

BMCC basketball to host 'Blue Out' night on Wednesday

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The Timberwolves are inviting the community to 'Blue Out' the bleachers on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Fans are encouraged to wear blue attire in support of Blue Mountain men's and women's teams as they welcome the Treasure Valley Chukars. Timberwolf merchandise will be sold during each game, along with giveaways for attendees.

The women's game tips off at 5:30 p.m., with the men's to follow at 7:30 p.m. The WWVA AcroKnights,

an acrobatic team based in Walla Walla, will perform during halftime of the men's game.

The AcroKnights are comprised of high school-aged athletes who have performed at various schools, collegiate half-time shows, community events, and Portland Trail Blazer games. They made their fourth service trip to work with Jamaican orphanages in the spring of 2018.

Both games are free for BMCC students and employees. For community members, tickets are \$5.

Bucks: Boys earn second IMC victory

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"We got ourselves together and mentally regrouped during half-time," Neveau said. "We prepared ourselves for a challenge and came out ready for a fight. When it mattered, we pulled through. I feel great."

Neveau posted a team-best 14 points and eight rebounds for Pendleton (6-10, 3-0 IMC). Bradt followed with 11 points and six rebounds.

The Bucks will take a break from league play to host La Grande on Tuesday.

Boys hoops

A strong second-quarter run put Pendleton out front for good en route to their second IMC victory.

The Bucks (11-5, 2-1 IMC) topped The Dalles 81-60 on Friday night.

"We started off slow, but kicked it into gear and finished well," said coach Zach Dong.

Pendleton barely made off with the first quarter, 21-19, but beefed up their defense in the second quarter to guarantee the game was in their hands. They outscored the Riverhawks 22-8.

"We switched zones and slowed their (the Riverhawks') tempo down," Dong said.

BOYS' BOX SCORE
Pendleton 21 22 22 16 — 81
The Dalles 19 8 17 16 — 60

PENDLETON — Newsom 28, Sams 24, Sweek 15, Sandford 5, Broncheau 3, Roberts 2, Murray 2, O'Hanlon 2
THE DALLES — Hernandez 30, Seufalema 6, Taylor 6, Nisbet 5, Fernandez 4, Cummings 4, Telles 4, Bonham 1

The Dalles hit a scoring run in the third quarter that brought them too close for comfort, but senior guard Cam Sanford hit a timely 3-pointer to keep the Bucks on top.

Senior guard Tyler Newsom posted 28 points to lead Pendleton, and sophomore guard Dakota Sams sank 24, with six 3s. But it was The Dalles' Jake Hernandez who had the best game, posting 30 points for the night.

"He was tough to guard," Dong said of Hernandez. "He was really crafty, and got some big shots."

Dong said it was a well-rounded game for his entire team, noting that junior post Tanner Sweek had his season's strongest showing.

"Tanner shot really well from the midrange, and he rebounded well," Dong said.

The Bucks will hit the road to La Grande on Tuesday for a nonleague contest.

Dawgs: Led by six heading into the fourth

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"We didn't finish plays, knock down free throws and get crucial stops," Hermiston coach Casey Arstein said. "At times we stopped Woodward, but guys would get free in the paint. We held him better than last time."

Woodward had 31 points the first time around, but had just 16 Friday to lead the Falcons (8-10, 6-8 MCC).

"That was a really good game," Hanford coach Paul Mayer said. "It was a great environment and a lot of energy. Everybody is hounding him (Woodward). I'm proud of the guys for stepping up and getting things done. Conner Milliken and Blake VanderTop came off the bench and did good things for us."

Hermiston led 45-39 heading into the fourth quarter, but the Falcons scored three quick baskets to tie the score.

Cole Smith hit a big 3-pointer for the Bulldogs with 4:02 to play, and they led 50-47 with 3:15 remaining.

Luke Sutey hit a free-throw line jumper to pull the Falcons within a point, and a pair of free throws by Dan Izquierdo gave Hanford the lead for good with 1:55 to play.

The Bulldogs were 0 for 4 from the free throw line in the fourth quarter, and they shot a dismal 3 for 13 for the game.

"It wasn't the smartest game we played," Arstein said. "We kind of gave it to them. We had plenty of chances and the guys played hard. We didn't shoot the ball well, which is something you can't always control."

Both teams looked good at the start of the game, exchanging 3-pointers. A deep ball by Cesar Ortiz gave the Bulldogs an 11-6 lead, and Hermiston stretched the lead to 16-10 before Hanford hit some free throws to make it 16-13.

The teams were tied at 20-20 and 22-22 in the second quarter, but baskets by Ryne Andreason, Jordan Ramirez and Adrian Mendez gave the Bulldogs a 28-25 lead at the half.

Hermiston twice led by seven points in the third quarter, and led by six heading into the fourth.

Ramirez led the Bulldogs with 15 points, while Ortiz had 12 and Andreason eight.

"I thought our defense was good," Mayer said. "We really wanted to defend No. 1 (Andreason), and Blake VanderTop's defense on him was awesome."

