

## PREP ROUNDUP

## Ontario hands Mac-Hi baseball two Greater Oregon League losses

The Mac-Hi Pioneer baseball team was no match for their Ontario hosts, who held them to just one run across two games on Friday.

The Tigers shut out Mac-Hi 25-0 in game one, and the Pioneers managed just one run in game two to end the day on a 9-1 loss.

In game one, Ontario put the game away in the fourth inning, scoring 16 runs with Mac-Hi's Matt Cunnington on the mound. Chance Palmer put in five runs for the Tigers, and Seth Forsyth and Josh Navarette each had four.

Ontario ran out to an 8-0 advantage before Chase Fones put the Pioneers on the board with a run in the top of the fifth. Mac-Hi pitcher Devon Cothey surrendered eight runs on four hits and five walks.

Mac-Hi (3-6, 0-4) takes a break from the Greater Oregon League with a nonleague contest at Stanfield on Tuesday.

### Baseball

**GRANT UNION/PRAIRIE CITY 4-9, WESTON-MCEWEN 2-5** — The TigerScots took home a pair of Blue Mountain Conference losses on Friday in a doubleheader against the Prospectors.

Tanner Sater and Weston Philipps each scored runs for Weston-McEwen in game one. Philipps also struck out five and walked just one.

The TigerScots led 5-1 for the first four innings in game two until the Prospectors fought back with three runs at the top of the fifth and four more in the sixth to come back on top.

Chance McDowell was 3 for 3 at the plate for Weston-McEwen, scoring one run and an RBI. Meanwhile, Grant Union got three hits and three RBIs across five at-bats from Tristan Morris.

Weston-McEwen (1-9, 1-4 BMC) travels to Heppner on Friday for another league game.

**BURNS/CRAINE 12-21, RIVERSIDE 1-1 (5)** — Riverside opened Eastern Oregon League play with two straight losses to their Burns visitors on Friday.

The Hilanders led off with an 8-0 advantage in game one and never looked back. Pitcher Tucker Fye allowed six Hilander runs on three hits across 1 1/2 innings on the hill for the Pirates.

Meanwhile, Cade Tiller held Riverside to just two hits and struck out four.

The Pirates held a brief 1-0 lead in game two until the Hilanders rallied off two nine-run innings to put the game away.

AJ Cemore scored Riverside's lone run, Ethan

Graham allowed 10 runs off eight hits, and Francisco Barajas let slip eight runs on the mound.

Riverside (2-6, 0-2 EOL) travels to Irrigon on Tuesday to continue in league play.

### Softball

**NYSSA 11-16, UMATILLA 1-0** — The Vikings opened Eastern Oregon League action with a pair of home losses on Friday.

Catcher Stephanie Griggs scored Umatilla's only run for the day, and picked off six Nyssa runners from the plate, but it wouldn't be enough to contain their scoring.

"She came in there and held down their running game, but (Nyssa) got smarter as the day went on," said Vikings coach Erick Olson. "Nyssa threw two really good pitchers at us. They no-hit us in the second game."

Umatilla (1-8, 0-2 EOL) travels to Echo/Stanfield on Tuesday for a non-league matchup.

**UNION/COVE 10-4, HEPPNER 0-0** — Freshman Callie Glenn shut down the Mustangs, striking out 21 over two games, as the Bobcats swept Heppner in a Blue Mountain Conference doubleheader in Irrigon.

"Their pitcher really brought it," Heppner coach Rick Johnston said.

Aubri Rodriguez and Eva Martin each hit a single for the Mustangs in the first game.

For Union, Harley Creech went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, Kylie Bruce was 2-for-3, and Taylor Daggett drove in three runs.

In the second game, Glenn struck out 12, but Sydney Wilson hit a double, while Dakota Durfey and Alexis Cutsforth had singles.

Durfey threw both games, walking just one batter in 11 innings of work.

