

PREP ROUNDUP

Ione girls win Big Sky opener over Sherman, 51-20

East Oregonian

The Ione Cardinals opened Big Sky Conference play on Thursday with a resounding 51-20 home win over the Sherman Huskies.

Coach Nathan Heide-man said Ione got in foul trouble early, but the girls on the bench filled in admirably as starters had to sit for much of the first half.

“We were trying to press, but we were getting pretty handsy,” he said.

Mackenzie Heideman led the Cardinals (4-2) with 15 points and Jessica Medina scored 14.

Ione will travel to Dufur on Saturday to play the winless Rangers, but coach Heideman said their record doesn't do them justice.

“They're one of the toughest teams in our league,” he said, “and they've been playing some really good teams.”

ECHO 52, WAL-LOWA 37 — Freshman Faith McCarty poured in a game-high 19 points to help the Cougars to a non-

league win over Wallowa.

“We have improved every week and every game,” Echo coach Heather Madison said. “I think we are right on track.”

Wallowa came out and scored the first couple of baskets of the game, but after Madison called a timeout her team got back on track.

“The girls brought it together and things fell into place,” Madison said. “They did a lot of things well tonight.”

Tylene Skillman added 15 points, and Rachel McCarty 13.

The Cougars will host Dufur in Big Sky League game on Friday.

RIVERSIDE 32, KIONA-BENTON 13 — Megan Hagar scored eight of her 10 points in the fourth quarter to help the Pirates to a nonleague home win over the Bears.

“We had to play good defense because I bet we shot 5 percent,” Riverside coach Clair Costello said.

Hegar also had eight rebounds, while Brendy

Avalos chipped in nine points.

WESTON-MCEWEN 45, IMBLER 20 — Katie Vescio posted a game-high 24 points to lead the Tiger-Scots to their third straight win. Weston-McEwen sent Imbler packing in a non-league home match.

Coach Mike Giusti says the game really got going in the second half.

“We shot 6-33 in the first half. We got really good shots, we just weren't making them,” Giusti said. “We found the net better in the second — that was the biggest difference.”

The TigerScots (3-6) travel to Enterprise on Saturday to begin play in the Blue Mountain Conference.

Boys

RIVERSIDE 48, KIONA-BENTON 29 — Cristian Rea had a team-high 14 points for the Pirates in a nonleague win over the visiting Bears.

“They boys played really well today,” Riverside coach Clair Costello

said. “We didn't score a lot of points, but we played really good defense.”

Mario Madrigal added eight points and eight rebounds for the Pirates, while Johan Pena had six points and handed out eight assists.

WESTON-MCEWEN 52, IMBLER 46 — Stockton Hoffman sunk 26 points to lead the way for the TigerScots' second victory in a home match against Imbler.

“We had a nine-point lead in the fourth quarter, but we had some mental lapses in our defense, and (Imbler) came back,” said coach Brian Pickard.

Weston-McEwen (2-7) opens league play against Enterprise on Saturday.

“Our league is fairly evenly matched,” Pickard said. “Anyone could beat anybody on any night.”

SHERMAN 73, IONE 35 — Sherman handed Ione their sixth straight loss in a Cardinals-hosted league game on Thursday.

Sherman outscored the Cardinals 25-9 in the first

quarter and 20-5 in the second to take control of the game early on.

Taylor Rollins scored 11 points and hit eight rebounds for Ione (1-6). They'll travel to Dufur on Saturday.

WALLOWA 45, ECHO 36 — The Cougars fell to 0-8 on the season with a nonleague home loss to Wallowa.

WRESTLING Irrigon crowned six champions and won the team title Wednesday at the inaugural County Championships at Echo High School.

The Knights rolled up 165 points, 31 more than runner-up Riverside. Hep-pner was third, followed by Hermiston, Pendleton and Echo/Stanford.

Asher Hall of Irrigon beat Trevor Kirkpatrick 6-4 in overtime for the 113-pound title, and Kyler Shelton followed at 132, pinning Christian Reyes of Riverside in 2:32.

