

PREP ROUNDUP

Mac-Hi sweeps Ione in home tennis match

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Boys tennis
WESTON-MCEWEN 5, STANFIELD/ECHO 1 — Weston-McEwen dropped just one doubles match during Thursday’s meeting at Stanfield. Lebraun Albert and Alex Wood each got 8-1 victories over their Stanfield opponents, and Noah Kelly turned Kobe McEwen down, 8-0. Stanfield’s Ricky Carrillo and Uriel Carrillo got the Tigers’ only win for the day in an 8-5 doubles match against Wood and Cade Bryan. Elijah Kelly and Noah Kelly got two 4-1 doubles wins to end the day on a high note for Weston-McEwen.

Baseball
SHERMAN / ARLINGTON/CONDON 13, STANFIELD/ECHO 0 (5) — The Tigers were no match for their Sherman County visitors, who drove in 10 runs in the fifth inning to claim the victory early. The home shutout opened the Tigers’ season in the Blue Mountain Conference. They made nine errors and got just one hit for the day, and pitcher Luke White struck out three, but surrendered six hits, 10 runs, and four walks over four innings of work. Stanfield/Echo (0-7, 0-1) hosts Dufur/South Wasco County on Tuesday for more league action.

Softball
PILOT ROCK/NIXY-AAWII 12, IRRIGON 1 — The Rockets put up 12 runs in the first inning to assert dominance early in their final preseason game on Thursday. Kate Evans was lights out at the plate, hitting 3 for 3 with two runs scored. Victoria Walker and Grace Austin each hit 2 for 3 with two runs, and Breann Baleztena went 1 for 2 with three runs. “(Irrigon) came over short-staffed today,” said Pilot Rock coach Darin Fitzpatrick. “We were more patient at the plate today. We’ve been working on that all week, and that paid off for us today.” Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii (2-7) open the Blue Mountain Conference next Thursday at Echo/Stanford. Irrigon (3-6) opens the Eastern Oregon League at Umatilla on Tuesday.

Golf
The Heppner boys finished tied for first with Bandon at the 2A Oregon Invitational Tournament on Monday at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course in North Plains. Both teams posted a 361, with Oakridge a distant 397. Truman Gregory of Westside Christian was the medalist with a 74. Logan Burright led the Mustangs with an 82, good enough for fourth overall, while Cason Mitchell also was in the top 10 with a 90. Also for the Mustangs, Kellen Grant shot a 92, followed by Reno Ferguson (97), and Casey Fletcher (97), and Casey Fletcher, whose 106 helped Heppner tie for first.

The Mac-Hi Pioneers stood their ground and defended their home courts against their Ione visitors on Wednesday afternoon. The Mac-Hi girls dropped just two singles matches for an 8-2 team victory, and the boys swept the Cardinals and finished the day with a 5-0 win. Mac-Hi’s Daisy Alvarez, Leslie Diaz and Nicole Flores all handily took care of their Ione singles opponents. Tresslyn McCurry and Naylie Peterson scored Ione’s only two wins for the day. The Pioneer girls were undefeated in all five of the day’s doubles matches. The Pioneer boys got singles wins from Ian Miller, Jordan Booth, John Wells and Andrew Star. Calvin Pratton and Eddie Rodriguez defeated Ione’s Gary Walls and Josh Booth 8-2 in the day’s only doubles matchup. “This was a great way to start our three-match week, and I hope we can keep playing the same way for the rest of the week,” said Mac-Hi coach Danny Sanchez. “Things are going good for the hard work the boys and girls are putting in day in and day out.”

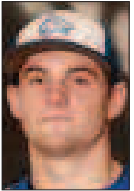
Girls tennis
PENDLETON 8, HOOD RIVER 0 — The Pendleton girls were unchallenged at Hood River on Thursday, sweeping four singles and four doubles matches to shut out the Eagles. Bethany Flanagan started the day off with a singles match against Hood River’s Monsie Garrido. Flanagan took the first set 6-0, dropped the second 5-2, and came back to win the third-set tiebreaker 10-6. Katie Bradt defeated Hood River’s Erika Matisen in two 6-1 sets, and Sylvie Heriza swiftly shut out Mourissa Sherman, 6-0, 6-0. Katie Kelm ended the singles matches with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over the Eagles’ Taurin Phillips. The Bucks wrapped the day up with four straight doubles wins. “I saw some good improvement from our last match,” said coach Rocky Dillenburg. “Some of the things we’ve been emphasizing in practice are being executed in these games.”