### Boys tennis

**HELIX 3, IONE 0** — The Grizzly boys posted three strong singles showings in a home match against Ione on Friday.

Caleb Mann shut out the Cardinals' Gary Walls in an 8-0 No. 1 match. Bryce Fairchild defeated Ione's Josh Bleth 8-2, and Sam Kubishta ended the day with a narrow 8-6 victory over Chance McCormack.

### Girls tennis

**IONE 2, HELIX 1** — Mackenzie Dunn scored Helix's only win against Ione on Friday, defeating Payton Miller 8-2 in a No. 1 singles contest.

Ione's Zoe Gilbert and Tresslyn McCurry both posted 8-2 wins over the Grizzlies' Noelle Texidor and Rylee Mann, respectively.

## Walton out as Lakers coach after 3 losing seasons

By GREG BEACHAM  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Luke Walton is out as coach of the Los Angeles Lakers after three losing seasons.

Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka announced Walton's departure Friday, three days after the abrupt resignation of president of basketball operations Magic Johnson. Pelinka called Walton leaving a mutual decision.

The former Lakers forward went 98-148 after getting his first permanent head coaching job with the 16-time NBA champions. The former Golden State assistant never led the Lakers to the playoffs, not even after the arrival of LeBron James last summer.

Walton leaves three days



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**In this March 12, 2019, file photo, Los Angeles Lakers coach Luke Walton gestures to players during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Chicago Bulls in Chicago.**

after the Lakers' final game of their 37-45 season was upstaged by the shocking pregame resignation of Johnson, who inherited Walton when he took over the Lakers' front office in February 2017. Johnson attributed his

decision in part to his desire and reluctance to fire Walton, who is close to Lakers owner Jeanie Buss.

A potential power struggle instead ended with both men out of their jobs after this wild week. Pelinka, who

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homer two at-bats later, and Studer posted a two-RBI single. The Bulldogs would send 11 batters to the plate by the end of the inning.

"Sydney is just a leader," Greenough said. "She's a trend-setter. The kids try to play like she does. She holds herself to a high standard."

The Bulldogs ran in five more in the second inning, with Noland and Studer both collecting another RBI each.

It took two Kamiakin pitchers to contain the Bulldogs in the first two innings. Hannah Jablonski gave up 10 hits, 11 runs, eight errors, and three walks across 1 1/2 innings on the mound. Emma Wood relieved the last 4 1/2, but only managed four strikeouts.

The Braves scattered just three runs across the following two innings in response to Hermiston's first two offensive showings.

"Our core group is the same as it was last year, with a few new freshmen and sophomores," Stefani said. "We've struggled building our chemistry all season, but today was an indicator of our progress. In that first game, we played with a lot of heart. We let it loose in the second game."

Stefani, Samantha Atilano and Ashley Cameron all posted a single and a run apiece to open game two, and Stefani saw fit to slug away another home run at the bottom of the second.

At the bottom of the third, Daisy Maddox hit the Bulldogs' fourth home run

for the day, but their game started to falter in the fourth inning.

Despite their five-run deficit, the Braves scored eight runs in two innings, including seven in the top of the fourth, capped off by Jablonski's home run in the fifth. By the bottom of the seventh, Hermiston trailed 10-6.

"There was just a lack of focus," Stefani said of the Kamiakin rally. "There was some lackadaisical playing on our part."

The Dawgs loaded the bases twice for their final at-bat. Maddox drove Cameron in on a single, and Studer's walk-off grand slam on a 1-1 count and no outs sealed the rally in dramatic fashion.

"I felt like I was struggling at the plate all day,"

was hired along with Johnson, announced the move in a possible sign of the increased organizational power of Kobe Bryant's former agent.

"I want to thank Jeanie Buss and the Buss family for giving me the opportunity to coach the Lakers," Walton said in a statement issued by the Lakers. "This franchise and the city will always be special to me and my family."

