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PREP ROUNDUP

Umatilla boys soccer shuts out Portland Christian 11-0

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PORTLAND — Alexis Ruiz netted a hat trick, and Emmanuel Arredondo and Carlos Mejia scored two goals each as Umatilla's boys soccer team trampled over Portland Christian 11-0 on Thursday evening.

"We expected more," Umatilla coach Pedro Ortiz said. "We expected a stronger team. We gave it our best."

Arredondo and Mejia gave the Vikings a hot start with two goals each in the first half, and Ruiz sank his first of three before the first 40 minutes were up, as well.

The sophomore forward recorded his final two goals in the second half to help complete Umatilla's road shutout.

Oliver Burman and Jose Alaniz also scored goals for the Vikings along the way.

"We controlled the tempo of the

game," Ortiz said. "We did good work, but we still need to work on some mistakes that happened (today)."

Up next, the Vikings (1-0-1) return home on Tuesday to host Mac-Hi (2-1-1). The match begins at 4 p.m.

Girls soccer

PORTLAND CHRISTIAN 2, UMATILLA 0 — The unbeaten Portland Christian Lions handed

Umatilla a road loss on Thursday to keep the Vikings without a win.

Umatilla (0-2-1) returns home on Tuesday to host Mac-Hi, who are coming off a 3-1 loss to College Place. Game time is at 4 p.m.

LA GRANDE (JV) 3, IRRIGON 0 — The Irrigon Knights are still without a win on the season after Thursday's road match against La Grande's junior varsity team.

"They move the ball around

well," Irrigon coach Ivan Navarrete said of La Grande. "Their girls really know the game."

Navarrete said his team is short staffed due to injuries, including starting keeper Kim Renteria, who is expected to be out for the first half of the season with a foot injury.

The Knights (0-2-1) are back on the road Tuesday at White Salmon.

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Knowles feeds off the love at Round-Up



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Bulldogger Blake Knowles takes down his steer during Thursday's Pendleton Round-Up.

Heppner cowboy has top run of the day in steer wrestling

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PENDLETON — As much as Blake Knowles loves the Pendleton Round-Up, the fans love him even more.

The Heppner cowboy turfed his steer in 5.6 seconds Thursday for the top run of the day in steer wrestling, to the delight of the crowd.

"I could fall off my horse and roll down the arena, and they still would have cheered," Knowles said. "I want to give them a good performance. They are so good to me. Anytime you can have success in this arena, it is awesome."



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

Taylor Santos of Creston, Calif., ropes his calf in a time of 8.3 seconds to take the lead in the event on Thursday afternoon at the Pendleton Round-Up.

Knowles has a time of 12.6 seconds on two head, putting him sixth overall. Fans should get another look at him in Saturday's finals.

"I've never won this rodeo," Knowles said. "It's our (he and his cousin Trevor Knowles) favorite rodeo ever, but I've never finished in the top four. The Saturday rodeo here in Pendleton is one of the most exhilarating performances you get to be a part of. You have to keep your emotions in check."

Knowles' horse Smoke did his part in the event, which is made more difficult because it is on grass.

"You have to have good horsepower," Knowles said. "When you are well-mounted, you can do well. This is the greatest arena in all of rodeo, especially in steer wrestling. It makes you have to be fundamentally strong with your feet."

Smoke also has been the horse of choice this week for Jesse Brown (6.1 seconds) and Stephen Culling (7.7 seconds). Trevor Knowles and last

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FIFA bans jailed soccer official Napout for life for bribery

ZURICH (AP) — FIFA has banned former soccer official Juan Ángel Napout for life, almost 21 months after he was convicted on racketeering and corruption charges in a Brooklyn court.

FIFA says its ethics committee judges found Napout guilty of bribery between 2012 and 2015, and fined him 1 million Swiss francs (\$1.01

million). It is unclear how FIFA can enforce payment.

Napout was a FIFA vice president, and leader of South American soccer body CONMEBOL, when he was arrested in Zurich in December 2015.

The U.S. Justice Department had requested a second wave of arrests at a luxury hotel in FIFA's home city

in a sweeping investigation of soccer corruption.

Napout, from Paraguay, was found guilty of taking bribes worth millions of dollars linked to commercial contracts for South American soccer competitions.

He was sentenced to nine years in prison in August 2018, nine months after a trial that lasted several weeks.



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In this Dec. 13, 2017, file photo, Juan Angel Napout, of Paraguay, arrives to federal court in the Brooklyn borough of New York.