

Prep roundup

Bulldogs late efforts not enough against Eagles

East Oregonian

HOOD RIVER — After splitting a doubleheader with Hood River Valley on Saturday, the Hermiston baseball team hit the road for a Tuesday matchup against the Eagles, where despite a four-run rally in the seventh, lost 10-6.

Hood River got up early scoring six runs in the first two innings. Hermiston wasn't able to get on the board until the third when Garron Anderson hit a two-RBI single to cut the deficit to 6-2.

The Eagles (8-8 overall, 2-1 Columbia River Conference) slowly added to their lead over the fourth, fifth and sixth inning while keeping the Bulldogs (5-10, 1-2) scoreless.

It wasn't until the top of the seventh that Hermiston finally made a dent. The four runs were highlighted by Anderson, who again added to Hermiston's total with a two-RBI single.

While Anderson brought in four of the six runs, it was Jordan Ramirez who had a perfect day at the plate. Ramirez went 4-for-4 and scored twice in the outing. Andrew James took the loss for Hermiston after 3 1/3 innings toeing the rubber. James surrendered eight runs on eight hits, struck out four and walked two.

ONTARIO 12-13, MAC-HI 1-2 — Mac-Hi couldn't keep up with Ontario during a double-header in Milton-Freewater on Tuesday.

The Tigers swept the hosting Pioneers by scores of 12-1 and 13-2.

In Game 1, the Pioneers (5-6 overall, 0-3 Greater Oregon League) couldn't catch up after the Tigers (7-8, 1-2) got out to a resounding 12-0 lead after the first three innings.

Rudy Esparza had the best outing for Mac-Hi. The infielder went 2-for-3 at the plate, which accounted for half of the Pioneers' hits and their lone run. In the fifth, Esparza hit an RBI single to score Devin Humbert to halt a shutout.

In Game 2, four different Pioneer batters recorded hits but only two were able to add to the board as Mac-Hi fell by 11 points. Jesus Vela hit an RBI single in the third and Taylor Turner did the same in the sixth.

Devon Cothey was tagged with the loss after one inning of work giving up four runs off seven hits. Seth Forsmith went the distance for Ontario striking out 10 and walking three.

UMATILLA 7, RIVERSIDE 4 — On Tuesday in Umatilla, the Vikings handed Riverside a 7-4 loss behind the bats of Seth Cranston and Uriel Garcia.

The No. 4 and No. 5 hitters, respectively, brought in five of the seven runs and both scored twice. The win moves the Vikings (5-5 overall, 1-4 Eastern Oregon League) to .500 on the season and pushes the Pirates (5-8, 1-4) losing streak to three straight games.

On the mound, Kole Keller earned the win after five innings. Keller struck out four, walked none and gave up two runs on four hits. Artemis Corpus took the loss after 4 2/3 innings of work where he surrendered seven runs on nine hits, struck out none and walked one.

PILOT ROCK 7, GRANT UNION 2 — On the road, Pilot Rock's top hitters showed up to help push the Rockets to a 7-2 victory over Grant Union. The Rockets (9-2 overall, 4-1 Special District 6) used the bats of five different hitters to reach their fourth consecutive win. Logan Weinke and Levi Thieme brought in a combined four runs. Weinke went 2-for-4 at the plate, and Thieme 2-for-3.

Thieme was also given the win after toeing the rubber for 5 2/3 innings. He struck out 10 batters and gave up the Prospectors' (7-8, 2-2) two lone runs off eight hits.

Also having a good day at the plate was Chris Weinke, Bryson Pierce and Cade Munkers. The trio all recorded a lone RBI and at least one hit on the day.

ELGIN 6, WESTON-MCEWEN 2 — The Weston-McEwen TigerScots allowed Elgin to get out to an early lead Tuesday, and the Huskies ran away with a 6-2 win.

Elgin looked to the bottom of its lineup for the most power as Ian Adams brought in a third of the runs scored. The Huskies (3-3 overall, 3-2 Special District 6) scored three in the third and three again in the six to reach the game winning score.

For the TigerScots (2-10, 0-2) been on the losing end of things since their March 27 non-league win against Riverside. Only five batters recorded hits with the two scores coming from Parker Munck and Travis Hendley.

Munck and Hendley also pitched for Weston-McEwen with the most damage from Hendley's six innings of work where he gave up five runs on four hits while striking out six and walking one.

SHERMAN 14, HEPPNER 7 — Heppner got a taste of its weekend competition as the Mustangs traveled to Sherman HS to face Sherman/Arlington before hosting the Huskies for a doubleheader Saturday.

