



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

McLoughlin's Daniela Angel (5) goes in for a layup. The McLoughlin Pioneers defeated the Weston-McEwen TigerScots 40-30 at Weston-McEwen High School in Athena on Dec. 6, 2019.

Mac-Hi: 'I never go into a game believing we are going to lose'

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rebuilding process." The Pioneers are reveling in their success this season. The girls who are seniors had only won four game games in the past three years. "It has been nice," Bryant said of the wins. "I'm a realist, but I never go into a game believing we are going to lose. I always think I can come up with a plan to make us competitive." The Pioneers have six

seniors on their roster, but it has been sophomores Emma Leber and Darby Rhoades who have been leading the way. Leber, a 6-foot-1 forward, is averaging nine points per game, while Rhoades, a 5-6 guard, is adding eight points a game. "We have pieces, if we put them all together we can be competitive," Bryant said. "It's a good start to see where we want to be. It's a great time to be here, and next year could be even better."

Local Roundup: The Knights will host Burns on Friday

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Omar Madrigal led Irrigon (2-12, 0-3 EOL) with 10 points, with Tony Carillo added six. John Wolfe led Vale with 19 points. The Knights will host Burns at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

NWAC men's basketball

SPOKANE (Washington) 99, BLUE MOUNTAIN 74 — Garrett White had a game-high 27 points and six rebounds to lead the Sasquatch past the Timberwolves in NWAC East action Monday at Spokane Falls Community College. BMCC (4-15, 0-6 East), which has lost nine in a row, trailed by 15 at the half and could not make up the difference in the second half. Wes Persinger led BMCC with 16 points and eight rebounds, while Dylan Grogan (Stanfield) came off the bench to add 13 points and four rebounds. Craig Mueller added 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Girls basketball

BAKER 66, MAC-HI 28 — The Pioneers ended their Greater Oregon League drought last week against Ontario, but the host Bulldogs did not allow Mac-Hi to make it two wins in a row. "One of our starters was gone, and we got into foul trouble early," Pioneers coach Chris Bryant said. "Baker is No. 2 in the state for a reason. We had a hard time not giving up the ball, which led to layups at the other end." Darby Rhoades led Mac-Hi (8-9, 1-1 GOL) with

nine points, while Emma Leber had seven. Sydney Younger led Baker with 16 points. The Pioneers will host DeSales at 6 p.m. Wednesday in a nonleague game.

VALE 52, IRRIGON 35 — The Knights kept the game close in the first half, but a 15-5 run by the host Vikings in the third quarter was too much to overcome in their Eastern Oregon League game on Monday afternoon. "We pulled within seven in the fourth quarter, but that's as close as we got," Irrigon coach Mike Royer said. JaLay Burns led the Knights (6-8, 0-3 EOL) with 14 points and five steals, while Princesa Chavez added 11 points and Alyssa Luna eight. The Knights will host Burns at 6 p.m. Friday.

NWAC women's basketball

SPOKANE (Washington) 70, BLUE MOUNTAIN 46 — The Timberwolves fell behind early and could not catch the Sasquatch down the stretch in an NWAC East loss Monday at Spokane Falls Community College. Jordan Fox had 13 points and six steals, and Brooke Wheeler 13 points and six rebounds for BMCC (2-15, 0-6 East), which has dropped its past six games. Alyia Munoz added eight rebounds, and Katie Skramstad four assists and three steals. Koyama Young had a game-high 22 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Spokane.

Dawgs: Wagner pinned all four of his opponents

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second to Chiawana, which rolled up a whopping 439 points. The Riverhawks had 11 guys in the finals, and came away with six titles. "It was a great effort by all the guys," said Riverhawks coach Jack Anderson, whose team also won the title last year. "I'm proud of the guys, not only the ones in the finals, but the ones in the consolation finals. Every win counted today. This was a tough tournament. We love coming here. The community is great, and there's great competition." The host Bulldogs had five in the finals, and Trevor Wagner (170) joined Cadenas atop of the winner's podium. Finishing second were Adrian Delgado (120), Daniel Faaeteete (182) and Jon Lee (220). "There were 11 teams with a mix of state champions and team champions," Hermiston coach Kyle Larson said. "We didn't want to throw an awesome tournament and not win anything. When Trevor steps on the mat, he wants to put on a show and get people to their feet. Sam and Jon make each other better. You know they will push each other to be better. Same with Sean (Stewart), who was fifth (at 220)." Cadenas beat Lee 8-6 in the championship bout, coming back from a 3-2 deficit in the second round. Lee won the 220 title last year. "It's the excitement, and the adrenaline starts pumping," Cadenas said of going into a match. "Everything closes down and it's a one-on-one battle to the end. It's fun."

