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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pilot Rock's Caden Thorton and Ian Gambill (21) wrap up Dufur's Tanner Masterson in the Rockets' 46-8 loss on Thursday.

## Rockets fall 46-8 at home

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East Oregonian

On Thursday night, the stakes were high on both sides.

The two competing teams, Dufur and host Pilot Rock, were both undefeated going into the game. But one of them was going home with their season's first loss.

When the game ended, the Dufur Rangers ended the Rockets' 6-0 streak with a resounding 46-8 win.

Not two minutes in, it was clear who was going to have the upper hand for the rest of the game. Rangers running back Tanner Masterson received Pilot Rock's kickoff and ran it back 30 yards. On the next play, he launched a pass to tight end Cole Kortge in the end zone to give Dufur a 6-0 lead.

Later in the first quarter, with 3:52 left on the clock, quarterback Derek Frakes handed the ball off to running back Asa Farrell, who rushed 45 yards for another score.

The Rangers scored the rest of their touchdowns in the second quarter, including two scores each from Kortge and Masterson to give the Rangers a 46-0 lead at halftime.

If Dufur had one thing over Pilot Rock, it was speed. While the Rangers wove in and out of the Rockets' defensive line for big rushing touchdowns, Pilot Rock couldn't make it more than a few yards before their opponents drove them into the ground.

Dufur's team included four track stars on Thursday night: Masterson, Kortge, Farrell, and running back Abraham Kilby. The four athletes were a part of Dufur's state championship-winning track team in the spring.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pilot Rock QB Tanner Corwin takes a snap Thursday in the team's 46-8 loss to Dufur.

"Speed always kills," Masterson said. "If you're fast, you're a decent team, and that's what we brought tonight."

There were no scores during the third quarter. The Rockets finally found the end zone in the fourth quarter. Offensive lineman Kade Koberstein caught a pass from wide receiver Tanner Corwin for a touchdown, and with a 2-point conversion from quarterback Logan Weinke, the Rockets avoided a home shutout.

While Dufur maintained their win streak, the Rockets were sent home with

their first loss.

"The boys might have been a little intimidated," said Pilot Rock coach Mike Bazeltena. "Dufur played fast and hard. They're one heck of a team. There's no excuses. They outplayed us."

The Rockets move forward with a 6-1 record. Their next game is a league playoff at Eastern Oregon University. Their opponent has yet to be determined.

"We still have the playoff game," Bazeltena said. "Sometimes it takes a beating to understand what needs improved."

### PREP FOOTBALL



Pendleton  
41



Parkrose  
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## Bucks beat Broncos on the road

The top-ranked Pendleton Bucks turned a close battle into a rout Thursday night against Parkrose, with a solid second half

By ANNIE FOWLER  
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Trent Sorey threw for 130 yards and three touchdowns — and ran for another — as the Bucks rallied for a 41-10 5A Special District 1 win in Portland. The win puts the Bucks at 7-0 overall and 6-0 in conference play.

"We are excited about being 7-0 for the first time in a long time," Pendleton coach Erik Davis said. "I am proud of these seniors. To see their hard work and perseverance pay off. Ninety percent of it is that they want to be great. That mentality is carrying them right through. They deserve that No. 1 ranking."

The Broncos (4-3, 3-2) came out and held the Bucks scoreless in the first quarter, while putting a field goal on the board for a 3-0 lead.

Willie Camp opened the scoring for Pendleton, returning a fumble 90 yards for a touchdown.

Pendleton held a slim 13-3 lead at the half, then came out in the third quarter and took over the game.

"(Parkrose) had a plan to run the clock on us, and we weren't able to get going," Davis said. "The good thing about this team, is they are resilient. We didn't panic. We had to adjust our defense to their offense. We were able to come out in the third quarter and assert dominance."

Aiden Patterson opened the third quarter with a 59-yard touchdown for a 20-3 lead. Patterson finished with 131 yards on nine carries.

The Bucks then recovered a fumble at their own 25-yard line, and Sorey connected with Shawn Yeager for a 22-yard touchdown to make it 27-3.

