

Prep roundup

# Hermiston XC finishes big at MCC Districts

Hermiston's run at Thursday's MCC Districts in Richland left the team with "many positives."

The JV boys' team finished third out of eight teams, and were led by Anthony Duron and Nicholas Breshears, who both finished in the top 13. Cydney Sanchez continued to run well for the Bulldogs, crossing the finish line in ninth place in the varsity girls' division. Ellie Ernst was right behind her at 11th place. Freshman Jackson Shaver placed at No. 4 for the varsity boys.

"These results are exciting because it shows the future for Hermiston cross-country," said coach Troy Blackburn.

**RIDGEVIEW 3, PENDLETON 0** — Pendleton lost on the road to the No. 5-ranked Ridgeview Ravens on Thursday night. The match ended in three sets, 25-13, 26-24, and 25-17.

"They did well," said Bucks coach Amanda Lapp. "Ridgeview is a tough team, but the girls held their own and battled. They put up some great blocks tonight."

Elli Nirschl led the team with two aces, one kill, seven assists, and four digs. Elisabeth House had four kills and one dig, and Aspen Garton had one kill and two digs.

The Bucks (5-10, 4-4) will close out their season when they host Crook County on Tuesday.

**Football STANFIELD 53, RIVERSIDE 0** — Riverside's final game of the season

came in a home shutout against Stanfield on Thursday night.

"We lost a few guys this week," said Pirates coach David Boor. "But the kids played hard."

The Pirates closed the year out with an 0-6 record for the OSAA and 0-3 for the league. Meanwhile, Thursday's game was Stanfield's first win. The Tigers (1-6, 1-2) will play their final game when they host Heppner (5-2, 2-0) next Friday.

**Boys Soccer RIVERSIDE 15, FOUR RIVERS 0** — The Pirates played their final home match of the season and shut out Four Rivers on Thursday.

Riverside (8-2-1, 5-0) has two more league games left, the first of which is a road match against Nyssa on Saturday.

**Girls Soccer KAMIKIN 2, HERMISTON 0** — Hermiston faced off against the MCC's No. 1 team and lost at home on Thursday. Kamiakin scored both goals in the first half.

"We did really good," said Bulldogs coach Freddy Guizar. "We played an undefeated team and held them at 0-0 in the second half — that was a big highlight. (Keeper) Lanie Gomez kept her composure the whole game and made sure no balls made it into the net."

The Bulldogs (1-14, 1-12) have one more league game on the schedule. They'll travel to Walla Walla (4-9) on Tuesday to close out the season.



AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/Idyer  
Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James dunks against the Portland Trail Blazers during the first half.

# BLAZERS: Wore patches to honor Allen

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with 16 points in the opening half. The Blazers pushed the lead to 11 points at but led just 65-63 at the break.

James had 18 points but collected a third foul with 6:04 left in the half.

Kuzma's dunk got the Lakers within 79-78 with just more than four minutes left in the third quarter. Hart's 3-pointer — the Lakers' first of the game — put Los Angeles up 85-83. The lead was short-lived, but Portland had just a 93-91 advantage going into the final quarter.

Stauskas hit a 3-pointer that put Portland up 107-100 with 7:22 left. After it fell, he turned to the crowd and pounded his chest. McCollum's 3-pointer with 5:01 left put Portland up 114-104.

Caldwell-Pope's 3-pointer with 30.7 seconds left got the Lakers within 124-118, but Stauskas made a pair of free throws and Los Angeles couldn't catch up.

**Tip ins**  
Lakers: Lakers coach

Luke Walton said that Ball would continue to be on a playing-time restriction after having an offseason procedure on his knee. Ball played 20 minutes and scored seven points.

Trail Blazers: With Maurice Harkless dealing with a knee injury that bothered him in the preseason, Blazers coach Terry Stotts started Jake Layman against the Lakers.

**Honoring Allen**  
The edge of the Blazers court was painted PGA with a Rose, and the Blazers had similar patches on their jerseys to honor Allen. Stotts talked before the game about all the people Allen had touched. "Everybody talks about his philanthropy throughout the years, and what he's done. When people started writing about it, and listing all the things and all his accomplishments and the impact on millions and millions of people, and the environment, the earth and everything — it's hard to put into context, the magnitude," the coach said.



