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LSU quarterback Joe Burrow, right, celebrates with wide receiver Terrace Marshall Jr. after scoring against Clemson during the first half of Monday's national championship game in New Orleans.

Burrow, LSU cap Heisman season, beat Clemson for title

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NEW ORLEANS — Joe Burrow threw five touchdown passes, ran for another score and capped one of the greatest seasons in college football history by leading No. 1 LSU to a 42-25 victory against No. 3 Clemson on Monday night to win the national championship.

The small-town Ohio kid turned Louisiana legend delivered the

Tigers (15-0) their first national title since 2007 and fourth overall, breaking a few more records along the way in what was already an historic season. The five TD passes and 463 yards passing are the most for a BCS or College Football Playoff title game as are his six total touchdowns.

He became the first major college quarterback to throw 60 touchdown passes in a season as LSU snapped defending national champion Clem-

son's 29-game winning streak. For the first time in his college career, Clemson star quarterback Trevor Lawrence was on the losing team. The Tigers (14-1) had won his first 25 starts.

But on this night, Lawrence (18 for 37 for 234 yards) was no match for Burrow — the Ohio State transferred who threw all of 16 TD passes last season with LSU.

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston's Kendall Dowdy grabs a rebound during Saturday's game against Kamiakin at the Dawg House.

DAWGS OUTLAST KAMIAKIN

Hermiston uses 21-4 fourth-quarter run to make off with MCC home victory

By BRETT KANE
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — In the Mid-Columbia Conference, any slack in your team's momentum can cost you the game.

While the Hermiston girls experienced that in brief lapses, it was what derailed the visiting Kamiakin Braves on Saturday night.

The Dawgs fought to hold onto a 10-point advantage throughout the contest, and an early fourth-quarter rally put

the game out of reach for good as Hermiston cruised a 76-50 win.

It was the Bulldog's first win over Kamiakin (2-10, 1-7 MCC) since they joined the MCC.

"We wanted to come out strong, and we did that," said Hermiston senior Jazlyn Romero, who poured in 16 points to lead the Bulldogs. "But then we lagged a little bit. You can't afford those mental lapses in the MCC. You never know — anyone can win any game on any given night."

Romero, sophomore Sydney Seavert, and junior Kaylee Young opened play with three consecutive treys for Hermis-

ton that helped it to a 9-2 lead.

Braves freshman Kathryn Hollenberg notched two unanswered baskets that pulled them within five points in response, and sophomore Kylie Malloy hit a basket to cut the deficit to just three with 4:36 left in the quarter.

Seavert sank another 3-pointer in the final minute to help keep the Dawgs up 22-16 at the buzzer.

Braves freshman Nikole Thomas, who finished the game with 15 points, got her team within three points again

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PREP ROUNDUP



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Javon Curiel (0), of Echo, eyes the basket during Saturday's game, making his way around a fallen Sherman player.

Bulldogs can't keep up with Braves

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HERMISTON — The Bulldogs fell to an eight-game skid as they dropped a 78-29 Mid-Columbia Conference matchup against Kamiakin in Hermiston on Saturday night.

Chase Elliott was the only Hermiston player to score in double digits, finishing with 13 on the night. The Bulldogs were held to just three points in the fourth quarter — a basket from Miguel Moreno and a point at the line from Elliott.

The bottom-ranked Bulldogs (2-10, 1-7 MCC) travel to Kennebec on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

MAC-HI 43, ONTARIO 42 — The Pioneers opened Greater Oregon League play with a last-second road victory over the Tigers.

Mac-Hi held a 21-20 lead at the half, but Ontario battled back for a 41-37 lead with just 25 seconds left to play.

Marcellus Brinkley hit a 3-pointer to turn it into a one-point game for the Pioneers, and Ontario responded with a free throw for a 42-40 lead.

Mac-Hi's Cristian Castillo hit a buzzer-beating trey from the right wing to steal the win.

Mac-Hi (7-7, 1-0 GOL) hosts Corbett for nonleague game at 6 p.m. Thursday.

STANFIELD 58, WESTON-MCEWEN 54 — Blane Peal posted a game-high 22 points for the host TigerScots, but the Tigers' evenly distributed scoring kept the game just out of reach in Saturday's Blue Mountain Conference contest.

Rafael Orozco led the Tigers with 19 points, while Uriel Carrillo added 11, and Rene Sanchez 10.

Stanfield (7-7, 2-1 BMC) visits Union at 7:30 p.m. Friday, while Weston-McEwen (3-10, 0-2 BMC) hosts Union at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

SHERMAN COUNTY 57, ECHO 30 — The Cougars fell to 0-4 in Big Sky League after a home loss to the Huskies.

Mason Murdock scored a team-high 15 points and shot 7-of-8 from the field for Echo. Sherman County's Wade Field was a perfect 7-for-7

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Brosnan wins title, Mustangs second at Cougar Challenge

Irrigon gets titles from Asher Hall and Jacob Ayala

By ANNIE FOWLER
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ECHO — Sophomore Conor Brosnan won the 170-pound title, and Heppner/Ione finished second at the Cougar Challenge on Saturday at Echo High School.

Grant Union won the team title with 119.5 points, with the Mustangs (67.5) a distant second, and Imbler (67) third.

Brosnan pinned Ronny Morello of Joseph/Wallowa at 5:11 of the championship match.

The Mustangs also got a second-place finish from Brian Collins at 120-126, Roen Waite at 113, and Jace Coe at 160. Saul Lopez was third at 132, and Edward Ellsworth fourth at 152.

Asher Hall of Irrigon won the 113-pound title, beating Waite by technical fall, 17-2.

The Knights, who finished sixth, also got a title from Jacob Ayala at 132. Ayala earned an 8-2 decision over Grant Union's Ben Henry in the title match.

Irrigon's Tim Standley was

third at 285, while Roberto Ayala was fourth at 195, and Bradley Dawson fifth at 220.

Host Echo/Stanfield got second-place finishes from Ethan Piercy (138) and Isaiah Lemmon (145).

In the girls portion of the tournament, Echo's Natalie Toombs was third at 105-110, and Kaitlyn Lemmon was third at 125-130.

Heppner/Ione's Suzanne Cason was fourth at 125-130, and Irrigon's Emalei Hendren was second at 135.

Girls wrestling

Hermiston finished 36th in the

team standings Saturday at the Kelso Girls Tournament.

The Bulldogs (65 points) did not have anyone place in the top eight at the event, which featured wrestlers from 102 teams.

White River won the team title with 197 points, while Hanford (190.5) was a close second, and Kennebec (163.5) third.

Marina Izaguirre Frasser finished 4-2 at 100 pounds, and earned 42 points for the Bulldogs.

At 190 pounds, Jazmin Deike also was 4-2 and earned 13 points, while Amree Braithwaite (140) went 3-2 and earned 12 points.