PREP ROUNDUP

Ravet, Kittitas overwhelm Nixyaawii boys

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Brock Ravet was as good as advertised.

The Kittitas senior, who already has signed with Gonzaga University, lit up the scoreboard for 36 points Friday night, dazzling a packed house at Hermiston High School as the Coyotes beat Nixyaawii 92-53 in a non-league game.

"Ravet is unreal," Golden Eagles coach Shane Rivera said. "You take his points away and it might be a game. They work hard. That's a good team."

Ravet scored the bulk of his points in the second and third quarters. He sat the final 2 minutes of the game.

"This was a lot of fun," said Ravet, who played AAU basketball with a few of the Hermiston High School players when they were younger. "It's good to see how we match up against other states."

The Coyotes (18-1) led 47-23 at the half.

Justin Hudson added 19 points for Kittitas, which also shot 8 of 9 from the free-throw line.

Moses Moses led Nixyaawii (16-2) with 14 points, while Mick Schimmel added 12 and Magi Moses 10.

"Any time you play a team like that, you go back to the drawing board and see what we need to do," Rivera said. "We really haven't been challenged much. Win or lose, it was a good experience for our guys. It was a great atmosphere. We aren't used to playing in front of crowds like this."

Boys hoops

HORIZON CHRISTIAN 64, ECHO 32 — The Big Sky League's No. 1 team made easy work of Echo on Friday night, sending them home with their sixth straight defeat.

The Hawks put the game away early with an 18-5 first quarter run, and led 31-14 at the half.

Charlie White posted 11 points for the Cougars, and Jon Medrano had 10.

Echo (2-17, 1-10 BSL) travels to Sherman on Saturday.

HEPPNER 63, STANFIELD 55 — The Mustangs turned Stanfield away to stay unbeaten in the Blue Mountain Conference on Friday night.

Heppner led by just three points by the end of the first quarter, but Stanfield outscored them 14-13 in the second. A 22-13 Heppner run kept things out of Stanfield's reach in the third.

Trent Smith scored 17 points for the Mustangs, and Rene Sanchez had a game-high 20 points for the Tigers.

Heppner (14-6, 8-0 BMC) travels to Grant Union on Saturday. Stanfield (6-12, 3-4 BMC) hosts Pilot Rock.

DUFUR 74, IONE 41 — Ione couldn't keep their momentum from Tuesday's win going, falling to Dufur at home on Friday.

Hunter Padberg had 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Big Sky League contest.

The Cardinals (2-17, 1-11 BSL) travel to Arlington on Tuesday.

ENTERPRISE 70, WESTON-MCEWEN 55 — Theo White had 21 points to lead Weston-McEwen, but it wasn't enough to top the visitors from Enterprise.

"We were down two starters for injury, and we started three freshman," said coach Brian Pickard. "I thought we played really well. I was proud of the way the kids stepped up."

Blair Rudolph and Aiden Wolf each posted 10 for the TigerScots (4-15, 2-6 BMC). They'll travel to Grant Union on Friday.

JOSEPH 75, HELIX

32 — The Grizzlies were no match for their hosts at Joseph, dropping their seventh Old Oregon League game on Friday.

Helix (4-13, 0-7 OOL) returns home to face Elgin on Saturday.

UMATILLA 61, RIVERSIDE 49 — Umatilla shot past Riverside to improve to 5-1 in the Eastern Oregon League on Friday.

The Vikings were led by Uriel Garcia with 18 points. Trent Durfey chipped in 12 of his own.

Francisco Barajas recorded a game-high 21 points for the Pirates, while Cristian Rea scored 12.

Umatilla (17-3, 5-1 EOL) travels to Nyssa on Friday, and Riverside (9-11, 3-3 EOL) will visit Vale.

GRANT UNION 54, PILOT ROCK 45 — Tanner Corwin had 12 points, but the Rockets ultimately fell to Grant Union in Blue Mountain Conference play on Friday.

"We're starting to click; we just gotta start getting those baskets when we really need them," said coach Eric Smidt.

Logan Weinke posted nine points for Pilot Rock, and Riley Waggoner had eight.

Pilot Rock (2-16, 1-7 BMC) hits the road to Stanfield on Saturday.

Girls hoops

HEPPNER 62, STANFIELD 50 — Sydney Wilson poured in 19 points to drive Heppner to a home Blue Mountain Conference victory on Friday.

Jacee Currin had 16 points for the Mustangs, and Kendra Hart shot 14 points for Stanfield, including three 3-pointers.

Heppner (14-6, 6-2 BMC) travels to Grant Union on Saturday. Stanfield (8-10, 2-5 BMC) hosts Pilot Rock.

Hermiston: Bulldogs controlled the game from the start

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already has secured a regional playoff berth, beat the Falcons (2-16, 1-13) for the second time this season.

The Bulldogs controlled the game from the start, with Thomas scoring the first five points. They led 14-0 before Abby Robinson got the Falcons on the board with 45 seconds remaining.

