy with the way we finished the second game," Moore added.

On the offensive end, the victory was highlighted by an inside-the-park home run from Landon Jones.

After an RBI single from Wyatt Noland put Hermiston up 1-0 in the first inning, the two teams were scoreless nearing the halfway point. But in the bottom of the fourth, the Bulldogs extended their lead and would reach their eventual game winning score.

Joel Mendez started off the five-run inning with an RBI to center field. Jordan Ramirez followed with a ground ball to shortstop that gave Garron Anderson enough time to score.

Now up 3-0 with two outs and two on, Landon Jones stepped up to the plate. Prior to his appearance in the fourth, Jones had reached base during his two previous at bats - the first

on an infield single and the second after being hit by a pitch.

This time, Jones' line drive went deep down the right-field line, passed the glove of the Timberwolf and cleared the bases.

"That's one of the most exciting plays in baseball," Moore said.

Moore added that Jones' quickness and the team's willingness to continue their aggressive base running put Hermiston in the position to execute the inside-the-park home run.

The heavy hitting continued as Noland was a perfect 4-for-4 at bats and Lukas Tolan hit two doubles going 3-for-4 at the plate.

Tolan transitioned that power when he was toeing the rubber. His performance on the mound was the highlight of the Bulldogs' defensive efforts. The four-year varsity player went the distance, throwing a complete game and only giving up four runs while striking out six and walking three.

"It's a situation where we have a week off and I want Luke to extend a little bit," Moore said. "I kept on asking him in between innings, 'Luke, how are you feeling?' And he goes, 'I want it.' When a kid is throwing that well and he wants to finish the ball game, I'm going to ride him into it. Tonight he went the distance."

Hermiston will return to the diamond today when the Bulldogs host the Hood River Valley Eagles for their league opener.

Table for Game 1: HERITAGE 011021 0 - 5 6 1, HERMISTON 000000 0 - 0 4 4. Includes player names like B. Youkon, C. Schwirse, G. Anderson, W. Youkon, L. Schwirse.

Table for Game 2: HERITAGE 000000 0 - 0 4 3, HERMISTON 100500 X - 6 14 2. Includes player names like N. Bacon, D. Gange, L. Tolman, W. Tolan, L. Bacon, HR - L. Jones, 2B - L. Tolan.

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ROUNDUP: Bulldogs golf takes team title in Pendleton Country Club Invite

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IRRIGON 9, HOOD RIVER VALLEY (JV) 7 - After a three-game losing skid that started at the Riverside/Irrigon Tournament and crept into April, the Irrigon Knights managed to shake of their woes and pull off a 9-7 victory over Hood River Valley's junior Varsity team.

In a similar fashion to their last win - a narrow two-run victory over Willamina on March 27 - the Knights (5-7) grinded out a victory to wrap up their long stretch of non-league play.

BASEBALL

STANFIELD 10-13, BURNS 6-5 - After sweeping Burns on Friday, Stanfield is now riding a three-game win streak. The pair of wins came after a 10-6 victory in Game 1 and a 13-5 defeat of the Hilanders (2-8) in Game 2.

The Tigers (8-4), however, fell behind 3-0 before commanding a lead they would never relinquish.

A two-RBI double from Burns started off the scoring in the second inning and the Hilanders added to their total with another RBI double to hold their brief lead.

Stanfield finally responded in the third with four runs highlight by RBI singles from Brody Woods and Shayne Keltz.

Both Woods and Keltz were at it again in the fifth. Woods hit an RBI triple to center field and Keltz sent a line drive to the same spot for an RBI double that scored TJ Smith.

Michael Connell added an RBI of his own and later scored on a wild pitch to put the Tigers up 9-3. Stanfield's final run of the first game came off the bat of Makiah Blankenship, who grounded into a fielder's choice that gave Smith enough time to safely reach home plate.

After three scoreless innings, Burns tried to rally in the top of the seventh. The Hilanders managed to add three more to their total off a two-RBI double and a score on a wild pitch, but their late efforts weren't enough to catch up to the Tigers.

Smith pitched Stanfield to victory after 4 2/3 innings of work. Smith allowed six hits and three runs while striking out one batter.

Cade Tiller was handed the loss. He toed the rubber for four innings, allowing eight hits and nine runs while striking out three and walking zero.

In Game 2, the Tigers' didn't hold back, building an early advantage and getting out to a 7-3 lead after the first three innings.

Woods, Smith, Connell

and Blankenship aided in Stanfield's first four runs. Woods and Smith hit RBI doubles; Connell grounded out for the Tigers' second out and third score of the inning; and while Blankenship was at the plate, Keltz scored on a wild pitch.