Walton joined the Lakers with fanfare in 2016 after his successful tenure alongside coach Steve Kerr with the powerhouse Warriors. Walton stepped in as Golden State's interim coach when Kerr was sidelined by health issues to start the 2015-16 season, and he led the Warriors to a 24-0 start and a 39-4 record before Kerr returned to the bench.

Studer said. "When I got up there, I was just looking to score. It feels good to win this one for my team. Kamiakin came ready to fight. I'm glad we stuck it out."

Maddox led Hermiston in game two, batting 2 for 3 with two runs and four RBIs. Studer's grand slam helped her to a 1 for 4 performance at the plate with one run and four RBIs.

Wood allowed 10 runs off 16 hits, along with 10 errors and just one strikeout for the Braves.

The back-to-back wins pushed Hermiston (7-1, 5-1 MCC) to the top of the Mid-Columbia Conference standings. On Tuesday, they'll hit the road to challenge the No. 4 Kennewick Lions for more league action.

## SCOREBOARD

### LOCAL SLATE

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

**Baseball**  
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Stanfield/Echo (DH), 11 a.m.

Crook County at Pendleton (DH), noon

**Softball**  
Grant Union/Prairie City at Weston-McEwen (DH), 11 a.m.

Pendleton at Crook County (DH), noon

**Tennis**  
Hermiston at Tri-Cities Invite, 9 a.m.

**Track and field**  
Hermiston at Pasco Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

Pendleton at Oregon City, 10 a.m.

Mac-Hi, Weston-McEwen at La Grande Invitational, 11 a.m.

Ione at Jeff Agar Memorial Invitational (Trout Lake), 11 a.m.

**MONDAY, APRIL 15**

**Tennis**  
Sherman County at Weston-McEwen, 3:30 p.m.

**Golf**  
Pendleton Girls vs. Crook County (at Prineville), 11 a.m.

Pendleton Boys at Ridgeview, TBD

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

**Baseball**  
Hermiston at Kamiakin (DH), 2 p.m.

Grant Union/Prairie City at Heppner/Ione, 4 p.m.

Riverside at Irrigon, 4 p.m.

Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Umatilla, 4 p.m.

Mac-Hi at Stanfield/Echo, 4 p.m.

Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.

**Softball**  
Hermiston at Kennewick (DH), 4 p.m.

Riverside at Irrigon, 4 p.m.

Umatilla at Echo/Stanfield, 4 p.m.

Mac-Hi/Helix at College Place (WA), 4:30 p.m.

Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

**Tennis**  
Pendleton Girls at The Dalles, 4 p.m.

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Weston-McEwen at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.

Sherman at Ione, 4 p.m.

Riverside at Stanfield/Echo, 4 p.m.

Umatilla at Helix, 4 p.m.

Hermiston at Kamiakin, 4 p.m.

**Track and field**  
Ione at Mustang Invitational (Heppner), 4 p.m.

Irrigon at Riverside, TBD

**Boys soccer**

Richland at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17**

**Tennis**  
Four Rivers at Helix, 4 p.m.

**Track and field**  
Riverside, Weston-McEwen, Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Pendleton, 3 p.m.

**Golf**  
Hermiston at Richland, noon

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

**Tennis**  
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 3 p.m.

Ione at Weston-McEwen, 3 p.m.

Umatilla at Riverside, 4 p.m.

**Track and field**  
Ione at Condon Invitational, TBD

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19**

**Baseball**  
Umatilla at Bruns/Crane (DH), 1 p.m.

Riverside at Vale (DH), 2 p.m.

Mac-Hi at La Grande (DH), 2 p.m.

Heppner/Ione at Weston-McEwen, 2 p.m.

Kennewick at Hermiston (DH), 4 p.m.

**Softball**  
Weston-McEwen at Union/Cove (DH), 11 a.m.

Umatilla at Burns/Crane (DH), 1 p.m.

Riverside at Vale (DH), 2 p.m.

