

SCOREBOARD

SPORTS CALENDAR

Football standings: Week 4

In three weeks of football, Stanfield has been a surprise. Following a disappointing 2014 filled with injuries and unmet expectations, the Tigers have steamrolled through their first three games en route to a 3-0 record and plus-97 point differential. Having a healthy Dylan Grogan has been the difference to the Tigers, with a freshman Tyler Monkus helping to wreak havoc on opposing defenses. Stanfield gets Imbler this week, a team that's 1-2 and coming off a 34-20 win.

Meanwhile, Umatilla just didn't have enough against Irrigon. It was close after a half, but the Knights proved to be too athletic and explosive on offense for the Vikings. Irrigon now leads a Columbia Basin Conference that appears wide open with Stanfield, Heppner and the Knights all undefeated with large point spreads. But Umatilla finds itself one of three teams with 2-1 records in the 3A Eastern Oregon League. The Vikings get White Swan (WA) this week, which beat the Vikings last year. But the Cougars are 0-3 this year and coming off a 20-0 defeat.

Hermiston is struggling. With a young quarterback, and young everything else, it will take time to get back into championship form. Hermiston heads to Lewiston to take on the 3-0 Bengals who played Hermiston close for a half here last season.

And Echo scored a mind-blowing 84 points against a beleaguered Harper/Huntington squad. Klay Jensen's hip injury from a week ago had no bearing, as the Cougars piled on the points. But Echo has to turn around and make the long drive to Walloua to play the always tough Cougars this week.

School	Record	PF	PA
Pendleton	2-1 (0-0)	65	99
Hood River	2-1 (0-0)	122	68
The Dalles	1-2 (0-0)	83	66
Hermiston	0-3 (0-0)	46	145

School	Record	PF	PA
Vale	2-1 (0-0)	103	70
Umatilla	2-1 (0-0)	33	51
Nyssa	2-1 (0-0)	42	45
Riverside	0-2 (0-0)	14	63

School	Record	PF	PA
Irrigon	3-0 (0-0)	139	20
Heppner	3-0 (0-0)	138	40
Stanfield	3-0 (0-0)	130	33
Culver	2-1 (0-0)	123	81
Weston-McEwen	2-1 (0-0)	111	61
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii	2-0 (0-0)	32	58

School	Record	PF	PA
Joseph	1-1 (1-0)	90	64
Crane	3-0 (0-0)	172	22
Adrian	2-0 (0-0)	78	52
Walloua	2-1 (0-0)	130	74
Powder Valley	2-1 (0-0)	146	105
Pine Eagle	2-1 (0-0)	86	200
Echo	2-1 (0-0)	154	64
Jordan Valley	1-2 (0-0)	136	106
Harper/Huntington	0-3 (0-0)	20	202
Prairie City/Burnt R.	0-3 (0-0)	32	148
Monument/Dayville	1-2 (0-0)	56	123

Volleyball standings: Week 4

School	Record	SW	SL
The Dalles	8-1 (1-0)	21	2
Hood River Valley	2-1 (1-0)	6	3
Hermiston	3-3 (0-1)	7	8
Pendleton	2-2 (0-1)	7	7

School	Record	SW	SL
Vale	11-1 (0-0)	26	5
Nyssa	8-6 (0-0)	25	20
Riverside	6-3 (0-0)	19	14
Umatilla	3-9 (0-0)	9	26

School	Record	SW	SL
Culver	12-2 (1-0)	30	7
Pilot Rock	7-3 (1-0)	17	13
Weston-McEwen	10-6 (0-0)	31	19
Heppner	7-6 (0-0)	17	15
Stanfield	4-4 (0-1)	16	14
Irrigon	2-6 (0-1)	5	17

School	Record	SW	SL
Echo	8-3 (1-0)	26	14
Griswold	7-2 (1-0)	20	9
Joseph	4-3 (1-0)	11	8
Powder Valley	10-5 (0-0)	24	13
Walloua	0-9 (0-0)	0	22
Nixyaawii	3-6 (0-1)	12	1
Pine Eagle	3-6 (0-2)	12	17

Boys soccer standings: Week 4

School	Record	GF	GA
Hood River Valley	5-0-1 (0-0-0)	15	3
Hermiston	4-1-1 (0-0-0)	12	8
Pendleton	1-2-1 (0-0-0)	7	9
The Dalles	1-5-0 (0-0-0)	6	18

Girls soccer standings: Week 4

School	Record	GF	GA
Hood River Valley	5-0-1 (0-0-0)	15	3
Hermiston	4-1-1 (0-0-0)	12	8
Pendleton	1-2-1 (0-0-0)	7	9
The Dalles	1-5-0 (0-0-0)	6	18

To submit calendar items or game statistics, contact Sam Barbee at 541-564-4542 or 360-560-9320 or reach him by email at sbarbee@hermistonherald.com.

