

5A STATE HOOPS

Wilsonville ends Pendleton’s season

Wildcats advance to quarterfinals with 92-41 win over Bucks

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Cydney Gutridge scored a game-high 23 points to lead Wilsonville to a 92-41 victory over visiting Pendleton in the first round of the 5A state tournament.

“They are very talented,” Pendleton coach Kevin Porter said of the Wildcats. “They are the most talented team we have played all year.”

Wilsonville advances to the quarterfinals at Oregon State University in Corvallis. The Wildcats (21-5) will play Crescent Valley at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

The Bucks finished the season with a 10-13 record.

Pendleton opened the game with the first four points, but it went downhill pretty quickly from that point.

“We started out really well,” Porter said. “We went out and poked the bear, so to speak. Then Muriel Hoisington turned her ankle 2 minutes in and was out the rest of

the game. From there, their defensive intensity increased. They are far and away the most athletic team we have faced.”

The Wildcats took a 22-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, and led 49-19 at the half.

“By the end of the first quarter, it seemed like it was over,” Porter said. “At halftime, we were down 30, and it was over. I told the girls to go out and play with heart and pride and leave everything out there, then walk out with your head held high.”

The Wildcats opened things up with a 33-11 run in the third quarter for an 82-30 lead.

Sophomore Natalie Neveau led the Bucks with 12 points, while Hunter Blake added six.

“We had five seniors end their high school careers tonight, and that is sad,” Porter said. “I appreciate their leadership and what they brought to our team this year.”

Pendleton 6 13 11 11 — 41
Wilsonville 22 27 33 10 — 92
PENDLETON — Nirschl 2, Cooley 2, Scott 4, Neveau 12, Jenness 4, Blake 6, Taber 4, Hoisington 4, Bradt 3.
WILSONVILLE — T.McNamee 6, Morris 8, K.McNamee 8, Burns 13, Bishop 9, Gutridge 23, Hieb 11, Lee 11, McK-inney 3.

Spangler leads Toledo boys to third-place finish

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Jaydn Spangler scored 17 points — 15 off five 3-pointers — to lead Toledo to a 67-40 victory Saturday over Knappa in the 2A state third-place game at the Pendleton Convention Center.

The Boomers (27-2) led from start to finish against the Loggers, who cut Toledo’s lead to five in the second quarter, but could get no closer.

Conner Marchant, the Sunset Conference Player of the Year, added 15 points and eight assists for the Boomers, while Mason McAlpine also added 15 points.

Timber Engblom led the Loggers (21-10) with 13 points and four rebounds.

Marchant and Engblom were named to the all-tournament first team, while Spangler was selected to the second team.

Fourth-place game
KENNEDY 39, SANTIAM 28 — The Wolverines jumped out on an 8-0 lead after the first quarter, but the Trojans regrouped in the second.

Kennedy would out-score Santiam 29-14 over the next two quarters for a 29-22 lead heading into the final quarter.

Carson Hall led Kennedy with 13 points and five rebounds, while Rocco Carley hauled down

12 rebounds and had five blocked shots.

Colin Thurston had a team-high eight points for Santiam, while Chaz Storm added seven.

Girls

Third-place game

DAMASCUS CHRISTIAN 36, PERRYDALE 28 — Tory Webb had 10 points and 17 rebounds as the Eagles (27-4) held off the Pirates (23-9) to take home the third-place trophy.

The game was tied at 19-19 at the half, and DC had a one-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

The Eagles went on a 10-3 run in the fourth to secure the win.

Emily Powers led the Eagles with 12 points.

Sydney Perkins and Amity Deters each had seven points for the Pirates.

Fourth-place game
CENTRAL LINN 45, VERNONIA 31 — The Cobras used a 21-14 run in the second half to keep their lead and take home a trophy.

Jessica Neal had 13 points, and Colleen McLaughlin added 10 for Central Linn (23-6), which forced 19 turnovers and parlayed them into 18 points.

Jordan Walters led the Loggers (17-11) with 11 points, while Brooklynn Walters added 10.



