

Dawgs get first win

Romero leads the way with 14 points

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Hermiston got out to an early lead once again, but this time the Bulldogs were able to hold on for their first victory of the season.

Jazlyn Romero had 14 points, and Jayden Ray added 13 as Hermiston picked up a 47-35 nonleague victory Tuesday over La Grande at the Dawg House.

Though it was nice to get the win, Hermiston coach Juan Rodriguez was not pleased with how his team played.

“It’s one of those things where I feel like it is a loss,” he said. “Winning it like that doesn’t feel right. We are taking shots we don’t practice, ad-libbing and not running our offense.”

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Hermiston
47



La Grande
35

The Bulldogs (1-1) also had 21 turnovers, which Rodriguez had mixed feelings about.

“We want to play up tempo, but not out of control,” he said. “There is a fine line and we crossed it to out of control.”

Hermiston opened the game with a 3-pointer by Romero, and the Tigers kept it close most of the quarter, pulling within 12-9 with 1:15 remaining in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs would score the last seven points of the quarter — including a 3-point play by Paige Palzinski — to take a 19-9 lead.

La Grande (0-1) outscored Hermiston 7-6 in the second quarter, but still trailed 25-16 at the half. The Bulldogs had a 3 1/2-minute scoring drought in the second, which ended with Ray scoring with 1:35 to play in

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Hermiston’s Jayden Ray shoots the ball in front of La Grande’s Alexyss Chamberlain in the Bulldogs’ 47-35 win against the Tigers on Tuesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton boys down Southridge Suns, 63-41

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East Oregonian

The Pendleton boys showed their dominance early on Tuesday night.

The Bucks jumped out to a 12-point lead in the first quarter and never looked back in their 63-41 win over the visiting Southridge Suns.

“This was the closest to a complete game we’ve played so far this season,” said head coach Zach Dong. “We played hard on both ends.”

Guards Lane Maher and Dakota Sams opened play with back-to-back 3-pointers, and Sams and guard Tyler Newsom followed with four more Bucks points before the Suns called a timeout not three minutes into the game.

Newsom then hit another 3-pointer after the break.

“It was exciting to score so many 3’s so fast,” Newsom said. “We came out pretty

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Pendleton
63



Southridge
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quick.”

And the Bucks showed no signs of slowing. Newsom and Sams each hit a 3-pointer in the second quarter, as the Suns were held without a field goal until forward Sam Lopia scored with 0:55 left. The Bucks led 34-21 at the half.

Southridge turned up the pressure after the break, nearly matching the Bucks in scoring, 14-13, in the third quarter.

But there was no stopping Newsom. The 6-foot-4 senior scored nine of Pendleton’s 15 points in the final quarter. He led the Bucks with 22 points

in the game.

After Suns forward Tristan Smith put in two straight buckets, Newsom responded with a dunk that gave Pendleton a 61-41 lead.

Guards Kason Broncheau and Cam Sandford each made a free throw to round out the scoring.

“We jumped out early and kept our momentum,” Dong said. “Southridge is going to be a good team. They’ll be tough.”

Dong says he’s “really proud” of his team for their Tuesday night performance, which followed a weekend tournament at Wilsonville and practices every day.

“Everyone played great,” he said. “They handled the pressure really well.”

The Bucks (4-1) have a bye week before travelling to Lewiston in Idaho on Tues-

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Tyler Newsome (22), of Pendleton, goes up for a layup as Southridge’s Tristan Smith (24) defends during Tuesday’s pre-season game at Warberg Court.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Sports shorts



Aggies to honor Bush with patches, decals

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — All of Texas A&M’s teams will begin wearing helmet decals or uniform patches to honor former President George H.W. Bush.

Bush, who died on Friday at 94, was a frequent visitor to Aggie sporting events. His presidential library is located at Texas A&M and he’ll be buried there on Thursday.

The tribute patch will first be worn by the men’s and women’s basketball teams

during their games. The patch, approved by the family, is based on the shield from the official President Bush 41 logo. It will be in the school’s colors of maroon and white.

The football team will wear the design as a helmet decal when it meets North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl on Dec. 31.

The various Texas A&M’s teams will wear the uniform patch for the remainder of the school year.

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Mavericks
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Blazers
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Mavericks beat Trail Blazers

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DALLAS — Luka Doncic scored 21 points and Wesley Matthews added 17 as the Dallas Mavericks won for the ninth time in 11 games, beating the Portland Trail Blazers 111-102 on Tuesday night.

DeAndre Jordan added 12 points and 17 rebounds for Dallas, which won its eighth straight at home for the first time since its championship season of 2010-11.

Doncic, who missed his first game Sunday with a right hip strain, scored 14 in the second half and finished with nine rebounds.

Damian Lillard scored 25 of his 33 points in the second half as Portland tried, but failed, to rally from a deficit that was mostly double digits through almost all the first three quarters. Lillard and C.J. McCollum struggled from the field, going 17 for 42, and 4 for 15 from 3-point range.

The Mavericks closed out the first quarter with a 17-3 run and held a double-digit lead until Lillard’s drive and free throw made it 78-69 late in the third.

But Dwight Powell hit consecutive 3-pointers and Maxi Kleber followed a Devin Harris miss with a dunk to put Dallas up by 14 after three quarters.

J.J. Barea’s driving layup capped a 10-0 run that gave the Mavericks their biggest lead at 92-73. Portland got as close as six points in the game’s final minutes, but Doncic hit a fall-away 3-pointer with 58.9 seconds to go for a 108-99 lead.

The teams are going in opposite directions in the competitive Western Conference. While Dallas has heated up, Portland has lost eight of its last 11.

McNary Heights student tops at Elks Hoop Shoot

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Layla Chavez of McNary Heights Elementary School won the girls 10-11 year old division of the Hermiston Elks Hoop Shoot on Dec. 1.

Chavez made 17 of 25 free throws, the best of any competitor on the day.

The winner of each division will compete in the Northeast Oregon District Hoop Shoot on Jan. 6 at Sandstone Middle School in Hermiston. The district winners advance to the state event Feb. 16 at Silverton Middle School in Silverton.

Alexia Sanguino of West Park Elementary was second behind Chavez, making 13 of 25 free throws. Makenna Makens (5 of 25) of Highland Hills was third.

Girls 8-9: 1. Sofia Rodriguez (West Park Elementary) 12-25. 2. Rosie Corona (McNary Heights), 11-25. 3. Isabel Bane (McKay Creek) 8-25.

Girls 12-13: 1. Kaydence Emery (Irrigon Middle School) 7-25.

Boys 8-9: 1. Carter Sharp (Stanfield Elementary) 15-25. 2. Bennette Atkins (Irrigon Elementary), 14-25. 3. Grayson Kincaid (West Park Elementary) 14-25.

Boys 10-11: 1. Jose Juarez (West Park Elementary) 13-25 (5-5 in shoot-off). 2. David Garcia (McNary Heights) 13-25 (2-5 in shoot-off). Giovanni Villarreal (Sunset Elementary) 12-25.

Boys 12-13: 1. Jaysen Rodriguez (Armand Larive) 12-25 (2-5 in shoot-off). 2. Paul Sanchez (Irrigon Middle School) 12-25 (1-5 in shoot-off).