

## PREP ROUNDUP

## Stanfield boys escape Echo in second half for nonleague win

East Oregonian

Stanfield may have taken home the win on Tuesday, but coach Devin Bailey wasn't satisfied after the 53-42 victory over Echo.

"I don't know if it was because it was a school night, or what," Bailey said. "We came out slow. It was not a very good win."

The Tigers were down eight at the half, but took the third quarter 11-3 and the fourth 20-9 to pull away from the Cougars.

Hugo Hernandez and Mario Sanchez each posted 13 points to lead Stanfield (7-12, 4-4 BMC).

Devan Craig and Jon Medrano each had 10 for Echo (2-18, 1-11 BSL).

Stanfield hosts Union on Friday in Blue Mountain Conference play, and Echo welcomes Mitchell/Spray for a Big Sky League game.

### Boys hoops

**ARLINGTON 58, IONE 52** — The hosting Arlington Honkers pushed past Ione for a Big Sky League victory on Tuesday.

Hunter Padberg had a team-high 24 points and a 6 for 6 performance at the line for the Cardinals.

Ione (2-18, 1-12 BSL) travels to Condon/Wheeler on Friday.

**MAC-HI 59, TOUCHET 35** — Alexis Pio posted 13 points to lead Mac-Hi in a nonleague victory on Touchet's court.

Pio also knocked down three 3-pointers and shot 5 of 5 at the free-throw line.

Hector Castillo followed with 10 points and a 3-for-3 performance at the line. Alexis Perez chipped in nine.

The Pioneers (12-7, 2-2 GOL) have just two games left in the regular season.

They'll hit the road to La Grande on Saturday for a Greater Oregon League matchup.

### Girls hoops

**STANFIELD 43, ECHO 34** — Stanfield got the best of Echo in Tuesday's nonleague contest, but it was close the entire way.

"It was two or three baskets most of the game," said Echo coach Heather Madison.

"It was a really good game. We had two starters fouled out in the early fourth quarter, and Charlie Harwood and Maddie Owen (freshmen) came off the bench and did great."

Kendra Hart led Stanfield with 14 points, and Faith McCarty added 14 of her own for Echo.

The Tigers (10-10, 3-5 BMC) pick up Blue Mountain Conference play again on Friday against Union.

The Cougars (9-11, 7-3 BSL) will host Mitchell/Spray in a Big Sky League contest.

**TOUCHET 48, MAC-HI 39** — Mac-Hi dropped a nonleague game to Washington's Touchet Indians on Tuesday night.

The Pioneers (1-19, 0-4 GOL) pick up the Greater Oregon League on Saturday in La Grande.

**IONE 44, ARLINGTON 23** — The Ione girls are back on the winning track after taking down their Arlington hosts on Tuesday night.

The Cardinals (15-3, 10-1 BSL) travel to Condon/Wheeler on Friday for more Big Sky League action.

## Valentine's Massacre coming to Big River Golf

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The Valentine's Massacre competition is coming to Umatilla's Big River Golf course.

Signups come with a warning: "We are setting up the course as difficult as possible. This tournament is not for the faint of heart."

Handicaps will be used for the 18-hole stroke play.

Entry fees are \$25 for annual course members, and \$35 for non-members.

Big River encourages

participants to list teams they'd like to play with when registering.

If players do not have a team, they will be matched with other individuals. Individual scores will be used.

The deadline for signups is Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Email or call Big River to register at 541-922-3006, or [megan@golfriver.com](mailto:megan@golfriver.com).

The competition tees off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 9.

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the Class 1A all-state third team as an outside hitter.

"That says a lot for her since we didn't make it past the first round," Scott said.

The Cougars also got to play this season in Echo's new gymnasium.

"I'm just excited we got to use it before I left," Cox said. "I got to play sports in it, and I get to graduate in it."

Cox will only play vol-

leyball in the new gym, as she opted to skip basketball this year to play club volleyball with Eastern Heat, which has players from Pilot Rock, Hermiston, Riverside, Irrigon and Stanfield.