AP Photo/Young Kwak, File  
In this Sept. 23, 2017, file photo, Washington State fans hold signs during the second half of an NCAA college football game between Washington State and Nevada in Pullman, Wash.

# After 15 years of waving the flag, Wazzu gets 'GameDay'

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**DUCK FOOTBALL**



**Oregon Ducks**  
(5-1, 2-1)



**Wash. St. Cougars**  
(5-1, 2-1)

**Sat., 4:30 p.m., at Martin Stadium, Pullman, WA.**

Long before the sun rises over the rolling hills of the Palouse, the fans in crimson and gray will make their pilgrimage. They'll come stumbling out of RVs parked the night before in nearby lots. They'll walk through campus past the Bryan Clock Tower or make the hike up College Hill

They'll don jerseys bearing the names Leaf, Thompson, Bledsoe, Gleason and they'll display the number "3" in memory of quarterback Tyler Hilinski. They'll carry signs disparaging Dawgs to the West and Ducks to the South. They'll celebrate the "Popcorn Guy" and the "Fireball Chugger."

And flags. Oh, will there ever be flags. Crimson. White. Gray. Black. All with the unmistakable Cougars logo. And the most famous of those flags — Ol' Crimson — will be front and center.

ESPN's "College GameDay" is coming to Pullman on Saturday ahead of No. 25 Washington State's Pac-12 showdown with No. 12 Oregon and it could be unlike any setting ever for college football's version of Woodstock.

"We're going to try and set some records this weekend," Washington State athletic director Pat Chun said.

After 15 years of the Washington State flag being a backdrop fixture for every "College GameDay" broadcast — from Tempe to Tallahassee, Boise to Blacksburg — Ol' Crimson will finally come home when the broadcast goes live in the early morning hours from the

show to Pullman carries far deeper meaning for Washington State students, alumni and fans. Ol' Crimson flying in the background of each of the past 216 GameDay broadcasts is a public representation of the bond created by being a Cougar.

Washington State is defined by its remoteness. Dealing with isolation at the school some 290 miles east of Seattle is part of the curriculum. Pullman is not a destination location, yet it becomes the foundation for a relationship between the students, the campus and the community that spans generations and creates inseparable bonds.

"There's something in the DNA of a Cougar. ... There is a bond like none other, I would argue, and I gauge it on walking through the airport, wearing the Cougar logo and how many 'Go Cougs' I get," Chun said. "I tell people there are less than a dozen schools around the country where you verbally hear that."

The early days of Ol' Crimson came during some of the worst years in Washington State's football history. Between 2004 and 2014, the Cougars never won more than six games. Between 2008 and 2012, Washington State's combined record was 12-49. Now they've become relevant again, going to four bowl games in five years under Mike Leach. This week, the Cougars returned to the AP Top 25.

"It was kind of funny because they were so bad for so long it was like, 'What the hell is the Wazzu flag doing here?'" Fitting said. "We showed it as a bit

intersection of Cougar Way and Ferdinand's Lane in the shadow of Martin Stadium. That's 34 states, 72 cities leading to this moment. "When we go to a place that we've never been to, it's guaranteed to be electric," said Lee Fitting, ESPN's vice president of production. "Starting the show in the dark is cool. I just picture a dark fall morning, there could be some mist or fog and thousands of flags sort of dimly lit. It's going to be a really cool on-air moment."

What began as an attempt to draw attention to the school and lure the

of a spoof and had some fun with it. Then it was, this is turning into a thing. Over time, as I like to describe it, the flag signifies college football. Its tradition. Its pageantry and its passion. And that's what makes college football great. And that's what makes the flag behind GameDay great. Because people are passionate about it. They're making an effort to fly it. We recognize it."

Fitting said there were a few times the show came close to a Pullman trip. The closest was Halloween 2015 when the Cougars were hosting Stanford in a game key to the Pac-12 North race. The show ended up going to Notre Dame at Temple that week in Philadelphia, in part because the broadcast came from in front of Independence Hall.

