

Bucks: Ready for homecoming

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level. I've seen them grow athletically and in their leadership. They're handling the idea of how to win big games very well.

And Pendleton fans who were left hanging after Benson cancelled their week nine home matchup are still in luck.

"If we beat Parkrose, there's a good possibility that we'll have a rematch with Wilsonville," Davis said.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney, File

Pendleton's Zaanan Bane gets yardage while trying to evade Blake Morkert (1) and Drake Kramer (3), of Scappoose, on Sept. 27 at the Round-Up Arena. The Bucks will return to the grounds for their season's third home game this Friday.

down to the rankings once they close. With the way things are shaking out, it looks like we could be a playoff team."

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hamstring injuries.

"Kaleb Pence has been in at running back, but our quarterback Cooper Bales is our leading rusher this year," Henderson said.

The Rangers also will be playing at home for the first time this season. The school is undergoing renovations, and part of that included evening out the field and reseeding.

"It's a homecoming of sorts for us," Henderson said.

Heppner at Weston-McEwen

The TigerScots (3-2, 1-1 BMC) return home for the first time since Sept. 12, and they are quite aware of what awaits them.

The Mustangs are 6-0 overall, 1-0 in Blue Mountain Conference play, and have allowed 48 points this season.

"We are playing a very good Heppner team that is very disciplined and well-coached," W-M coach Kenzie Hansell said.

Despite the No. 3 state ranking, Heppner coach Greg Grant does not take any game lightly.

"They are young, and they have improved," Grant said. "They are athletic. Anytime you have a new coach, there is an adjustment.

With the BMC stacked with quality teams, including Stanfield and Grant Union, Grant knows his team will

show up every Friday.

"I like this group of kids," he said. "They are pretty smart with good leadership and good work ethic.

Hansell, whose team lost to Stanfield, then beat Riverside, knows Friday's game, and the one against Grant Union, will be no easy task.

"This is a very tough league — a well-coached league," he said. "There are good athletes in every program, that's what makes it fun to be in a competitive league."

There will be a prime rib dinner available before the game for \$20. Tickets can be purchased at any school in Athena.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

THURSDAY, OCT. 17

Volleyball

Ione/Arlington at Echo, 5 p.m. Enterprise at Stanfield, 5 p.m. Union at Weston-McEwen, 5:30 p.m. Pilot Rock at Heppner, 6:30 p.m. Pendleton at Crook County, 6:30 p.m. Helix vs. Powder Valley (at Imbler), 7 p.m. Pasco at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Boys soccer

Redmond at Pendleton, 3 p.m. Girls soccer Redmond at Pendleton, 5 p.m. Hermiston at Pasco, 7 p.m.

Cross-country

Pendleton, Umatilla, Weston-McEwen, Nixyaawii at Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invite, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

Football

Stanfield at Vermonia, 6 p.m. Vale at Irrigon, 7 p.m. Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii at Dufur, 7 p.m. Imbler at Ione/Arlington, 7 p.m. Heppner at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m. Grant Union at Riverside, 7 p.m. Parkrose at Pendleton, 7 p.m. Hermiston at Eisenhower, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Vale at Riverside, 1 p.m. Nyssa at Umatilla, 2 p.m. Burns at Irrigon, 4 p.m.

Boys soccer

La Grande at Mac-Hi, 5 p.m. Girls soccer La Grande at Mac-Hi, 3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

Football

Phoenix at Mac-Hi, 1 p.m. Echo vs. Alsea (at Portland Christian), 3 p.m.

Volleyball

Nyssa at Irrigon, 10 a.m. Vale at Umatilla, 11 a.m. Burns at Riverside, 11 a.m. Vale at Umatilla, 11 a.m. Nixyaawii at Joseph, 11:30 a.m. Hermiston at Richland, noon. Echo at Dufur, 1 p.m. Condon at Ione/Arlington, 1 p.m. Pilot Rock vs. Grant Union (at Enterprise), 1:30 p.m.

Vale at Irrigon, 2 p.m.

Burns at Umatilla, 3 p.m. Helix at Joseph, 3 p.m. Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 3 p.m. Nyssa at Riverside, 3 p.m. Nixyaawii at Powder Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Boys soccer

Umatilla at Riverside, 1 p.m. Irrigon at Nyssa, 4 p.m.

Girls soccer

Umatilla at Riverside, 1 p.m. Irrigon at Nyssa, 2 p.m.

PREP STANDINGS

VOLEYBALL

1A Big Sky League

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Sets won, Sets lost. Lists teams like S. Wasco, Echo, Dufur, Ione, Sherman, Condon, Mitchell.

1A Old Oregon League

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Sets won, Sets lost. Lists teams like Wallowa, Imbler, P. Valley, Joseph, Cove, Elgin, Helix.

2A Blue Mountain Conference

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Sets won, Sets lost. Lists teams like P. Eagle, Nixyaawii, Union, Stanfield, W-M, Heppner, G. Union, Enterprise, P. Rock.