Sorey then hit Blake Davis for a score and the rout was on. Sorey ran the ball in from 6 yards out in the fourth quarter to finish the scoring.

"We were able to throw a couple of touchdown passes, but we also ran the ball pretty well," Davis said. "That helped open it up. It was a good win. We are enjoying this ride."

## Hermiston sweeps Kennewick in MCC volleyball action

By ANNIE FOWLER  
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The Hermiston Bulldogs moved one step closer to securing a playoff spot Thursday night, sweeping the Kennewick Lions in a Mid-Columbia Conference match at the Lions Den.

Ireland McDonough had eight kills, 10 digs and nine aces as the Bulldogs (4-7 MCC) cruised to a 25-19, 25-13, 25-14 win.

"They looked good," Kennewick coach Brandy Sonderland said. "They were ready to fight. They

deserved to win."

The win gave the Bulldogs a series sweep of the Lions. Hermiston won the first meeting Sept. 13 in straight sets.

"For us, this is huge," Hermiston coach Amy Dyck said. "We are still learning how to win. I'm proud of the way they were able to focus and close it out."

Kennewick (2-8) was hit with a loss before the match even started as Tayah Townsend injured her knee in warmups. In the second set, the Lions lost April Buckingham with a concussion.

"That doesn't help the cause," Sonderland said.

The Lions jumped out to an 8-1 lead in the first set despite the loss of Townsend, but it didn't take long for the Bulldogs to get back in the match.

After Daisy Maddox put down a kill for sideout, Courtnee West served six consecutive points for an 8-8 score.

Kennewick took a 10-9 lead, then McDonough went to work. She reeled off six points, including five aces, to give Hermiston a 16-10 lead.

The Lions would get as close as

23-18 before the Bulldogs closed out the set.

There were four ties in the second set, the last at 10-10, as the Bulldogs dominated play.

Emma Combes gave Hermiston breathing room with four points for a 15-10 lead, and Halee Stubbs extended the lead to 19-12 and the rout was on.

Two long service runs by McDonough in the third set the table for the Bulldogs.

McDonough's first trip to the service line was worth seven points and a 9-3 lead. Another string of seven

points gave Hermiston a 24-13 lead.

A kill by Scout Reagan ended the match.

Reagan finished with five kills, seven blocks and five digs, while Avery Treadwell added eight kills, Kendall Dowdy 14 assists and 10 digs, and Stubbs 18 digs. West chipped in with 17 assists and four kills, and Sophia Streeter had five kills.

Grace Morby led the Lions with six kills, while M'Kaylah Mangum added four kills and 11 digs, and Madeline Gebers 14 assists, three kills and five digs.

### Sports shorts

#### Nebraska's Frost took step to stop migration to OSU



Bell

(AP) — Linebacker Avery Roberts, quarterback Tristan Gebbia and receiver Tyjon Lindsey all transferred from Nebraska to Oregon State in the last two months. It was part of the reason Frost listed Oregon State as one of the schools Greg Bell couldn't transfer to as a condition of granting the running back's scholarship release last week.

The Cornhuskers' previous staff has deep ties to Oregon State, and former Huskers assistant Trent Bray returned

there to coach linebackers this season. Former director of football operations Dan Van De Riet has gone back to Oregon State in the same role. Mike Riley, the coach Frost replaced, was a long-time Oregon State head coach who now is a consultant for the Beavers.

"There's no doubt in my mind those kids were probably in touch with some people they formerly knew that were here," Frost said Thursday.

Oregon State spokesman Steve Fenk says the school had no comment.



Frost

#### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1986 — Walter Payton becomes the first NFL player to accumulate 20,000 all-purpose yards.

1991 — Doug Flutie of the British Columbia Lions breaks Warren Moon's CFL record for yards passing in a season with a 582-yard performance.

2008 — Washington, the only team in NFL history to open a season with no offensive turnovers through its first five games, fumbles four times in six possessions in its 19-17 loss to St. Louis.

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