

## Bucks crown 3 champs, finish 2nd at Bend

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Behind three championships, Pendleton finished second at the Bend Invite on Saturday.

The Bucks scored 199 points, finishing second to Mountain View, which amassed 202.5 points in the 13-team tournament.

Alex Rendon (132 pounds), Blake Davis (152) and Shawn Yeager (160) all won titles for the Bucks.

Rendon pinned all four of his opponents in 42 seconds or less, including Hunter Davis of Elmira in 31 seconds in the title match. Rendon improved to 27-2 on the season.

Blake Davis beat teammate Kyle Liscom 9-3 in

the 152-pound title match.

Yeager also faced a teammate in the finals, pinning Josh Whaley in 1:56 to improve to 17-6 on the season.

At 106 pounds, Colton Primus finished second for the Bucks, dropping an 8-3 decision to Carmelo Farfaglia of La Pine in the finals.

Chris Chambers reached the finals at 138 pounds, but dropped an 8-5 decision to James Anderson of Bend.

Also for Pendleton, Kellen Hanson finished third at 113 pounds, Caleb Tremper was third at 120, Aiden Henderson was third at 195, and Isaac Urbina (170) and Kirk Liscom (182) finished fourth.

The Bucks will return

to the mat Saturday at the sixth annual Colton Holly Memorial Tournament at Wilsonville High School.

### Gut Check Invite

Hermiston had two wrestlers place at 220 pounds Saturday at the Gut Check Invite at ShoWare Center in Kent.

Jon Lee finished sixth, dropping the fifth/sixth placing match 2-0 to Levi Kovacs of Tahoma.

Sean Stewart finished eighth, getting pinned in his final match by Edan Cisneros of Forks in a time of 4:27.

The Bulldogs will return to Mid-Columbia Conference action Thursday at Hanford, where they also will wrestle Kamiakin.

## PREP ROUNDUP

### Echo boys escape with first league win

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The Echo Cougars inched past Ione 48-45 for their first Big Sky League win on Saturday.

When the score was tied at 38-38, Braden MacPherson scored one at the line and Jon Medrano hit one from the field to pull Echo ahead once and for all.

Devan Craig led the Cougars with 17 points, and shot 4-4 at the line.

Echo (1-4, 2-11) travels to South Wasco County on Friday. Ione (0-5, 1-11) hosts Arlington on Tuesday.

**KNAPPA 76, STANFIELD 34** — The Tigers dropped a nonleague road game to Knappa on Saturday afternoon.

Rene Sanchez led Stanfield (1-2, 4-10) with nine points.

"Honestly, we didn't play terrible; Knappa is just a super athletic team," said coach Devin Bailey. "They're going to compete at the state level. This game helped us gauge where we are as a team."

Stanfield will resume the Blue Mountain Conference on Friday at Union.

**ENTERPRISE 60, PILOT ROCK 43** — The Rockets will go on without a league win after falling at home to Enterprise on Saturday.

Despite the loss, however, coach Eric Smidt was impressed with his team's performance on the court.

"Riley Waggoner came out and was just hot," Smidt said. "He put up 13 points in the first quarter alone. The team really played their guts out tonight."

Pilot Rock (0-4, 1-12) will host Weston-McEwen in Blue Mountain Conference play on Friday.

**ELGIN 55, HELIX 36** — The Grizzlies are still looking for a win in the Old Oregon League after Elgin

sent them home with a loss on Saturday.

"It was a bloodbath," said Helix coach Zach Orem. "Going over the mountains is a whole different ball game. It's a lot more physical, and the refs don't call as much. We just couldn't do it."

Elijah Sprenger scored 12 points for the Grizzlies (0-2, 4-8). Gavin Newton had 10.

Helix will host Imbler on Friday.

**NIXYAAWII 66, WALLOWA 35** — Nixyaawii improved to 2-0 in the Old Oregon League on Saturday, topping Wallowa at home.

The Golden Eagles (2-0, 12-1) host White Swan, Wash., on Tuesday for a nonleague contest.

**BAKER 51, MAC-HI 46** — The Pioneers opened the Greater Oregon League with a road loss to Baker on Saturday.

Mac-Hi (0-1, 8-5) will travel to Hood River Valley for a nonleague game on Tuesday.

### Girls hoops

**IONE 52, ECHO 49** — Ione remains undefeated in the Big Sky League after escaping with a home win over Echo on Saturday.

Jessica Medina posted 19 points to lead the Cardinals, and Marie Chretien had 16. Rachel McCarty scored a game-high 20 points for the Cougars.

Ione (4-0, 9-2) host Arlington on Tuesday. Echo (3-1, 5-7) travel to South Wasco County on Friday.

**ELGIN 61, HELIX 40** — Helix fell to 0-2 in the Old Oregon League after a Saturday road loss to Elgin.

The Grizzlies stayed close to Elgin in the first half before the Huskies sprinted away in the third, outscoring Helix 21-9 to put the game away.

