

Girls hoops: Nixyaawii hosts Lapwai tonight

Continued from Page A8

Golden Eagles responded with a seven-point streak, including three from Bronson at the line.

Junior point guard Kyella Picard managed a basket just before the buzzer to give Nixyaawii a 45-32 lead. She and Bronson combined for six consecutive points in mid-quarter four for a 22-point advantage, keeping the game well out of the Cougars’ reach.

Van Pelt, who finished with 10 points, hit a shot in the final 10 seconds to seal the win.

“White Swan is a really tough team,” Bronson said. “They don’t have much in size, but they can play a pretty good game.”

Senior guard Trista Melton followed Bronson in scoring with 12 points on the night. Bass matched Bronson to lead the Cougars with a team-high 15 points.

Nixyaawii (1-1) hosts Lapwai, Idaho, at 7 p.m. Tuesday.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Tyana Van Pelt, of Nixyaawii, goes up for a shot as White Swan’s Melanie Bass (3) defends during Saturday’s Nixyaawii Invitational.

Boys hoops: Burns led Golden Eagles with 19 points, 3 assists

Continued from Page A8

Schimmel, Moses, senior Kristopher Picard, and junior Tyasin Burns put eight points on the board to keep Nixyaawii ahead 22-14 at the buzzer.

“We’re trying to get our feet back under us,” Schimmel said. “We’re just figuring things out again. Our last two games were rough, but this one was much smoother.”

Nixyaawii’s net stayed untouched for the first two minutes of the second quarter as Yakama pulled within two points of tying the game. With 2:42 left in the half, the Golden Eagles fought back with 11 unanswered points, including four points from Burns. They took a 40-23 lead into the locker room.

“Yakama is as good as any team we’ll play this year,” Rivera said. “We played better as a unit today.”

A trey from Schimmel and a basket from Picard helped Nixyaawii to a 21-point, 53-32 advantage near the end of the third quarter. Schimmel and Moses combined for four more points in the final seconds for a 22-point lead at 62-40.

Yakama outscored Nixyaawii 28-20 in the



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Shane Rivera, of Nixyaawii, drives to the hoop past Yakama’s Justin Hart Saturday during the finals of the Nixyaawii Invitational.

final eight minutes, but the Golden Eagles had already created too broad of a deficit to overcome. Nixyaawii pulled together a 25-second, seven-point streak in the final minute to stay alive and keep the Eagles down for good.

“They’re a really savvy team,” Schimmel said of Yakama. “They don’t ever

let up. We had to perform. We had to work the ball, and work together.”

Burns had a team-high 19 points and three assists for the Golden Eagles. Schimmel and Moses each added 18 points.

Nixyaawii will play Stanfield to open Umatilla’s Columbia River Clash at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Heppner: Rea earned top honors at linebacker with 65 tackles

Continued from Page A8

first-team selection at quarterback and defensive back for the Mustangs, while senior Mason Lehman earned first-team honors at wide receiver and defensive back.

Wilson threw for 1,282 yards and 23 touchdowns, and ran for 797 yards and 14 touchdowns. Defensively, he had 32 tackles and three interceptions.

Lehman, the Mustangs’ top receiver, caught 33 passes for 612 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also had 51

tackles and returned eight punts for touchdowns.

Jackson Lehman, a junior, was a first-team tight end (345 yards, 7 TDs), while senior Jason Rea earned top honors at linebacker with 65 tackles and one interception.

On the second team, junior Blake Wolters earned honors as a running back (999 yards, 16 TDs) and defensive lineman (70 tackles, 4 sacks).

“Each coach in the state voted, but I don’t think some saw him play,” Grant said of Wolters. “The differ-

ence between first and second is an opinion. Being top two is a feather in anyone’s cap.”

Also on the second team are Rea, and seniors Kellen Grant and Gavin Hanna-Robinson on the offensive line, senior kicker Kannon Wilkins, and Jackson Lehman at linebacker (42 tackles, 2 interceptions). Hanna-Robinson also was named to the defensive line (73 tackles).

Third-team honors went to sophomore Kason Cimmeyotti at defensive back (23 tackles, 6 interceptions).

Hermiston: Romero missed most of the second quarter after her third foul

Continued from Page A8

then we got comfortable,” she said. “La Grande, I gotta give it to them. They never gave up, and that was awesome to see from their team.”

Hermiston, which only trailed in the early stages

of the game, gave itself a major edge from the 3-point line, going 9-for-28 from deep, and 5-for-10 in the second half. The Bulldogs hit three in a row to start the third to help build their largest lead.

“It’s having that confi-

dence (to shoot the 3), and they’ll get there,” Moss said. “They have that confidence and they’ll continue to build on that.”

Jayden Ray was the fourth Bulldog in double figures with 10 points, while Ella Dunlap added 15 for the Tigers.