Heppner’s Jenna McCullough (12) distracts Morgan Baird (32), of Coquille during Saturday’s 2A state championship game at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Mustangs: Their first state title since 1986

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of shots that we would normally make,” coach Wilson said. “I told them, ‘If you have a good shot, take it — don’t worry if it makes it in or not.’”

Coquille drained 13 points in the first five minutes of quarter three, six of which came from junior Morgan Baird. The Mustangs trailed by 12 points with just 2:50 to go.

“No. 32 (Baird) is an outstanding player,” said Heppner senior Jacee Currin. “Her offensive game is unbelievable.”

Currin and Syndey Wilson cut the deficit to just seven by the buzzer, but it all came down to those final eight minutes.

Heppner pulled within one point of the lead with four points at the line from Wilson and Currin, but it was Wilson’s 3-pointer at 5:14 that they reclaimed the lead, and possibility of a win came back into view.

“It was really nerve-wracking,” Wilson said of those climactic shots. “In those moments, I saw it as just me and the gym. I had to take those open shots. We were down, and we needed those to get ahead.”

Baird evened the score at 35-35 with 4:32 to go, but Currin turned around and sank a shot to edge the Mustangs out front again. Wilson hit another 3-pointer



Heppner’s Susie Teeman helps cut down the net after Saturday’s 2A state championship win over Coquille at the Pendleton Convention Center.

at the 1:30 mark for a four-point Heppner lead.

Baird fought back with a three-point play with less than 30 seconds on the clock. She would steal a ball from Heppner’s glass and threaten to take the lead again, but Heppner held firm on the floor in the final seconds until the buzzer rang in a victory that won’t soon be forgotten by players and fans alike.

“This is unreal,” said Currin, breathless. “There’s nothing else I’ve dreamed of. I’ve wanted this all my life.”

Wilson brought 22 points to Heppner’s scoreboard, and Currin added 10. Wilson also grabbed 12 rebounds.

Baird ended with 21 points and 14 rebounds — 11 defensive — for the Red Devils.

“Syd’s a great shooter.

She was automatic tonight,” coach Wilson said. “Really, a championship any time is special, but this being the first one in that long, that just makes it sweeter for us.”

Heppner 6 10 10 15 — 41
Coquille 14 4 15 7 — 40
HEPPNER — Wilson 22, Currin 10, McCullough 4, Combe 3, Ashbeck 2
COQUILLE — Baird 21, Dieu 11, Wilson 4, Layton 2, Ruiz 2

LOCAL SLATE				
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6				
Boys Basketball				
Pendleton vs. Wilsonville (at Gill Coliseum), 8:15 p.m.				
NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719	—
Philadelphia	40	23	.635	5½
Boston	38	26	.594	8
Brooklyn	33	33	.500	14
New York	13	50	.206	32½
Southeast				
Orlando	30	35	.462	—
Charlotte	29	34	.460	—
Miami	29	34	.460	—
Washington	26	37	.413	3
Atlanta	22	43	.338	8
Central				
x-Milwaukee	48	16	.750	—
Indiana	41	23	.641	7
Detroit	31	31	.500	16
Chicago	18	46	.281	30
Cleveland	16	48	.250	32
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	38	25	.603	—
San Antonio	36	29	.554	3
New Orleans	30	36	.455	9½
Dallas	27	36	.429	11
Memphis	25	40	.385	14

Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	42	21	.667	—
Oklahoma City	39	24	.619	3
Portland	39	24	.619	3
Utah	36	27	.571	6
Minnesota	29	34	.460	13
Pacific				
Golden State	44	19	.698	—
L.A. Clippers	36	29	.554	9
Sacramento	31	31	.500	12½
L.A. Lakers	30	33	.476	14
Phoenix	14	51	.215	31
x-clinched playoff spot				
Sunday’s Games				
Portland 118, Charlotte 108				
Atlanta 123, Chicago 118				
Houston 115, Boston 104				
L.A. Clippers 128, New York 107				
Cleveland 107, Orlando 93				
Detroit 112, Toronto 107, OT				
Washington 113, Minnesota 121				
Oklahoma City 99, Memphis 95				
Monday’s Games				
Brooklyn 127, Dallas 88				
Miami 114, Atlanta 113				
San Antonio 104, Denver 103				
New Orleans 115, Utah 112				
Phoenix 114, Milwaukee 105				
New York at Sacramento, 7 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.				
Tuesday’s Games				
Chicago at Indiana, 4 p.m.				
Orlando at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.				
Houston at Toronto, 5 p.m.				