The 14-7 loss came during the Mustangs' (5-7 overall, 0-1 Special District 6) league opener. The Huskies (6-3, 1-0) will now have the momentum on their side against a touch-and-go Heppner squad.

SOFTBALL

ECHO 14, WESTON-MCEWEN 4 — A 10-run fifth inning wrapped up a quick victory for the Echo Cougars at Weston-McEwen on Tuesday.

Both teams only scored in the third and fifth innings, but it was the Cougars that came away with a 14-4 victory over the TigerScots.

“Our bats were really

quite,” Weston-McEwen head coach Jeff Griggs said.

Jordyn Lambert kept Weston-McEwen alive with a three-run home run to put the TigerScots (2-7 overall, 1-1 Special District 1) down one, but the Cougars (9-2, 4-0) brought their fire power in the fifth to win their fourth consecutive league game.

Four different batters each recorded at least two RBI with Michelle Weems leading the way. Weems went 2-for-3 at the plate with 3 RBI and scored once.

The win was given to Kendra Hart who spent 3 1/3 innings in the circle striking out six and walking four. Lilyan Duckett took the loss after 4 2/3 innings giving up 12 runs on 10 hits, walking four and striking out none.

HEPPNER 12-15, CULVER 2-5 — At Heppner, the Mustangs snapped a six-game skid with a doubleheader sweep of Culver with scores of 12-2 and 15-5 on Tuesday.

Dakota Durfey pitched both complete games for the Mustangs (7-7 overall, 2-4 Special District 6). Maggie Flynn had a team-best four hits on the day, while Madison Ashbeck had a two-RBI triple in Game 1 and Morgan Orem was 2-for-3 with a triple and three RBI in Game 2. Sydney Wilson also chipped in three hits.

TENNIS

HERMISTON (BOYS) 7, PENDLETON 1 — The Hermiston and Pendleton boys tennis teams meet at Hermiston HS on Tuesday, and with low numbers the Bulldogs didn't need to take the court for three wins.

Ultimately, Hermiston won the match 7-1 with Pendleton's only victory coming from No. 3 singles player Stanton Schmitz.

“(It was) not our best showing as a team,” Hermiston head coach Shann West said.

Despite the wind and the Bulldogs struggling to keep up with the change of pace the Buckaroos were showing them on the court, Hermiston was able to pick up wins in No. 1 and 2 singles and sweep in doubles play.

Jason Morris defeated Silas Johnston, 6-1, 6-2, and Hayden Cissna matched those scores to defeat Easton Phelan, 6-2, 6-1.

“(They) had our best wins of the day,” West said of the Bulldogs who only gave up a combined three games.

Singles
Jason Morris (HHS) def. Silas Johnston (PHS), 6-1, 6-2
Hayden Cissna (HHS) def. Easton Phelan (PHS), 6-2, 6-1
Stanton Schmitz (PHS) def. Austin Garcia (HHS), 6-4, 6-3
Doubles
Wicks/McCullough (HHS) def. Butler/Harrison (PHS), 6-4, 6-3
Pitney/Eckhardt (HHS) def. Phelan/Schiller (PHS), 6-2, 6-4

HERMISTON (GIRLS) 8, PENDLETON 0 — At Hermiston, the home Bulldogs earned a dominant 8-0 win over the Buckaroos on a windy Tuesday afternoon.

“Overall I am very happy with the progress and improvement we have made since our preseason,” Hermiston coach Jason Sivey said.

“We are showing our strength and our work in practice is paying off.”

Three matches went to second set tiebreakers, including No. 3 singles where Hermiston's Adrianni Stewart rallied against Pendleton's Denae Smith for a 4-6, 6-0 (10-1) win. At No. 2 doubles, Alyssa Perkins and Brecklyn Mecham won a tiebreak 10-4 over Becca Walker and Larissa Chambers, and at No. 4 doubles Violet Mitchell and Ashlyn Hofbauer won a 7-5 tiebreaker.

Singles
Mackenzie Hill (H) def. Bethany Flanagan, 6-1, 6-3.
Lindsay McAllister (H) def. Abby Williams, 6-2, 7-5.
Adrianni Stewart (H) def. Denae Smith, 4-6, 6-0 (10-1)
Olivia Thomas (H) def. Gabby Cuthbert 6-3, 6-3.
Doubles
Middleton/Wadekamper (H) def. Scalini/Bradt 6-1, 6-1.
Perkins/Mecham (H) def. Walker/Chambers, 6-0, 4-6 (10-4).
Snyder/Umana (H) def. Heriza/Durant, 6-4, 7-5.
Mitchell/Hofbauer def. Florence/Spicknall 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

WESTON-MCEWEN 8, MAC-HI 4 — At Milton-Freewater, the Mac-Hi Pioneers and Weston-McEwen TigerScots split their Tuesday matches, as the Pioneer boys were 4-2 and the TigerScot girls were a perfect 6-0.