Cox said she is excited to leave her small community for new adventures.

"I've lived in Echo my whole life," Cox said. "I'm excited to get out of the house, excited to be somewhere I know, and to experience new things."

## Pendleton: Bucks win in overtime

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quarter, but Tigers junior guard Jacie Howton hit a 3-pointer to pull La Grande ahead for a while.

Collman dropped another trey in the fourth for a seven-point Tigers lead and a Bucks timeout.

Senior Katie Bradt knocked down two straight buckets after the break to come within three points of the Tigers, and Neveau hit one of her own with 1:13 left to play to trail by just two. Then, it was all up to Hoisington.

"I pulled her aside after her first shot and told her, 'You were made for these moments,'" Porter said.

She then sent the game into overtime to a roaring crowd, and posted five more points to make sure her team stayed ahead down the stretch.

"She can get to the rim any time she wants, and she's long on defense," Porter said of Hoisington. "As the season progresses, she's getting more comfortable in her role on the team."

She's like a quarterback — she calls out plays and reads defense. It's a big responsibility for a freshman."

Pendleton (6-10, 3-0 IMC) resumes Intermountain Conference play on Friday at Redmond.

### Boys hoops

Even with two key players missing from the starting lineup, the Pendleton boys pulled through on Tuesday night.

Although senior guard Cam Sandford was out with an injured ankle and Dakota Sams hurt his hamstrings, the Bucks took down La Grande on the road 67-49 in a nonleague matchup.

Pendleton held the Tigers to just five points in the first quarter, but La Grande made a 19-12 run to tie the game 24-24 at halftime. The Bucks regrouped and took care of the third quarter with a 24-9 domination to put the game away.

"We switched things up in the second half and played the best team defense we've had all year," coach

Zach Dong said.

Senior guard Tyler Newsom poured in a game-high 26 points to lead the way, and Kason Broncheau posted 14.

"Kason stepped up and filled in for Cam and Dakota," Dong said. "He challenged (La Grande) and controlled their tempo. (Redmond O'Hanlon) had some big buckets for us, too, and Chauncey Sams had a great game defensively — he had a bunch of steals."

The Bucks (11-5, 2-1 IMC) return home to face Redmond on Friday in Intermountain Conference action.

#### Boys' Box Score

Pendleton 12 12 24 19 — 67  
La Grande 5 19 9 16 — 49  
PENDLETON — Newsom 26, Broncheau 14, Sweek 11, O'Hanlon 9, Sams 5, Roberts 2  
LA GRANDE — Tsiatsos 20, Myer 10, Youngblood 9, Chandler 6, Wiggins 4

#### Girls' Box Score

Pendleton 17 6 7 10 13 — 53  
La Grande 7 16 11 6 7 — 47  
PENDLETON — Neveau 16, Hoisington 10, Bradt 9, Nirschl 8, Wilson 3, Blake 3, Sprit 2, Scott 2  
LA GRANDE — Collman 24, Dunlap 7, Howton 7, Neer 4, Reagan 3, Chamberlain 2

### GIRLS HOOPS

## Kamiakin fends off feisty Bulldogs

By ANNIE FOWLER

East Oregonian

The first time Hermiston played Kamiakin in Mid-Columbia Conference play, the Braves ran away with a 62-26 victory.

The Bulldogs were not going to let that happen again.

Jordan Thomas had 20 points, and Jazlyn Romero 11 as Hermiston hung tough with Kamiakin the entire game before falling 47-41.

"They didn't play a great game, but that helped us a little," Hermiston coach Juan Rodriguez said of Kamiakin. "A lot of things I wanted to see us improve on, we did. Where we struggled was turning the ball over and they got some shots."

Kamiakin (18-1 overall, 14-1 MCC) already has secured the top seed to regionals, while Hermiston (7-12, 5-10) will be the third seed. Kennewick is No. 2.

