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Mac-Hi girls basketball moving in the right direction

The Pioneers picked up their first GOL win since 2016 last week

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MILTON-FREEWATER — Times have been a little tough for the Mac-Hi girls basketball program. The last winning season for the Pioneers was 2015-16 when they finished 13-12.

Things are changing under first-year coach Chris Bryant, whose team is off to an 8-9 start, and won its first Greater Oregon League game in four years last week.

“This was a good year to take over,” Bryant said. “We have a group of seniors who are a little behind fundamentally, but they are athletic. They came to me last spring when I was hired, and they were ready to embrace their roles. We went to some camps and got some wins this past summer, and that got their

confidence up.”

The Pioneers beat Ontario 30-29 on Jan. 11, marking their first GOL win since Jan. 30, 2016.

“The girls were aware that we did not have anyone on our team that had won a varsity league game,” Bryant said. “We thought Ontario was a team we could beat. I didn’t have any intention of driving that far and lose.”

Mac-Hi had its second GOL game Monday, a 66-28 loss to No. 2-ranked Baker.

“Realistically, we have a

year before we are ready for them,” Bryant said of the likes of Baker and La Grande. “We don’t have the depth quite yet. We have a good group with a bright future.”

Since the 2015-16 season, Mac-Hi has gone 0-18 in league play and 4-61 overall.

“The people I have talked to, they said the last really good team was 1996,” Bryant said. “That was the last really, really good program that came through. It’s a

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Staff photo by Ben Lonergan, File

McLoughlin’s Emma Leber (10) drives past Weston-McEwen’s Trinity Hearn (4). The McLoughlin Pioneers defeated the Weston-McEwen TigerScots 40-30 at Weston-McEwen High School in Athena on Dec. 6, 2019.

PREP ROUNDUP



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Kendra Hart (3), of Stanfield, goes up for a shot during Saturday’s Blue Mountain Conference game as Enterprise’s Claire Farwell defends.

Stanfield rallies for win over Outlaws

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STANFIELD — Although they trailed by two points at the half, the Stanfield boys rallied in the last two quarters to post a 53-45 Blue Mountain Conference win over Enterprise on Saturday.

“We came out slow, but started playing better defense in the second half,” Stanfield head coach Devin Bailey said. “We just weren’t scoring in the first half.”

Uriel Carrillo posted 15 points to lead the Tigers, while Rene Sanchez followed with 11.

Stanfield (8-8, 3-2 BMC) hosts Pilot Rock on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Boys basketball

NIXYAAWII 81, WAL-LOWA 38 — The Golden Eagles outscored the host Cougars 25-8 in the first quarter to dominate early as they took home an Old Oregon League win on Saturday.

Quanah Picard scored 14 of the Golden Eagles’ 19 points in the third quarter, 12 of which came from beyond the arc.

Tyasin Burns posted a game-high 21 points, while Picard had 19, and Moses Moses 17.

Nixyaawii (10-4, 3-0 OOL) hosts White Swan at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

HEPPNER 52, UNION 46 — Tied at 6-6 at the end of the first quarter, the Mustangs made a 13-10 second-quarter run to remain just ahead of their Union hosts for the remainder of Saturday’s Blue Mountain Conference contest.

Jayden Wilson had a game-high 23 points to lead Heppner, while Mason Lehman added 12.

Heppner (8-7, 3-2 BMC) travels to Stanfield on Saturday for a 5:30 p.m. game.

HORIZON CHRISTIAN 51, ECHO 34 — The Cougars fell to 0-6 in Big Sky League action

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Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston’s Trevor Wagner (in blue) takes down Liddel Giles, of Othello, in the 170-pound championship match of Saturday’s Farm City Invitational.

HERMISTON’S WAGNER, CADENAS WIN FARM CITY TITLES

Dawgs finish second in the team standings behind Chiawana

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HERMISTON — Sam Cadenas is only in his second year of wrestling, but the Hermiston sophomore made quite a statement Saturday, winning the 220-pound title at the Farm City Invitational.

Cadenas’ win helped the Bulldogs to second place in the team standings with 248 points — just a bit better than third-place Zillah (228.5), but a distant

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FARM CITY INVITATIONAL

Team scores: Chiawana 439, Hermiston 248, Zillah 228.5, Othello 197, Kamiakin 128, Deer Park 121.5, Ridgevue 118, Richland 47, College Place 28, Heppner/Ione 19.5, Irrigon 19.5.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

106 — Hudson Garcia (Zil) d. Por Htoo (Chi), 10-9. **113** — Davian Martinez (Chi) p. Jorge Espinoza (Zil), 3:06. **120** — Nathan Gregory (DP), md. Adrian Delgado (Herm), 13-4. **126** — Guillermo Ramirez-Diaz (Kam) d. Nate Montelongo (Chi), 5-4. **132** — Levi Miller (DP) d. Lance Stover (Chi), 6-3 (3OT). **138** — Joel Coronel (Zil) p. Evan Saucedo (Chi), 3:30. **145** — Robby Vaughn (Chi) md. Arturo Solorio (Oth), 8-0. **152** — Joey Chavez (Kam) p. Darius Grogan (Chi), 2:27. **160** — Riley Cissne (Chi) p. Ricardo Gomez-Sanchez (Zil), 1:13. **170** — Trevor Wagner (Herm) p. Liddel Giles (Oth), 1:22. **182** — Tyson Stover (Chi) p. Daniel Faeteete (Herm), 2:52. **195** — Isaiah Anderson (Chi) d. Gilbert Marquez (Kam), 7-2. **220** — Sam Cadenas (Herm) d. Jon Lee (Herm), 8-6. **285** — Colby Blasdel (Chi) p. Alex Smith (CP), 5:23.

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Burns powers Nixyaawii past Nyssa 69-66

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NYSSA — Tyasin Burns had 20 points, and Mick Schimmel added 16 to lead Nixyaawii to a 69-66 nonleague win Monday over Nyssa.

The Bulldogs (10-4), who beat Nixyaawii in their first meeting 53-51, led 35-33 at the half, but the

Golden Eagles went on a 36-31 run in the second half to secure the win.

Burns, who scored nine of his points in the final quarter, went 7 of 10 from the free-throw line down the stretch.

Magi Moses and Quanah Picard added 10 points each for the Golden Eagles (11-4).

Leo Barba had a game-high 27 points for the Bulldogs — 14 in the

second half — while Pedro Chavez added 23 points.

Nixyaawii will host White Swan at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in a nonleague game.

BAKER 59, MAC-HI 49 — The Pioneers fell to 1-1 in Greater Oregon League play with a road loss to the Bulldogs.

No other information was available.

Mac-Hi (7-8, 1-1) will host DeSales at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in a nonleague game.

VALE 66, IRRIGON 30 — A dismal first quarter (four points) set the tone for the game, and the Knights could not right the ship in an Eastern Oregon League loss Monday to the Vikings.

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