Mac-Hi/Helix at La Grande (DH), 2 p.m.

Pasco at Hermiston (DH), 3 p.m.

**Tennis**  
Sherman County at Riverside, 4 p.m.

Pendleton Boys at Crook County, 4 p.m.

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**Track and field**  
Mac-Hi, Stanfield/Echo at Kiwanis Twilight Invitational (Hermiston), 2 p.m.

**Golf**  
Pendleton at La Grande, TBD

**Boys soccer**  
Hermiston at Kennewick, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

**Baseball**  
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Sherman/Arlington/Condon (DH), 11 a.m.

Pendleton at Redmond (DH), noon

Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa at Irrigon (DH), 1 p.m.

**Softball**  
Grant Union/Prairie City at Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii (DH), 11 a.m.

Echo/Stanfield at Adrian (DH), 11 a.m.

Redmond at Pendleton (DH), noon

Enterprise/Wallowa/Joseph at Irrigon (DH), 1 p.m.

**Tennis**  
Helix, Umatilla at Stanfield/Echo, 10 a.m.

Riverside at Mac-Hi, noon

**Track and field**  
Riverside at Prosser, 10:30 a.m.

Weston-McEwen, Stanfield/Echo, Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii, Ione at Pepsi Invitational (Union), 11 a.m.

**MLB**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	11	3	.786	—
New York	5	8	.385	5 1/2
Baltimore	5	9	.357	6
Boston	5	9	.357	6
Toronto	4	10	.286	7

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	8	5	.615	—
Detroit	8	5	.615	—
Minnesota	6	4	.600	1/2
Chicago	4	8	.333	3 1/2
Kansas City	3	10	.231	5

West	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	13	2	.867	—
Houston	8	5	.615	4
Oakland	10	8	.556	4 1/2
Los Angeles	7	7	.500	5 1/2
Texas	6	7	.462	6

**Friday's Games**  
Detroit at Minnesota, p.p.d.

Chicago Cubs 5, L.A. Angels 1

Chicago White Sox 9, N.Y. Yankees 6, 7 innings

Tampa Bay 11, Toronto 7

Boston 6, Baltimore 4

Oakland 8, Texas 6

Kansas City 8, Cleveland 1

Houston at Seattle, 7:10 p.m.

**Saturday's Games**  
Baltimore (Cashner 2-1) at Boston (Porcello 0-2), 10:05 a.m.

Chicago White Sox (Nova 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 0-0), 10:05 a.m.

Detroit (Ross 1-1) at Minnesota (Pineda 1-0), 11:10 a.m.

L.A. Angels (Stratton 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 0-2), 11:20 a.m.

Tampa Bay (Snell 2-1) at Toronto (Buchholz 0-0), 12:07 p.m.

Cleveland (Rodriguez 0-0) at Kansas City (Bailey 0-1), 4:15 p.m.

Oakland (Estrada 0-1) at Texas (Sampson 0-1), 5:05 p.m.

Houston (Verlander 1-0) at Seattle (Herndandez 1-0), 6:10 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
Baltimore at Boston, 10:05 a.m.

Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 10:05 a.m.

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 10:07 a.m.

Detroit at Minnesota, 11:10 a.m.

Cleveland at Kansas City, 11:15 a.m.

L.A. Angels at Chicago Cubs, 11:20 a.m.

Oakland at Texas, 12:05 p.m.

Houston at Seattle, 1:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	4	.692	—
Philadelphia	8	4	.667	1/2
Atlanta	7	6	.538	2
Washington	6	6	.500	2 1/2
Miami	3	11	.214	6 1/2

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	8	5	.615	—
St. Louis	8	5	.615	—
Pittsburgh	7	5	.583	1/2
Chicago	5	8	.385	3
Cincinnati	4	8	.333	3 1/2

West	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	10	5	.667	—
Los Angeles	8	6	.571	1 1/2
Arizona	6	8	.429	3 1/2
San Francisco	5	9		