Mati Byrd added a basket for Hermiston, and Sarah Ellis scored for Hanford with two seconds left for a 16-4 game at the end of the first.

"First, we wanted to come out and suck the energy out of them, and not let them steal some early baskets," Rodriguez said. "Second, we did not want to put them at the free-throw line. The first

half was good."

The two teams played a pretty even game the rest of the way. Thomas has 10 points in the second half, while Jazlyn Romero scored seven of her nine in the first half.

Byrd scored six points off the bench, and Jayden Ray scored five of her seven points in the second half.

Hermiston committed

only one foul in the first half, keeping the Falcons off the free-throw line. Hanford shot all four of its free throws in the fourth quarter, making each one.

Iliana Moran led the Falcons with 13 points. She was the only player in double figures.

"Our zone was a little more aggressive," Rodriguez said. "We preach deflection."

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

Boys Basketball

Baker at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 4 p.m.
Heppner at Grant Union, 4 p.m.
Echo at Sherman, 5:30 p.m.
Elgin at Helix, 5:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Richland, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Echo at Sherman, 4 p.m.
Elgin at Helix, 4 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Wallowa, 4 p.m.
Baker at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.
Heppner at Grant Union, 5:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Richland, 5:45 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 4 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 2 p.m.

Boys Wrestling

Irrigon at R.D. Brown Invitational, New Plymouth, Idaho, 10 a.m.
Pendleton at Joe Steward Memorial Tournament, Rex Putnam H.S., 10 a.m.

Girls Wrestling

Riverside at Hood River Valley, 12 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

Boys Basketball

Pendleton at La Grande, 7 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Touchet (WA), 7 p.m.
Ione at Arlington, 7:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Kamakin at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Kamakin at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.
Ione at Arlington, 6 p.m.
Stanfield at Echo, 6 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Touchet (WA), 6 p.m.
La Grande at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

Men's Basketball

Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

Boys Basketball

Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 6 p.m.

Boys Wrestling

Weston-McEwen/Mac-Hi at La Grande, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

Boys Basketball

Weston-McEwen at Grant Union, 4 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.
Union at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Heppner at Enterprise, 6 p.m.
Riverside at Vale, 6:30 p.m.
Redmond at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Nyssa, 7:30 p.m.

IRRIGON AT BURNS, 7:30 P.M.

Ione at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.
Mitchell/Spray at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Helix at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Riverside at Vale, 5 p.m.
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 5:45 p.m.
Ione at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.
Mitchell/Spray at Echo, 6 p.m.
Helix at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.
Irrigon at Burns, 6 p.m.
Pendleton at Redmond, 6:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.
Heppner at Enterprise, 7:30 p.m.
Union at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Wrestling

Hermiston at District 8 Tournament (at Hermiston), 3:30 p.m.

Girls Wrestling

Hermiston at Sunnyside Sub-Regionals

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

Boys Basketball

Mac-Hi at La Grande, 3 p.m.
Umatilla at Vale, 3:30 p.m.
Heppner at Union, 4 p.m.
Stanfield at Enterprise, 4 p.m.
Echo at Ione, 5:30 p.m.
Imbler at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Cove, 5:30 p.m.
Riverside at Burns, 5:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Nyssa, 6:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

Echo at Ione, 4 p.m.
Imbler at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Helix at Cove, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Burns, 4 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Vale, 4 p.m.
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 4:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Nyssa, 5 p.m.
Heppner at Union, 5:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Enterprise, 5:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Grant Union, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball

Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin, 4 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin, 2 p.m.

Boys Wrestling

Hermiston at District 8 Tournament (at Hermiston), 10 a.m.
Weston-McEwen/Mac-Hi at Heppner/Ione, 10 a.m.

Girls Wrestling

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NFL

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 20

NFC

L.A. Rams 26, New Orleans 23, (OT)

AFC

New England 37, Kansas City 31, (OT)

PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 27, at Orlando, Fla.

AFC vs. NFC, noon (ABC/ESPN)

SUPER BOWL

Sunday, Feb. 3, at Atlanta

New England vs. L.A. Rams, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	36	15	.706	—
Philadelphia	32	17	.653	3
Boston	30	18	.625	4
Brooklyn	27	23	.540	8½
New York	10	37	.213	24
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	24	.489	—
Charlotte	23	25	.479	½
Washington	21	27	.438	2½
Orlando	20	29	.408	4
Atlanta	15	32	.319	8
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	12	.745	—
Indiana	32	15	.681	3
Detroit	21	27	.438	14½
Chicago	11	38	.224	25
Cleveland	9	41	.180	27½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	28	20	.583	—
San Antonio	27	22	.551	1½
Dallas	22	26	.458	6
New Orleans	22	27	.449	6½
Memphis	19	30	.388	9½
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	32	15	.681	—
Oklahoma City	30	18	.625	2½
Portland	30	20	.600	3½
Utah	28	22	.560	5½
Minnesota	24	25	.490	9
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB