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Hermiston's Mia Hernandez (21) goes to the hoop during Friday's game against Southridge.

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The Suns scored their first basket of the third quarter — a 3-pointer by McKenna Crum — with 3:44 remaining. It was their first points since the first quarter with 1:52 left on the clock.

"We lost a little bit of focus, but we were able to pull out the win," Moss said. "We got a lot of players in; it was a team effort."

Alexis Kessell came off the bench to score four of her six points in the fourth quarter, Kendall Dowdy added four points, and Romero scored five of her 11 points before exiting the game with about four minutes left to

play. Romero added eight rebounds and six steals.

All but one of Hermiston's players scored.

"Our bench is good," Ray said. "They can carry the energy."

The Bulldogs got 15 points from their bench, plus a ton of rebounds — eight from Mia Hernandez, six from Kessell and five from Bailey Young.

Connors led the Suns with eight points, while McKenna Crum had seven.

The Bulldogs will host conference-leading Chawana at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday.

Southridge will host crosstown rival Kennewick at 5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Oregon: Slocum scored 18 for Oregon State

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a much better job on Jones," Oregon coach Kelly Graves said. "We were switching in the first half, we were doing this and we were doing that, and none of it involved stopping her."

Hebard's layup stretched Oregon's lead to 51-31 in the third quarter. Ionescu hit another buzzer-beating 3-pointer at the end of the quarter to give the Ducks a 62-46 lead heading into the final period.

Slocum finished with 18 points for Oregon State.

"I think the second quarter probably wasn't the best for us," Slocum said. "We gave ourselves a fighting chance, didn't give up in the third and fourth quarter. We have to do that the entire game, that one quarter just got us."

Rueck shook up his starting lineup for the first time this season, starting Kat Tudor and moving Goodman to the bench.

Oregon State had won 15 of the last 17 in the rivalry. The teams split the series last year with home team wins.

It was just the second time the rivals met while both ranked in the top 10.

Big picture

Oregon State: Despite a loss to Stanford last weekend, the Beavers moved up a spot in the AP Top 25 this week. ... Oregon State has outrebounded its opponent in every game this season, but they finished even with the Ducks with 33. Mikayla Pivec leads the Pac-12 with an average of 9.6 rebounds, and she has scored in double figures in all of the team's games this season. But the Ducks held her to nine points and five rebounds.

Oregon: Going into the game, Oregon was outscoring opponents by a stunning average of 43.2 points a game at home this season. ... Former NFL star and Oregon quarterback Dan Fouts was at the game, as was Gov. Kate Brown and a handful of WNBA coaches and league commissioner Cathy Engelbert. ... The Ducks' two losses this season came on the road, to Louisville at the Paradise Jam and at Arizona State.

Roundup: Stanfield girls blow out Rockets

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who host Hood River Valley on Monday.

VALE 46, RIVERSIDE 42 — The Vikings outscored the Pirates 14-4 in the fourth quarter to hold on for an Eastern Oregon League road win.

Juan Reyna led the Pirates with a game-high 16 points. Adam Diaz led the Vikings with 13 points.

The Pirates (10-5, 1-1 EOL) will host Burns at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

NYSSA 43, UMATILLA 39 — Lynkin McLeod led the Vikings with 15 points and nine rebounds in their Eastern Oregon League home loss to the Bulldogs.

Umatilla (9-8, 2-1 EOL) hosts Vale at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

PILOT ROCK 52, STANFIELD 50 (OT) — In an intense seesaw Blue Mountain Conference battle, the Rockets, led by Payton Thurmond with 14 points and Jimmy Jones with 13, made off with a narrow league road win Friday night.

"It was literally back-and-forth for the entire second half," Stanfield coach Devin Bailey said. "It was insane. We just beat ourselves up."

Uriel Carrillo led Stanfield with 11 points and a 3-of-5 performance from beyond the arc. Sam Kerns followed with 10 points and nine rebounds. Mario Sanchez had a team-high 13 rebounds.

Pilot Rock (14-2, 4-2 BMC) hosts Weston-McEwen on Saturday at 5:30 p.m., while Stanfield (8-9, 3-3 BMC) hosts Heppner on Saturday, also at 5:30 p.m.

UNION 62, WESTON-MCEWEN 47 — Theo White had a team-high 12 points for the TigerScots, who suffered a Blue Mountain Conference road loss on Friday night.

White posted a 4-of-6 performance at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter, and Hadden Ball notched a pair of treys in the final eight minutes.

WESTON-MCEWEN 47 (4-13, 1-5 BMC) travels to Pilot Rock on Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

NIXYAAWII 76, ELGIN 53 — Tyasin Burns had a game-high 31 points for the Golden Eagles, who remain perfect in Old Oregon League play after beating the Huskies on the road Friday night.

Kaden McClure had a



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston's Trent Pitney (3) drives to the hoop past Ryker Stevens (10), of Southridge, during Friday's game at the Dawg House.

team-high 19 points for the Huskies.

Nixyaawii (13-4, 4-0 OOL) will host Joseph at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

IONE/ARLINGTON 66, HORIZON CHRISTIAN 41 — The Cardinals got their fourth Big Sky League win with a home victory over Horizon Christian on Friday night.

Hunter Padberg posted 21 points to lead the way, and Wesley Goad followed with 14.

Ione/Arlington (12-3, 4-2 BSL) travels to Condon/Wheeler on Saturday for a 3:30 p.m. league contest.

