

BASEBALL: Pilot Rock will have only a few days off before Friday’s game

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the Rockets (20-2) worked throughout the season to keep their record almost spotless and claiming a league championship and district title along the way.

“It kind of just shows the way we’ve worked all season,” Weinke said. “Coming in I don’t think people expected us to come this far by any means, and we’ve proved everyone wrong all season by winning league then districts then heading to the state championships. So, it feels good that all the hard work is paying off now.”

Helping Pilot Rock to the championship have been reliable hitters in Levi Thieme, Cade Munkers, Weinke and Pierce. But along the way, some underclassman are beginning to make a name for themselves. It’s something that doesn’t surprise the star-studded roster.

“We’ve been hitting up and down the lineup for the past three weeks now,” Weinke said. “We’ve played some pretty big ball games and everyone has come through one time or another. We’re hitting the ball really well and younger kids are stepping up.”

This time around it was freshman Tanner Corwin and Orr that were at opposite ends of the Rockets’ winning score.

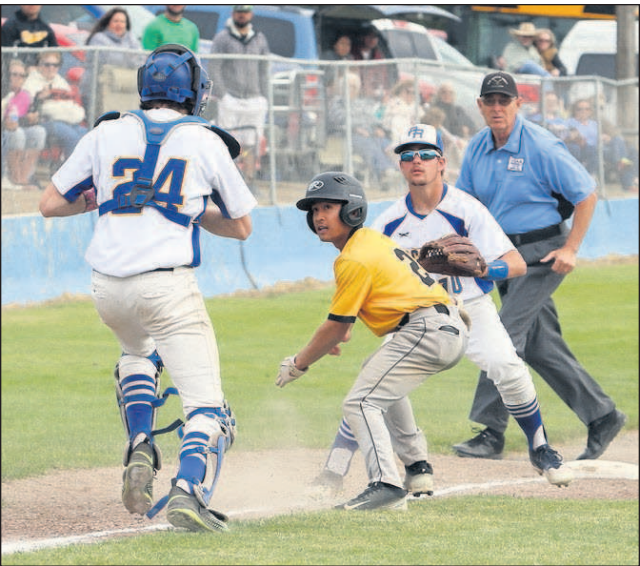
After Pilot Rock got its first run on the board with Riley Lankford taking a pitch to the side to advance all runners with the bases loaded, Corwin took the plate an inning later and started a hitting spree.

In the third after the Rockets pieced together only two hits through the first third of play, Corwin hit a hard ground ball for an RBI infield single. Pilot Rock followed that up with three more runs a frame later — all RBI singles from Weinke, Pierce and Munkers — and then in the fifth, Orr capped off the runs with one of the night’s most impressive at bats.

The utility player from Ukiah was just coming off a big game in the quarterfinals that put the Rockets up early en route to their 4-2 win.

In his words, it was “Amazing. It’s hard to describe, really amazing. Knowing that you actually did something is just amazing.”

Orr’s success doubled



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pilot Rock catcher Bryson Pierce and third baseman Logan Weinke trap Bandon's Donavin Phommaphat during Tuesday's state playoff game.

over into the semis, where he sent the ball flying over left field for a solo home run to reach the game-winning six runs.

Up to that point, multiple Rockets were hitting balls deep into the outfield — Pierce’s RBI single in the fourth bounced off the right-field fence and in the fifth Ben Combs, also a sophomore from Ukiah, reached base on an error by Bandon’s right fielder. So, when Orr heard the loud clank the ball made off his bat, he knew he was going to round the bases in some capacity.

“I was just looking for a base hit, anything to move the runner,” Orr said. “I did not expect it to go out. When I heard the sound of the ball off that bat, I just took off. I would rather be at third and get out than at second.

“I was just going, I didn’t think it was going to be out so I just decided I was going to go and in case he dropped it I would at least have third,” he added.

By the time Orr reached third, the Tiger in left field waved the ball off and Orr was coming home with an ear-to-ear smile and the entire Rocket squad waiting for him at the plate.

“It was just a special moment,” Orr said.

The Rockets seem to have had a lot of special moments this season, especially with Thieme toeing the rubber. The Special District 6 Player of the Year has not only been one of the team leaders, but a calming force that has been a key to the team’s success.

