

Volleyball: Bucks sweep Tigers for nonleague victory

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for the set. The Tigers came within three points off of senior setter Kenzie Williams' tip after the break, but the Bucks put up seven unanswered points, and senior outside hitter Zoe Jones' kill helped them to a 10-point, 19-9 lead, forcing the second Tigers timeout.

"We struggled," Williams said. "We didn't bring the energy in that first set. We reminded ourselves to play our game, and play it to our abilities."

La Grande only managed three more points after the break. Meanwhile, Jones, who finished with a match-high 17 kills, helped the Bucks to one more 10-point advantage. Tigers senior outside hitter Jayce Seavert's return at match point fell out of bounds, handing the Bucks the first set.

"It was our mindset," Pendleton coach Amanda Lapp said. "We saw them earlier in the season. We had a focused talk at practice yesterday. We knew we'd have to come out strong and work for our points."

Pendleton stayed just



Sami Spriet, of Pendleton, sets the ball to a teammate at the net during Tuesday's nonleague game against La Grande at Warberg Court.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

one point ahead to start set two until a three-point rally at 5-4 gave them some distance. They took another

10-point lead off junior middle blocker Josie Wilson's block. The Bucks would get four more 10-point advan-

tages before the set was through.

Sophomore middle blocker Daisy Jenness

slammed a kill that sealed the set.

The Tigers jumped out to its first lead of the night at 5-4 to start the final contest, but Jones tied it at 5-5. Justice had a kill for a 12-8 game later on, forcing Pendleton's first timeout.

"They're great competition," Pendleton senior libero Carissa Cooley said of La Grande. "They always make us work."

Bucks sophomore outside hitter Sauren Garton rallied off a pair of points to bring Pendleton within two points of La Grande, but the Tigers held firm, eventually taking an eight-point lead.

A Pendleton rally was finished off by two consecutive kills from Jones to bring the set to 21-20, and the Tigers responded with a failed return on the next play, knotting the score at 21-21.

"When she gets in front with the ball, you have confidence in her," Lapp said of Jones. "You know she's going to make a play with it, whether it's a hard swing, or putting the ball where the defense isn't."

Jones posted another kill to put the Bucks out front again, but Williams'

ace tied the score one more time. Tigers outside hitter Grace Neer had a block that allowed her team to briefly reclaim the lead, but it wouldn't last.

Jones had an ace, and an unforced error on La Grande's side of the net finished off the match.

"It takes a lot of grit to see a team come back like that in the third set," Lapp said.

House had three aces for the night. Jones, Wilson, and junior designated setter DeLaney Duchek each had two. House also had a team-high nine digs.

Justice led the Tigers with eight kills, and Seavert finished with 14 digs. Williams followed with seven kills.

"The goal is always to win in three," Cooley said. "We really worked for the win, not only for the people we played for (for Dig Pink), but for our confidence going back into the league."

Pendleton (5-7, 2-3 IMC) hosts Redmond in a conference matchup on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. La Grande (16-4, 3-0 GOL) heads to the Seaside Tournament on Saturday.

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Boys soccer

PRESCOTT 13, IRRIGON 1 — Irrigon was down a number of key players and only had one substitute to use off the bench, falling 13-1 at home to Prescott.

Marsco Rangel scored the Knights lone goal.

Irrigon (3-4, 2-3) plays at Riverside in more Eastern Oregon League action on Saturday.

HOOD RIVER VALLEY 3, PENDLETON 1 — Despite leading 1-0 at the half, Pendleton surrendered three goals in the second half and lost at home to Hood River Valley.

Jamie Medonza gave the Buckaroos the lead at the 15th minute. His goal was assisted by Juan Ortega. In the second, Pendleton just couldn't match Hood River Valley's intensity, Buckaroos coach Alex Erazo said.

But as Pendleton (3-4-1, 2-2) preps to travel to Ridgeview on Thursday, Erazo said the team is making strides.

"We're getting closer to where we want to be," he said.

Girls soccer

HOOD RIVER VALLEY 5, PENDLETON 0 — Pendleton couldn't over-

come possession and position issues that plagued them in the first half, losing 5-0 at Hood River Valley in Inter-mountain Conference play.

The Buckaroos let in four goals in the first half. In the second, coach Paul Parker and the team adjusted to better fill gaps in the center of its defense and contended for possession offensively at more opportune times. Ultimately, Pendleton gave up just one goal in the second half.

Pendleton (1-6, 1-2) hosts Riverside in another league game on Thursday.

HANFORD 5, HERMISTON 2 — With every Hermiston senior absent

from the field on Tuesday due to injuries, coach Freddy Guizur saw the promise of next year's roster.

"They stepped up," he said of his team's underclassmen. "It gave us a look at what next year is going to look like, without all of our seniors."

