

## BOYS PREP ROUNDUP

## Bucks rout North Salem

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MILWAUKIE — The Buckaroos extended their win streak to five after defeating North Salem 60-42 in nonleague play at Rex Putnam High School on Friday.

The Bucks escaped the first quarter with a close 11-9 lead, but held the Vikings to just five points in the second quarter to break away for good.

"We started off slow and sluggish," Pendleton head coach Zach Dong said. "North Salem did a good job of coming out and slowing us down early."

Despite the slow start, senior guard Tanner Sweek poured in 10 points in the second quarter alone to help Pendleton to a 38-14 lead at the half. Senior guard Cooper Roberts scored 10 points in the final quarter.

Senior guard Stockton Hoffman led the way with 15 points, while Sweek finished with 14, and Roberts 13.

"We found a rhythm and started pounding the ball inside," Dong said.

Pendleton (7-1) is back in action next Friday and will compete at the Holiday Hoops Classic at Summit/Mountain View. Their first game will be against Bend at 7:45 p.m.

**HEPPNER 64, ILLINIUS VALLEY 42** — Jayden Wilson scored a game-high 18 points, and Roy Collins added 17 points and six rebounds to lead the Mustangs past the Cougars at the 2A Preview Tournament at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Heppner led 28-22 at the half, but broke the game open in the second half with a 36-20 run.

Mason Lehman chipped in 11 points for the Mustangs (4-4), while Gavin Hanna-Robinson hauled down nine rebounds.



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**Brock Hisler, of Heppner, passes the ball as Illinois Valley's Trevor Kitching defends during Friday's Rocket Invitational 2A preview tournament at the Pendleton Convention Center.**

Jhon Southammavong led the Cougars (1-5) with 15 points and five rebounds, while Tanner Jolley added 12 points.

Heppner will play Gervais at 6:15 p.m. Saturday.

**WHITE SWAN (Washington) 59, UMATILLA 44** — The Cougars led from start to finish for a home win over the Vikings (6-2).

Umatilla's Andrew Earl scored 22 points and grabbed seven rebounds. It marked the fourth time this season that Earl has scored 20 points or more. Oscar Campos had a team-high 11 rebounds and seven points for the Vikings.

**GERVAIS 68, WESTON-MCEWEN 50** — The TigerScots trailed just 36-33 at the half, but a 22-11 run by the Cougars in the fourth quarter allowed them to pull away for the win at the 2A Preview Tournament at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Blane Peal led W-M (1-7) with 20 points, while Blair Rudolph added 15. Michael Toran had 16 points for the Cougars (2-5).

W-M will play Myrtle Point at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

**NIXYAAWII 69, AMITY 59** — The defending Class 1A state champion Golden Eagles (5-2)

defeated the previously unbeaten Warriors (5-1) in a nonleague matchup in the Toledo Invitational Tournament.

Kristopher Picard, Tya-sin Burns and Mick Schimmel combined to score 50 points to help lead Nixyaawii to a fifth consecutive win.

Nixyaawii will face host Toledo at 7 p.m. Saturday.

**HELIX 39, BICKLETON (Washington) 38** — Bryce Fairchild's free throw with 2 seconds remaining in the game helped the Grizzlies (4-2) top the Pirates at the Helix Holiday Tournament.

The Grizzlies, who have won three games in a row, were led by Elijah Sprenger's 20 points. D'Artagnan Carlson added seven points, while Logan Davis and Fairchild each had five.

Griswold will play Klickitat-Glenwood (Washington) at 3 p.m. Saturday.

**JOSEPH 54, IONE/ARLINGTON 47** — The Eagles overcame an 11-point fourth-quarter deficit to hand the Cardinals (4-1) their first loss of the season.

Ione/Arlington led 44-33 midway through the fourth quarter before Joseph rallied for the win.

Hunter Padberg scored a team-high 12 points for the Cardinals, while Jacob Shandy had nine points and five assists, and Gary Walls 12 rebounds.

Ione/Arlington plays Wallowa at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Arlington High School.