“He never gets rattled,” Leasy said. “He stays the course the whole way, and he just gets on the bump, throws strikes, attacks hit-

ters — he’s very aggressive in the zone and very efficient. He’s a competitor.”

Thieme pitched a complete game Tuesday, allowing only one run off three hits while striking out nine and walking three. He didn’t pitch in the two teams’ previous matchup in March, but the soft-spoken ace wasn’t worried about what the Tigers were doing.

“I wasn’t expecting much,” Thieme said. So, he went ahead and did his thing.

Offensively, Thieme and Weinke both went 2-for-4 on the day but it was Pierce who led all batters. He was a perfect 4-for-4 with the only two extra-base hits. Ty Dick joined Corwin and Orr with a lone hit, and a total of six Rockets contributed to the runs.

Pilot Rock will have only a few days off before the big game Friday. The first pitch of the state championship matchup with No. 1 Knappa will be at 5 p.m. out at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer. The Loggers enter the finals with an undefeated record after defeating No. 5 Kennedy 6-3.

“Our message to the kids is, we’re one of 10 teams in the state still getting to practice, and that’s a great feeling,” Leasy said. “We just have to go play well, do our thing, defensively stay pretty sound and just see what happens.”

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(B) J. Wilhite, M. Yarbort (6). (P) L. Thieme.

W — Thieme, L — Wilhite.

HR: B. Freitag (B); Q. Orr (P). 2B: B. Pierce 2 (P).

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SOFTBALL: Buckaroos will play Rex Putnam on Saturday at OSU

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saw our girls graduate my freshman year on the field at state, it has been a dream of mine and we made it happen. We’ve worked hard for this, it’s our year, it’s our time; it’s just so exciting I don’t really have words for it.”

Pendleton (27-2) head coach Tim Cary was all smiles after the game, proud of his team for coming together for the win and relieved to come out on top of a game that saw 30 runs and 23 hits combined.

“I think we all had the same attitude of ‘By God we’re going to go win this game,’” Cary said. “We got down 7-3, things got a little scary there for a bit, but we got right back up and never looked back. But it was just two great hitting teams going at it, and you certainly wouldn’t think with two great pitchers we would end up with a 20-10 game, but that shows that both teams have great hitters and so many weapons there. I’m just proud of my girls.”

The bottom of the third was truly a turning point in the game for both sides. For the Spartans (26-4), they went from feeling confident with a four-run lead and a pitcher in Ariel Carlson that had a 1.15 ERA on the season to feeling deflated in the span of one-half inning. And for the Buckaroos, even with a tough top half, they came to the dugout to hit knowing that the game was far from over.

“We just stayed positive, kept our noise up in the dugout and I think that’s what really helped,” Pendleton senior Rylee Gentner said. “We were loud and we got in their heads and then we just started getting hit after hit after hit.”

Pendleton junior Aspen Garton had perhaps the biggest at-bat of the game for

the Buckaroos in the third inning. She led off the inning with a walk and later scored on a catchers’ interference call to get the Buckaroos back within three runs. Following her, four more Buckaroos worked walks to help the team score three more runs to tie the game at 7-7. Then with two outs and the bases loaded Garton came back to the plate and unloaded on a 1-1 pitch, driving it all the way to the fence in left-center field gap for a three-run double. It improbably put the Buckaroos back into the lead, which they held onto for the rest of the game.

“Every pitch was a rise ball from (Marist pitcher) Ariel (Carlson), so I was looking for something mid-thigh that I can take to left center and I think it was a little high but it worked,” Garton said of her hit. “I mean, God helped me with three kids in front of me to get on the bases; I guess the stars just aligned right.”

Pendleton played add-on in the fifth inning when Kalan McGlothran led off with a double to right, and then Alexi Brehaut singled to right to score McGlothran for an 11-8 advantage. And after a walk to Garton, Rylee Gentner jumped on the first pitch she saw and launched it over the center field fence for a three-run home run and a 14-8 lead.

Then in the sixth, a walk to Brehaut and a single by Garton set things up again for Gentner, and she again jumped on a pitch and sent it over the center field fence for her second three-run homer of the game.