Wednesday, September 23 BOYS SOCCER

Umatilla @ McLoughlin, 2 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER

Umatilla @ McLoughlin, 4 p.m.

Thursday, September 24 BOYS SOCCER

KNIGHTS:

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Irrigon an 18-6 lead.

Then Umatilla scored just before half, wildly swinging the momentum back to the home team. In the halftime huddle, Shell-er told his team to settle down, and they did.

"Things went their way in the first half," Irrigon senior Freddy Vera, who had

Hermiston vs. Roosevelt, 4 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER

Hermiston @ Madison, 7 p.m. VOLLEYBALL

Hermiston @ Pendleton, 7 p.m.

Friday, September 25 FOOTBALL

Hermiston @ Lewiston (ID), 7 p.m.

105 yards on 22 carries and three touchdowns, said. "Coach just told us, 'Hey, it's gonna be our turn in the second half. You just gotta wait.' We gotta listen to Coach Sheller because he's always right. And that's what we did."

Irrigon's wing-T ground attack wore down the Umatilla defense in the second half. Two- and three-yard runs became five- and six-yard runs, with Vera and

blocks, and Shayanne Connell had eight assists.

TIGERS:

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Saturday at Union. The Bobcats swept the Tigers 3-0 (13-25, 19-25, 15-25) in a match head coach Angie Connell called "inconsistent."

"We just did not stay consistent," she said. "We had some strong moments, but then we saw some moments where we were just losing our momentum out there."

Connell said Union has some "pretty good" hitters who were finding the back corners of the court.

"(The players) were finding it tough to get all the ones we couldn't block," Connell said.

Britton Braithwaite came up with 10

Stanfield sweeps Nixyaawii

The Stanfield Tigers volleyball team broke a two-match losing streak Monday, sweeping Nixyaawii 3-0 (25-11, 25-17, 25-11) Monday in Stanfield.

The Tigers (4-4, 0-1) hosted a Nixyaawii (2-5, 0-1) program that is in its second year of existence and still building. Maddie Griffin had 11 aces, 10 assists and three kills to lead the way. Katie Burns chipped in with seven kills and Kenzie Gonzales had six kills.

Stanfield hosts Weston-McEwen at 5 p.m. on Thursday. It's Stanfield's second Columbia Basin Conference match and Weston-McEwen's debut.

ROUNDUP

BOYS SOCCER Umatill blows by City Christian

After a slow start, the Umatilla boys soccer program has found its groove.

Umatilla continued its winning streak with a 5-1 win Saturday at City Christian.

The Vikings (3-3, 2-1 EOL) scored just three goals in its first three matches in its 0-3 start, but has scored 15 goals in its last three matches in three wins.

Head coach Pedro Ortiz called it a "difficult game" due to the conditions and small pitch size. But with the adversity, Ortiz liked the way his team moved the ball.

"I believe they began to understand what Im asking of them and are get-

ting better at it."

Miguel Aguilar opened the scoring off a long pass from Diego Saldana in the 15th minute, and Saldana found Javier Garcia five minutes later in the penalty area for Umatilla's second. In the 32nd, Douglas Gomez dribbled into the penalty area and his shot was saved, but Saldana headed in the rebound for a 3-0 lead. Gomez then controlled a rebound off a corner kick from Gerardo Coria in the 37th minute and found the back of the net for a 4-0 lead.

City Christian got its goal in the 50th after a defensive mistake, and Umatilla got it back in the 70th when Saldana received a pass from Gomez, dribbled past two defenders and scored.

Umatilla travels to McLoughlin on Wednes-

day for a 4 p.m. kick-off.

Soccer Bulldog boys, girls play Rex Putnam to 1-1 draws

HERMISTON 1, REX PUTNAM 1 — At Hermiston, 90 minutes wasn't enough as the Bulldogs and Rex Putnam ended in a 1-1 tie.

No details from the game were reported.

HERMISTON 1, REX PUTNAM 1 — At Hermiston, the Bulldogs — just like the boys team — couldn't settle the game with Rex Putnam in 90 minutes and ended in a 1-1 tie.

The Bulldogs (2-2-2) next take on Madison on the road on Thursday at 7 p.m.

Stanfield @ The Dalles, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, September 26 CROSS COUNTRY

Hermiston @ Borah (ID), 10 a.m. VOLLEYBALL

Umatilla vs. Vale, 1:30 p.m.

Umatilla vs. Nyssa, 5:30 p.m.

Echo @ Joseph, 1 p.m.

against (Vera and Zacharias)," he said. "Those are a couple talented kids. I felt we played pretty good. I just finish the second half and things are a little different."

