

Bulldogs earn draw with top-ranked Eagles

By **SAM BARBEE**
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The operating number of Hermiston's boys soccer home finale against Hood River Valley was two. Both teams scored two goals, which was the most Hood River has allowed all season. Both teams had two different players score their goals and goals were scored in both halves. And, most importantly for Hermiston, Antonio Campos made two crucial saves in the 79th minute to preserve the 2-2 draw.

It's the first draw Hermiston (9-2-2, 3-1-1) has earned against Hood River since 2011, the second year of the CRC, when Hermiston and Hood River (10-0-2, 4-0-1) played to a 2-2 draw.

"We just went out with heart tonight and we played with all of our heart," Hermiston coach Rich Harshberger said. "And we believed."

"Having a 2-2 draw against one of the best teams in the state, I couldn't be happier," Campos added.

The match began fiery and physical. Hermiston's Edwin Rosales and Hood

River's Mario Sandoval were pulled aside by the referee in the 7th minute in an attempt to quell hostilities, and Mark Mejia was shown a yellow card in the 15th.

But none of that stopped some brilliant scoring in the first half.

Noe Magana, the younger brother of last year's 5A state Player of the Year, Gio, scored in the first minute when Hermiston failed to clear a loose ball in their own end, and Magana fired a strike into the top back corner for the match's first goal.

That wasn't all the offense Hood River could drum up, but it was a good portion. With Campos, defenders Ishmael Arceans, Miguel Hoyos, Andy Courcuera and John Mejia, all of Hood River's runs were challenged and most were dispelled.

"Our defense was great," Campos said. "I always tell them (that) those guys are everything to me. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't be out here right now. These guys, they came out and they did what they had

to do. I know they can play well and that's what they did."

But Hermiston, which had been outscored 23-0 in the last four matches, came right back in the 4th when Enrique Leal's corner kick deflected off an Eagle defender and found the back of the net.

The goal sent the already excited crowd into a near frenzy, and it never wore off.

Hermiston Junior forward/midfielder Bernardo Araujo made a play into the Hood River box in the 40th

minute and was fouled, setting up a penalty kick. Against sophomore keeper Travis Running, Araujo easily set it into the right side for a 2-1 lead, Hermiston's first in the series in at least two years.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Fall foliage run raised funds for Agape House

A Very Poplar Run, which raises money for Hermiston's 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.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=638>.

Hermiston Turkey Shoot upcoming

The 11th annual Turkey Shoot benefiting Hermiston's golf programs is scheduled for Nov. 21 at Big River Golf Course in McNary.

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. with a four-person scramble starting a half hour later. It costs \$50 per person.

Make checks payable to HHS Golf Association and bring entries to Big River Golf Course or mail them to Bob Brinkley at P.O. Box 1444 Hermiston, OR 97838. Golf carts are not included.

Bulldogs fall to Bucks in third meeting

By **ERIC SINGER**
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On Monday night on their home court and on senior night, the Buckaroos outlasted their rival Hermiston Bulldogs for an emotional 3-1 victory.

The Buckaroos (6-12, 2-7 CRC) were riding plenty of emotion into the start of the match, jumping out to a quick 11-4 lead to force a Hermiston timeout. But as they have all season, the

Bulldogs (5-11, 1-8) battled back to close the deficit to 22-19.

However, the Buckaroos were able to finish off the Bulldogs behind a few big kills from freshman Elli Nirschl and pull out a 25-21 victory.

The tone of the game changed in the second set as the teams battled back and forth as their respective student sections cheered behind them. The teams

were deadlocked for most of the set, represented by 10 tie scores and eight different lead changes.

However, late in the set, Hermiston began to find the momentum and eventually held a 24-20 lead and was serving for match point. But a couple of big kills from Pendleton's Maureen Davies and Nirschl saw the Bucks tie the game at 24-24.

The Bulldogs served for

set point three more times in the second set, but each time Pendleton answered.