## NAIA basketball

**SOUTHERN OREGON 107, EASTERN OREGON 96 (OT)** — The Raiders overcame a 15-point halftime deficit to force overtime, where Tate Hoffman took over with 12 of his 30 points to lead SOU to a win over the Mountaineers at Lithia Motors Pavilion in Ashland.

Teron Bradford's transition 3-pointer tied the score at 89-all with 13 seconds left. The Raiders (8-3 overall, 2-1 Cascade Conference) went 8-of-13 from downtown in the second half to get back in it. Aaron Borich hit four of those, scoring 18 of his 22 points after halftime.

Max McCullough scored 20 and Jarek Schetzle had 18 for the Mountaineers (7-5, 1-2), who had an 85-78 lead with three minutes to go.

## NWAC basketball

**SKAGIT VALLEY 88, BLUE MOUNTAIN 62** — Wes Persinger came off the bench to score 15 points and grab 10 rebounds, but it wasn't enough as the Timberwolves fell to the Fighting Cardinal at the Clackamas Crossover Tournament in Oregon City.

Josh Wilson added 14 points and eight assists for BMCC (4-9), while Craig Mueller had 12 points and 11 rebounds, and Dylan Grogan (Stanfield) 10 rebounds.

Ajani Chappell had a game-high 24 points and six steals for undefeated Skagit Valley (11-0).

## Girls roundup: Tejada led the Tigers with 15 points

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Classic in Turner.

"I have to figure out some way to put the ball in the hoop," Mac-Hi coach Chris Bryant said. "We were 5-for-19 from the free-throw line in a five-point game. It's disappointing. We are trying to learn how to win."

Victoria Garcia led the Pioneers with eight points, while Emma Leber added five. Faith Martin-Bail had nine points for Dallas.

Mac-Hi will play Klamath Union at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

**STANFIELD 40, RIVERSIDE 22** — The Tigers used a big second half to pull away from the Pirates for a nonleague win in Boadman.

Tied at 13-13 at the half, Stanfield (7-1) went on a 27-9 run over the next two quarters to run its win streak to three games.

"They were scrappy and aggressive," Stanfield coach Daniel Sharp said of Riverside. "It was close in the first half."

Nyah Tejada led the Tigers with 15 points, while Kendra Hart had 13.

Cesi Garcia had eight points to lead the Pirates (1-7).

The Tigers will play in the Mac-Hi Tournament starting Dec. 27.

"We've played six games in 14 days," Sharp said. "It will be good for them to have some time off."

**GERVAIS 52, WESTON-MCEWEN 28** — The undefeated Cougars (7-0) held the TigerScots (1-7) to just two first-quarter points to take control of the contest from the outset at the 2A Preview Tournament at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Weston-McEwen, which only had six players available because of injuries and illness, got 14 points from Trinity Hearn. Bailey Munch added seven rebounds.

W-M faces Myrtle Point (2-6) at 1:15 p.m. Saturday.

**WHITE SWAN (Washington) 79, UMATILLA**

43 — The Cougars built a 24-10 lead after one quarter en route to the lopsided home win over the Vikings.

The Vikings (2-6), who played without leading scorer Taylor Durfey (injury), were led Devina Monreal's career-high 21 points.

Umatilla will play McLoughlin at 6 p.m. Dec. 27 at the Mac-Hi Tournament.

**ECHO 58, LYLE/WISHRAM (Washington) 27** — Rachel McCarty and Faith McCarty each had 19 points as the Cougars rolled to a home over Lyle/Wishram.

Echo (4-4) scored early and often, taking a 27-10 lead at the half. The Cougars' largest lead of the game was 34 points.

Faith McCarty shot 8-for-8 from the floor — including 3-for-3 from beyond the arc.

Lizzie Hawkins led Lyle/Wishram with seven points.

**HELIX 47, LONG CREEK/UKIAH 28** — The Grizzlies (4-2) led from start to finish in posting a nonleague win over the Mountaineers (0-2) at the Helix Holiday Tournament.

The Grizzlies were led by Kaylee Cope with 11 points, and Ryann Stahancyk with 10.