On the boys side, Weston-McEwen's wins came at No. 2 singles as Lebraun Albert defeated Bryan Abrego 8-4, while No. 1 doubles team Robbie Davison and Calvin Papineau earned a 8-4 win.

In girls, Weston-McEwen cruised to a perfect day, with the closest match being the No. 3 doubles pairing of Emma Olson and Cloe Davis olding off Mac-Hi's Sarah Odman and Jadie Jackson by a 9-7 score.

Boys Singles
Deazen Zerba (M) def. Caleb Mann, 8-4
Lebraun Albert (W) def. Bryan Abrego, 8-4
Jamie Gomez (M) def. Cade Bryan, 8-4
Boys Doubles
Davison/Papineau (W) def. Villegas/Robles, 8-4
Pio/Carillo (M) def. Kelly/Wood, 8-1
Castillo/Preydo (M) def. Swafford/Curtaindale, 8-1
Girls Singles
Johanna Albert (W) def. Janelle Martinez, 8-4
Krysta Calvert (W) def. Kasey Lesko, 8-6
Tenley Alderson (W) def. Karina Salchana, 8-6
Girls doubles
Swafford/Bagdon (W) def. Florez/Garcia, 8-3
McIntyre/Ford (W) def. Lesko/Lesko, 8-2
Olson/Davis (W) def. Odman/Jackson, 9-7

UMATILLA 5, HELIX 0 — It was a tough outing for the Helix Grizzlies on Tuesday when they hosted Umatilla. The Vikings swept their competition by handing Helix a 5-0 loss.

The toughest match of the day came from the No. 1 boys singles players. Umatilla's Junior Corea held on for a 7-5, 1-6, 6-2 victory over Cody Dunn.

Three of the four other wins came in one set, but Helix's Mackenzie Dunn tried to keep up with Umatilla's Yassenia Garcia-Sanchez. Garcia-Sanchez ended up taking the match, 6-3, 6-3.

“We played competitive,” head coach Zach Orem said, “but it just didn't go our way.”

Boys Singles
Junior Corea (UHS) def. Cody Dunn (HHS), 7-5, 1-6, 6-2
Chris Self (UHS) def. Bryoe Fairchild (HHS), 8-5
Girls Singles
Yessenia Garcia-Sanchez (UHS) def. Mackenzie Dunn (HHS), 6-3, 6-3
Andrea Moldenado (UHS) def. Neol Texador (HHS), 8-5
Girls Doubles
Sanchez/Armenta (UHS) def. Dunn/Roberts (HHS), 8-2

Thursday: Portland at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
Saturday: Portland at New Orleans, 2 p.m.
Oklahoma City 1, Utah 0
Game 1: Oklahoma City 116, Utah 108
Wednesday: Utah at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Oklahoma City at Utah, 7 p.m.
April 23: Oklahoma City at Utah, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE
FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 0
Game 1: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2
Game 2: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 3
Game 3: New Jersey 5, Tampa Bay 2
Wednesday: Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: New Jersey at Tampa Bay, TBA
Boston 2, Toronto 1
Game 1: Boston 5, Toronto 1
Game 2: Boston 7, Toronto 3
Game 3: Toronto 4, Boston 2
Thursday: Boston at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Saturday: Toronto at Boston, TBA
Columbus 2, Washington 1
Game 1: Columbus 4, Washington 3, OT
Game 2: Columbus 5, Washington 4, OT
Tuesday: Washington 3, Columbus 2, OT
Thursday: Washington at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday: Columbus at Washington, TBA
Pittsburgh 2, Philadelphia 1
Game 1: Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0
Game 2: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1
Game 3: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 1
Wednesday: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Friday: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA

New Orleans 2, Portland 0
Game 1: New Orleans 97, Portland 95
Tuesday: New Orleans 111, Portland 102

McCullers strikes out 11 as Astros shut down Mariners 4-1

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SEATTLE — Lance McCullers Jr. matched his career high with 11 strikeouts over seven innings of one-hit ball, Brian McCann hit a tiebreaking two-run home run and the Houston Astros beat the Seattle Mariners 4-1 on Tuesday night.