Burns squeezed a lone run off an RBI double in before Stanfield increased its lead in the bottom of the second.

Damien Curial highlighted the three-run inning with an RBI single to right field.

The Hilanders would score four more runs - two in the third and two more in the sixth - but again, they couldn't keep up with the Tigers.

Woods and Smith were responsible for a combined four of Stanfield's next five runs and Dillon Dunlap capped off the scoring in the bottom of the sixth with an RBI single.

Woods was given the victory on the pitcher's mound after surrendering three runs on three hits over four innings. Wood struck out seven.

Mick Winn took the loss after allowing ten hits and ten runs while striking out three in three innings of work.

Game 1 Scoreboard: BHS 021000 3 - 6 8 7, SHS 004051 X - 10 9 2

(B) C. Tiller, L. Bailey (5), (S) T. Smith, A. Renner (4), W. - Smith, L. - Tiller. 3B - B. Woods (5), 2B - B. Goss, L. Bailey, M. Winn, E. Aamodt (8); S. Keltz, T. Smith (5).

Game 2 Scoreboard: BHS 012002 0 - 5 5 3, SHS 430321 X - 13 15 3

(B) M. Winn, G. Swindlehurst (4), (S) B. Woods, D. Curial (5), W. - Woods, L. - Winn. 2B - M. Winn (8); B. Woods, A. Renner, T. Smith (5).

IRRIGON 11-13, UMATILLA 4-3

In both team's league openers, Irrigon hand the home-field advantage against Umatilla and handed the Vikings (4-3 overall, 0-2 Eastern Oregon League) two tough losses.

The Knights (6-3, 2-0) got out to an early lead in both games, taking the first, 11-4, and the second, 13-3 - which enforced the 10-run rule.

In Game 1, Nate Gumbert started off the scoring with an RBI single and later stole home to put Irrigon up 2-0 after the first inning.

James Wilson hit a sacrifice fly for Umatilla to help cut its deficit to a single run, but the Knights doubled their run total in the next two innings.

Lino Covarrubia hit an RBI double in the bottom of the second and Zack Henrichs singled to score Adrian Roa. Irrigon went up 4-1 after three innings of play.

Another lone run, this time off the bat of Kole

Keller, would put the Vikings on the board again. But for every Umatilla run, Irrigon scored just a few more. The Vikings went on to score one run in the fifth and sixth innings off a Cody Samson single and Wilson grounder, respectively.

The Knights scored seven more runs over the final two innings. A Gumbert RBI double started the action in the fifth and a run on a wild pitch capped off the excitement in the sixth.

In Game 2, Irrigon again got out to an early lead and was up 11-0 after just three innings.

A sequence of stolen bases, a balk, and a passed ball ended up putting the Knights up 5-0 after the first inning and an RBI double from Covarrubia showcased the scoring in the third.

Umatilla tried to minimize the damage by chipping away at its deficit in the fourth and fifth innings. A walk with the bases loaded brought in the Vikings only run in the fourth, but the 10-run rule was still in effect.

Irrigon added to its total in the bottom of the inning to go up 13-1.

In Umatilla's final chance to get the game going, it was only able to bring in two runs - both off a bases loaded hit by pitch.

Game 1 Scoreboard: UHS 010111 0 - 4 9 2, IHS 211034 X - 11 12 1

(U) K. Keller, S. Cranston (6), (I) Z. Hendricks, A. Roa (5). 2B - L. Covarrubia, N. Gumbert, A. Roa (1).

Game 3 Scoreboard: UHS 00012X X - 3 3 4, IHS 5062XX X - 13 6 0

(U) C. Samson, A. Wilson (1), J. Brown (4), (I) Brady Harrington, Johnny Phillips (4), Nate Gumbert (5). 2B - L. Covarrubia, K. Flemming (1).

GOLF

PENDLETON - A handful of local schools competed in the Pendleton Country Club Invite on Friday. The field was made up of Hermiston and Pendleton's boys teams, Heppner, Echo and Nixyaawii among others.

The Bulldogs took the boys team title after shooting 477. The Buckaroos followed with a third place finish, carding 449.

The Heppner boys team finished just outside the top five and claimed sixth place with a 428. Nixyaawii (284) and Echo (214) ended the tournament in 10th and 12th place, respectively.

For the girls, Nyssa ran away with a first place finish by nearly 30 strokes. The Mustangs' varsity squad rounded out the top five with a 430 and the junior varsity team recorded at 299 for a sixth place finish.

Echo finished in the 12th and final place with a 95.

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