CONDON/WHEELER 66, ECHO 49 — The visiting Blue Devils shot 75 percent from the floor in handling the Cougars a Big Sky League loss.

C/W led 20-8 after the first quarter, but Echo came back to pull within 31-26 at the half. A 23-point run by the Blue Devils in the third put the game out of reach.

Echo (0-16, 0-6 BKL) got a game-high 23 points from Javon Curiel, while Cameron Skinner added 10 points.

C/W got 17 points from Cooper Johnson, and 15 from Braden Carnine.

Girls basketball

LA GRANDE 62, MAC-HI 53 — The Pioneers trimmed a 13-point fourth-quarter deficit to just four with 25 seconds to play, but fell short in their upset

bid in La Grande.

La Grande's Ella Dunlap made a layup to put the Tigers ahead 55-42 with under four minutes remaining. Daniela Angel got Mac-Hi within single digits after making two free throws after a technical foul, and then hit a jumper to make it 57-50 with just over a minute to go and got the Pioneers within 57-53 with 25.5 seconds left. La Grande, though, followed with five free throws to hold on.

Angel finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Pioneers (8-11 overall, 1-2 Greater Oregon League), who host Ontario at 3 p.m. Feb. 1.

BURNS 55, IRRIGON 36 — JaLay Burns scored 22 points, and added seven rebounds, six steals and three assists, but her effort wasn't enough as the Hilanders posted an Eastern Oregon League road win over the nights.

Ally Heuckman led Burns (13-4, 2-1 EOL) with 35 points.

Irrigon (6-9, 0-4) will host Nyssa at 3 p.m. Saturday in an EOL contest.

VALE 36, RIVERSIDE 13 — The Pirates dropped their first Eastern Oregon League game of the year after the visiting Vikings held them to a season-low 13 points.

Makaila Lantis led Riverside with four points. Vale's Sierra Cleaver had a game-

high eight points.

The Pirates (3-12, 1-1 EOL) will look to get back into the win column Saturday, hosting Burns at 3 p.m.

NYSSA 45, UMATILLA 29 — The visiting Bulldogs handed the Vikings their second Eastern Oregon League loss Friday night.

Martha Earl led the Vikings with a team-high 11 points. Hailey Castro paced the Bulldogs with 11 points.

The Vikings (5-12, 1-2 EOL) return to league play Saturday, hosting Vale at 2 p.m.

STANFIELD 61, PILOT ROCK 16 — Nyah Tejada poured in a game-high 15 points, and Alexis Shelby added 13, as the Tigers rolled to a Blue Mountain Conference home win Friday.

Lillie Brewer and Sarah Lambert each had five points to lead the Rockets.

Stanfield (14-3, 5-1 BMC) hosts Heppner on Saturday at 4 p.m. Pilot Rock (4-12, 0-6 BMC) hosts Weston-McEwen on Saturday, also with a 4 p.m. tip-off.

UNION 57, WESTON-MCEWEN 19 — The TigerScots fell to 0-6 in Blue Mountain Conference play after Friday's road loss at Union.

"Union was a challenge for us tonight," Weston-McEwen coach Jeff Griggs said. "We struggled to find an offensive rhythm and turned the ball over frequently. I was proud that we never quit working hard."

Charli King had a team-high seven points to lead the TigerScots (2-15, 0-6 BMC). Weston-McEwen travels to Pilot Rock at 4 p.m. Saturday.

ECHO 48, CONDON 33 — The Cougars remained perfect in Big Sky League play after a home win over the Blue Devils.

Echo, whose largest lead of the night was 17 points, got a game-high 18 points from Faith McCarty, including three 3-pointers.

The Cougars (12-5, 6-0 BSL) host Ione/Arlington at 6 p.m. Tuesday in a BSL matchup.

COUNTRY CHRISTIAN 55, IONE 35 — Lizzy Grandle had a game-high 22 points to lead the Cougars to a nonleague home win over the Cardinals.

Hailey Heideman led the Cardinals with a team-high 22 points.

Ione/Arlington (8-7, 3-3 BSL) will host Condon at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Bucks: 'They got their sea legs back under them'

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league this year. We're trying to get every game we can. We wanted to come out and make sure (Crook County) didn't outwork us."

Both teams were scoreless for the first three minutes of the third quarter. Pendleton sophomore Chloe Taber sunk a trey with two min-

utes left for a 19-point, 35-16 advantage over the Cowgirls, and that lead would broaden in the final eight minutes.

Hoisington and Cooley strung together five unanswered points in the fourth quarter to give the Bucks a 45-24 lead, and senior Nicole Lee managed a 3-pointer in the final minute to solidify the 24-point, confer-

ence-opening victory.

"They got their sea legs back under them, so to speak," Porter said. "They shot with some confidence. They got back into that rhythm. It wasn't our best game tonight, but it also wasn't our worst."

Hoisington had 12 points to lead Pendleton on the night, while Jenness and

Taber followed with nine each. Cooley finished with eight.

"(Crook County) kept pushing us to play better," Cooley said. "This was a good game to start the league."

Pendleton hits the road on Friday for a conference matchup against Ridgeview. Game time is at 6:30 p.m.

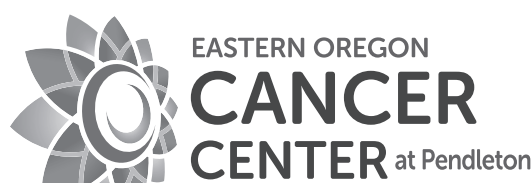
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