McCullers was outstanding in a bounce-back effort after allowing a career-high eight earned runs in his last start against Minnesota. His only mistake was a 0-2 curveball that Robinson Cano hit for a solo homer in the first inning. Otherwise, the Mariners were left guessing at McCullers' mix of breaking pitches and a good fastball. McCullers also had 11 strikeouts in a 2015 game against Baltimore.

McCullers (2-1) retired 12 straight following Cano's homer before walking Daniel Vogelbach with two outs in the fifth inning. That was his only blip. McCullers retired the final seven he faced, including strikeouts of Nelson Cruz and Kyle Seager to end the seventh. He left after throwing 102 pitches.

Will Harris pitched the



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Houston Astros starting pitcher Lance McCullers Jr. throws to a Seattle Mariners batter during the fourth inning of a baseball game Tuesday in Seattle.

eighth and Chris Devenski worked the ninth for his second save.

McCann's home run in the sixth snapped a 1-1 tie and was his first of the season. Reliever Dan Altavilla (1-2) struggled to get into a rhythm taking over in the sixth, walking Evan Gattis to start the inning then leaving a 97 mph fastball in the middle of the plate for McCann.

Seattle starter Ariel Miranda was called up from Triple-A Tacoma to make the start and pitched well holding the Astros to one run in five innings, but skirted trouble throughout his first outing of the season.



AP Photo/Craig Mitchelldyer

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard shoots over New Orleans Pelicans guard Jrue Holiday during the second half of Game 2 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series Tuesday in Portland. The Pelicans won 111-102.

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But the Blazers again struggled to stop New Orleans.

Davis' long jumper gave the Pelicans a 9-2 lead at the start. McCollum dunked to close within 11-10, but Holiday answered with a vicious second-chance dunk on his own.

McCollum shook off the Game 1 struggles, hitting four of eight from the floor in the opening quarter. His layup tied the game at 21 and then he dished to Harkless for the dunk to give the Blazers the short-lived lead.

Portland led 35-30 after rookie Zach Collin's bank shot and the Blazers led by as many as nine points before taking a 59-54 lead into halftime. Holiday led all scorers with 14 points.

Aminu had four 3-pointers and nine rebounds for the Blazers in the opening half.

Davis made a short jumper from out front to give the Pelicans a 65-64 lead. Portland was hurt a short time later when Nurkic limped off the court and into the locker room. When he returned to the bench, he was flexing his left leg. He iced his leg the rest of the game.

Later in the quarter forward Turner left the court with what Portland said was a right toe contusion.

Davis' 3-pointer pushed the Pelicans lead to 75-68 midway through the third quarter. New Orleans, which led by as many as 11 points, was up 87-78 going into the fourth.

The two teams split the regular-season series.

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL

Friday
Vale at Umatilla (DH), 1 p.m.
Burns at Irigoin (DH), 2 p.m.
Stanfield/Echo at Riverside (DH), 12:45 p.m.
Saturday
Grant Union at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m.
Weston-McEwen at Elgin (DH), 11 a.m.
Arlington at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m.
The Dalles at Hermiston (DH), 12 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River Valley (DH), 12 p.m.
Mac-Hi at La Grande (DH), 12 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Thursday
Union at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Hermiston at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Friday
Weston-McEwen at Riverside (DH), 1 p.m.
Echo at Umatilla (DH), 1 p.m.
Saturday
The Dalles at Hermiston (DH), 12 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River Valley (DH), 12 p.m.
Mac-Hi at La Grande (DH), 12 p.m.
Burns at Echo (DH), 1 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Union (DH), 11 a.m.

PREP TRACK & FIELD

Wednesday
Echo, Mac-Hi, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Umatilla, Weston-McEwen at the Pendleton JV Invite No. 1 (Pendleton HS), 2 p.m.
Friday
Echo, Umatilla at Condon/Wheeler Invite, 11 a.m.
Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Pendleton at Kivanis Twilight Invitational (Hermiston HS), 2 p.m.

PREP GOLF

Thursday
Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Pendleton at Pendleton Country Club, 12 p.m.
Friday
Hermiston (girls) at Wandemere Golf Course (WA), 9 a.m.
Heppner at the Grant Union Invite at John Day Golf Club, 10 a.m.

PREP TENNIS

Thursday
Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 3 p.m.
Hermiston at The Dalles (boys), 4 p.m.
Saturday
Helix, Umatilla, Stanfield at Stanfield, 10 a.m.

