

PREP ROUNDUP

Umatilla boys ring in the EOL with a home victory

East Oregonian

Girls hoops

The Umatilla boys kicked off the Eastern Oregon League with a 56-28 win over the visiting Irrigon Knights on Tuesday.

Senior wing Uriel Garcia recorded 15 points to lead the way for the Vikings, and senior guard Sebastian Garcia added 13.

"I feel pretty satisfied with how the boys played tonight," said Umatilla coach Scott Bow. "Irrigon averages 50 points per game, and we held them to 28."

Senior post Leonel Carrillo scored 11 points to lead Irrigon, and senior center Keith Fleming had six.

Umatilla (12-2, 1-0 EOL) will travel to Burns on Friday. Irrigon (6-8, 0-1 EOL) will host Riverside.

Boys hoops

ARLINGTON 63, IONE 51 — The visiting Arlington Honkers handed Ione their sixth Big Sky League loss on Tuesday.

The Cardinals were down by just one point at halftime, but Arlington came out of the locker room swinging to outscore them 25-9 in the third quarter. Ione topped Arlington 19-14 in the final eight minutes, but there was no coming back.

Nestor Ramirez had 13 points for Ione, and Hunter Padberg had 10.

The Cardinals (1-12, 0-6 BSL) will face Mitchell/Spray on the road on Friday.

IRRIGON 53, UMATILLA 41 — JaLay Burns poured in a game-high 19 points and had six steals to help the Knights to an Eastern Oregon League win over the host Vikings.

Umatilla (2-12 overall, 0-1 EOL) had just five points in the first quarter, and trailed 20-12 at the half.

The Vikings outscored the Knights (10-4, 1-1) 18-17 in the fourth quarter, but it would not be enough.

"We outscored them in the fourth, but we had too many turnovers," Vikings coach McKenzie Davis said. "Every time we put up a point, they put up a point."

Ana Zacarias added 17 points and six steals for the Knights, while Alyssa Luna had 11 points and six rebounds.

Freshman Taylor Durfey led Umatilla with 16 points, while Alex Ford chipped in nine.

IONE 67, ARLINGTON 18 — The Cardinals remain undefeated in the Big Sky League after beating the visiting Honkers.

Jessica Medina had 19 points and six steals for Ione, while Eva Martin added 11 points. All 12 players scored at least one point.

Arlington was led by Sara Grady's 13 points.

Ione improved to 5-0 in league play and 10-2 overall, while Arlington fell to 3-10 and 1-4.

Ione will play at Spray/Mitchell on Friday in league play.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Cesar Ortiz (3), of Hermiston, battles for a rebound during Tuesday's game against Walla Walla at the Dawg House.

Boys: Get back on track with win over Wa-Hi

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team. "I was disappointed in our effort Saturday (a loss to Kamiakin), but not tonight."

James added 15 points for the Bulldogs, including seven in the fourth quar-

ter. Ryne Andreason, Jordan Ramirez and Adrian Mendez all chipped in nine points.

"Andrew was the X factor," Arstein said. "He was attacking the rim and was very aggressive on both ends. He got in a little foul

trouble, but it was because he was playing hard. He carried us when it came to moving the ball around."

Taylor Hamada led the Blue Devils with 18 points, while Dylan Sullivan chipped in 17.

Hermiston will host Kennewick on Friday. The Bulldogs won the first matchup 72-64.

"We're gonna see what they are going to throw at us," Arstein said. "We have to get ready for them."

SPORTS IN BRIEFLY

Kids Parks, Rec event scheduled for Jan. 21

Pendleton Parks and Recreation has you covered when your child is out of school on Jan. 21.

From 9 a.m. to noon, children ages 7-11 can enjoy gym time with basketball and dodgeball. Time also will be spent in the loft with foosball, pool, ping-pong and cup stacking contests.

Cost is \$5 per child. Registration is preferred, or you can pay a drop-in fee at the door.

For more information, call 541-276-8100 or go to www.pendletonparksandrec.com.

Youth sports program on tap for ages 3-5

Pendleton Parks and Recreation will hold a sports development program for children ages 3-5 on Sundays from Jan. 13-Feb. 10 at the Helen McCune Gym at the Pend-

leton Rec Center.

The Start Smart Sports Development Program is a developmentally appropriate introductory sports program that prepares children for organized sports in a fun, non-threatening environment without the threat of competition or getting hurt.

The focus will be on throwing, catching, batting and kicking.

Co-ed volleyball begins Jan. 21

The winter co-ed volleyball program — through Pendleton Parks and Recreation — begins Jan. 21 and runs through April 8.

