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## HERMISTON

# BULLDOGS STAY ALIVE

Will face Kamiakin on Saturday in regional, loser-out match

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With its season on the line Thursday night, the Hermiston volleyball team did what it needed to do to stay alive in the Region 5/8 tournament.

Sophia Streeter had seven kills, and Ireland McDonough had eight aces and 13 digs to lead the Bulldogs (7-11) to a 25-15, 25-20, 25-23 victory over visiting Shadle Park.

"We like to keep people on their toes," Hermiston coach Amy Dyck said. "Keep them guessing. I encouraged the girls not to take them lightly. Shadle Park was in the tournament for a reason. They have the tools and they have a lot of volleyball knowledge. We didn't want to overlook them."

The Bulldogs will face Kamiakin at noon Saturday at Southridge High School in a loser-out match. The Braves swept North Central to advance.

Mt. Spokane won the regional title

and an automatic trip to state with a 25-23, 25-14, 25-17 victory over Southridge.

The Hermiston-Kamiakin winner will play Southridge for the last berth to state next week in Yakima.

The Bulldogs got off to a quick start over the Highlanders (3-13). Leading 6-5 in the first set, McDonough took to the service line and reeled off 10 consecutive points for a 16-5 lead.

Shadle Park would hang a few points on the scoreboard, but would not get closer than seven points down the stretch. McDonough served two consecutive aces for the win.

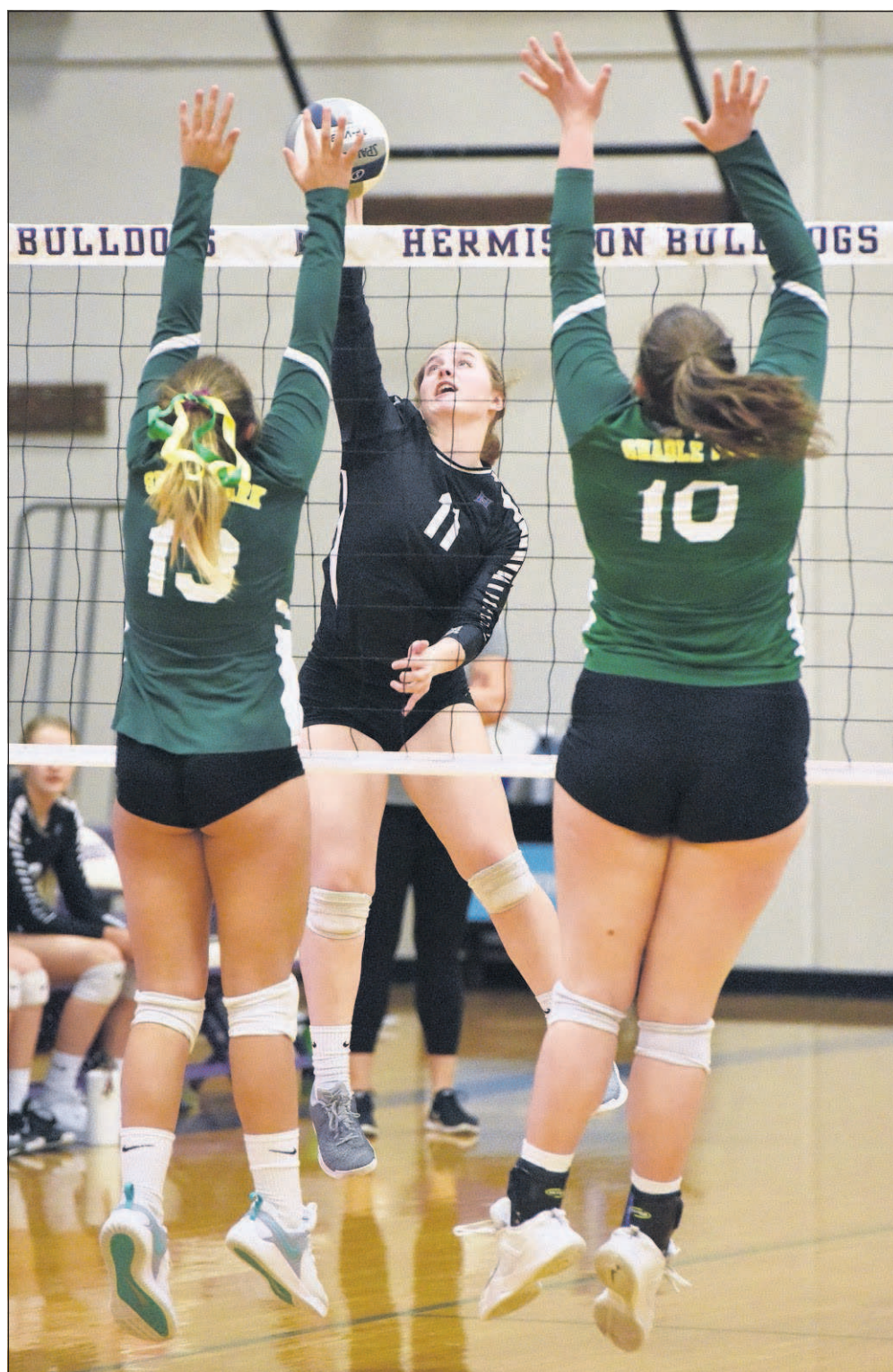
The Highlanders had no quit in them. They pushed the Bulldogs in the second set, and forged a 19-19 tie before Hermiston pulled away.

Scout Reagan gave the Bulldogs a 24-19 lead with four consecutive points, and Avery Treadwell laid down a kill to give Hermiston a 2-0 lead.

With a victory on the horizon, the Bulldogs went to work in the third set.

