

Buckaroo swimmers shine in season opener

BAKER — After a scheduling mix-up caused Pendleton’s home swim meet to be canceled last weekend, the Buckaroos and Hermiston Bulldog swimmers finally kicked off its 2015 season on Saturday with a meet at Baker. When the last laps in the pool were finished, the Buckaroos found themselves at the top of the scoreboard, as the boys and girls teams combined to take first place in the meet. The girls team finished in first place out of four teams with 657 points, while the boys team finished second place behind La Grande with 528 points. Hermiston struggled at the meet, as the girls finished fourth with 277 points and the boys team finished in third with 235 points, combining for a third place overall finish.

RESULTS:

Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay

3) PHS Sam Schmitz, Oceane Schreier, Bethany Van Cleave, Jennifer Schulze

4) PHS Landry Huth, Emily Wanous, Abby Williams, Tiffany Armstrong

5) HERM Jailee Vogt, Andrea Gispert-Tello, Sydnee Harvey, Alicia Vogt

6) HERM Annalise Oertwich, Marin Kennedy, Kate Allen, Cora Theis

2:16:87

2:25:80

2:31:31

2:55:79

Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay

1) PHS Jon Jennings, Dylan Clemons, TJ O’Hanlon, Lukas Johnson

3) HERM Ryan Barnard, Jacob Snell, Lane Stevenson, Ryan Stewart

5) PHS Rylan Headley, Asa Richardson, Avery Madril, Hunter Pearson

1:49:43

2:05:26

2:06:15

Girls 200 Yard Freestyle		
1) Sam Schmitz	PHS	2:17:01
3) Bethany Van Cleave	PHS	2:22:40
5) Tiffany Armstrong	PHS	2:45:10
6) Kyana Tolwi	PHS	2:46:79
7) Hannah Walker	HERM	2:51:87

Boys 200 Yard Freestyle		
5) Matt Larsen	PHS	2:20:78
6) Patrick Cahill	PHS	2:40:53
7) Lane Stevenson	HERM	2:49:85
8) Justin Blake	HERM	2:57:68
9) Nolan Bylenga	PHS	3:13:26

Girls 100 Yard Freestyle		
1) Adriann Stewart	HERM	1:33:41
2) Flor Pena	HERM	1:55:89

Boys 100 Yard Freestyle		
1) Carson Wrathall	HERM	1:00:99
2) Keaton Mikimi	HERM	1:10:44
3) Joshua Roberts	HERM	1:14:27
4) Garrett Williamson	HERM	1:36:58
5) Jacob Poznanski	HERM	1:42:68
6) Erick Hawes	HERM	2:00:84
7) Anthony Garza	HERM	2:01:93

Girls 200 Yard Ind. Medley		
4) Landry Huth	PHS	2:47:39
5) Andrea Gispert-Tello	HERM	3:08:43
6) Kaitlyn Driskel	PHS	3:09:53
7) Sydnee Harvey	HERM	3:10:74
8) Brooke Lapp	PHS	3:52:60

Boys 200 Yard Ind. Medley		
4) Avery Madril	PHS	2:38
6) TJ O’Hanlon	PHS	2:41
7) Rylan Headley	PHS	2:47
8) Tanner Pearson	PHS	3:07

Girls 50 Yard Freestyle		
3) Alicia Vogt	HERM	
5) Jennifer Schulze	PHS	
6) MaKayla Lee	PHS	
7) Emily Wanous	PHS	
10) Ellie Glover	PHS	
13) Cailyn Lambert	HERM	
14) Cora Theis	PHS	
15) Kaiya Spencer	PHS	
16) Lyla Lindquist	PHS	
17) Lilly Yoshioka	PHS	
18) Marin Kennedy	PHS	
19) Maria Fye	PHS	
20) Delaney Clem	PHS	
22) Rylee Harris	PHS	

Boys 50 Yard Freestyle		
1) Jon Jennings	PHS	22.82
3) Lukas Johnson	PHS	24.27
5) Dylan Clemons	PHS	25.00
6) Grant Banister	PHS	25.74
7) Jacob Snell	HERM	25.96
12) Hunter Frazier	PHS	27.53
13) Ryan Stewart	HERM	27.80
14) Nick Johnson	PHS	29.85
15) Jose Roman	HERM	30.95

Girls 100 Yard Butterfly		
2) Bethany Van Cleave	PHS	1:22:18
3) Oceane Schreier	PHS	1:22:47
4) Abby Williams	PHS	1:28:86
5) Lindsey McAllister	HERM	1:54:69

Boys 100 Yard Butterfly		
4) Jacob Snell	HERM	1:09:73
5) Avery Madril	PHS	1:15:56

BASKETBALL:

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told the boys, ‘Once you’re hot, keep shooting. I’m not gonna stop you.’”