Matches will be played at the Helen McCune Gym at the Pendleton Rec Center. No officials are provided.

Teams are required to come up with a name and submit a roster. Players must be 16 or older. Registration cost for each team is \$80. There are two leagues to choose from: rec and power. For more competitive teams, register for the power division.

Girls: End 3-game slide with win over Wa-Hi

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at the free-throw line, making just 6 of 16 attempts (38 percent).

Peyton Bergevin led the

Blue Devils with 10 points, while Miller and Huxoll each had six — all in the second half.

The Bulldogs won the second half of MCC play

Friday hosting Kennewick. They also will play at Saturday at Chiawana.

The Lions won the first matchup 51-38, but Thomas did not play.

"We have seen everybody," Rodriguez said. "We have to make sure we are disciplined. They are the one team that has not seen Jordan. We will see."

Bucks: Girls lose at La Grande in final minutes

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Things eased up for the Bucks in the second half. Newsom sunk a 3-pointer with 2 1/2 minutes to go in the third quarter for a 15-point advantage — their biggest lead of the game.

Although Pendleton managed to pull away to secure the win, Dong wanted a more well-rounded game.

"It comes down to taking pride in your defense," he said. "It's disappointing to play an offense-driven game. We haven't gotten to the point where we're play-

ing good defense."

The Bucks (8-4) travel to Hood River Valley on Friday to tip off league play.

"We definitely have to clean up our defense before then," said Newsom. "But we're coming in pretty hot. I'm confident in us."

Girls

Sometimes, a game can be decided in a single minute.

The Pendleton girls learned just that on Tuesday after losing to host La Grande, 43-37. The Tigers knocked the Bucks from the

top with just 1 1/2 minutes to go.

"We hadn't seen a game where the execution down the stretch really counted, and now we have," said coach Kevin Porter. "We've seen just about everything we needed to see in the preseason."

Pendleton (3-9) led by eight points until La Grande rallied late in the fourth quarter. Muriel Hoisington posted a team-high 11 points for the Bucks, and Natalie Neveau and Katie Bradt each added nine.

"(La Grande) executed

in the last minute, and we stumbled," Porter said. "That's what it came down to. But as I told the girls, we're on to league play now. As long as we learn from this and move on, that's all I can ask for."

Pendleton will host Hood River Valley to open the league on Friday.

Pendleton 19 21 17 14 — 71
La Grande 18 11 15 13 — 57
PENDLETON — Newsom 28, Sams 13, Broncheau 11, O'Hanlon 9, Roberts 4, Sams 4, Sandford 2
LA GRANDE — Bell 17, Jenner 13, Myer 12, Youngblood 9, Wiggins 3, Tsiatsos 2, DuVernay 1

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE
Wednesday, Jan. 9
Men's Basketball
Blue Mountain at Treasure Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Boys Basketball
Mac-Hi at Hood River Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Women's Basketball
Blue Mountain at Treasure Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 10
Boys Basketball
Riverside at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Riverside at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
Boys Wrestling
Hermiston vs. Hanford and Kamiakin, at Hanford, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 11
Boys Basketball
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
Enterprise at Heppner, 6 p.m.
Stanfield at Union, 6 p.m.
La Grande at Mac-Hi, 6 p.m.
Umatilla at Burns, 6:30 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Ione at Mitchell/Spray, 7:30 p.m.
Echo at South Wasco County, 7:30 p.m.
Imbler at Helix, 7:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Cove, 7:30 p.m.
Kennewick at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Umatilla at Burns, 5 p.m.
Kennewick at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.
Ione at Mitchell/Spray, 6 p.m.
Echo at South Wasco County, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Cove, 6 p.m.
Helix at Imbler, 6 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Union, 7:30 p.m.
Enterprise at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.

La Grande at Mac-Hi, 7:30 p.m.
Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Girls Wrestling
Hermiston at Othello, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 12
Boys Basketball
Horizon Christian at Ione, 3 p.m.
Union at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Grant Union at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Enterprise at Stanfield, 4 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Helix, 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Echo, 5:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Chiawana, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Condon/Wheeler at Echo, 4 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Helix, 4 p.m.
Union at Heppner, 5:30 p.m.
Enterprise at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.
Grant Union at Weston-McEwen, 5:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.
Hermiston at Chiawana, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Wrestling
Farm City Invitational (Hermiston)
Pendleton at Colton Holly Memorial Tournament, Wilsonville, 10:30 a.m.
Girls Wrestling
Hermiston at Othello, 10 a.m.
NFL
WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 5
Indianapolis 21, Houston 7
Dallas 24, Seattle 22
Sunday, Jan. 6
L.A. Chargers 23, Baltimore 17
Philadelphia 16, Chicago 15