WESTON-MCEWEN 4, STANFIELD/ECHO 1 — The Tiger-Scots overwhelmed their Stanfield hosts for two singles and two doubles wins on Thursday. Weston-McEwen’s Emma Olson shut out Stanfield’s Zora Gerhke 8-0, and Shelby Yunk posted an 8-4 singles victory over Stanfield’s Zoe Russell. Chelsea Soto got Stanfield’s lone singles win, defeating Ace Jensen 8-1. Olson teamed with Cloe Davis and shut down Russell and Eida Piercy to win the day’s No. 1 doubles match 8-0. The Tiger-Scots’ Sky Muilenburg and Makaela Smith beat Soto and Hayden McKague in a 7-4 tiebreaker.

COLLEGE UPDATE

Grogan leads NWAC with sterling ERA

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GroganHasherRichards

The Blue Mountain baseball team is 4-2 in East Region play this spring, thanks in part to sophomore Dylan Grogan (Stanfield). The right-handed pitcher is 4-0 this season for the Timberwolves (9-9 overall), with an NWAC-leading 0.38 earned run average. Grogan has struck out 33 batters in 24 innings of work. He has given up 12 hits and just two runs — only one earned. In his last outing — a 2-0 win over Columbia Basin on March 30 — Grogan scattered three hits and struck out six in seven innings. The Timberwolves will host Big Bend on Saturday in an East Region doubleheader. The first game begins at 1 p.m. Sophomore **Devin Hasher** (Pilot Rock) has had a solid spring for the Mt. Hood Saints in the high jump. In the Linfield Icebreaker on March 1-2, he cleared 6 feet, 3¼ inch to place second. He placed third at the Saints Open on March 9 with a height of 6-2¾, then

cleared the bar at 6-3¼ at the George Fox Rich Allen Classic March 16 to place sixth. The Saints are back in action Friday at the John Knight Twilight at Western Oregon University. **Lauren Richards** (Pendleton) has a 13-2 record in 16 appearances for the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas. The freshman right-hander has pitched 81 innings with 43 strikeouts and a 2.42 ERA. She has won her last six outings. At the plate, she is hitting .233 with 20 hits, including seven doubles, one triple and 19 RBIs, which ranks third on the team. The Athenas (22-5 overall, 16-0 SCISC) will host Cal Lutheran in a conference doubleheader on Saturday.

Final Four: Baylor hasn’t lost since before Christmas

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Big ... and talented

Oregon figures to have its hands full, too, defensively. Brown averages 15.5 points per game for the Lady Bears, while Cox (12.9), Chloe Jackson (11.4) and Juicy Landrum (11.3) also average double figures. “They’re not just tall, they’re skilled,” Graves said. “It looks like sometimes they play volleyball with each other. They’re just throwing it up and over the opponents.”

Ionescu makes ‘em go

Mulkey doesn’t want to reveal Baylor’s game plan, but said it’s no secret the Lady Bears have to contain Ionescu. “That’s where I start and probably stop in answering your question. All those kids know she makes them better. She’ll get the ball to them in spots where it makes them look good. She certainly is not the only great player on that team, but it starts and stops with her,” Mulkey said.

Awards: Gustafson set an NCAA field goals record

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Baylor to a 35-1 record and helped the Lady Bears reach the Final Four for the first time since 2012. That was when Mulkey won the coach of the year, leading Baylor to a 40-0 record and the national championship. Gustafson set an NCAA record this season with 412 field goals. She tied the mark for double-doubles with 33. She shot 69.7 percent from the field this season and finished her career by making nearly 66 percent of her shots. The Iowa staff surprised Gustafson that she had won the award by slipping in a note while she was reading letters from fans. “I was not expecting it at all. I love my coaches and they’ve been so supportive of me,” Gustafson said. “It’s been an incredible ride. I’m in a little bit in shock right now, really excited to have represented Iowa.” Gustafson’s family was joined at the awards ceremony by her parents and her sister. She received 15 votes Thursday from the 28-member national media panel that selects the weekly AP rankings. Voting was done before the NCAA Tournament. Sabrina Ionescu of Oregon received seven votes while Napheesa Collier of UConn three, Asia Durr of Louisville had two votes and Teaira McCowan of Mississippi State one. Mulkey received 17 votes while Wes Moore of North Carolina State and Vic Schaefer of Mississippi State each received five and Bluder one. “Listen, any award that I receive, you know good and well that goes back to the kids you coach, period,” Mulkey said. “We are only as good as those kids on that floor, and I’ve been blessed to coach numerous great players. And I would trade any award for every one of them to experience a national championship. Let’s get that straight.”

