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**Heppner quarterback Jayden Wilson (13) attempts to break free of a pack of defenders. The Mustangs defeated the Kennedy Trojans 12-7 to win the 2019 OSAA Class 2A state title on Nov. 30, 2019, at Kennison Field in Hermiston.**

## Heppner: Echo finishes 3-4 last season

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share the field and everyone else can surmise what could happen. It's the best possible outcome for the worst possible situation. Let's just enjoy it and see what happens."

**PILOT ROCK AT DUFUR:** The Rockets beat the Rangers last season for the first time in school history, 50-30.

Pilot Rock won the Special District 3 West title last season, but this season's matchup will have a different look.

The Rockets lost all-state running back/linebacker Tyasin Burns from Nixyaawii when the Oregon School Activities Association's Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee denied the schools' ability to continue to co-op unless they moved up to the 2A level.

Burns now plays at Pendleton.

The Rangers, who lost in the state quarterfinals to Crane last season, graduated just one senior — multi-talented running back/linebacker Asa Farrell.

**IONE/ARLINGTON AT ADRIAN:** The Cardinals, who finished 2-6 last season, will have a tough test against the defending 1A state champion Antelopes.

Adrian and Jordan Valley combined forces last season, but Adrian is going it alone this year.

**MCLOUGHLIN AT IRRIGON:** The Pioneers went 1-7 last season in playing an independent schedule. The Knights were 0-9 and were outscored 507-55 in the ever-tough Special District 3 with the likes of Nyssa and Vale.

This year, Mac-Hi will move into Special District 6 — a combination of 3A and 4A teams.

The Knights join Special District 5, which is the 2A Blue Mountain Conference that has absorbed 3A teams Irrigon, Umatilla and Riverside.

**RIVERSIDE AT UMATILLA:** The Vikings started off last season with a 4-0 record before hitting the heart of their schedule with Nyssa, Burns and Vale. They finished with a 5-3 record.

Umatilla has a young team this year with just three seniors and nine freshmen.

The Pirates have lost 21 consecutive games dating to 2017. Their last win was Sept. 15, 2017.

**SHERMAN/CONDON AT ECHO:** The lone Saturday, March 6, game has the high-scoring Huskies visiting the Cougars in a Special District 4 6-man game.

Echo was outscored 300-203 last season and finished 3-4.

## LOCAL SLATE

### FRIDAY, MARCH 5-FRIDAY, MARCH 12

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4**  
**College men's track and field**  
 Eastern Oregon qualifiers at NAIIA Indoor Championships, Yankton, S.D., 7 a.m.  
**College women's track and field**  
 Eastern Oregon qualifiers at NAIIA Indoor Championships, Yankton, S.D., 7 a.m.  
**Prep volleyball**  
 Pilot Rock at Umatilla, 5 p.m.  
 Nixyaawii at Riverside, 5 p.m.  
 Echo at Sherman, 5 p.m.  
 Ione/Arlington at Bickleton, 5 p.m.  
**Prep girls soccer**  
 Umatilla at Hermiston, 6 p.m.  
 Pendleton at La Grande, 4 p.m.  
 The Dalles/Dufur at Riverside, 4 p.m.  
**Prep slowpitch softball**  
 Grandview at Hermiston, 3 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**  
**College men's track and field**  
 Eastern Oregon qualifiers at NAIIA Indoor Championships, Yankton, S.D., 7 a.m.  
**College women's track and field**  
 Eastern Oregon qualifiers at NAIIA Indoor Championships, Yankton, S.D., 7 a.m.  
**College men's wrestling**  
 Eastern Oregon qualifiers at NAIIA National Championships, Park City, Kansas, TBA  
**College volleyball**  
 Eastern Oregon vs. Warner Pacific, Caldwell, Idaho, 10 a.m.  
 Eastern Oregon vs. Bushnell, Caldwell, Idaho, 2 p.m.  
**College baseball**  
 Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho (2), noon  
**College softball**  
 Eastern Oregon vs. Warner Pacific (2), Hermiston, 11 a.m.  
**College women's basketball**  
 George Fox at Eastern Oregon, 3 p.m.  
**Prep football**  
 Sherman/Condon at Echo, 1 p.m.  
**Prep volleyball**  
 Hermiston at The Dalles, 3 p.m.  
 Pendleton at Redmond, 11 a.m.  
 Pendleton vs. Bend at Redmond, 12:30 p.m.  
 McLoughlin at Irrigon, 1 p.m.  
 Grant Union at Stanfield, noon  
 Griswold at Weston-McEwen JV, 3 p.m.  
**Prep boys soccer**  
 Pendleton at The Dalles/Dufur, noon  
 Riverside at McLoughlin, 2 p.m.  
 Umatilla at Irrigon, 1 p.m.  
**Prep girls soccer**  
 Hermiston at The Dalles, noon  
 Riverside at McLoughlin, noon  
 Stanfield/Echo at Umatilla, 1 p.m.  
**Prep cross-country**  
 Hermiston at MCC meet at Pasco, 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**  
**College baseball**  
 Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho (2), 11 a.m.  
**College men's soccer**  
 Rocky Mountain College at Eastern Oregon, 1:30 p.m.  
**College women's soccer**  
 Rocky Mountain College at Eastern Oregon, 11 a.m.  
**College women's basketball**  
 George Fox at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**  
**College men's soccer**  
 Rocky Mountain College at Eastern Oregon, 1:30 p.m.  
**College women's soccer**  
 Rocky Mountain College at Eastern Oregon, 11 a.m.