The Braves, behind nine points from Alexa Hazel, took a 17-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Bulldogs turned to Thomas in the second. She scored eight of her game-high 20 points in the quarter as the Bulldogs went on a 12-4 run to enjoy a 23-21 lead at the half.

"We came out and executed our game plan," Rodriguez said. "We did a good job of establishing Jordan in the first half."

While the 6-foot-4 Thomas was a threat on offense, she also created problems for the Braves on defense.

"With her in the middle at 6-4, that can make you second-guess going in there," Kamiakin coach Lane Schumacher said. "Usually, we can kick it out and hit shots, but they weren't there tonight. We are fortunate to get the win on a poor shooting night."

It was Kamiakin with a 10-4 run in the third quarter as the Braves retook the lead 31-27 heading into the fourth.

The Braves led by 11 points with 4:32 to play in the game as Oumou Toure grabbed an offensive rebound and put the ball in the basket.

Hermiston climbed back into the game with five consecutive free throws to pull within 40-34, and a three-point play by Thomas had the Bulldogs



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

**Hermiston's Jordan Thomas shoots the ball guarded by Kamiakin's Symone Brown (3) and Regan Clark in the Bulldogs' 47-41 loss to the Braves on Tuesday in Hermiston.**

within 43-39 with 28 seconds to play.

Kamiakin made 4 of 6 free throws the final 26 seconds of game to hold on for the win.

"In the second half, they did not fold," Schumacher said of Hermiston. "They were always just a couple of possessions away. Hats off to them, they battled all night."

Hazel led the Braves with 17 points, while Symone Brown added 12 and Toure 11.

#### Box Score

Kamiakin 17 4 10 17 — 47  
Hermiston 11 12 4 14 — 41  
KAMIKIN — Brown 12, Reg.Clark 7, Ry.Clark 1, Hazel 17, Toure 11  
HERMISTON — Ray 4, Byrd 2, Stefani 1, Hernandez 3, Romero 11, Thomas 20

## Hermiston: Andreason scores 15 in the win

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I was feeling it. Andrew (James) drove it in, kicked it out, and bam. We had a good practice on Monday and the crowd got into it for us."

Andreason, who scored 15 points, hit a bucket with 40 seconds left for a 63-58 lead, only to see Messiah Jones convert a three-point play at the other end to make it 63-61.

Andreason made two free throws with 23 seconds remaining, and two more with 13 seconds left to put the game out of reach, 67-61.

"I was a little nervous, but I was confident," Andreason said of the free throws. "You have to block everything out — just you and the hoop."

Trey Arland drained a 3-pointer from the left baseline with 6 seconds left, but the Braves ran out of time.

"It was a game of runs and mismatches," said Arstein, whose team could not match the height of the Braves. "They are huge and we are small. We knew they were going to try and pound it inside. We handled the

game well. We pushed the tempo. Eight guys played hard together and never gave up on plays. They stuck together."

The Braves got 11 points from 6-foot-8 Kyson Rose in the first half, and the 6-6 Jones chipped in 19 points on the night as Kamiakin was able to get some easy baskets inside. Rose finished with 18 points.

Jones scored six of his points in the first quarter as the Braves led 20-15. Of Hermiston's 15 points, 10 belonged to James, who finished the game with 12.

Ramirez had 10 of his points in the second quarter as the teams were tied at 35-35 at the half.

Steven Westermeyer hit two threes in the second quarter for Kamiakin and finished with 14 points.

#### BOX SCORE

Kamiakin 20 15 12 17 — 64  
Hermiston 15 20 15 17 — 67  
KAMIKIN — Westermeyer 14, Jones 19, Nichols 4, Arland 9, Rose 18  
HERMISTON — Andreason 15, Ortiz 3, James 12, Smith 13, Davis 2, Madrigal 2, Ramirez 19, Mendez 1.



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**Hermiston's Cole Smith draws contact from Kamiakin's Kyson Rose in the Bulldogs' 67-64 win against the Braves on Tuesday in Hermiston.**