Freshman forward Minnie Purves scored the Bulldogs' first goal, and junior center mid Jayden Ray scored a penalty kick against the hosting Hanford Falcons.

Hermiston (6-4, 5-4 MCC) hosts Walla Walla at 7 p.m. on Thursday for another Mid-Columbia Conference matchup.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

Women's soccer
Blue Mountain at North Idaho, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

Football
Pendleton at La Salle Prep, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Dufur at Lone/Arlington, 5 p.m.
Elgin at Nixyaawii, 5 p.m.
Umatilla at Irrigon, 5 p.m.
Union at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 6:30 p.m.
Heppner at Grant Union, 6:30 p.m.
Redmond at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 7 p.m.

Boys soccer

Nyssa at Umatilla, 2 p.m.
Pendleton at Ridgeview, 4:30 p.m.
Four Rivers at Riverside, 5:30 p.m.

Girls soccer

Nyssa at Umatilla, 4 p.m.
Four Rivers at Riverside, 4 p.m.
Ridgeview at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.
Walla Walla at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Cross-country

Hermiston, Weston-McEwen, Nixyaawii, Umatilla at Bulldog Fest, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 11

Football
Union at Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii, 7 p.m.
Enterprise at Lone/Arlington, 7 p.m.
Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler at Echo, 7 p.m.
Stanfield at Grant Union, 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Riverside, 7 p.m.
Umatilla at Burns, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Irrigon, 7 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Kiona-Benton, 7 p.m.
Chiawana at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Mitchell/Spray at Echo, 5 p.m.

Men's soccer

Blue Mountain at Spokane, 6:15 p.m.

Women's soccer

Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.

NWAC VOLLEYBALL

Blue Mountain at Spokane, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

VOLLEYBALL
Joseph at Nixyaawii, 10 a.m.
Stanfield, Weston-McEwen at Grant Union, noon
Heppner at Union, noon
Joseph at Helix, 1 p.m.
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 2:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Elgin, 4:30 p.m.
Heppner vs. Enterprise (at Union), 7 p.m.

Boys soccer

Irrigon at Riverside, 1 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario, 3 p.m.

Girls soccer

Mac-Hi at Ontario, noon
Irrigon at Riverside, 1 p.m.
Hermiston at Clarkston, 2 p.m.

Men's soccer

Blue Mountain at North Idaho, 2:15 p.m.

NWAC volleyball

Blue Mountain at North Idaho, noon

BASEBALL

POSTSEASON BASEBALL GLANCE
x-if necessary

DIVISION SERIES (BEST-OF-5)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Houston 2, Tampa Bay 2
Tuesday, Oct. 8: Tampa Bay 4, Houston 1
Thursday, Oct. 10: Tampa Bay (Glasgow 6-1) at Houston (Cole 20-5), 4:07 p.m. (FS1)

N.Y. Yankees 3, Minnesota 0
Friday, Oct. 4: N.Y. Yankees 10, Minnesota 4
Saturday, Oct. 5: N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 2
Monday, Oct. 7: N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers 2, Washington 2
Thursday, Oct. 3: L.A. Dodgers 6, Washington 0
Friday, Oct. 4: Washington 4, L.A. Dodgers 2
Sunday, Oct. 6: L.A. Dodgers 10, Washington 4
Monday, Oct. 7: Washington 6, L.A. Dodgers 1
Wednesday, Oct. 9: Washington (Strasburg 18-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 14-4), 5:37 p.m. (TBS)

Atlanta 2, St. Louis 2
Thursday, Oct. 3: St. Louis 7, Atlanta 6
Friday, Oct. 4: Atlanta 3, St. Louis 0
Sunday, Oct. 6: Atlanta 3, St. Louis 1
Monday, Oct. 7: St. Louis 5, Atlanta 4, 10 innings
Wednesday, Oct. 9: St. Louis (Flaherty 11-8) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 8-6), 2:02 p.m. (TBS)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (BEST-OF-7)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees vs. Houston-Tampa Bay winner
Saturday, Oct. 12: N.Y. Yankees at Houston or Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees (Fox or FS1)
Sunday, Oct. 13: N.Y. Yankees at Houston or Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees (Fox or FS1)
Tuesday, Oct. 15: Houston at N.Y. Yankees or N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay (Fox or FS1)
Wednesday, Oct. 16: Houston at N.Y. Yankees or N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay (Fox or FS1)

x-Thursday, Oct. 17: Houston at N.Y. Yankees or N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay (Fox or FS1)

x-Saturday, Oct. 19: N.Y. Yankees at Houston or Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees (Fox or FS1)

x-Sunday, Oct. 20: N.Y. Yankees at Houston or Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees (Fox or FS1)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Friday, Oct. 11: St. Louis-Atlanta winner at L.A. Dodgers or Washington at St. Louis-Atlanta winner (TBS)

Saturday, Oct. 12: St. Louis-Atlanta winner at L.A. Dodgers or Washington at St. Louis-Atlanta winner (TBS)

Monday, Oct. 14: L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis-Atlanta winner or St. Louis-Atlanta winner at Washington (TBS)

Tuesday, Oct. 15: L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis-Atlanta winner or St. Louis-Atlanta winner at Washington (TBS)

x-Wednesday, Oct. 16: L.A. Dodgers at St. Louis-Atlanta winner or St. Louis-Atlanta winner at Washington (TBS)

x-Friday, Oct. 18: St. Louis-Atlanta winner at L.A. Dodgers or Washington at St. Louis-Atlanta winner (TBS)

x-Saturday, Oct. 19: St. Louis-Atlanta winner at L.A. Dodgers or Washington at St. Louis-Atlanta winner (TBS)

WORLD SERIES (BEST-OF-7)

Tuesday, Oct. 22: at better record (Fox)

Wednesday, Oct. 23: at better record (Fox)

Friday, Oct. 25: at worse record (Fox)

Saturday, Oct. 26: at worse record (Fox)

x-Sunday, Oct. 27: at worse record (Fox)

x-Tuesday, Oct. 29: at better record (Fox)

x-Wednesday, Oct. 30: at better record (Fox)

HOCKEY

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Buffalo	3	2	0	1	5	13	7
Toronto	4	2	1	1	5	16	13
Boston	2	2	0	0	4	3	1
Detroit	3	2	1	0	4	10	9
Montreal	2	1	0	1	3	9	9
Tampa Bay	3	1	1	1	3	11	10
Florida	3	1	2	0	2	9	14
Ottawa	2	0	2	0	0	4	9

METROPOLITAN

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Carolina	4	4	0	8	17	11
Washington	4	2	0	6	10	10
N.Y. Rangers	2	2	0	4	10	5
Philadelphia	1	1	0	2	4	3
N.Y. Islanders	3	1	2	2	7	8
Pittsburgh	3	1	2	2	9	9
Columbus	3	1	2	2	7	14
New Jersey	2	0	1	1	6	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
St. Louis	3	2	0	1	5	8	7
Colorado	2	2	0	0	4	9	5
Nashville	3	2	1	0	4	13	9
Winnipeg	4	2	2	0	4	14	15
Dallas	4	1	3	0	2	10	12
Chicago	1	0	1	0	0	3	4
Minnesota	2	0	2	0	0	4	9

PACIFIC

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Edmonton	3	3	0	0	6	14
Anaheim	3	3	0	0	6	8
Vegas	2	2	0	0	4	9
Calgary	2	1	1	0	2	6
Los Angeles	1	0	1	0	0	5
Arizona	2	0	2	0	0	1
Vancouver	2	0	2	0	0	2
San Jose	4	0	4	0	0	5

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.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Dallas 4, Washington 3, OT
Winnipeg 4, Pittsburgh 1
Carolina 6, Florida 3
Edmonton 5, N.Y. Islanders 2
Anaheim 3, Detroit 1
Nashville 5, San Jose 2

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Montreal, 4 p.m.
Anaheim at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Edmonton at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Washington at Nashville, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Boston at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Vegas at Arizona, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Florida at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Anaheim at Columbus, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.



Hermiston's Malayna Anderson passes the ball during the third set against Hanford. The Bulldogs defeated the Falcons in three sets at Hermiston High School on Tuesday night.

Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

Dawgs: Vertrees serves up 5 consecutive points

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first set and jumped out to a 10-6 lead, but once the Bulldogs got their footing, Hanford had no answer.

Emma Combes served up six connective points for a 16-11 lead, then Halee Stubbs put the final eight points on the board for the win.

"We have our moments of brilliance," said first-year Hanford coach Kristin White. "They are learning to play together.

It's a struggle." Hanford again took an early in the second set, 4-1, but it too was short lived.

Daisy Maddox and Kambree Baker each served for four points as the Bulldogs rallied for a 15-6 lead. The Falcons picked up a few points here and there, but Maddox would serve the last five points of the set to take a 2-0 lead.

Hermiston cruised to a 10-0 lead in the third set, getting nine service points from Stubbs.

After a little back and forth, the Bulldogs had a 13-2 lead when Vertrees went to the service line. She reeled off five consecutive points for an 18-2 lead.

Dowdy would finish off the match with five points in a row.

"We are a really young team," White said. "We have two seniors and the rest are mostly sophomores. They are learning a new system and that is making for a trying season."

Maddox added five kills

for the Bulldogs, while Baker had three kills, and Stubbs seven digs and three aces.

Hermiston will play at Walla Walla on Thursday.

"They are a good team," Dyck said of the Blue Devils. "They are steady and consistent. If we play there, the way we played tonight, it will be a good match."

Abby Meyer led the Falcons with three kills, while Shyrete Reka had 12 digs and Hannah Marske seven assists.