Stanfield never trailed, making its first two shots — both 3s — to jump to a quick 6-0 lead. Nixy’s Hunter McKay, who led Nixyaawii with 22 points, answered back with a 3 of his own, and the shooting display was on. After a Stanfield free throw, Hunter Melton got Nixy within a point a 7-6 with a three-point play, but Stanfield went on a 9-2 run to go up eight at 16-8.

The Golden Eagles tried to climb back in it in the second quarter led by Melton. The springy senior used his quick first step to break down the Tigers man-to-man defense and set up many of Nixy’s second-quarter buckets. A McKay 3-pointer with 1:57 left capped an 8-0 run that got the Golden Eagles within a point at 29-28, but that would be the closest they would come.

After Monkus missed the second half’s first shot, Nixy turned it over and Stanfield made its next four. Grogan had two inside buckets, Brody Woods was good from two, then Tony Flores hit a 3 and Stanfield’s lead was quickly 11 at 41-30 at the 6:40 mark. Ira Ashley then hit a 3-pointer of his own

to cut the lead to eight a minute later, but Monkus scored five points and it ballooned back to 13 at 45-32. In all, the run last nearly three minutes and Nixy coach Shane Rivera took time. But the damage had been done.

Stanfield ended the quarter up 15 at 60-45, but Melton had worked his way into foul trouble, taking four into the final frame. Nixyaawii’s offense wasn’t the same without the 5-foot-9 senior, and it proved how valuable he is to the Golden Eagles.

“He’s a big key to our team,” River said. “Once again, you can credit Stanfield’s defensive pressure. I could’ve called on a man-to-man earlier. Maybe (if) we could’ve picked up the tempo — we’re a guard-oriented team. Their size hurt us on the inside. But you never know.”

Nixyaawii switched to an aggressive, pressing man defense in the fourth quarter and made things interesting. Stanfield, which wants to run and score quickly, was having trouble slowing its pace and controlling the clock. As a result, they coughed it up eight times in the fourth quarter alone — 23 times on the game — and allowed Nixyaawii to creep back in. Fredy Campos started to score, and so did McKay. But the

closest the Golden Eagles could get was 10 at 71-61 and 73-63. Every time it looked as if they were starting a run, Stanfield had an answer.

“Stanfield did a good job tonight and they deserved to win,” Rivera said.

In the girls game played immediately before, Stanfield had no answer for Mary Stewart and the Golden Eagles. Nixyaawii used big second and third quarters to run away from the Tigers 52-30.

Stanfield (3-2) stayed close after a quarter and trailed just 10-7 with both teams shooting poorly. They combined to go 5-28 from the field that first frame, but Nixyaawii’s improved while Stanfield’s didn’t. The Golden Eagles’ zone gave Stanfield problems all night. “We struggled attacking the zone,” Stanfield coach Daniel Sharp said. “We hadn’t had a lot time to practice it and sort of threw it in. There were some good things in that, and until we figure out how to do that, people are gonna zone us to death.”

Stewart finished with 19 points to lead all scorers. Yazzmin Chavez led Stanfield with eight points.

Nixy led 30-15 at the break, and Stanfield didn’t come out of the locker room until two seconds remained in the halftime

period. The extra talking to didn’t much help, as Stanfield scored just two points in the quarter as Nixyaawii’s lead increased from 15 to 26 at 43-17. Stanfield’s defense pressure forced Nixy into six fourth-quarter turnovers — and 20 in total — though the deficit was too much. “I think the big difference between the second and third quarters to the other ones was we moved the ball and got better looks,” Nixyaawii coach Jeremy Maddern said.

