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Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
Hugo Hernandez, of Stanfield, chases down a loose ball as Pilot Rock's Logan Weinke looks to steal during Saturday's Blue Mountain Conference game at Stanfield.

## Richland routs Dawgs in MCC tilt

By ANNIE FOWLER  
East Oregonian

Hermiston coach Casey Arstein didn't mince words Saturday night. His team did not get the job done defensively against Richland, and it paid dearly.

The Bombers had three players score 20 or more points, and they shot 80 percent from the free-throw line, to cruise to a 96-57 Mid-Columbia Conference victory over the Bulldogs in Richland.

"Defensively, that was one of the worst games I have had to watch," Arstein said. "I know Richland is good offensively, but we didn't help ourselves out. We let them get too many transition baskets. We got our butts kicked."

Richland (17-2 overall, 15-0 MCC) clinched its seventh consecutive MCC title, and have won 36 consecutive MCC games dating to a Jan. 14, 2017, loss to Kamiakin.

"I thought we shared the ball really well," Richland coach Earl Streufert said. "We have been working hard the last couple of weeks making adjustments. We had three with 20 or more and the ball moved all night."

Cole Northrop scored nine of his 20 points in the first quarter, seven of which were free throws, as the Bombers raced out to a 27-14 lead.

Hermiston's only lead of the game was 2-1 with a basket by Cesar Ortiz. From there, the Bombers drained three 3-pointers and made 12 of 14 free throws.

The Bulldogs (12-6, 8-6) held their own in the second quarter, with Cole Smith coming off the bench to chip in six points, but they could not make a dent in the deficit from the first quarter.

"I thought offensively, our guys attacked the rim," Arstein said. "Ryne (Andreason) went to the rim hard. Offensively, we were in attack mode, but you have to defend and make them earn every basket."

The third quarter got out of hand, and the Bombers led by 30 at one point — 73-43. Andreason hit a pair of free throws as the Bulldogs trailed 73-45 at the end of the quarter.

In the fourth, Jacob Kreutz hit a pair of baskets to give the Bombers a 41-point lead with 3:52 to play.

Hermiston went on a 5-0 run to make it 91-54, but the Bombers just kept coming. Kirby Robertson had the last word with a basket with just 9 seconds remaining.

"We didn't make many mistakes," Streufert said. "I have been fortunate to be blessed with a lot of good players over the years."

Dhaunye Guice led the Bombers with 22 points — 10 in the second quarter — while Cody Sanderson had 21.

**Box Score**  
Hermiston 18 10 13 17 — 58  
Richland 21 12 18 17 — 68  
HERMISTON — Young 5, Ray 7, Byrd 2, Stefani 6, Palzinski 5, Dowdy 3, Hernandez 10, Romero 8, Thomas 12.  
RICHLAND — Jor.Clark 11, Garza 15, Smith 2, H.Pierce 4, Gall 11, Jay.Clark 11, Davis 2, G.Pierce 12.

## SHARP-SHOOTING TIGERS CLAW PAST ROCKETS

Clutch 3-pointers nail Blue Mountain Conference win

By BRETT KANE  
East Oregonian

To say that Hugo Hernandez saved the Stanfield Tigers on Saturday might be an understatement.

The Stanfield boys lagged behind their Pilot Rock visitors for three quarters. It looked like the game belonged to the Rockets. But Stanfield's 5-foot-9 senior guard opened the final quarter with three treys that dug the Tigers out of their rut on the way to a 63-54 Blue Mountain Conference victory.

"He really came in clutch for us," coach Devin Bailey said of Hernandez. "He's a great leader. Watching him grow this year has been tremendous. He went from having no confidence, to shooting seven to eight 3s a game."

Stanfield forked over their lead three times in the first

quarter before Pilot Rock managed to keep their distance. Rockets junior forward Payton Thurmond hit four straight points for an 11-point advantage in quarter two, and Pilot Rock took a 38-25 lead into the locker room.

"At first, we gave zero effort," Bailey said. "Pilot Rock wanted it more. You could see it. At the half, I called them (Stanfield) out on it."

In the third quarter, Hernandez sunk a 3-pointer to pull his team within eight points of the Rockets, but Pilot Rock still managed to stay ahead by 10 points going into the fourth.

When the clock started counting down those final eight minutes, Hernandez knew something had to be done. He kept the game outside the paint and knocked down two straight 3-pointers to bring the Tigers' deficit to 49-45.

Junior Rene Sanchez hit a bucket of his own to bring Stanfield within two points of taking over, but Rockets junior

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
Savannah Sharp (10), of Stanfield, launches a shot out of range of Pilot Rock's Grace Austin during Saturday's league matchup in Stanfield.

## Boley helps No. 5 Oregon defeat Washington

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Something about playing the Washington Huskies has brought out the best this season in Oregon's Erin Boley.

The sophomore forward scored a career-high 31 points, tying a school record with nine 3-pointers, to lead the No. 5 Ducks to a 76-57 victory over Washington

on Sunday. Boley has been at her best this season in the two games against Washington. She had 28 points and made eight 3-pointers in the 84-71 victory over the Huskies on Jan. 4.

"I don't know what it is," Boley said. "Every night it can be someone different for us. That what makes us a really good offense is we have so many different weap-

ons. Every single player on this team is unselfish and that's what will to keep us going in the long run. It makes it really fun."

Oregon (19-1, 8-0) has won 12 consecutive games and is the only team left with an unbeaten conference record in the Pac-12. It's the best conference start ever for the Ducks. No. 6 Stanford suffered its first Pac-12 loss Sunday at Utah.



AP Photo  
Oregon's Sabrina Ionescu, right, drives upcourt as Washington's Khayla Rooks defends Sunday in Seattle. Oregon won, 76-57.

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