PREP LACROSSE

Wednesday
Hermiston at Richland, 7 p.m.
Saturday
West Valley at Hermiston, 2 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Wednesday
BMCC at Big Bend CC (DH), 1 p.m.
Saturday
Wenatchee Valley at BMCC (DH), 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Friday
EOU at Corban (DH), 2 p.m.
BMCC at Mt. Hood CC (DH), 2 p.m.
Saturday
EOU at Corban (DH), 11 a.m.

Basketball

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Eastern Conference
Toronto 2, Washington 0
Game 1: Toronto 114, Washington 106
Tuesday: Toronto 120, Washington 119
Friday: Toronto at Washington, 5 p.m.
Sunday: Toronto at Washington, 5 p.m.
Boston 2, Milwaukee 0
Game 1: Boston 113, Milwaukee 107, OT
Tuesday: Boston 120, Milwaukee 106
Friday: Boston at Milwaukee, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday: Boston at Milwaukee, 10 a.m.
Philadelphia 1, Miami 1
Game 1: Philadelphia 130, Miami 103
Game 2: Miami 113, Philadelphia 103
Thursday: Philadelphia at Miami, 4 p.m.
Saturday: Philadelphia at Miami, 11:30 a.m.
April 24: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA
Indiana 1, Cleveland 0
Game 1: Indiana 98, Cleveland 80
Wednesday: Indiana at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Friday: Cleveland at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Sunday: Cleveland at Indiana, 5:30 p.m.
Western Conference
Houston 1, Minnesota 0
Game 1: Houston 104, Minnesota 101
Wednesday: Minnesota at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
Saturday: Houston at Minnesota, 4:30 p.m.
April 23: Houston at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Golden State 1, San Antonio 0
Game 1: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92
Game 2: Golden State 116, San Antonio 101
Thursday: Golden State at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday: Golden State at San Antonio, 12:30 p.m.
New Orleans 2, Portland 0
Game 1: New Orleans 97, Portland 95
Tuesday: New Orleans 111, Portland 102

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Nashville 2, Colorado 1
Game 1: Nashville 5, Colorado 2
Game 2: Nashville 5, Colorado 4
Game 3: Colorado 5, Nashville 3
Wednesday: Nashville at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Friday: Colorado at Nashville, TBA
Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 1
Game 1: Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 2
Game 2: Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1
Game 3: Minnesota 6, Winnipeg 2
Tuesday: Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0
Friday: Minnesota at Winnipeg, TBA
Vegas 4, Los Angeles 0
Game 1: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0
Game 2: Vegas 2, Los Angeles 1, 2OT
Game 3: Vegas 3, Los Angeles 2
Tuesday: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0
San Jose 3, Anaheim 0
Game 1: San Jose 3, Anaheim 0
Game 2: San Jose 3, Anaheim 1
Game 3: San Jose 8, Anaheim 1
Wednesday: Anaheim at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
Toronto 11, Kansas City 3, 1st game
Miami 9, N.Y. Yankees 1
Toronto 5, Kansas City 4, 2nd gm, 10 innings
Detroit 4, Baltimore 2
Cleveland 6, Minnesota 1
Texas 7, Tampa Bay 2
Oakland 10, Chicago White Sox 2
Houston 4, Seattle 1
Boston 10, L.A. Angels 1
Wednesday's Games
Baltimore (Gausman 1-1) at Detroit (Boyd 0-1), 10:10 a.m.

Texas (Hamels 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Faria 0-1), 10:10 a.m.

Chicago White Sox (Fulmer 0-1) at Oakland (Triggs 1-0), 12:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 1-1) at Toronto (Happ 2-1), 1:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 3-0) vs. Minnesota (Berrios 2-1) at San Juan, Puerto Rico, 4:10 p.m.
Boston (Porcello 3-0) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 2-0), 7:07 p.m.
Houston (Cole 1-0) at Seattle (Leake 2-0), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
Miami 9, N.Y. Yankees 1
Colorado 2, Pittsburgh 0
Washington 5, N.Y. Mets 2
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1, 10 innings
Milwaukee 2, Cincinnati 0
St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 3
Arizona 1, San Francisco 0
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, late
Wednesday's Games
Colorado (Freeland 0-2) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-1), 9:35 a.m.
Cincinnati (Mahle 1-2) at Milwaukee (Davies 0-2), 10:40 a.m.
St. Louis (Weaver 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 1-0), 11:20 a.m.
Washington (Roark 1-1) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Velasquez 1-1) at Atlanta (McCarthy 2-0), 4:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Stratton 1-1) at Arizona (Ray 2-0), 6:40 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 1-1) at San Diego (Pardono 1-1), 7:10 p.m.