Maddern also said the turnovers need to be cleaned up.

“We’re averaging about 10, 11 turnovers, so 20 is pretty high,” he said. “Give (Stanfield) credit, though. It was their defense a little bit. But we could’ve taken care of the ball better for sure.”

NCS (6-1) 12 17 16 20 — 65

SHS (5-1) 18 13 29 15 — 75

NIXYAAWII — H. McKay 22, F. Campos 15, I. Ashley 12, A. Corona 6, J. Quaeprints 6, H. Melton 3, L. Lewis, D. Barkley, C. Herrera.

STANFIELD — D. Grogan 22, T. Monkus 18, T. Flores 10, B. Woods 7, A. Nunez 5, J. Garcia 5, D. Brooks 2, R. Bailey 2, J. Carrillo 2, L. Moreno, J. Galarza, E. Angel, N. Sanchez.

3-pointers — NCS 5, SHS 10. Free throws — NCS 15-23, SHS 13-21. Fouls — NCS 15, SHS 20. Fouled out — H. Melton (NCS).

Girls NCS (6-2) 10 20 13 9 — 52

SHS (3-2) 7 5 2 13 — 30

NIXYAAWII — M. Stewart 19, D. Maddern 7, A. Farrow 6, E. Looney 6, T. Catman 4, S. Fitzpatrick 4, S. Fuentes 3, K. Melton 1, A. Tanasket.

STANFIELD — Y. Chavez 8, B. Braithwaite 5, C. Hopper 6, G. Chavez 5, B. Watson 4, S. Connell 3, C. Curiel 2, N. Esquivel 1, M. Griffin, A. Lemmon, M. Banderas, A. Carrillo.

3-pointers — NCS 4, SHS 2. Free throws — NCS 12-17, SHS 8-23. Fouls — NCS 16, SHS 19. Fouled out — K. Melton (NCS).

Cougars edge Honkers

ARLINGTON — The Echo Cougars got hot at the right time and shot 71.4 percent from the field in the fourth quarter to win their first game of the season on Monday in boys’ basketball non-league action.

Echo held on for a 49-44 victory over Arlington with Michael Thompson leading the way.

Thompson scored 18 points, pulled in 12 rebounds and swiped six steals — all game-highs — for the double-double, and Carlos Chavez added 10 points in the win.

Anthony Valdez and Javier Cazares each scored 10 to lead the Honkers, and Shawn Hauner added eight points to go with a

GIRLS: ECHO 46, ARLINGTON 44 — At Arlington, Kelsey Ranger scored a game-high 21 points and Hannah McCarty added 10 more as the Cougars edged the Honkers in non-league play on Monday.

Ranger added nine rebounds and four steals, Lizzi Cox pulled down 10 rebounds to go with her eight points and Taylor Swaggart added five steals for Echo (2-3).

SOU (1-2) 4 5 8 10 — 27

HER (3-0) 24 10 11 7 — 52

Southridge — Jaid Harris 2, Hale Thomas 2, Megan Solenksy 7, Ellie Smith 3, Shylar Sullivan 3, Kendall Pope 3, Amanda Saunders 0, Art McKenzie 5, Sami Sanders 0, Samantha Grade 2.

Hermiston — Hayden Meyers 0, Rileigh Andreason 4, Maddy Juul 11, Regan Meyers 0, Jansen Edmiston 16, Kynzee Padilla 6, Shaelyn Gilbert 2, Kiana Heehn 0, Sara Ramirez 11, Jordan Thomas 2.

HERMISTON BOYS NOTCH FIRST WIN

After starting the season with two blowout losses, the Hermiston boys notched its first win under interim head coach Dave Ego Friday night with a 74-57 over Southridge in its home opener.

“We allowed them to celebrate for 15 seconds then we talked about what we didn’t do right,” Ego said. “And I think the only way to respond tomorrow night (in Hillsboro) — I think our legs will be there because we got some good rest tonight with all the fouls — our legs are gonna be there so it’s a matter of doing the right things and making things happen like we did tonight.”

Officials have been making it a point to allow the offensive players freedom to maneuver. Both teams combined to shoot 67 free throws Friday night.