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 12
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 1:35 p.m. (NBC)
Dallas at L.A. Rams, 5:15 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 13
Los Angeles Chargers at New England, 10:05 a.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 1:40 p.m. (FOX)
NBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic W L Pct GB
Toronto 31 12 .721 —
Philadelphia 27 14 .659 3
Boston 24 15 .615 5
Brooklyn 20 22 .476 10½
New York 10 31 .244 20
Southeast W L Pct GB
Miami 19 20 .487 —
Charlotte 19 21 .475 ½
Orlando 17 23 .425 2½
Washington 16 25 .390 4
Atlanta 12 28 .300 7½
Central W L Pct GB
Milwaukee 28 11 .718 —
Indiana 27 13 .675 1½
Detroit 17 21 .447 10½
Chicago 10 30 .250 18½
Cleveland 8 33 .195 21
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest W L Pct GB
Houston 23 16 .590 —
San Antonio 24 17 .585 —
New Orleans 19 22 .463 5
Memphis 18 22 .450 5½
Dallas 18 22 .450 5½
Northwest W L Pct GB
Denver 27 12 .692 —

Oklahoma City 25 15 .625 2½
Portland 24 17 .585 4
Minnesota 20 21 .488 8
Utah 20 21 .488 8
Pacific W L Pct GB
Golden State 27 14 .659 —
L.A. Clippers 24 16 .600 2½
L.A. Lakers 22 19 .537 5
Sacramento 20 21 .488 7
Phoenix 10 32 .238 17½
Tuesday's Games
Indiana 123, Cleveland 115
Philadelphia 132, Washington 115
Denver 103, Miami 99
Toronto 104, Atlanta 101
Minnesota 119, Oklahoma City 117
Phoenix 115, Sacramento 111
Golden State 122, New York 95
L.A. Clippers 128, Charlotte 109
Wednesday's Games
Atlanta at Boston, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 4 p.m.
Atlanta at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 7 p.m.
Detroit at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Boston at Miami, 4 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Friday's Games
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Milwaukee at Washington, 4 p.m.
Brooklyn at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 4:30 p.m.

Cleveland at Houston, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Portland, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
NHL
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Tampa Bay 43 33 8 2 68 180 124
Toronto 42 27 13 2 56 152 117
Boston 43 25 14 4 54 126 110
Buffalo 43 23 14 6 52 125 121
Montreal 44 23 16 5 51 134 135
Florida 41 17 17 7 41 131 147
Detroit 45 16 22 7 39 126 154
Ottawa 43 15 23 5 35 136 172
Metropolitan GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Washington 42 26 12 4 56 149 124
Pittsburgh 43 24 13 6 54 152 123
Columbus 42 24 15 3 51 135 130
N.Y. Islanders 41 23 14 4 50 124 111
Carolina 42 20 17 5 45 112 121
N.Y. Rangers 42 17 18 7 41 116 145
New Jersey 42 16 19 7 39 123 142
Philadelphia 43 15 22 6 36 119 156
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Winnipeg 42 27 13 2 56 146 120
Nashville 44 26 15 3 55 135 109
Dallas 44 23 17 4 50 119 117
Colorado 43 20 15 8 48 148 136
Minnesota 42 21 18 3 45 119 118
Chicago 45 16 22 7 39 131 163
St. Louis 41 17 20 4 38 114 132
Pacific GP W L OT Pts GF GA
Calgary 44 27 13 4 58 157 126
Vegas 46 27 15 4 58 140 121
San Jose 44 24 13 7 55 153 136
Anaheim 43 19 17 7 45 104 127

Vancouver 45 20 21 4 44 128 143
Edmonton 42 20 19 3 43 118 131
Arizona 42 18 21 3 39 108 118
Los Angeles 44 17 24 3 37 99 130
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.<
Tuesday's Games
Boston 4, Minnesota 0
Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 3
Pittsburgh 5, Florida 1
Buffalo 5, New Jersey 1
Washington 5, Philadelphia 3
Tampa Bay 4, Columbus 0
Montreal 3, Detroit 2
Dallas 3, St. Louis 1
Winnipeg 7, Colorado 4
Vegas 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Wednesday's Games
Nashville at Columbus, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Nashville at Columbus, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 4 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Montreal at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Florida at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Vegas, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Buffalo at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Detroit at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Anaheim, 7 p.m.