"I think that was a lot closer than 39-12."

Irrigon 39, Umatilla 12
Irrigon (3-0) 12 6 15 6 - 39
Umatilla (2-1) 6 6 0 0 - 12

First Quarter
 UHS — Hunter Cook 12-yard run (Extra Point No Good), 7:36
 IHS — Carlos Zacharias 32-yard run (Extra Point No Good), 5:08
 IHS — Freddy Vera 6-yard run (2-Point No Good), 2:08

Tuesday, September 29 BOYS SOCCER

Hermiston vs. The Dalles, 4 p.m. GIRLS SOCCER

Hermiston @ The Dalles, 4 p.m.

Volleyball

Hermiston vs. Hood River Valley, 7 p.m.

Echo @ Griswold, 5 p.m.

Second Quarter
 IHS — Austin Rice 8-yard pass from Nate Verley (2-Point Good), 5:07
 UHS — Tristen Sanguino 14-yard pass from Jesus Ramirez (Extra Point No Good), 0:27

Third Quarter
 IHS — Vera 3-yard run (2-Point Good), 1:33
 IHS — Vera 15-yard run (Extra Point Good), 0:10

Fourth Quarter
 IHS — Carlos Zacharias 25-yard run (Extra Point No Good), 3:59

Statistics
 RUSHING — IHS (48-291, 5 TD): F. Vera 22-105, 3 TD; C. Zacharias 13-147 2 TD; A. Rice 13-39. UHS (40-195, 1 TD): J. Ramirez 15-91; H. Cook 14-73, TD; J. Dever 11-31.
 PASSING — IHS (15-11, 22 yards, 1 TD): N. Verley 1-5-1, 1 TD. UHS (10-20-1, 80 yards, 1 TD): J. Ramirez 10-18-1, 80 yards, 1 TD; K. Webb 0-2-0, 0 yards.

Bulldogs XC second to Hood River

Host runs away with meet, Hermiston stays close

By SAM BARBEE Staff Writer

The Hermiston Bulldogs cross country team is rounding into form, as both the boys and girls teams finished in second place at the Hood River "Skip" Sparks Invitational in Hood River on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Hood River took both titles with 34 points on the boys side and 29 on the girls side. Hermiston (42, 40) wasn't far behind, and Washougal (WA) finished third on the boys side with 62 points, and Sandy closed the top-three on the girls side with 73 points.

Angel Castellanos, Josiah Niederwerfer and Hayden Earl finished sixth, seventh and eighth for the Bulldogs, Donnell Rome placed 10th and sophomore Isaac Sanchez finished 11th. Only Sanchez (17 minutes, 2.75 seconds) was over 17 minutes. Hood River's Justin Crosswhite, Quinn Fetkenhour and Jesse Wiley took the top three spots.

On the girls' side, Hermiston sophomore Melany Solorio finished fourth (21:05.7), Morgan Hancock was sixth (21:25.91), freshman Laura Zepeda (22:11.14) was ninth and senior Sofia Gispert (22:13.03) was 10th. Sopho-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Hermiston sophomore Melany Solorio runs all alone during the Hood River "Skip" Sparks Invitational on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

more Hannah Earl (22:39.7) rounded out the Hermiston five in 14th.

Late in both races, Hood River seemed to be in control, but, coach Troy Blackburn said, the Bulldogs closed the gap. With five boys in the top 11 and four girls in the top 10, Blackburn is encouraged by what he saw Sept. 16 and what they can do moving forward.

"Both sides improved and are getting better," he said. Hermiston's next meet is Friday at the Bridgette Nelson Memorial in The Dalles. Running begins at 3:30 p.m.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

A Very Poplar Run coming up

A Very Poplar Run, which raises money for Hermiston Agape House, will take place Oct. 24 at the Boardman Tree Farm outside Boardman.

A mile run, 5k 10k and 15k are all included. Registration costs \$25 before

Oct. 22 and raises to \$30 on race day. T-shirts are also on sale for \$10.

On race day, late registration and packet pick-up begins at 7 a.m., followed by the mile kids run at 10 a.m., 15k at 10:30, 10k at 10:45 and 5k at 11.

You can register at <http://averypoplarrun.it-syourrace.com/event.aspx?id=638>.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

9	7	8	1	5	4	2	3	6
4	6	2	8	3	7	9	1	5
1	3	5	2	6	9	8	7	4
3	8	4	6	9	5	1	2	7
7	5	9	4	1	2	3	6	8
2	1	6	3	7	8	4	5	9
6	9	1	5	4	3	7	8	2
8	4	3	7	2	6	5	9	1
5	2	7	9	8	1	6	4	3

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