“I was honestly just looking for outside pitches, because that’s where they were throwing me,” Gentner said. “So I just thought I’d sit on my pitch and that’s what I did. I wasn’t looking to hit home runs, but I got them so that felt good.”



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Pendleton's Kirah McGlothran slides safely into second base during Tuesday's game against Marist at Steve Cary Field.

SCOREBOARD

Prep slate

OSAA BASEBALL PLAYOFFS	
Tuesday's Games	
6A SEMIFINALS	
No. 1 Westview 4, No. 5 West Salem 1	
No. 3 Clackamas 3, No. 7 South Salem 2	
2nd Innings	
5A SEMIFINALS	
No. 1 Crescent Valley 7, No. 5 Churchill 6	
No. 3 Crater 5, No. 7 Bend 4	
4A SEMIFINALS	
No. 4 Gladstone 4, No. 8 Junction City 1	
No. 3 La Grande 1, No. 2 North Marion 0	
3A SEMIFINALS	
No. 4 La Pine 8, No. 1 Taft 6	
No. 10 Horizon Christian 5, No. 3 Santiam Christian 1	
2A/1A SEMIFINALS	
No. 1 Knappa 6, No. 5 Kennedy 3	
No. 3 Pilot Rock 6, No. 7 Bandon 1	

OSAA SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS	
Tuesday's Games	
6A SEMIFINALS	
No. 1 Tualatin 8, No. 5 Oregon City 5	
No. 2 Clackamas 8, No. 3 North Medford 7	
5A SEMIFINALS	
No. 1 Pendleton 20, No. 4 Marist 10	
Innings	
4A SEMIFINALS	
No. 6 Putnam 5, No. 15 Lebanon 1	
3A SEMIFINALS	
No. 1 La Grande 5, No. 7 Philomath 0	
No. 3 Henley 6, No. 7 South Umpqua 3	
2A/1A SEMIFINALS	
No. 1 Dayton 11, No. 5 Clatskanie 1, 5 inn.	
No. 3 Rainier 13, No. 2 Scio 9	
2A/1A SEMIFINALS	
No. 4 Pilot Rock 11, No. 1 Toledo 10	
No. 2 Kennedy 10, No. 3 Tualatin 1	

Basketball

NBA FINALS	
Cleveland vs. Golden State	
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)	
Thursday: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.	
Sunday: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.	
Wednesday, June 6: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.	
Friday, June 8: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.	
x-Monday, June 11: Cleveland at Golden State winner, 6 p.m.	
x-Thursday, June 14: Golden State winner at Cleveland, 6 p.m.	
x-Sunday, June 17: Cleveland at Golden State winner, 5 p.m.	

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	3	4	01.000	—
Washington	4	1	1.800	—
Atlanta	2	2	2.500	1½
Chicago	2	2	2.500	1½
New York	1	2	2.333	2
Indiana	0	5	0.000	4
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	4	1	1.800	—
Los Angeles	3	1	1.750	½
Phoenix	2	2	2.500	1½



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Seattle Mariners pitcher Edwin Diaz, left, walks back to the mound as Texas Rangers' Jurickson Profar (19) celebrates with teammates as he scored on a three-run double hit by Rougned Odor during the ninth inning of Tuesday's game in Seattle. Texas won 9-5.

Dallas	2	3	400	2
Minnesota	2	3	400	2
Las Vegas	0	3	000	3

New York	34	17	.667	2
Tampa Bay	27	26	.509	10
Toronto	25	30	.455	13
Baltimore	17	38	.309	21

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	28	25	.528	—
Detroit	24	30	.444	4½

Minnesota	22	28	.440	4½
Kansas City	19	36	.345	10
Chicago	16	36	.308	11½
West Division				

Tuesday's Games	
Cleveland 7, Chicago White Sox 3	
N.Y. Yankees 6, Houston 5, 10 innings	
Washington 3, Baltimore 2	
Boston 8, Toronto 3	
L.A. Angels 9, Detroit 2	
Kansas City 2, Minnesota 1, 14 innings	
Tampa Bay 4, Oakland 3	
Texas 9, Seattle 5	