The third set played out much like the second set, as the teams battled neck-and-neck all the way to a 22-22 tie.

"It's one of our positive marks from the season is that they are a team that battles," said Hermiston coach Dorothy Smith. "I knew this was a young varsity team, but I've re-

ally seen them grow this year."

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"When they get it together, it's going to be there every single time," Smith said. "It's a great team, we're only losing one senior so that'll be easy to fill and keep the girls going at it."

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missed PAT.

Another Stanfield punt — the Tigers' first four drives ended that way — led to Clark's first touchdown pass of the night, a perfect go route to Logan Grieb to put Heppner up 14-0 after a successful two-point conversion.

Stanfield showed some life following the second Heppner touchdown, embarking on an 11-play, 85-yard drive that took nearly five minutes of game time off the clock ending with Grogan plunging in from a yard out to cut the Heppner lead to 14-6.

Then Stanfield fumbled on their

next drive, and Kindle made the Tigers pay with a 69-yard run just before the half to take a 30-6 lead and make a comeback almost impossible.

Clark added three more touchdown passes in the third quarter, and Tommy Bredfield scampered in from nine yards out in the fourth for good measure to complete the scoring.

"When you get an opportunity to play the best team in the state, you have to play a perfect game. Your effort has to match theirs. Your energy has to match theirs," Salas said. "I think at times we did match theirs, and at times we showed we're a really good football team in spurts."

"They just don't know how good they are yet."

At this time, it looked as if a dog fight was ensuing, reminiscent of Stanfield's 20-point comeback last week.

But, as quickly as it came about, Heppner took firm control.

After Grogan intercepted Clark at midfield — the Heppner quarterback's first of the season — Stanfield was forced to punt after three plays, and the Mustangs put their foot to Stanfield's throat.

The Mustangs blocked their second punt of the night, and Collins struggled to fall on the oddly-bouncing oblong ball as it and Collins approached the Stanfield goal line. He eventually fell on it about a yard or two deep in the end zone, and Heppner led 22-6.

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	HEPPNER	STANFIELD
HEPPNER 60, Stanfield 6	14	16
HEPPNER (7-0, 3-0)	6	6
STANFIELD (6-1, 2-1)	0	0
First Quarter	0	0
Heppner — C. Kindle 4-yard run (Extra Point No Good), 3:14		
Heppner — L. Grieb 71-yard pass from K. Clark (K. Clark pass to W. Putman), 0:46		
Second Quarter		
Stanfield — D. Grogan 1-yard run (Extra Point No Good), 7:13		
Heppner — P. Collins recovers blocked punt in end zone (K. Clark run), 4:12		
Heppner — C. Kindle 69-yard run (K. Clark pass to L. Grieb), 0:46		
Third Quarter		
Heppner — L. Grieb 60-yard pass from K. Clark (K. Clark pass to C. Kindle), 11:50		
Heppner — W. Putman 7-yard pass from K. Clark (K. Clark run), 7:58		
Heppner — L. Grieb 31-yard pass from K. Clark (K. Clark run), 5:00		
Fourth Quarter		
Heppner — T. Bredfield 9-yard run (Extra Point No Good), 9:08		
Statistics		
RUSHING — HEPPNER (25-199, 4TD): C. Kindle 8-111, 2TD; K. Clark 3-27, TD; T. Bredfield 7-26, TD; L. Grieb 3-14, C. Hedman 4-17, TD; STANFIELD (62-189, TD): T. Monkus 18-79, D. Grogan 10-31, TD; A. Gomez 1-4; J. Keeney 5-9; S. Keltz 3-9.		
PASSING — HEPPNER (6-13-1, 214 yards, 4TD): K. Clark 5-12-1, 195 yards, 4TD; C. Kindle 1-1, 12 yards.		
STANFIELD (1-4-0, 14 yards): D. Grogan 1-4-0, 14 yards.		

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