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE					Southwest					W	L	Pct	GB	x-St. Louis					81	44	28	9	97	244	221	N.Y. Yankees 8, Baltimore 4																		
FRIDAY, APRIL 5					y-Houston					51	28	.646	—	x-Winnipeg					80	46	30	4	96	266	239	Oakland 7, Boston 3																		
Baseball					x-San Antonio					45	34	.570	6	x-Dallas					80	42	31	7	91	206	196	Cleveland 4, Toronto 1																		
Heppner/Ione at Riverside (DH), 1 p.m.					New Orleans					32	47	.405	19	Colorado					80	37	29	14	88	255	239	Texas at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.																		
Pendleton at Southridge (DH), 4 p.m.					Memphis					31	47	.397	19½	Minnesota					81	37	35	9	83	211	234	Friday's Games																		
Softball					Dallas					31	47	.397	19½	Chicago					80	35	33	12	82	262	286	Seattle (Kikuchi 0-0) at Chicago White Sox																		
Irrigon at Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.					Northwest					W	L	Pct	GB	Pacific					GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	(Lopez 0-1), 11:10 a.m.																		
Tennis					x-Denver					52	26	.667	—	z-Calgary					81	50	24	7	107	288	224	Tampa Bay (Glasnow 1-0) at San Francisco																		
Stanfield/Echo at Umatilla, 1 p.m.					x-Portland					50	28	.641	2	x-San Jose					80	44	27	9	97	281	257	(Rodriguez 1-0), 1:35 p.m.																		
Mac-Hi at Riverside, 3 p.m.					x-Utah					48	30	.615	4	x-Vegas					80	43	30	7	93	246	221	Minnesota (Odorizzi 0-0) at Philadelphia																		
Ione at Sherman, 4 p.m.					x-Oklahoma City					45	33	.577	7	Arizona					80	38	34	8	84	207	218	Pivetta (0-0), 4:05 p.m.																		
Boys soccer					Minnesota					35	43	.449	17	Vancouver					81	35	36	10	80	223	251	Boston (Porcello 0-1) at Arizona (Godley 0-1), 4:10 p.m.																		
Southridge at Hermiston, 7 p.m.					Pacific					W	L	Pct	GB	Anaheim					81	34	37	10	78	194	249	Toronto (Thornton 0-0) at Cleveland (Bieber 0-0), 4:10 p.m.																		
Golf					y-Golden State					53	24	.688	—	Edmonton					80	34	37	9	77	227	270	Oakland (Montas 1-0) at Houston																		
Stanfield/Echo, Heppner, Nixyaawii at Pendleton, 9 a.m.					x-L.A. Clippers					47	32	.595	7	Los Angeles					80	30	41	9	69	195	256	(McHugh 0-1), 5:10 p.m.																		
Track and field					Sacramento					38	40	.487	15½	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.															Texas (Lynn 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Pena 0-1), 7:07 p.m.															
Pendleton, Heppner, Ione, Pilot Rock, Riverside, Stanfield/Echo, Weston-McEwen, Helix at Mac-Hi, 10:30 a.m.					L.A. Lakers					35	43	.449	18½	x-clinched playoff spot																														
					Phoenix					18	61	.228	36	y-clinched division																														
SATURDAY, APRIL 6					Thursday's Games															x-clinched playoff spot															NATIONAL LEAGUE									
Baseball					Milwaukee 128, Philadelphia 122															y-clinched division															East					W	L	Pct	GB	
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Weston-McEwen (DH), 11 a.m.					Friday's Games															z-clinched conference															Philadelphia					4	1	.800	—	
Baker/Powder Valley at Mac-Hi (DH), noon					Atlanta at Orlando, 4 p.m.															Thursday's Games															New York					5	2	.714	—	
Umatilla at Creswell (DH), 2 p.m.					San Antonio at Washington, 4 p.m.															N.Y. Islanders 2, Florida 1, SO															Atlanta					3	3	.500	1½	
Softball					Toronto at Charlotte, 4 p.m.															Buffalo 5, Ottawa 2															Washington					3	3	.500	1½	
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield/Echo (DH), 11 a.m.					Boston at Indiana, 5 p.m.															Carolina 3, New Jersey 1															Miami					2	5	.286	3	
Adrian at Heppner/Ione (DH), 11 a.m.					Detroit at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.															Washington 2, Montreal 1															Central					W	L	Pct	GB	
Baker/Powder Valley at Mac-Hi/Helix (DH), noon					Miami at Minnesota, 5 p.m.															Pittsburgh 4, Detroit 1															Milwaukee					6	1	.857	—	