A big service run by Reagan gave the Bulldogs a 16-6 lead, but a series of unforced errors and a kill by Shadle

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Left: Hermiston's Sophia Streeter (14) and Avery Treadwell (2) attempt to block a strike from Shadle Park's Meghan Keenan. Right: Hermiston's Daisy Maddox spikes the ball into the block from Shadle Park's Chloe Flerchinger (13) and Megan Gallagher (10) in the Bulldogs' 3-0 win against the Highlanders on Thursday in Hermiston.

Staff photos by E.J. Harris

## MLS SOCCER

# Timbers advance in shootout

SEATTLE (AP) — Dairon Asprilla scored the deciding penalty as the Portland Timbers survived a wild second half and extra time to defeat the Seattle Sounders 4-2 in a shootout Thursday night and advance to the MLS Western Conference finals.

Seattle won the wild second leg of the conference semifinal matchup between the Cascadia rivals 3-2, scoring late in regulation to force extra time before both teams scored early in the extra session.

Eventually, the sides decided the winner via penalties, although Portland initially believed it had won at the end of extra time because of scoring a second road goal in the soccer match.

The celebration was premature as road goals are not a tie-breaker in extra time. But it became real minutes later when Asprilla beat Seattle goalkeeper Stefan Frei and sent Portland to the West finals for the first time since winning the MLS Cup in 2015.

Portland will face Sporting



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Seattle Sounders forward Raul Ruidiaz has a shot deflected by Portland Timbers goalkeeper Jeff Attinella during the first half of the second leg of an MLS playoff soccer series on Thursday in Seattle.

Kansas City or Real Salt Lake in the West finals.

Asprilla, Lucas Melano, Diego Valeri and Sebastian Blanco scored in the shootout for Portland. Seattle's goals came from Raul Ruidiaz and Handwalla Bwana, but Will Bruin hit the post and Osvaldo Alonso's shot was saved by Portland

goalkeeper Jeff Attinella, atoning for an earlier mistake that led to Seattle's first goal.

Portland held a 2-1 lead after the first leg at home and the match reached penalties only because of a wild final 25 minutes of regulation and a beginning to extra time that was equally crazy.

## Prep volleyball

# Irrigon's Collins named MVP of EOL for volleyball

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The Irrigon Knights made school history this season with their first trip to the 3A state volleyball tournament.

And the honors kept rolling in for the team as sophomore libero MaKenna Collins was named the Eastern Oregon League Player of the Year.

Collins finished league play with 220 digs, and served at 94 percent with 11 aces.

Collins was joined on the first team by teammate Haley White, a junior outside hitter. White had 119 kills on the season, along with 25 blocks and 12 aces. She served at 84 percent.

On the honorable mention team, the Knights had setter Emma Mueller, outside hitter Myka Davis and opposite hitter Nikki Phillips.

Umatilla outside hitter Charlene Alvarez was named to the second team, while Riverside



Collins

middle Megan Hegar was selected to the honorable mention team.

The Knights finished third in the EOL standings, but finished second at district to qualify for state, where they were swept by South Umpqua in the first round.

Irrigon also received the Sportsmanship Award from the Blue Mountain Conference Officials Association, and had the highest GPA in the state among 3A volleyball teams at 3.91.

**Eastern Oregon League**  
Player of the Year: MaKenna Collins, so., Irrigon. Coach of the Year: Paula Toney, Burns.  
First team: MaKenna Collins, so., libero, Irrigon; Kaiden Raif, so., setter, Burns; Haley White, jr., outside hitter, Irrigon; Emmy Johnson, so., middle, Vale; Jaymo Jensen, fr., outside hitter, Vale; Allie Hueckman, so., outside hitter, Burns.  
Second team: Mariah Atencio, jr., middle, Burns; Lexi Schaffeld, sr., outside hitter, Vale; Jenna Garner, jr., outside hitter, Burns; Sierra Cleaver, sr., outside hitter, Vale; Syriah Trujillo, jr., libero, Nyssa; Charlene Alvarez, sr., outside hitter, Umatilla.  
Honorable mention team: Lacy Singhose, sr., opposite hitter, Burns; Emma Mueller, so., setter, Irrigon; Myka Davis, sr., outside hitter, Irrigon; Nikki Phillips, sr., opposite hitter, Irrigon; Maycee Delong, jr., setter, Vale; DeMiah Hardin, jr., outside hitter, Vale; Megan Hegar, jr., middle, Riverside.

## Sports shorts

## IRRIGON'S ZACH HENRICHS SIGNS WITH BMCC

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Irrigon senior Zack Henrichs signed a letter of intent earlier this week to continue his baseball career at Blue Mountain Community College.

"I think the big thing for me was the atmosphere," Henrichs said of choosing BMCC. "The players want to be there. I felt a part of the team when I was there. They are hard-working guys."

The 5-foot-9, 190-pound Henrichs plays

every infield position except first base, but the Timberwolves plan to play him at either second or third base.

"Baseball is everything to me," said Henrichs, who will receive a partial scholarship at BMCC. "I will play wherever they need me."

Henrichs will join former Irrigon player Adrian Roa on the BMCC team. Also playing college baseball from Irrigon is Austin Rice,



Henrichs

who pitches for Whitworth University in Spokane.

The Knights advanced to the state tournament last year, where they lost a 4-3 game in eight innings to Pleasant Hill in the first round.

"That was an emotional game," Henrichs said. "They won on a walk-off error in the bottom of the eighth. That one

A three-year starter, Henrichs hit .405 last year with 10 doubles, two triples and 27 RBIs. On the mound, he had a 1.47 ERA and 67 strikeouts.

He was named to the Eastern Oregon League first team as a pitcher, and to the second team as an infielder, his junior year. He was a first-team infielder as a sophomore.

Henrichs, who carries a 3.45 GPA, said he would like to major in something in the medical field. Radiology and nursing are high on his list.