Cadenas opened the tournament with a 15-second pin of Nick Lackey of College Place, Washington, and then pinned Othello's Josue Solorio in the quarterfinals in 5:03. In the semis, Cadenas beat Stewart 7-1 to advance to the finals. "I like seeing new faces,



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston's Sam Cadenas (in blue) and Jon Lee wrestle in the 220-pound championship match of Saturday's Farm City Invitational. Cadenas won 8-6.



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Hermiston's Daniel Faaeteete (in blue) gets pinned by Tyson Stover of Chiawana in the 182-pound championship match of Saturday's Farm City Invitational.

like the Othello kid," Cadenas said. "He was small, and that was tough for me. He was a good kid, and pretty strong." Against Lee, Cadenas got the initial takedown, but Lee maneuvered an escape, and was awarded a point after two stalling calls on Cadenas to make it 2-2 after the first round.

"That's what they call, but I'm backing up to set up my shot," said Cadenas, who finished fourth last year. "I need to work on that." Cadenas led 6-5 after the second round, got a key takedown with 49 seconds left in the third round, and then held on for the win. Wagner, who said he

wasn't feeling well at the start of the day, pinned all four of his opponents to improve to 19-5 on the season. In the the title match, he pinned Liddell Giles of Othello in 1:22. "I didn't really feel great, but I battled through it," Wagner said. "I didn't know who that kid (Giles) was, but I treat every kid the same. We got to see a lot of kids we do see, and some from Idaho we don't. It was good to be at home and sleep in our beds." Wagner's quickest pin on the day came in his first match against Irrigon's Zachariah Koekemoer, which lasted just 42 seconds. Faaeteete trailed 9-0 to Chiawana's Tyson Stover in the finals before Stover pinned him at 2:51 in the second round. Stover (27-2) also won the 182 title last year. Delgado, who won the 113-pound title a year ago, suffered a 13-4 loss in the finals to Nathan Gregory of Deer Park, Washington, who won the Class 1A 113-pound state title last year. Gregory improved to 22-3 with the win over Delgado. Chiawana also got titles from Davian Martinez (113), Robby Vaughn (145), Riley Cissne (160), Isaiah Anderson (195) and Colby Blasdel. Anderson and Blasdel also won titles last year. Kamiakin's Joey Chavez, who won the 152-pound title, also was named the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler. Guillermo Ramirez-Diaz won the 126-pound title for Kamiakin, giving the Braves two champions. Also for Hermiston, Aiden Favorite (106) and Hunter Dyer (126) were third, Zayne Helfer (113) was fourth, and Jordan Franklin (145), Michael Ramirez (170), Jesse Vassey (195) and Jorge De La Torre (285) were fifth. For Irrigon, Jacob Ayala (132) placed fifth, while Roberto Ayala (182) was sixth.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

Boys basketball
Elgin at Helix, 5:30 p.m.
Pasco at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Elgin at Helix, 4 p.m.
Pasco at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.
Ione/Arlington at Pendleton JV, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22

Boys basketball
Ione/Arlington at Pendleton JV, 4 p.m.
DeSales at Mac-Hi, 7:30 p.m.

Men's basketball
Walla Walla at Blue Mountain, 7:30 p.m.