**College women's track and field**  
 Eastern Oregon qualifiers at NAIIA Indoor Championships, Yankton, S.D., 7 a.m.  
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**College women's basketball**  
 George Fox at Eastern Oregon, 3 p.m.  
**Prep football**  
 Sherman/Condon at Echo, 1 p.m.  
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 Pendleton at The Dalles/Dufur, noon  
 Riverside at McLoughlin, 2 p.m.  
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**Prep volleyball**  
 Riverside at Stanfield, 5 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**  
**Prep volleyball**  
 Pendleton at Ridgeview, 6:30 p.m.  
 McLoughlin at Pilot Rock, 5:30 p.m.  
 Stanfield at Irrigon, 5 p.m.  
 Riverside at Griswold, 5 p.m.  
 Nixyaawii at Umatilla, 5 p.m.  
 Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 5 p.m.  
 Bickleton at Echo, 5:30 p.m.  
 Ione/Arlington at Mitchell/Spray, 5 p.m.  
**Prep boys soccer**  
 Hood River at Pendleton, 6 p.m.  
 Irrigon at Umatilla, 4 p.m.  
**Prep girls soccer**  
 Irrigon at Riverside, 4 p.m.  
 McLoughlin at Stanfield/Echo, 4 p.m.  
**Prep slowpitch softball**  
 Hermiston at Moses Lake (2), 3 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**  
**Prep cross-country**  
 Pendleton at Redmond, TBD  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**  
**Prep football**  
 Weston-McEwen at Umatilla, 5 p.m.  
**Prep volleyball**  
 Pendleton at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
 Nixyaawii at McLoughlin, 5 p.m.  
 Pilot Rock at Heppner, 5 p.m.  
 Weston-McEwen at Heppner, 5 p.m.  
 Griswold at Umatilla, 5 p.m.  
 Ione/Arlington at Echo, 5:30 p.m.  
**Prep boys soccer**  
 McLoughlin at Riverside, 6 p.m.  
**Prep cross-country**  
 Umatilla at Stanfield Country Run, 3 p.m.  
**Prep slowpitch softball**  
 Moses Lake at Hermiston (2), 3 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**  
**College softball**  
 Eastern Oregon at Carroll College (2) noon  
**Prep football**  
 Walla Walla at Hermiston, 7 p.m.  
 Ridgeview at Pendleton/Nixyaawii, 7 p.m.  
 McLoughlin at Grant Union, 4 p.m.  
 Heppner at Stanfield, 7 p.m.  
 Echo at Mitchell/Spray/Wheeler, 1 p.m.  
 Union at Ione/Arlington, 7 p.m.  
 Pilot Rock at Adrian, 5 p.m.  
**Prep volleyball**  
 Echo at Mitchell/Spray, 6 p.m.  
**Prep boys soccer**  
 Pendleton JV at Riverside, 3 p.m.  
**Prep girls soccer**  
 Riverside at Pendleton JV, 5 p.m.

## SPORTS BRIEFING

### Cub Scouts to enjoy Shooting Sports Day

KENNEWICK, Wash. — Area Cub Scouts can register for a Shooting Sports Day planned for Saturday, March 6, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, sponsored by the Boy Scouts of America Blue

Mountain Council. Cub Scouts from the Pendleton, La Grande, Baker and Hermiston areas are eligible to attend. Each 80-minute session will include BB guns, archery and sling shots. Camp T-shirts will be available for purchase for \$10 each.