Irrigon's Alex Miranda-Walls beat teammate Brady Harrington 10-2 in

the 182-pound title match, and Cristian Michaels pinned Hermiston's Samson Koekmoer in 1:23.

The Knights continued their tear through the upper weights as Reece Sheller pinned Hermiston's Samuel Cadenas in 3:22 at 220, and Kaleb Kendrick pinned Pendleton's Travis McGee in 2:53.

Riverside had four champions in Abraham Silva (120), who improved to 13-1, Fernando Ortega (126), Ethan Snyder (138) and Jacob Harris (145).

Host Echo got a title from Mychael Pointer at 152 with a pin of Riverside's Jose Puerta in 2:27.

Jace Cole of Heppner won at 160 with a 7-3 decision over Echo/Stanford's Caden Fisher.

Pendleton's lone win came at 170, where Josh Whaley earned a 14-4 major decision over Roberto Ayala of Irrigon.

There were no matches at 106 pounds.

The Knights will host Mac-Hi in a nonleague dual at 6 p.m. Friday.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Pendleton's Uliyana Guerrero (5) drives to the basket as Maria Reardon (3), of St. Helens, defends during Thursday's game at Warberg Court.

Bucks: Bradt and Cooley each had 12 pts.

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more Lions points in the third, but Pendleton kept rolling as junior Carissa Cooley hit two 3-pointers and scored 7 of her 12 points on the night in the quarter. Nirschl and senior Hunter Blake also put up big points for the Bucks to help give their team a 50-27 lead at the end of three.

The Lions outscored Pendleton 17-16 in the fourth.

Porter used the final quarter to give his bench players time on the court.

“We led by over 20 points — it was a game where a lot of kids get a lot of action,” Porter said. “This game helped our team get better.”

Nirschl followed Bradt and Cooley with nine points, and Guerrero had eight for the Bucks (3-5).

“I tell the girls this every game: ‘If you take care of the ball, you put yourself in a position to win,’” said Porter. “We were able to dictate the game.”

Pendleton travels to Summit for a three-day holiday tourney starting Thursday, Dec. 27.

PENDLETON 21 11 18 16 — 66

ST. HELENS 11 10 6 17 — 44

Pendleton — Bradt 12, Cooley 12, Nirschl 9, Guerrero 8, Blake 6, Lee 5, Hoisington 5, Wilson 4, Neveau 3, Scott 2

St. Helens — Holm 22, Carreras 6, Paullus 6, Lee 5, Blazek 3, Barley 2

Ducks: Ionescu gets 13th triple-double, sets record

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a special agroup of players who obviously are extremely talented. With their maturity level, they know what's at stake in every game, regardless of the opponent, and that makes my job and our whole coaching staff's job pretty easy.”

Hebard, who came in ranked fifth nationally in shooting accuracy at 69.0 percent, was 7 for 7 in the first half. Satou Sabally added 19 points and eight rebounds for the Ducks, and Erin Boley had 11 points.

Haley Jones led the Falcons (4-7) with eight points

and Riley Snyder had seven.

“I didn't think the score reflected as many good things as we did,” said Air Force coach Chris Gobrecht, who started two freshmen and two sophomores. “I thought we had some great, great looks and just got some tough bounces.”

“I'm disappointed in the score, (but) I'm not necessarily disappointed in our level of play. We're just so young.”

Air Force stayed close midway through the second quarter before Oregon closed out the half on a 17-4 run to lead 37-22.

Marshall beats South Florida 38-20

By MARK DIDTLER
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Isaiah Green completed 17 of 25 passes for 221 yards, Keion Davis ran for two touchdowns and Marshall beat South Florida 38-20 in the Gasparilla Bowl on Thursday night.

Green also had a touchdown run in the first quarter, while Davis' second TD — from 16 yards out — put the Thundering Herd (9-4) ahead 38-20 with 6 1/2 minutes to play.

Davis had 94 yards on 14 carries, while Brenden Knox gained 93 yards on 12 rushes — all during the first half.