Oklahoma City at Minnesota, 5 p.m.				
Portland at Memphis, 5 p.m.				
Boston at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.				
Wednesday’s Games				
Dallas at Washington, 4 p.m.				
Miami at Detroit, 4 p.m.				
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.				
San Antonio at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Chicago, 5 p.m.				
Utah at New Orleans, 5 p.m.				
New York at Phoenix, 6 p.m.				
Boston at Sacramento, 7 p.m.				
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.				
Thursday’s Games				
Indiana at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.				
Oklahoma City at Portland, 7:30 p.m.				
NHL				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	GP	W	L	OT Pts
Tampa Bay	66	50	12	4 104 258 174
Boston	65	39	17	9 87 194 161
Toronto	66	41	21	4 86 239 188
Montreal	66	35	24	7 77 201 193
Buffalo	66	30	28	8 68 190 211
Florida	65	28	26	11 67 207 224
Detroit	65	23	33	9 55 179 223
Ottawa	66	23	38	5 51 195 246
Metropolitan				
Washington	66	38	21	7 83 226 208
N.Y. Islanders	65	37	21	7 81 187 157
Carolina	65	36	23	6 78 196 176
Pittsburgh	65	34	22	9 77 226 202

Columbus	65	36	26	3	75	203	197
Philadelphia	66	32	26	8	72	201	219
N.Y. Rangers	65	27	27	11	65	190	218
New Jersey	66	25	33	8	58	188	223
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	65	39	22	4	82	222	193
Nashville	68	38	25	5	81	202	180
St. Louis	65	34	25	6	74	187	181
Dallas	65	33	27	5	71	166	170
Minnesota	66	32	27	7	71	182	191
Colorado	66	28	26	12	68	216	208
Chicago	66	27	30	9	63	220	250
Pacific	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	66	41	18	7	89	234	192
San Jose	66	39	19	8	86	238	206
Vegas	67	36	26	5	77	201	187
Arizona	65	32	28	5	69	176	183
Edmonton	66	29	30	7	65	187	216
Vancouver	66	27	30	9	63	180	206
Anaheim	66	25	32	9	59	144	203
Los Angeles	65	24	33	8	56	158	207
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.							
Sunday's Games							
Washington 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO							
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Islanders 1							
Vegas 3, Vancouver 0							
Anaheim 2, Colorado 1							
Ottawa 3, Florida 2							
Winnipeg 5, Columbus 2							
Nashville 3, Minnesota 2, SO							

San Jose 5, Chicago 2				
Monday’s Games				
Edmonton 4, Buffalo 3				
Toronto 6, Calgary 2				
Tuesday’s Games				
Columbus at New Jersey, 4 p.m.				
Florida at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.				
Carolina at Boston, 4 p.m.				
Ottawa vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 4 p.m.				
Winnipeg at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.				
Minnesota at Nashville, 5 p.m.				
N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.				
Anaheim at Arizona, 6 p.m.				
Detroit at Colorado, 6 p.m.				
Wednesday’s Games				
Washington at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.				
Toronto at Vancouver, 6 p.m.				
St. Louis at Anaheim, 7 p.m.				
Calgary at Vegas, 7:30 p.m.				
Thursday’s Games				
Florida at Boston, 4 p.m.				
Columbus at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.				
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.				
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.				
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.				
Colorado at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.				
Buffalo at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.				
Vancouver at Edmonton, 6 p.m.				
Calgary at Arizona, 6 p.m.				
Montreal at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.				
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.				