Arianna Krol led Helix (0-2, 3-9) with 11 points.

## Mustangs: Take off for 2 wins over Weston-McEwen

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"We did decent offensively, but we have good bigs that helped us with our blocks and rebounds," said Smith, who led Heppner with 16 points.

Despite the loss, Saturday's game was kind to TigerScots junior Stockton Hoffman, who contributed 22 of his team's 33 points for the night. Hoffman scored all 10 of Weston-McEwen's points in the third quarter.

Heppner (3-0, 9-6) hosts Enterprise on Friday. Weston-McEwen (2-1, 4-10) will travel to Pilot Rock.

"I'm feeling pretty confident," Smith said. "I'm hoping to go 2-0 at our home gym next week."

### Girls

It may have taken awhile, but the Mustangs took control of the second half to turn away Weston-McEwen on the road 72-56 on Saturday.

The TigerScots took a lead in the first quarter before Heppner found its footing. The two teams spent the first two quarters trading dominance before going into the locker room tied at 29-29.

"We expected (Weston-McEwen) would be aggressive on offense," said Mustangs coach Robert Wilson. "We let them control the tempo in the first half, but we turned up our defensive pressure and made them work for their points in the second."

The two teams were tied at 33-33 in the third quarter before Mustangs senior guard Jacee Currin and sophomore forward Sydney Wilson each found the net to take the lead for the last time.

"We knew we started out slow," said Currin, who sank 24 points for the night. "We just needed to bring that fire to finally pull away."

Heppner closed the third quarter with a 10-point run and added 22 more points over Weston-McEwen's



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Heppner's Jacee Currin goes up for a shot during Saturday's league game against Weston-McEwen in Athena.



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Cason Mitchell (3), of Heppner, eyes the basket during Saturday's game against Weston-McEwen in Athena.

15 in the fourth to stay up front.

Senior guard Katie Vesco scored 22 points for the TigerScots (0-3, 5-9), and Wilson had 26 for the Mustangs (2-1, 10-5).

"Weston-McEwen is a really friendly team, and Katie really knows how to work with her team and play to their strengths," Currin said. "It was a good win for us tonight."

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## Girls: Hazel, Toure lead Kamiakin past Hermiston

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Hermiston's Jordan Thomas scored the first two points of the game, but back-to-back buckets by Toure gave the Braves (11-0 overall, 7-0 MCC) the lead for good just 90 seconds into the contest.

Kamiakin went on a 6-0 run to end the first quarter with an 11-4 lead.

A 3-pointer by Hermiston's Jazlyn Romero pulled the Bulldogs (4-7, 2-5) within 11-7 to start the second period, and a basket and a free throw by Thomas

would be the end of the scoring for Hermiston as the Braves took a 26-10 lead at the half.

Kamiakin came out in the third and scored 14 consecutive points in a span of 1:23 to take a 42-14 lead and the rout was on.

"Our press gave them trouble and we generated a lot of points off that," Schumacher said.

Thomas led the Bulldogs with 13 points, including eight in the third quarter. Romero added eight points. Only four players scored for Hermiston.

"We knew this was going to be a tall task," Rodriguez said. "But you still have to come out and compete. In this league, every team is good. It forces them to understand they need to develop. It's a humbling experience, which is good."

Hermiston is back in action Tuesday, hosting Walla Walla to round out the first half of the MCC season.

Hermiston 46 11 5 — 26  
Kamiakin 11 15 18 18 — 62  
HERMISTON — Young 3, Hernandez 2, Romero 8, Thomas 13.  
KAMIAKIN — Brown 3, Re.Clark 4, Westermeyer 2, Ri.Clark 2, Hazel 23, Schumacher 5, Toure 21.

## Boys: Sharp-shooting Kamiakin takes down Dawgs

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good job of getting them to play to their strengths. It will be a battle the next time we play."

The Braves used two separate six-point runs in the third quarter, and got a big 3-pointer from Arland at the buzzer to take a 53-38 lead into the fourth quarter. Arland finished with 12 points.

The teams played an even game in the fourth, which left the Bulldogs short in the end.

"They are well-coached, very long and they did a good job of hitting their shots," Arstein said of Kamiakin. "The guys knew their roles and they played unselfish. They didn't care who scored."

Cesar Ortiz added 11 points, and Jordan Ramirez

10 for the Bulldogs, who will host Walla Walla on Tuesday.

"We have dug ourselves a hole," Arstein said. "We can either dig ourselves out or get buried."

Hermiston 13 17 8 13 — 51  
Kamiakin 13 19 21 14 — 67  
HERMISTON — Andreason 19, Ortiz 11, James 6, Madrigal 4, Ramirez 10, Mendez 1.  
KAMIAKIN — Westermeyer 19, Jones 17, Nichols 8, Arland 12, Mohlman 6, Rose 5.