"We would have gone to Pullman if we didn't get the desired location in Philadelphia. And mid-afternoon on Monday, the mayor's office called and said you're good to go with your location," Fitting recalled. "And Wazzu was left out and I got absolutely lambasted on social media."

There are no more campaigns for the Cougs to take on. When the "College GameDay" equipment arrived in Pullman on Wednesday, it was greeted by a police escort and thousands of fans.

And while Ol' Crimson is coming home this Saturday, it'll be back out on its college football road trip next week.

"ESPN is still going to expect us to be there next week for (show) 218," Pounds said. "That's all there is to it."

## SCOREBOARD

### Local slate

**Friday, October 19**  
**Football**  
Pendleton at Benson, 5:30 p.m.  
S. Wasco County at Echo, 7 p.m.  
Grant Union at Heppner, 7 p.m.  
Weston-McEwen at P. Christian, 7 p.m.  
Nyssa at Irrigon, 7 p.m.  
Vale at Umatilla, 7 p.m.  
Ontario at Mac-Hi/Helix, 7 p.m.  
Hermiston at Hanford, 7 p.m.  
**Volleyball**  
North Idaho at BMCC, 6 p.m.  
**Girls Soccer**  
Yakima Valley at BMCC, 1 p.m.  
**Saturday, October 20**  
**Volleyball**  
Big Sky Tournament at Echo High School, 10 a.m.  
BMC Tournament at Stanfield High School: Game 1, Weston-McEwen vs. Heppner, noon. Game 2, Pilot Rock vs. Union. Game 3, Loser of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2. Game 4, Winner of Game 1 vs. Grant Union.  
**Boys Soccer**  
Baker/Powder Valley at Mac-Hi, 12 p.m.  
Four Rivers at Umatilla, 1 p.m.  
Riverside at Nyssa, 3 p.m.  
Wenatchee at BMCC, 2:15 p.m.  
**Girls Soccer**  
Columbia Basin at BMCC, 12 p.m.  
Riverside at Nyssa, 1 p.m.  
Baker/Powder Valley at Mac-Hi, 2 p.m.

### Baseball

**Major League Baseball LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES American League**  
Best-of-7, x-if necessary, all Games on TBS  
Boston 2, Houston 1  
Saturday, Oct. 13: Houston 7, Boston 2  
Sunday, Oct. 14: Boston 7, Houston 5  
Tuesday, Oct. 16: Boston 8, Houston 2  
Wednesday, Oct. 17: Boston 8, Houston 6  
Thursday, Oct. 18: Houston 4, Houston 1  
x-Saturday, Oct. 20: Boston at Houston, 2:09 p.m.  
x-Sunday, Oct. 21: Houston at Boston, 4:39 p.m.  
**National League**  
Best-of-7, x-if necessary, All Games on FS1  
Milwaukee 2, Los Angeles 1  
Friday, Oct. 12: Milwaukee 6, Los Angeles 5  
Saturday, Oct. 13: Los Angeles 4, Milwaukee 3  
Monday, Oct. 15: Milwaukee 4, Los Angeles 0  
Tuesday, Oct. 16: Los Angeles 2, Milwaukee 1  
Wednesday, Oct. 17: Los Angeles 5, Milwaukee 2  
x-Friday, Oct. 19: Los Angeles at Milwaukee, 5:39 p.m.



AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/Idyer  
Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum, right, dribbles around Los Angeles Lakers guard Josh Hart.

x-Saturday, Oct. 20: Los Angeles at Milwaukee, 6:09 p.m.

### Football

Monday's Game  
Green Bay 33, San Francisco 30  
Thursday, Oct. 18  
Denver 45, Arizona 10  
Sunday, Oct. 21  
Tennessee vs. L.A. Chargers at London, UK, 6:30 a.m.  
Minnesota at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m.  
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.  
Detroit at Miami, 10 a.m.  
Houston at Jacksonville, 10 a.m.  
Carolina at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.  
New England at Chicago, 10 a.m.  
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.  
New Orleans at Baltimore, 1:05 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.  
Dallas at Washington, 1:25 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 5:20 p.m.  
Open: Seattle, Green Bay, Oakland, Pittsburgh  
Monday, Oct. 22  
N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 5:15 p.m.

