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UMATILLA — The hosting Umatilla Vikings earned a league doubleheader sweep of the Nyssa Vikings with 8-4 and 1-0 victories on Friday afternoon.

The Vikings (7-7 overall, 3-6 Eastern Oregon League) had a pair of solid pitching performances Friday. Cody Samson threw 6 2/3 innings in Game 1 and struck out six while giving up five hits and four runs for the win. In Game 2, Kole Keller threw a five-inning shutout with two strikeouts while allowing only two hits to the Bulldogs (1-20, 1-8).

On offense, the Vikings were led by Seth Cranston, who compiled four hits total with a home run, two doubles, four RBI and scored five runs. Keller also had four hits with three RBI.

STANFIELD 2-3, JOSEPH 1-18 — The Stanfield Tigers 10-game win streak came to an end Friday night. After taking Game 1, 2-1, in the doubleheader against Joseph, the Tigers dropped Game 2 18-3.

The loss is Stanfield’s first in the Eastern Oregon League this year and now the Tigers sit at 15-5 overall and 9-1 in the EOL. The Tigers have a non-league matchup slated next before playing the final two regular-season doubleheaders.

IRRIGON 6-11, VALE 14-9 — In Vale, the Irrigon Knights split a doubleheader with the Vale Vikings dropping the opener 14-6 and winning the second 11-9.

In the second game the Knights (9-8 overall, 5-5 Eastern Oregon League) strung together 14 hits to score its 11 runs. Adrian Roa led the team going 4-for-5 with two runs and an RBI and Johnny Phillips went 3-for-5 with three RBI and a run. Zack Henrichs added two hits with a double and Keith Fleming had two hits as well.

Roa also started the game on the mound and struck out five Vikings (10-7, 7-2) in three innings and Phillips and Brady Harrington each threw two innings of relief to seal the win.

BURNS 11-15, RIVERSIDE 8-5 — On Friday in Boardman, Riverside was swept by the Burns Hilanders to fall to 1-8 in the Eastern Oregon League. The Pirates are only 5-13 on the

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Bucks clobber Bulldogs



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton’s Elli Nirschl slaps hands with a teammate after making it all the way around the bases after an errant Hermiston throw during Friday’s game at Steve Cary Field.

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Jordan Ramirez, of Hermiston, goes into a slide as Pendleton third baseman Ryan Stahl waits for a throw Friday against Pendleton at Bob White Field.

Dawgs, Bucks
split doubleheader

Hermiston coach and
Pendleton alum, Kevin
Moore, returns home

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PENDLETON — When Hermiston head coach Kevin Moore walked down into Pendleton’s Bob White Field on Friday afternoon, he took a moment to soak in the scene.

Moore, a Pendleton native and 1995 graduate of Pendleton High, grew up at the Buckaroos’ home field and developed his love for the game there.

After seeing longtime Pendleton coach Mike Hodgen still roaming the dugout, as well as a memorial sign on the home bleachers for Moore’s old coach, Lyle Phelps, the memories and emotions started rushing back to Moore.

“This is where I grew up, this is

what I called home,” an emotional Moore said. “... it is emotional because this is the place that you eat, sleep and breathe baseball. This is where I learned the game, and to be on the opposite side of things now, I’m happy.

“But if it wasn’t for those guys over there (Pendleton’s coaches), I wouldn’t be in this situation I am today because they made me the man I am and taught me how to coach the game and play the game. But when I’m over here on the opposite side now, I want to compete against them and beat them.”

It was a partially good homecoming for Moore, as his Hermiston Bulldogs earned a doubleheader split with the rival Buckaroos, where two pitchers stole the show. Hermiston won the opener 3-2 behind a dominant complete-game

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NHL names Hart Trophy finalists

NEW YORK (AP) — New Jersey left wing Taylor Hall, Los Angeles center Anze Kopitar and Colorado center Nathan MacKinnon are the finalists for the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL’s most valuable player.

The winner will be announced June 20 at the NHL Awards shows in Las Vegas.

Hall had 39 goals and 54 assists, setting career highs across the board to lead the Devils to a 27-point improvement in the standings and their first playoff appearance since 2011-12.

Kopitar scored 35 goals and had 57 assists, nearly tripling his goals total and doubling his points total from 2016-17 to power the Kings to their seventh playoff berth in the past nine years.

MacKinnon had 39 goals and 58 assists to guide the Avalanche to a 47-point improvement, matching the fourth-highest year-to-year gain in league history.



“It’s incredible. I didn’t really see this coming. The way it worked out where I get to stay home is something I never could have dreamed of. Chance to represent Cincinnati like I have my entire life.”

— **Sam Hubbard**

The former Ohio State defensive end after being selected in the third round by the Cincinnati Bengals in Friday’s NFL Draft. Hubbard was born and raised in Cincinnati before staying in Ohio to play his college ball.

Winnipeg topples Nashville 4-1
in Game 1 of Western semifinal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Connor Hellebuyck made 47 saves and the Winnipeg Jets beat the Nashville Predators 4-1 on Friday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinal between the NHL’s top teams in the regular season.

Not only did the teams top the standings, this series is the first between clubs with the most combined points ever before a conference finals after Nashville (117) edged Winnipeg (114) for the Presidents’ Trophy.

Mark Scheifele scored two goals, including an empty-netter as the Jets were outshot 48-19. Brandon Tanev and Paul Stastny also scored to help the Jets — the NHL’s best home team — steal home-ice advantage.

Kevin Fiala scored for Nashville, which had won 11 of its last 14 playoff games.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1992 — Video replay is used to decide a playoff game for the first time. In game six of the Detroit-Minnesota division semifinal.

1995 — Michael Jordan, in his first playoff game since his return from retirement, scored 48 points as the Chicago Bulls beat the Charlotte Hornets 108-100.

2001 — John Stockton gets his first triple-double in 171 career playoff games with 12 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in Utah’s 94-91 loss to Dallas.

2011 — Canada’s Patrick Chan wins his first world figure skating title in record fashion.

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