Women's basketball
Walla Walla at Blue Mountain, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 23

Boys wrestling
Pasco at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Baker Three-Way, TBD

Girls wrestling
Pasco, Kamiakin at Hermiston, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 24

Boys basketball
Pendleton at Crook County, 6:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Ione/Arlington at Horizon Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Burns at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 7:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Elgin, 7:30 p.m.
Helix at Wallowa, 7:30 p.m.
Vale at Riverside, 7:30 p.m.
Nyssa at Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Union, 7:30 p.m.
Southridge at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Ione/Arlington at Country Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Southridge at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Echo, 6 p.m.
Burns at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Elgin, 6 p.m.
Vale at Riverside, 6 p.m.
Nyssa at Umatilla, 6 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Union, 6 p.m.
Crook County at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

Boys basketball
Ione/Arlington at Condon/Wheeler, 3:30 p.m.
Nyssa at Irrigon, 4:30 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 4:30 p.m.
Burns at Riverside, 4:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 5:30 p.m.
Heppner at Stanfield, 5:30 p.m.
Joseph at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
Powder Valley at Helix, 5:30 p.m.

Girls basketball
Ione/Arlington at Condon/Wheeler, 2 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 2 p.m.
Burns at Riverside, 3 p.m.
Nyssa at Irrigon, 3 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.
Heppner at Stanfield, 4 p.m.
Joseph at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Powder Valley at Helix, 4 p.m.

Boys wrestling
Riverside at Hood River Elks Memorial Tournament, 9:30 a.m.
Post Falls (ID) at Hermiston, TBD

Girls wrestling

Riverside at Hood River Elks Memorial Tournament, 9:30 a.m.
Hermiston at Grandview Invitational Wrestling Tournament, 10 a.m.
Men's basketball
Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.
Women's basketball
Big Bend at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.

AP TOP 25 POLL

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 19, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Men	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Baylor (33)	15-1	1591	2
2. Gonzaga (31)	20-1	1588	1
3. Kansas (1)	14-3	1470	6
4. San Diego St.	19-0	1422	7
5. Florida St.	16-2	1335	9
6. Louisville	15-3	1303	11
7. Dayton	16-2	1139	13
8. Duke	15-3	1065	3
9. Villanova	14-3	1055	14
10. Seton Hall	14-4	1034	18
11. Michigan	14-4	1004	15
12. Oregon	15-4	886	8
13. Butler	15-3	867	5
14. West Virginia	14-3	758	12
15. Kentucky	13-4	755	10
16. Auburn	15-2	637	4
17. Maryland	14-4	525	17
18. Texas Tech	12-5	399	23
19. Iowa	13-5	398	22
20. Memphis	14-3	394	—
21. Illinois	13-5	280	24
22. Arizona	13-5	225	—
23. Colorado	14-4	154	20
24. Rutgers	14-4	152	—
25. Houston	14-4	151	—

Others receiving votes: Wichita St. 94, LSU 83, Michigan 73, N. Iowa 42, Ohio St. 36, Stanford 28, Wisconsin 28, Penn St. 24, Florida 21, Liberty 21, Arkansas 19, Creighton 13, Duquesne 13, Virginia 13, Purdue 9, ETSU 6, Indiana 6, Southern Cal 4, BYU 2, Marquette 2, Harvard 1.

Women	Record	Pts	Prv
1. South Carolina (22)	17-1	741	1
2. Baylor (6)	15-1	725	2
3. UConn	16-1	665	4
4. Oregon	15-2	658	6
5. Louisville (2)	18-1	641	5
6. Stanford	16-2	599	3
7. Oregon St.	16-2	545	8
8. N.C. State	17-1	530	9
9. Mississippi St.	16-2	504	10
10. UCLA	16-1	497	7
11. DePaul	17-2	425	14
12. Kentucky	15-3	378	11
13. Gonzaga	18-1	366	16
14. Florida St.	15-3	358	13
15. Texas A&M	15-3	345	12
16. Arizona St.	15-4	297	18
17. Indiana	14-4	221	15
18. Arizona	15-4	214	17
19. Iowa	15-3	186	22
20. Maryland	13-4	184	20
21. Arkansas	15-3	156	—
22. Northwestern	16-2	118	—
23. Tennessee	14-3	116	24
24. South Dakota	17-2	110	25
25. West Virginia	13-3	63	17

Others receiving votes: Missouri St. 42, Rutgers 31, Princeton 28, LSU 5, Florida Gulf Coast 2.