Umatilla at Creswell (DH), 2 p.m.					New York at Houston, 5 p.m.															Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 1															St. Louis					3	3	.500	2½	
Tennis					Memphis at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.															Boston 3, Minnesota 0															St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 3					2	3	.400	3	
Arlington, Condon, Helix at Stanfield/Echo, 10 a.m.					Sacramento at Utah, 6 p.m.															St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 3															Chicago					1	5	.167	4½	
Mac-Hi at Baker, 1 p.m.					New Orleans at Phoenix, 7 p.m.															Nashville 3, Vancouver 2															Cincinnati					1	5	.167	4½	
					Cleveland at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.															Friday's Games															West					W	L	Pct	GB	
					L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.															Columbus at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.															Los Angeles					5	2	.714	—	
					Portland at Denver, 7:30 p.m.															Dallas at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.															San Diego					4	3	.571	1	
					NHL															Los Angeles at Anaheim, 7 p.m.															Arizona					3	4	.429	2	
					EASTERN CONFERENCE															MLB															Colorado					3	4	.429	2	
					Atlantic					GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	AMERICAN LEAGUE															San Francisco					2	5	.286	3				
					z-Tampa Bay					81	61	16	4	126	319	219	East					W	L	Pct	GB	Thursday's Games																		
					x-Boston					81	49	23	9	107	256	209	Tampa Bay					5	2	.714	—	San Diego at St. Louis, ppd.																		
					x-Toronto					81	46	28	7	99	281	245	Baltimore					4	3	.571	1	Washington 4, N.Y. Mets 0																		
					Montreal					81	43	30	8	94	243	231	New York					3	4	.429	2	Pittsburgh 2, Cincinnati 0																		
					Florida					81	36	32	13	85	264	276	Toronto					3	5	.375	2½	Atlanta 9, Chicago Cubs 4																		
					Buffalo					81	32	39	10	74	219	270	Boston					2	6	.250	3½	Friday's Games																		
					Detroit					81	32	39	10	74	226	270	Central					W	L	Pct	GB	L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 1-0) at Colorado																		
					Ottawa					81	29	46	6	64	240	296	Minnesota					4	1	.800	—	(Anderson 0-1), 1:10 p.m.																		
					Metropolitan					GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Detroit					5	3	.625	½	San Diego (Marguevicius 0-1) at St. Louis																		
					y-Washington					81	48	25	8	104	278	246	Cleveland					3	3	.500	1½	Flaherty 0-0), 1:15 p.m.																		
					x-N.Y. Islanders					81	47	27	7	101	225	196	Chicago					2	3	.400	2	Tampa Bay (Glasnow 1-0) at San Francisco																		
					x-Pittsburgh					81	44	26	11	99	270	237	Kansas City					2	4	.333	2½	(Rodriguez 1-0), 1:35 p.m.																		
					x-Carolina					81	45	29	7	97	241	220	West					W	L	Pct	GB	Cincinnati (Gray 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Murga-grove 0-0), 4:05 p.m.																		
					Columbus					80	45	31	4	94	249	228	Seattle					7	1	.875	—	Minnesota (Odorizzi 0-0) at Philadelphia																		
					Philadelphia					81	37	36	8	82	241	277	Texas					4	2	.667	2	(Pivetta 0-0), 4:05 p.m.																		
					N.Y. Rangers					80	31	36	13	75	221	266	Oakland					6	4	.600	2	Boston (Porcello 0-1) at Arizona (Godley 0-1), 4:10 p.m.																		
					New Jersey					81	30	41	10	70	218	272	Houston					2	5	.286	4½	Miami (Lopez 1-0) at Atlanta (Gausman 0-0), 4:20 p.m.																		
					WESTERN CONFERENCE															Los Angeles					1	5	.167	5	Chicago Cubs (Quintana 0-0) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-0), 5:10 p.m.															
					Central					GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Thursday's Games																											
					x-Nashville					81	46	29	6	98	235	212	Seattle at Chicago White Sox, ppd.																											
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