Blake Barnett, slowed by shoulder and ankle injuries, replaced Chris Oladokun for South Florida 10 minutes into the game and completed 11 of 23 passes for 212 yards. Barnett, a transfer from Arizona State who also started one game for Alabama in 2016, sat out two of the Bulls' previous three games.

USF (7-6) lost the bowl game played on its regu-



AP Photo/Chris O'Meara

Marshall quarterback Isaiah Green throws a pass during the first half of the Gasparilla Bowl NCAA college football game against South Florida on Thursday in Tampa, Fla.

lar-season home field to end the season by losing six in a row after a 7-0 start.

Green scored on an 10-yard dash and Anthony Anderson had a one-yard TD run over a 37-second span as Marshall took a 14-0 lead with 4:43 left in the first. The second score was set up by Darius Hodge's fumble recovery and 29-yard return

after Barnett couldn't handle a high snap.

After USF wide receiver Tyre McCants took a direct snap and threw a 38-yard touchdown pass to Randall St. Felix, the Thundering Herd went up 21-7 during the final minute of the first on Knox's eight-yard TD run.

Marshall has outscored

its opponent 101-39 in the first quarter this season.

Davis' 5-yard run made it 28-7 with 90 seconds left in the second.

USF got to 28-10 on Coby Weiss' 22-yard field goal four seconds before halftime.

South Florida settled for a 31-yard field goal by Weiss on a second-half opening 14-play drive.

Marshall countered with Justin Rohrwasser's 28-yard field before Barnett connected on a 33-yard scoring pass with St. Felix that cut the Bulls deficit to 31-20 late in the third.

Doc Holliday is 6-0 in bowl games as Marshall's head coach.

Up next Marshall: Green will be back next season to anchor a promising offense as the Thundering Herd try to win eight or more games for the fifth time in six years.

South Florida: Barnett returns in 2019 and being healthy could be key in the Bulls' bid for their first American Athletic Conference championship.

SCOREBOARD

Friday, Dec. 21

Boys Basketball

Klickitat (WA) at Helix, 3:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
Grant Union at Heppner, 6 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Cascade, 7 p.m.
Dufur at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Yakima Tribal School at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Hanford, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Trout Lake (WA), Long Creek/Ukiah at Helix, 2 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Cascade, 5:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Hanford, 5:45 p.m.
Dufur at Echo, 6 p.m.
Yakima Tribal School at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.

Boys Wrestling

Hermiston at Columbia Burbank Invite, 10 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22

Boys Basketball
Helix Holiday Tourney, 3:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Grant Union, 4 p.m.
Heppner at Stanfield, 4 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Enterprise, 4 p.m.
Riverview (WA) at Umatilla, 4:30 p.m.
Ione at Dufur, 5:30 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Cascade Holiday Classic, 7 p.m.
Sunnyside at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.

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Girls Wrestling

Hermiston at Sunnyside Tournament, 9 a.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlanta W L Pct GB
Toronto 24 9 .727 —
Philadelphia 21 12 .636 3
Brooklyn 18 12 .600 4½
Boston 15 18 .455 9
New York 9 24 .273 15

Southwest W L Pct GB
Charlotte 15 15 .500 —
Orlando 14 16 .467 1
Miami 14 16 .467 1
Washington 12 20 .375 4
Atlanta 7 23 .233 8

Central W L Pct GB
Milwaukee 15 15 .500 —
Orlando 14 16 .467 1
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Washington 12 20 .375 4
Atlanta 7 23 .233 8

West W L Pct GB
Milwaukee 15 15 .500 —
Orlando 14 16 .467 1
Miami 14 16 .467 1
Washington 12 20 .375 4
Atlanta 7 23 .233 8

Northwest W L Pct GB
Denver 21 9 .700 —
Oklahoma City 20 10 .667 1
Portland 18 13 .581 3½
Utah 15 17 .469 7
Minnesota 14 17 .452 7½

Pacific W L Pct GB
Golden State 21 11 .656 —
L.A. Lakers 18 13 .581 2½
L.A. Clippers 18 13 .581 2½
Sacramento 16 15 .516 4½
Phoenix 8 24 .250 13

Thursday's Games
Miami 101, Houston 99
L.A. Clippers 125, Dallas 121
Friday's Games
Cleveland at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Indiana at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Boston, 5 p.m.
Orlando at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

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Denver at L.A. Clippers, 2 p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 5:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Utah, 6 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 2 p.m.
Charlotte at Boston, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 3 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 3 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 3 p.m.
Phoenix at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 5:30 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 6 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Lakers, 6:30 p.m.