Wednesday's Games	
Toronto (Gaviglio 2-0) at Boston (Rodriguez 5-1), 10:05 a.m.	
Chicago White Sox (Lopez 1-3) at Cleveland (Kluber 7-2), 10:10 a.m.	
Houston (Keuchel 3-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 7-1), 3:35 p.m.	
Washington (Scherzer 8-1) at Baltimore	

Hockey

NHL STANLEY CUP	
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)	
Vegas 1, Washington 0	
Monday: Vegas 6, Washington 4	
Wednesday: Washington at Vegas, 5 p.m.	
Saturday: Vegas at Washington, 5 p.m.	
Monday, June 4: Vegas at Washington, 5 p.m.	
x-Thursday, June 7: Washington at Vegas, 5 p.m.	
x-Sunday, June 10: Vegas at Washington, 5 p.m.	
x-Wednesday, June 13: Washington at Vegas, 5 p.m.	

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	38	17	.691	—

(Hess 2-1), 4:05 p.m.	
L.A. Angels (Ohtani 4-1) at Detroit (Fiers 4-3), 4:10 p.m.	
Minnesota (Romero 2-1) at Kansas City (Keller 1-1), 5:15 p.m.	
Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 0-0) at Oakland (Manaea 5-5), 7:05 p.m.	
Texas (Moore 1-5) at Seattle (Paxton 4-1), 7:10 p.m.	

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 Tampa Bay (Evoldi 0-0) at Oakland
 7:05 p.m.
 Texas (Moore 1-5) at Seattle (Baxton 4-1)

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	35	21	.625	—
Chicago	29	22	.569	3½
St. Louis	29	23	.558	4
Pittsburgh	28	26	.519	6
Cincinnati	19	37	.339	16

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	32	22	.593	—
Washington	31	22	.585	½
Philadelphia	20	22	.577	1

Tuesday's Games	
Chicago Cubs 8, Pittsburgh 6	
Washington 3, Baltimore 2	

Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 6	
St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 1	
Colorado 11, San Francisco 4	
Arizona 5, Cincinnati 2	
San Diego 9, Miami 5	
Philadelphia 6, L.A. Dodgers 1	

Wednesday's Games	
St. Louis (Reyes 0-0) at Milwaukee (Guerara 3-3), 1:10 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Romano 2-6) at Arizona (Corbin 5-1), 3:40 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-3) at Pittsburgh (Musgrove 1-0), 7:05 p.m.	
Washington (Scherzer 8-1) at Baltimore (Hess 2-1), 7:05 p.m.	

N.Y. Mets (Vargas 1-3) at Atlanta (Teheran 4-2), 7:35 p.m.	
San Francisco (Holland 2-6) at Colorado (Gray 5-6), 8:40 p.m.	
Miami (Urena 0-7) at San Diego (Richard 3-6), 10:10 p.m.	
Philadelphia (Eflin 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 2-1), 10:10 p.m.	

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Los Angeles FC	6	3	3	21	24	19
Portland	6	3	2	20	19	17
FC Dallas	5	3	5	20	17	11
Houston	5	3	3	18	26	18
Vancouver	4	5	5	17	19	27
LA Galaxy	5	6	1	16	19	19
Minnesota United	7	1	16	16	16	22
Real Salt Lake	5	6	1	16	15	25
San Jose	2	7	3	9	19	23
Seattle	2	6	2	8	7	12
Colorado	2	7	2	8	13	20

-6), 10:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eflin 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers
Stripling 2-1), 10:10 p.m.

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	8	3	1	25	26	16
Columbus	7	3	4	25	18	10
New York City FC	7	3	3	24	26	19

Tuesday's Games	
Chicago Cubs 8, Pittsburgh 6	
Washington 3, Baltimore 2	

Wednesday's Games	
Atlanta United FC at New England, 7:30 p.m.	
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.	
Houston at Real Salt Lake, 9:30 p.m.	
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.	

Soccer

Portland	6	3	2	20	19	17
FC Dallas	5	1	5	20	17	11
Houston	5	3	3	18	26	18
Vancouver	4	5	5	17	19	27
LA Galaxy	5	6	1	16	16	19
Real Salt Lake	5	7	1	16	16	22
Minnesota United	6	1	6	15	15	25
San Jose	2	7	3	9	18	23
Seattle	2	6	2	8	7	12
Colorado	2	7	2	8	13	20

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.