3A Eastern Oregon League

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Sets won, Sets lost. Lists teams like Vale, Burns, Irrigon, Nyssa, Riverside, Umatilla.

4A Greater Oregon League

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Sets won, Sets lost. Lists teams like La Grande, Baker, Mac-Hi, Ontario.

5A Intermountain Conference

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Sets won, Sets lost. Lists teams like Ridgeview, C. County, Pendleton, The Dalles, HRV, Redmond.

Mid-Columbia Conference

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl. Lists teams like Walla Walla, Richland, Chiawana, Kamiakin, Kennewick, Hermiston, Hanford, Southridge, Pasco.

BOYS SOCCER

3A/2A/1A SD6

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Goals, Allwd. Lists teams like Riverside, Umatilla, Nyssa, Four Rivers, Irrigon, Ukiah.

4A Greater Oregon League

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Goals, Allwd. Lists teams like Ontario, La Grande, Mac-Hi, Baker.

5A Intermountain Conference

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Goals, Allwd. Lists teams like H. River, Ridgeview, The Dalles, Pendleton, Redmond, C. County.

GIRLS SOCCER

3A/2A/1A SD6

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Goals, Allwd. Lists teams like Riverside, Umatilla.

Nyssa 1-2-2 1-8-2 9 56

Four Rivers 1-3-2 1-6-2 3 40 Irrigon 1-3-1 1-8-1 5 31

4A Greater Oregon League

Table with 6 columns: Team, Lg, Ovrl, Goals, Allwd. Lists teams like La Grande, Ontario, Baker, Mac-Hi.

5A Intermountain Conference

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BASEBALL

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary) AMERICAN LEAGUE Houston 2, N.Y. Yankees 1 Saturday, Oct. 12: N.Y. Yankees 7, Houston 0 Sunday, Oct. 13: Houston 3, N.Y. Yankees 2, 11 innings Tuesday, Oct. 15: Houston 4, N.Y. Yankees 1 Wednesday, Oct. 16: Houston at N.Y. Yankees, p.p.d. Thursday, Oct. 17: Houston (Greinke 18-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 11-9), 5:08 p.m. (FS1) Friday, Oct. 18: Houston (Verlander 21-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Paxton 15-6), 4:08 p.m. (FS1) x-Saturday, Oct. 19: N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 5:08 p.m. (FS1) x-Sunday, Oct. 20: N.Y. Yankees at Houston, 4:38 p.m. (FS1)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Washington 4, St. Louis 0 Friday, Oct. 11: Washington 2, St. Louis 0 Saturday, Oct. 12: Washington 3, St. Louis 1 Monday, Oct. 14: Washington 8, St. Louis 1 Tuesday, Oct. 15 Washington 7, St. Louis 4

WORLD SERIES

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner vs. Washington Washington Tuesday, Oct. 22: Washington at Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner (Fox) Wednesday, Oct. 23: Washington at Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner (Fox) Friday, Oct. 25: Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner at Washington (Fox) Saturday, Oct. 26: Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner at Washington (Fox) x-Sunday, Oct. 27: Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner at Washington (Fox) x-Tuesday, Oct. 29: Washington at Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner (Fox) x-Wednesday, Oct. 30: Washington at Houston-N.Y. Yankees winner (Fox)

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Table with 6 columns: Atlantic, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Lists teams like Buffalo, Boston, Toronto, Tampa Bay, Detroit, Florida, Montreal, Ottawa.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with 6 columns: Central, GP, W, L, OT, Pts, GF, GA. Lists teams like Colorado, Nashville, St. Louis.

Winnipeg 8 4 4 0 8 26 30

Chicago 4 1 2 1 3 12 13 Dallas 8 1 6 1 3 15 26 Minnesota 6 1 5 0 2 14 25

Pacific GP W L OT Pts GF GA

Table with 6 columns: Edmonton, Anaheim, Vegas, Calgary, Vancouver, Arizona, Los Angeles, San Jose.

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.

Wednesday's Games

Columbus 3, Dallas 2 Pittsburgh 3, Colorado 2, OT Washington 4, Toronto 3

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay at Boston, 4 p.m. Minnesota at Montreal, 4 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 4 p.m. Vancouver at St. Louis, 5 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Winnipeg, 5 p.m. Detroit at Calgary, 6 p.m. Nashville at Arizona, 7 p.m. Ottawa at Vegas, 7 p.m. Buffalo at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Dallas at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 4 p.m. Colorado at Florida, 4 p.m. Columbus at Chicago, 5:30 p.m. Detroit at Edmonton, 6 p.m. Carolina at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Vancouver at New Jersey, 10 a.m. Montreal at St. Louis, 12 p.m. Vegas at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 4 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m. Boston at Toronto, 4 p.m. Ottawa at Arizona, 4 p.m. Dallas at Philadelphia, 4 p.m. Florida at Nashville, 5 p.m. Calgary at Los Angeles, 7 p.m. Buffalo at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

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