Prep roundup: Heppner rallies to defeat Central Linn

Continued from Page A8

Pendleton plays at Southridge on Tuesday.

ECHO 48, ADRIAN 36 — The Cougars (1-1) posted their first win Saturday to close the Lions Tournament in Union.

Echo led 14-9 after one quarter, took a 26-19 half-time advantage, and outscored the Antelopes 15-8 in the third to build a double-digit lead at 41-27 going into the fourth.

Faith McCarty led Echo with 15 points and Tylene Skillman added 14. The Cougars play Thursday at Powder Valley (2-0) to open the Badger Tournament at North Powder High School.

JOSEPH 45, PILOT ROCK 24 — The Rockets suffered their first loss Saturday at Joseph in nonleague action.

Emily Lambert posted a team-high 13 points to lead Pilot Rock (2-1).

“It was a rough game for us,” Rockets head coach AmyLee Perrine said. “We were a little off. A little sluggish.”

Pilot Rock hosts Elgin at 6 p.m. Friday.

WHITE SALMON 40, RIVERSIDE 23 — The Bruins’ stingy defense caused the Pirates some trouble, en route to a non-league win in Boardman.

Megan Hegar managed just six points to lead Riverside, while Bianca Avalos added four points.

Riverside (1-2) plays Mac-Hi at 1 p.m. Thursday to open Umatilla’s Columbia River Clash tournament.

BURNS 64, IRRIGON 22 — The Knights were outscored 22-0 in the second quarter as the Hilanders cruised to victory at the La Pine Tournament.

Irrigon (1-2) trailed 12-10 at the end of the first quarter, but were shut out in the second.

Alyssa Luna netted 14 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the Knights.

Irrigon will host Mac-Hi in a nonleague Tuesday.

MAC-HI 50, DAYTON-WAITSBURG 30 — Daniela Angel scored 14 points, and Victoria Garcia added 13 as the Pioneers rolled through Dayton-Waitsburg for their second consecutive win of the season.

The Pioneers battled back from a 13-11 first-quarter deficit by outscoring their hosts 11-7 in the second.

Boys basketball

PENDLETON TAKES 3RD AT WILSONVILLE INVITATIONAL — A last-second shot may have stolen a win from the Buckaroos on Saturday night, but Pendleton rebounded with a 52-38 win over Springfield for a third-place finish at the Wilsonville Invitational Tournament on Sunday afternoon.

The Bucks opened the weekend with a 52-50 loss to North Eugene on Saturday. Although they were up 16-2 at the end of the first quarter, the game quickly slipped away from them moving forward.

“We started off really well, but let ‘em back in the game in the second half,” Pendleton head coach Zach Dong said.

Dakota Sams, who had a team-high 19 points, hit a 3-pointer to tie it at 50-50, but North Eugene’s Cam Parks scored the game-winning shot in the fourth quarter to escape the Bucks at the last second.

On Sunday, Sams scored 17 points against Springfield, and Lane Maher added 10. Mountain View would go on to take down North Eugene to take first place at the tournament.

The Bucks (4-1) are at Southridge for a nonleague game Tuesday.

SUNNYSIDE 65, HERMISTON 46 — Trent Pitney had a team-high 16 points, and Ivan Rangel had a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds, but

the Bulldogs had no answer for the Grizzlies’ Ethan Copeland.

The 6-foot-2 Sunnyside junior hit four 3-pointers and scored a game-high 25 points to help take Hermiston down in the nonleague contest.

“We had a tough time with our press,” Hermiston head coach Drew Preuninger said. “We turned the ball over early, and that led to some easy baskets for them.”

Hermiston (1-1) plays its first home game of the season Tuesday against Davis.

PILOT ROCK 49, JOSEPH 37 — The Rockets are now on a three-game win streak under new coach Tyler Zyph, as they recorded their second road win of the season on Saturday evening.

“We were pretty balanced on the offensive end today,” Zyph said.

Logan Weinke drove the victory with 12 points, and Jimmy Jones followed with 11.

Pilot Rock (3-0) host Elgin in a nonleague contest Friday.

RIVERSIDE 60, WHITE SALMON 37 — Brian Franco had 18 points, and Cristian Rea added 15 to aid in the Pirates’ nonleague home win over the Bruins.

Riverside (3-0), which is on a three-game win streak, faces Mac-Hi on Thursday at Umatilla’s Columbia River Clash tournament.

MAC-HI 46, DAYTON-WAITSBURG 33 — The Pioneers opened their season with a nonleague road win over Dayton-Waitsburg.

Dareagan Stephens had a team-high 19 points for Mac-Hi, while Hector Castillo chipped in 14 points.

Mac-Hi (1-0) will play at Irrigon on Tuesday.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN 46, STANFIELD 43 — The Tigers suffered a close loss to undefeated Central Christian (3-0) to close the Sherman Invitational in Moro.