NHL
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Tampa Bay 36 27 7 2 56 148 103
Toronto 35 23 10 2 48 130 96
Buffalo 35 20 10 5 45 107 103
Boston 35 19 12 4 42 97 89
Montreal 36 18 13 5 41 111 114
Detroit 36 15 16 5 35 104 119

Cleveland 8 24 .250 14
Chicago 7 25 .219 15

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest W L Pct GB
San Antonio 17 15 .531 —
Memphis 16 15 .516 ½
Houston 16 15 .516 ½
Dallas 15 15 .500 1
New Orleans 15 17 .469 2

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Oklahoma City 20 10 .667 1
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Utah 15 17 .469 7
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Detroit 36 15 16 5 35 104 119

Ottawa 35 15 16 4 34 116 135
Florida 33 13 14 6 32 107 121
Metropolitan GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Washington 33 20 10 3 43 123 102
Columbus 34 19 12 3 41 110 106
Pittsburgh 35 17 12 6 40 116 110
N.Y. Islanders 34 17 13 4 38 98 97
N.Y. Rangers 33 15 13 5 35 97 107
Carolina 33 14 14 5 33 85 97
Philadelphia 33 14 15 4 32 98 119
New Jersey 33 11 15 7 29 97 120

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Calgary 35 23 10 2 48 126 101
Winnipeg 35 23 10 2 48 126 101
Nashville 36 22 12 2 46 109 90
Colorado 35 19 10 6 44 124 107
Dallas 35 17 15 3 47 96 98
Minnesota 34 17 15 2 36 102 97
St. Louis 33 13 16 4 30 93 113
Chicago 37 12 19 6 30 106 138
Pacific GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Calgary 36 22 11 3 47 126 100
San Jose 36 19 12 5 43 119 108
Anaheim 37 19 13 5 43 95 106
Vegas 37 20 15 2 42 111 104
Edmonton 35 18 14 3 39 99 105
Vancouver 38 17 17 4 38 117 124
Arizona 34 14 18 2 30 83 94
Los Angeles 35 12 20 3 27 79 107

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 2, Minnesota 1
Detroit 4, Carolina 1
Boston 3, Anaheim 1
Columbus 2, New Jersey 1
Toronto 6, Florida 1
Philadelphia 2, Nashville 1
Chicago 5, Dallas 2
Montreal 2, Arizona 1
Tampa Bay 5, Calgary 4, 50
Vancouver 5, St. Louis 1
Vegas 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Winnipeg 5, San Jose 3

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Chicago at Colorado, 6 p.m.

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St. Louis at Calgary, 1 p.m.
Montreal at Vegas, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 1 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Anaheim at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Winnipeg at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

1. Kansas (10-0) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Arizona State, Saturday.

2. Duke (11-1) beat No. 12 Texas Tech 69-58. Next: vs. Clemson, Saturday, Jan. 5.

3. Tennessee (9-1) beat Samford 83-70. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Saturday.

4. Michigan (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Air Force, Saturday.

5. Virginia (10-0) beat South Carolina 69-52. Next: vs. William & Mary, Saturday.

6. Nevada (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Akron, Saturday.

7. Auburn (9-2) lost to N.C. State 78-71. Next: vs. Murray State, Saturday.

8. Gonzaga (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Denver, Friday.

9. North Carolina (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Kentucky, Saturday.

10. Michigan State (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oakland, Friday.

11. Florida State (10-1) beat North Florida 95-81. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Saturday.

12. Texas Tech (10-1) lost to No. 2 Duke 69-58. Next: vs. Texas-Rio Grande Valley, Friday, Dec. 28.

13. Virginia Tech (10-1) beat N.C. A&T 82-60. Next: vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore