

Defense keys Pendleton’s 34-0 win over La Salle

Kason Broncheau had an interception and a fumble recovery for the Bucks

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MILWAUKIE — Pendleton secured at least a tie for the Special District 1-East title Thursday night with a 34-0 road victory over La Salle Prep.

“Our defense played tremendous,” Pendleton coach Erik Davis said. “For a team that was scoring a lot of points, hats off to our defense.”

Blake Swanson, Kason Broncheau and Travis McGee all had interceptions, while Broncheau

also recovered a fumble. Kyle Liscom was in on 17 tackles, while Isaac Urbina had a stellar game at defensive end, with three sacks and was in on 11 tackles.

“He was all over the field,” Davis said of Urbina.

Pendleton also recovered a kickoff that the Falcons (2-3 overall, 2-1 SDI) could not keep their hands on.

Offensively, Zaanan Bane ran for 63 yards and two touchdowns.

Liscom ran for 52 yards and one TD, and caught another, and Mathias Patrick also scored.

Tanner Sweek completed 8 of 15 passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns.

“The wind was blowing and it was cold,” Davis said. “We had to find a way to be creative on the ground and chew up a little clock. We were able to move the ball at will, but we had way too

many turnovers.”

The Bucks, ranked No. 5 in the latest Class 5A poll, are 4-0 in league play and 5-1 overall. They will host Parkrose next Friday at the Round-Up Grounds to finish their regular season.

Benson folded its football program this season, taking away what would have been Pendleton’s final game Oct. 25. The Bucks were unable to find a replacement game.

BULLDOGS LEAD THE PACK



Runners take off at the start of Thursday’s Bulldog Fest high school girls cross-country race.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston boys and girls each finish first at home cross-country meet

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HERMISTON — In a cross-country meet that pit 10 area schools against each other, it was Hermiston who emerged the top dogs.

Hermiston, who hosted Thursday’s Bulldog Fest at Butte Park, placed three boys and two girls at the top of their respective races, and took first in the team standings, outrunning athletes from Pendleton, Heppner, Weston-McEwen, Walla Walla, Umatilla, Riverside, Nixyaawii, Helix, Pilot Rock, and Condon.

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Cydney Sanchez and Amand Nygard, of Hermiston, run a hill during Thursday’s Bulldog Fest cross-country race. Nygard won in 20:08.60 and Sanchez came in second with a time of 20:12.50.

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Union too much for Stanfield to handle

Tigers will play Weston-McEwen and Grant Union on Saturday

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STANFIELD — Things are getting tight in the Blue Mountain Conference volleyball standings.

The Union Bobcats are sitting pretty atop the standings at 7-0 after handing Stanfield a 25-17, 25-11, 25-17 loss Thursday night.

“Things are a little more neck and neck,” Union coach Karly Knapp said. “It’s fun to play in this league. It has been crazy with Stanfield, Weston-McEwen and Heppner.”

The Tigers (14-6 overall, 4-3

BMC) came into the match having won their past three matches, but had trouble from the get-go with the Bobcats.

“They came ready to play,” Stanfield coach Blaine Ganvoa said Union. “They executed well and got into a rhythm early.”

After a 3-3 tie in the first set, Union’s Callie Glenn reeled off four consecutive points, and Kylie Marriott followed with four of her own for a 10-4 lead.

The Tigers would get as close as 21-17 down the stretch, but could

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Union’s Taylar Daggett (2) dives to make a hit during the third set against the Tigers. The Union Bobcats defeated the Stanfield Tigers in three sets in Stanfield on Thursday night.

Staff photo by Ben Loneragan

PREP ROUNDUP

Heppner sweeps the Prospectors

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JOHN DAY — Sydney Wilson had 12 kills, 19 digs and three aces Thursday to lead Heppner to a 25-12, 26-24, 25-20 Blue Mountain Conference win over Grant Union.

With the win, the Mustangs improve to 4-3 in conference play, along with Stanfield, Weston-McEwen and Grant Union.

“It is a fight to get to the next spot,” Heppner coach Mindy Wilson said. “It’s a hard thing. You have to fight to get one of five spots to district.”

Nicole Prophetier added eight kills for the Mustangs, while Alexis Cutsforth had 15 digs. Marlee Mitchell had nine assists, and Genevieve Smith eight assists.

“Getting a win on the road is important,” Wilson said.

Heppner will play Union and Enterprise on Saturday at Union.

“We will see who comes out and breaks the cycle,” Wilson said.

Volleyball

WESTON-MCEWEN 3, PILOT ROCK 1 — The TigerScots narrowly dropped a tight second set, but that didn’t stop them from knocking down another Blue Mountain Conference win at Pilot Rock.

“I was really happy with how we played,” Weston-McEwen coach Shawn White said. “The girls were working really hard and trying to do the right thing.”

The fifth-ranked TigerScots opened strong with a 25-17 win in the first set before falling 25-21 in the second. They rallied back with 25-7 and 25-6 wins to close out the match.

“We just had some errors,” White said of the second set. “It was a combination of things. That’s volleyball.”

Ellie Scheibner had 21 assists and was 16 of 17 at the line with three aces. Trinity Hearn posted 10 kills and seven aces to leave the offense, and Carrie Hazen was perfect at the service line, scoring two aces off 11 serves.

Weston-McEwen (13-7, 3-3 BMC) will face Stanfield and Grant Union on Saturday at the Prospectors’ court. Meanwhile, Pilot Rock (2-16, 0-7 BMC) visits Elgin.

WALLA WALLA 3, HERMISTON 0 — The Blue Devils improved to 9-0 in the Mid-Columbia Conference standings with a 25-21, 25-11, 26-24 victory over the visiting Bulldogs.

Kendall Dowdy led the Bulldogs (3-6 MCC) with 13 assists, 6 digs, four kills and two aces, while Grace Vertrees had six kills, five aces and five dig. Daisy Maddox had six kills; Halee Stubbs 22 digs; and Emma Combes 10 digs.

PENDLETON 3, REDMOND 1 — The bottom-ranked Redmond Panthers were no match for Pendleton on Thursday, who took them down in four sets in an Intermountain Conference matchup.

The Buckaroos (7-7, 3-3 IMC) dropped the first set 25-20, but stayed alive to sweep the next three 25-21, 25-14, 26-24.

“The match started out slow and quiet, but got intense quick,” coach Amanda Lapp said. “We really had to work together for our win tonight, and to keep the momentum.”

Pendleton will host The Dalles

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