The Tigers (2-1) led 24-19 at halftime, but Central Christian outscored them 27-19 in the second half to get the victory.

Uriel Carrillo led the Tigers with 15 points, while Mario Sanchez had eight and Rafael Orozco six.

Stanfield meets Nixyaawii at 2 p.m. Thursday at the eight-team, three-day Columbia River Clash in Umatilla.

UMATILLA 42, WARRENTON 35 — The Vikings (3-0) recorded their third consecutive win to close the Vernonia Tournament on Saturday afternoon.

Andrew Earl scored a team-high 14 points with four steals. Junior guard Chris Self had eight points and five rebounds.

Umatilla hosts Faith Bible in its next contest at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Columbia River Clash.

HEPPNER 66, CENTRAL LINN 56 — The Mustangs trailed 27-23 at the half, but a 28-14 run in the third quarter helped them escape the Cobras for good to win Saturday’s nonleague home game.

Joe Sherman led Heppner with a team-high 14 points, while Jayden Wilson and Mason Lehman each had 12.

Heppner (2-1) travels to Portland Christian on Friday.

BURNS 53, IRRIGON 51 — The Irrigon Knights remain winless after closing the La Pine Invitational with a narrow loss to the Hilanders.

Irrigon (0-3) will host Mac-Hi on Tuesday.

COVE 47, ECHO 21 — Echo closed out the Union Lions Tournament with a loss to the Leopards.

The Cougars (0-2) are back on the road Thursday to compete in the Badger Tournament at North Powder High School. They’ll face Powder Valley at 8:30 p.m.

WESTON-MCEWEN DROPS TWO HOME GAMES — Lane Jeppsen poured in a game-high 40 points to lead the Cobras to

a 69-58 nonleague win over the host TigerScots on Friday night.

Jeppsen scored 22 of his points in the first half as Central Linn led 36-26 at the break.

Blair Rudolph led Weston-McEwen (0-2) with 21 points, while Theo White added 20.

On Saturday, the TigerScots suffered a 51-49 loss to Gaston. Rudolph scored 15 points to lead Weston-McEwen, and White had 12.

The TigerScots will play Tuesday at Elgin.

Wrestling

Hermiston’s Zayne Helfer and Sam Cadenas placed second, and the Bulldogs finished third in the team standings at the Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Tournament at Oregon City High school.

Helfer pinned his first two opponents in the first round in the 113-pound bracket, then posted a 10-0 major decision over Juan Velasquez of Woodburn to reach the finals.

Porter Craig of Camas used two takedowns in the third period to beat Helfer 4-3 in the title bout.

At 220, Cadenas pinned his first three opponents to reach the championship match against Bryan Cuthbertson of Sherwood.

Cuthbertson, who finished second at the Oregon 6A state tournament last year at 220, had a 17-3 lead over Cadenas before pinning him early in the third round.

The Bulldogs also got third-place finishes from Hunter Dyer (132), Trevor Wagner (160) and Jon Lee (220), while Jordan Franklin (145) and Dustyn Coughlin (285) were fourth.

Adrian Delgado finished fifth at 120, while Gavin Tarvin was fifth at 160, and Blake Betz sixth at 195.

Sprague won the team title with 316.5 points, followed by Redmond (244.5), Hermiston (233) and Sherwood (232.5) in the 23-team event.

PENDLETON FINISHES 10th — Colin Primus finished second for Pendleton at 126 pounds to lead the Bucks at the Bob Mars Invitational at Kennewick High School in Washington.

Primus pinned his first two opponents to reach the finals against Moses Lake’s Ryan Grubb. Grubb led 7-0 before pinning Primus in the second round.

Isaac Urbina finished third at 195 for the Bucks, while Jack Lieuallen was fifth at 138, and Dawson Tremper fifth at 106.

The Bucks finished 10th in the team standings with 72.5 points. Chiawana won the team title with 273.5 points and five champions.

HERMISTON GIRLS — Hermiston’s Jazmin Deike won her first tournament title at the Ladycat Kickoff Classic at Eastmont High School in East Wenatchee, Washington.

Deike won the 190-pound title, pinning Nevaeh Gomez of Prosser in 13 seconds in the championship match.

Also placing for Hermiston were Laly Morfin and Shiyenne Swaggart, who shared third place at 155. They had reached their five-match limit for the day, and could not wrestle their final match.

Marina Izaguirre Frasser was third at 100, while Halee Thomas was third at 145, Amree Braithwaite was fifth at 145 and Talia Borrego was fifth at 140.

As a team, the Bulldogs finished fourth in the 17-team event.

“For some of them, it was the first time they had ever placed at a tournament,” Hermiston coach Andy Hall said. “We had 15 compete and seven place. Even the people who won one match helped.”

The Bulldogs will wrestle at Richland, Washington, on Wednesday, then will host Chiawana on Thursday.