Health and safety guidelines issued by Oregon Health Authority, including small groups (10 per session),

masks and health screenings, will be observed.

Scouts can register for the day camp at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d-4ba4a62da6f9c16-oregon>. Available slots will fill up quickly.

For more information, visit [www.bmcbsa.org/post/shooting-sports-day-for-oregon-scouts](http://www.bmcbsa.org/post/shooting-sports-day-for-oregon-scouts) or call Sheila Graham at 509-735-7306.

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## Bucks:

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conceivable weather pattern — snow, rain, hail and some sunshine," Davis said. "They kids are excited to do something again."

While the Bucks were waiting for clearance to play games, they got a good look at new running back Tyasin Burns from nearby Nixyaawii High School.

Nixyaawii had been in a co-op with Pilot Rock, but the Oregon School Activities Association's Football Ad Hoc Advisory Committee denied the schools' ability to continue to co-op unless they moved up to the 2A level.

At first, Davis wasn't sure what Burns would bring to his program. Now, he can't wait to see how he performs against the competition.

"He has lived up to his billing in practice," Davis said. "He has been a workhorse. I'm impressed with his work ethic. I have high hopes for him. He will get a chance to showcase his talent at the 5A level."

At the 1A level, Burns was the Special District 3 West Player of the Year. During the regular season, he ran for 2,382 yards and 17 touchdowns. He also had 821 receiving yards with six touchdowns.

Burns will be joined



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**Pendleton's Blake Swanson (12) breaks away from Parkrose's Izaiah Parks for a touchdown during an Oct. 18, 2019, league game at the Pendleton Round-Up Arena.**

in the backfield by senior Zaanan Bane, who ran for more than 650 yards and was a first-team all-SD1 selection last year. Bane also is a talented long jumper.

"We have pretty good team speed," Davis said. "I think they are ready to go."

Sophomore quarterback Jack Davis will get the start as senior Brogan Biggerstaff doesn't have enough practices to play.

"Brogan will be ready for Week 2," Davis said. "We are putting a lot in Jack's hands. He knows there will be ups and downs, but as long as he can manage the game and his emotions, he will be OK."

Davis is high on the Bucks' defense, led by senior linemen Blake Swanson and Isaac Urbina, and junior

linebacker Kyle Liscom, who earned first-team all-SD1 honors.

"Kyle is a playmaker," Davis said. "As he goes, we go. We will be pretty good defensively. Our secondary is pretty quick."

That includes Burns, who will play free safety and corner. He had 59 solo tackles, 37 assists, three interceptions and four quarterback sacks last season.

A senior-laden Parkrose beat Pendleton 30-19 last season and won the SD1 East title before losing in the 5A state quarterfinals to Crater. The Broncos finished 7-3 — their first winning season in 23 years.

Parkrose returns Ty Delgado, who was the SD1 Co-Lineman of the Year.

## Hermiston:

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last season — they are ready to get going and showcase their talents."

Senior Spencer Juul (6-0, 175) will be one of Elliott's main targets with Wagner out. He also will play in the secondary.

"He has done a lot to prepare for the season," Faaeteete said. "He's a two-way starter for us. I'm excited about his growth."

Faaeteete's eyes light up when he talks about his veteran linemen Sam Cadenas (jr., 6-0, 250), Josh

Fernandez (sr., 6-2, 290) and Tyson Stocker (sr., 6-4, 250), who put on more than 40 pounds from last season.

"Josh is a three-year starter and has done his job," Faaeteete said. "He will have a coming out party this year. Tyson has grown a ton. When he came back for workouts, I said, 'Who did you eat?' He grew a bunch physically and mentally."

But it's Cadenas that is the driving force. He averaged 5.9 tackles a game last year.

"Sam is an animal on the wrestling mat, and he brings that same tenacity to the football field," Faaeteete said. "He plays with a different motor. It's fun to see him

compete, and he always has a smile on his face."

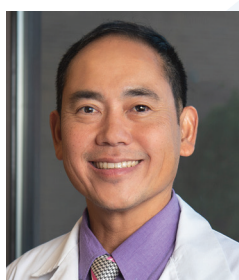
The Bulldogs also return Koi Mikami at linebacker, but will have young players at a variety of positions.

"Overall, we will have good team speed," Faaeteete said. "We are faster and bigger on the defensive line, and our receiving corps will be better than last year."

Hanford dropped a 32-14 game to Chiawana in its season opener last week.

"I watched the game, and we came up with a game plan," Faaeteete said of facing the Falcons. "The kids did some good things, and some bad things. That's why they call it practice."

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