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PENDLETON



Staff photo by Kathy Aney, File
Pendleton's Kason Broncheau (23) drives to the basket past Ruben Onishchenko (1), of Putnam at Warberg Court on Friday, Dec. 14.

HERMISTON



Staff photo by Kathy Aney, File
Ryne Andreason leads Hermiston in scoring at 20.22 points a game. The Bulldogs have two tough games this week against Richland and Kamiakin.

Big games on tap for Dawgs this weekend

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

The Hermiston boys will get their biggest test of the season when the Richland Bombers visit Friday night for a Mid-Columbia Conference showdown.

The Bulldogs (8-1 overall, 4-1 MCC), who are No. 5 in the MaxPreps 3A rankings, have not seen the likes of the Bombers (8-2, 6-0) this season.

Richland, which has won seven games in a row, has four players scoring 12 points or more a game, with Cole Northrop averaging 23.8 points a night.

"We have our hands full," Hermiston coach Casey Arstein said. "They are the real deal. They have height, one of the best shooters in the league in Cole Northrop, and Cody Sanderson is a good defender. They are a team that gets points in a hurry."

Hermiston is no slouch when it comes to putting the ball in the basket.

Ryne Andreason is averaging 20.22 points a game, while long-range threat Cesar Ortiz is scoring 13.56 and Jordan Ramirez 10.22.

"It will be interesting," Richland coach Earl Streufert said. "They have good fan support. We are excited to play someone different. We played a really good nonleague schedule against good teams from Utah and Jefferson of Portland. We have had it easy in league so far. We have a lot of experience. We are solid again this year, just smaller."

The Bombers graduated 7-foot-4 Riley Sorn, but Garrett Streufert is 6-6, and Northrop is 6-4, as is Jack Schuster, who is offering 7.4 points and a handful of rebounds a game.

"In a lot of ways, we are better than we were last year," said coach Streufert, who is in his 20th year with the Bombers. "We are better defensively. Dhaunye (Guice) has really improved, Jack has come along and is shooting 60 percent. They share the ball like crazy and we play fast enough to get every-one possessions. Good problems to have."

Though the Bulldogs are ready to get back to action, this weekend will be tough with Cole Smith injured and Blake Davis out

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NEW TERRITORY

Pendleton basketball teams begin new league next Friday

By BRETT KANE
East Oregonian

With a new league just around the corner, the Bucks are in for some surprises.

The Pendleton girls basketball team took the Columbia River Conference title the two previous seasons. But this year they join the Intermountain Conference, which means a new set of challengers.

League action tips off Friday, Jan. 11, against Hood River Valley (2-10) at home.

"We were the first team to win the CRC that wasn't named 'Hermiston' since its inception," said coach

Kevin Porter. "My goal is to win the IMC — there's no question."

The Buckaroo girls are currently 3-8 for the pre-season, and stand at No. 4 in the 5A IMC. Porter says it's been a tough road to the league, but "that's a good thing."

"You want to play teams that challenge you and help you get better for the league," Porter said. "At times, we haven't played our best, but we're a much better team than the start of the season — that's what we set out to accomplish."

"We've played basketball better than I had expected at this point in the season, but at the same time we need consistency. We gotta do it on a night in, night out basis."

The girls will hit the road to La Grande for one final

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney, File
Muriel Hoisington (34), of Pendleton, puts up a shot as Putnam's Sarah Rope attempts to block on Friday, Nov. 30, at Warberg Court.

SPORTS BETTING FOR DUMMIES

By WAYNE PARRY
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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Wanna bet on sports?

First, make sure you know what you're doing — and the odds against you.

Seven U.S. states now offer legal sports gambling, and as many as 30 more will consider jumping on board in 2019.

So here are some of the basics — as well as some more esoteric aspects — of betting on sports.

Pony up
The biggest difference

between placing a legal sports bet with a casino or racetrack or their online affiliates and placing one with an illegal bookmaker or "bookie" is that with legal betting, you have to put your own money up first. Illegal bookies will let you bet on credit, the most appealing aspect of their illicit business and one that is expected to allow them to continue to operate, and perhaps still thrive, in the brave new world of sports betting.

Say you want to bet \$25 on a football game legally. You have to hand the win-

dow clerk \$25 and receive a ticket confirming your bet. In most cases, if you win, you will get back your original \$25 stake plus your winnings, which won't amount exactly to another \$25 because of ...

The vig
This is the vigorish, also known commonly as the "vig" or the "juice" — the bookmaker's cut of the action. Oddsmakers try to set betting lines as precisely as possible to attract an equal amount wagered on each team involved in a particular game. They use

money from losing bets to pay off people who make winning bets, while keeping a percentage for themselves. That percentage varies, but usually is around 10 percent, so that a successful \$25 bet would earn you a \$22.50 profit.

How to bet
One of the most popular ways to bet on sports is through the point spread. If the Seattle Seahawks are favored by 4 points against the Minnesota Vikings, Seattle must win by 5 for

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AP Photo/Wayne Parry, File
This Nov. 20, 2018, file photo, shows a scrolling video board with basketball scores reflected in the ceiling of the new sports book at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, N.J.