### Basketball

**National Basketball Association**  
Tuesday's Games  
Boston 105, Philadelphia 87  
Golden State 108, Oklahoma 100  
Wednesday's Games

Detroit 103, Brooklyn 83  
Indiana 111, Memphis 100  
Milwaukee 113, Charlotte 112  
Orlando 104, Miami 101  
New York 126, Atlanta 107  
Toronto 116, Cleveland 104  
New Orleans 131, Houston 112  
San Antonio 112, Minnesota 108  
Utah 123, Sacramento 117  
Phoenix 121, Dallas 100  
Denver 107, L.A. Clippers 98  
Thursday's Games  
Philadelphia 127, Chicago 108  
Miami 113, Washington 112  
Portland 128, L.A. Lakers 119

**Friday's Games**  
Charlotte at Orlando, 4 p.m.  
New York at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.  
Atlanta at Memphis, 5 p.m.  
Boston at Toronto, 5 p.m.  
Cleveland at Minnesota, 5 p.m.  
Sacramento at New Orleans, 5 p.m.  
Indiana at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Utah, 7:30 p.m.  
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

**Hockey**  
**National Hockey League EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	7	6	1	0	12	33
Boston	5	4	1	0	8	22
Montreal	5	3	1	1	7	18

Ottawa	6	3	2	1	7	24	22
Buffalo	5	3	2	0	6	11	13
Tampa Bay	3	2	1	0	4	11	7
Detroit	6	0	4	2	2	14	30
Florida	3	0	2	1	1	7	10
Metropolitan Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	6	4	1	1	9	23	18
New Jersey	3	3	0	0	6	14	4
Columbus	5	3	2	0	6	16	19
Pittsburgh	4	2	1	1	5	15	17
Washington	5	2	2	1	5	20	19
N.Y. Islanders	4	2	2	0	4	11	10
Philadelphia	5	2	3	0	4	16	20
N.Y. Rangers	5	1	4	0	2	12	18
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	5	4	1	0	8	15	10
Chicago	5	3	0	2	8	22	21
Colorado	5	3	1	1	7	19	12
Dallas	5	3	2	0	6	18	15
Winnipeg	5	3	2	0	6	11	11
Minnesota	4	1	1	2	4	10	14
St. Louis	5	1	2	2	4	15	20
Pacific Division							
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Anaheim	6	4	1	1	9	17	14
Calgary	5	3	2	0	6	18	16
Vancouver	5	3	2	0	6	19	17
Los Angeles	6	2	3	1	5	12	16
San Jose	6	2	3	1	5	17	19
Vegas	6	2	4	0	4	11	19
Edmonton	3	1	2	0	2	5	10
Arizona	4	1	3	0	2	3	9
Sunday's Games							
New Jersey 3, San Jose 2							
Anaheim 3, St. Louis 2							
Winnipeg 3, Carolina 1							
Monday's Games							
Toronto 4, Los Angeles 1							
Ottawa 4, Dallas 1							
Montreal 7, Detroit 3							
Nashville 4, Minnesota 2							
Tuesday's Games							
Vancouver 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT							
N.Y. Rangers 3, Colorado 2, SO							
Philadelphia 6, Florida 5, SO							
New Jersey 3, Dallas 0							
Tampa Bay 4, Carolina 2							
Minnesota 2, Arizona 1							
Edmonton 5, Winnipeg 4, OT							
Vegas 4, Buffalo 1							
Wednesday's Games							
Washington 3, St. Louis 2							
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT							
Calgary 5, Boston 2							
Anaheim 4, N.Y. Islanders 1							
Thursday's Games							
Colorado at New Jersey, 4 p.m.							
Colorado 5, New Jersey 3							
Columbus 6, Philadelphia 3							
Pittsburgh 3, Toronto 0							
Tampa Bay 3, Detroit 1							
Winnipeg 4, Vancouver 1							
Arizona 4, Chicago 1							
Edmonton 3, Boston 2, OT							
San Jose 5, Buffalo 1							
N.Y. Islanders 7, Los Angeles 2							