Helix continues tournament play at 2 p.m. Saturday against Klickitat-Glenwood (Washington).

**IONE/ARLINGTON 44, JOSEPH 42** — The Cardinals (4-1) handed the previously undefeated Eagles (5-1) their first loss of the season with a come-from-behind victory at Ione High School.

Ione, playing without 5-foot-11 senior post Tresslyn McCurry (illness), trailed 16-4 after the first quarter, but was able to overcome the deficit to get the win.

Larysa Burrig, Jessica Medina and Mackenzie Heideman combined for 32 points for the Cardinals, who play Wallowa at noon Saturday at Arlington High School.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

**Rylee Bray, of Pilot Rock, passes the ball during Friday's game against Myrtle Point at the Rocket Invitational 2A Preview at the Pendleton Convention Center.**

## Rockets: Madyson Moffit led Pilot Rock with 12 points

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Weekly responded with a basket to reclaim the lead, but Moffit and Brewer each posted two points for a brief 9-7 Rockets advantage. Bobcats senior Kayla Wheeler managed a last-second basket as the game was left even at 9-9 at the half.

"Our offensive plays weren't really working well tonight," Moffit said. "We picked it up on the defensive end coming into the second half."

Lambert opened the second half with a bucket that handed the lead back to the Rockets, and Moffit did the same after the Bobcats tied the game again. Myrtle Point got four straight points from Brown and Leap that kept

them ahead for the rest of the quarter. Lambert sunk a last-second shot to help the Rockets trail by just one point at 19-18 at the buzzer.

"It was a back-and-forth game for a while," Perrine said. "(Myrtle Point is) good competition."

Moffit strung together five unanswered points in the early minutes of the final quarter to give Pilot Rock its final advantage at 24-22, but the Bobcats responded by taking off on a 10-point run from which the Rockets couldn't recover.

Bobcats junior Tayler Thomas knocked down five points to start the rally, and Leap and Reynolds capped off the run to put Myrtle Point up 31-24 with 2:23 left to play.

Lambert scored two consecutive shots in the final two minutes to pull the Rockets within three points, and Thomas responded with another basket to keep the Bobcats out front. Pilot Rock sophomore post hit two at the line just before the final buzzer, but the Rockets could not manage another comeback.

"It was a challenging game, but it made us a better team," said Moffit, who led the Rockets with 12 points. "This game brought a lot of confidence to our shooters."

Lambert chipped in 10 points for the Rockets (3-4), who will cap off their tournament run with a 4:45 p.m. game against East Linn Christian Academy on Saturday.

## Blazers: Carter-Williams out second half due to shoulder injury

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Orlando was hurt by a slow start. Portland put together a 14-0 run and led 31-13 after the first quarter.

The long scoring drought prompted Vucevic to throw a towel down in frustration after being subbed out.

The Magic got back into the game with a 16-2 run. They trailed 57-44 at halftime.

Orlando played without Michael Carter-Williams in the second half after he departed with a left shoulder injury. The Magic closed out a 1-3 road trip.

## Tip-ins

Magic: One of the biggest surprises of the NBA season has been the play of

Markelle Fultz, who was selected by Philadelphia with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2017 draft. Fultz struggled at the start of his career with the 76ers, but he has worked his into the starting lineup for the Magic. "He has an ability to set a tone on both ends of the floor on every possession," coach Steve Clifford said. "And I think that's what the best point guards do. He's in the paint, which was one of our big weaknesses last year. When he's on the floor we're much more inside out and we score off of his penetration." Fultz had 10 points and four assists in the loss.

Trail Blazers: Former Blazers forward Al-Farouq Aminu, who is rehabbing

his way back from a torn meniscus, got a loud ovation when he was shown on the big screen during the fourth quarter. Aminu signed with Orlando in free agency. "He was probably our best post defender," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "He guarded perimeter guys, he guarded centers. He was an exceptional player in his role for us in that, especially defensively but also offensively he developed into a very important 3-point shooter for us."

## Up next

Magic: Monday vs. Chicago Bulls.

Trail Blazers: Saturday vs. Minnesota Timberwolves.

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