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 19
Kansas City 35, Tennessee 24
San Francisco 37, Green Bay 20

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 12 p.m. (ESPN)

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE		W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic					
Toronto	29	14	.674	—	
Boston	28	14	.667	½	
Phila.	29	16	.644	1	
Brooklyn	18	24	.429	10½	
New York	12	32	.273	17½	
Southeast					
Miami	30	13	.698	—	
Orlando	21	23	.477	9½	
Washington	14	28	.333	15½	
Charlotte	15	30	.333	16	
Atlanta	10	34	.227	20½	
Central					
Milwaukee	39	6	.867	—	
Indiana	28	16	.636	10½	
Detroit	16	28	.364	22½	
Chicago	16	29	.356	23	
Cleveland	12	32	.273	26½	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Southwest					
Dallas	27	15	.643	—	
Houston	26	16	.619	1	
Memphis	20	23	.465	7½	
San Antonio	19	23	.452	8	
New Orleans	17	27	.386	11	
Northwest					
Denver	30	13	.698	—	
Utah	30	13	.698	—	
Oklahoma City	25	19	.568	5½	
Portland	19	26	.422	12	
Minnesota	15	28	.349	15	
Pacific					
L.A. Lakers	34	9	.791	—	
L.A. Clippers	30	13	.698	4	
Phoenix	18	25	.419	16	
Sacramento	15	28	.349	19	
Golden State	10	35	.222	25	

Sunday's Games
San Antonio 107, Miami 102
Indiana 115, Denver 107

Monday's Games
Washington 106, Detroit 100
Toronto 122, Atlanta 117
Phila. 117, Brooklyn 111
Milwaukee 111, Chicago 98
New Orleans 126, Memphis 116
New York 106, Cleveland 86
Oklahoma City 112, Houston 107
Orlando 106, Charlotte 83
Miami 118, Sacramento 113 (OT)
Boston 139, L.A. Lakers 107
Denver 107, Minnesota 100
Utah 118, Indiana 88
San Antonio 120, Phoenix 118
Portland 129, Golden State 124 (OT)

Tuesday's Games
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Oklahoma City at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Phila. at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 4 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Memphis at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at New Orleans, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 7 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Washington at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 7:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE		GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic								
Boston	50	28	10	12	6	68	166	133
Tampa Bay	48	29	15	4	6	62	175	137
Florida	48	27	16	5	5	59	179	160
Toronto	49	25	17	7	5	57	176	165
Buffalo	49	22	20	7	5	51	145	152
Montreal	50	22	21	7	5	51	155	157
Ottawa	48	17	23	8	4	42	130	163
Detroit	50	12	34	4	2	50	156	195
Metropolitan								
Washington	49	33	11	5	7	51	177	144
Pittsburgh	49	31	13	5	6	62	179	143
N.Y. Islanders	48	28	15	5	6	61	139	130
Columbus	50	26	16	8	6	60	134	127
Carolina	49	28	18	3	5	59	155	131
Phila.	49	26	17	6	5	58	155	150
N.Y. Rangers	47	23	20	4	5	50	156	155
New Jersey	48	17	24	7	4	41	126	173
WESTERN CONFERENCE								
Central								
St. Louis	49	30	11	8	6	68	158	134
Colorado	49	28	15	6	6	62	179	143
Dallas	48	27	17	4	5	58	125	120
Winnipeg	49	25	20	4	5	54	148	152
Chicago	50	24	20	6	5	54	152	157
Nashville	47	22	18	7	5	51	156	154
Minnesota	49	22	21	6	5	50	152	164
Pacific								
Vancouver	49	27	18	4	5	58	162	149
Edmonton	49	26	18	5	5	57	155	153
Calgary	50	25	19	5	5	57	135	147
Vegas	51	25	19	7	5	57	159	156
Arizona	51	26	20	5	5	57	146	138
San Jose	50	21	25	4	4	46	130	167
Anaheim	48	19	24	5	4	43	122	150
Los Angeles	50	18	27	5	4	51	125	158

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.

Monday's Games
Colorado 6, Detroit 3
Florida 5, Minnesota 4

Tuesday's Games
Vegas at Boston, 4 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Phila., 4:30 p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Winnipeg at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 5 p.m.

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

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