After an even first half, Hermiston began to pull away in the second. An Austin Naillon three-point play pushed the Bulldogs ahead by five at 46-41, and the Bulldog advantage grew to as many as eight. Southridge whittled the deficit down to three at 51-48 at the end of the third quarter, but the fourth-quarter deficit grew to ten, then to 16 and Hermiston played keep away to ice it.

In its first two games, the Bulldogs (1-2) struggled to score against the long defenses of Kamiakin and Hanford. Against, Southridge, however, it was a different story.

Senior guard Chance Flores,

Arlington (4-2) was led by Emily Kirby’s 15 points and 11 rebounds, and the two teams combined for 56 turnovers in the game.

Boys EHS (1-4) 6 13 13 17 — 49

AHS (3-3) 7 8 13 18 — 44

ECHO — M. Thompson 18, C. Chavez 10, B. Gibbs 7, B. Moffit 5, Z. Gerkhe 5, C. Medrano 2, D. Craig 2, J. Dorn.

ARLINGTON — A. Valdez 10, J. Cazares 10, B. Troutman 9, S. Hauner 8, B. Evans 4, T. Evans 3, R. Hahn.

3-pointers — EHS 3-14, AHS 6-20. Free throws — EHS 10-20, AHS 6-12. Fouls — EHS 18, AHS 14. Fouled out — Moffit (EHS), B. Evans (AHS).

Girls EHS (2-3) 10 8 15 13 — 46

AHS (4-2) 11 6 14 13 — 44

ECHO — K. Ranger 21, H. McCarty 10, L. Cox 8, T. Swaggart 4, D. Tarvin 3, E. Parks, L. Wiggins.

ARLINGTON — E. Kirby 15, M. Hauner 9, S. Collins 6, J. Patnode 5, S. Grady 4, S. Weatherford 3, R. McClure 2, 3-pointers — EHS 1-18, AHS 1-5. Free throws — EHS 13-24, AHS 7-14. Fouls — EHS 15, AHS 16. Fouled out — Patnode (AHS).

who Ego thinks his is best shooter, took a minute getting going, but he popped Friday night. He was held scoreless in the first quarter, but scored 24 points in the next three to lead all scorers. His three 3-pointers were the most in the game — Southridge had just two as a team — and he shot 7-12 from the free throw line. Senior point guard Austin Naillon chipped in with 19 points and shot 6-7 from the charity stripe. Ego was happy to have the production.

“I think we still need to pick and choose our shots, make sure they’re the shots we want to take,” Ego said. “But I felt like from the beginning of the season (Flores) is our best shooter. He hasn’t shown us that until tonight when he shot a little bit better. There are still times we’re going to the basket. We want three points, not two.”

Another welcome addition production-wise was 6-foot-5 junior forward Brok Palmer. Palmer had been playing against some tall front lines in Hermiston’s first two games, and didn’t have much offensive production to show for it. Friday night he scored ten points and did solid work on the glass.

“He’s not going up against 6-9 and 6-7, I think that helps the comfort zone a little bit,” Ego said of Palmer. “Brok has skills. As a big man, he has more skills than any of our big men — the drop step, and the different things. He’s just gotta get more physical for us and use the big body.”

The Bulldogs moved to .500 when they slipped past Hillsboro 74-69 at Hillsboro on Saturday.

SOU (0-2) 13 18 17 9 — 57

HER (1-2) 13 18 20 23 — 74

Southridge — Ethan Sanders 0, Brad Morgan 13, Trevor McLaughlin 2, Mike Hazel 1, Jashaun Simon 0, Tracer Bjorge 8, Dalton Stevens 0, Gabe Vorheis 20, Chad Crier 8, Alexis Platas 2, Ethan Ellsworth 13.

Hermiston — Chance Flores 24, Dayshaun Neal 1, Hunter Walls 6, Austin Naillon 19, Andrew James 8, Javier Garcia 3, Thomas McCullough 0, Brok Palmer 10, Preston Pederson 0.

WRESTLING:

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match from last season when a “good scrap,” as Larson called it, ended prematurely when Eichner broke his arm.

This one didn’t go that way. The first round went without score, and Colbray and Eichner each earned an escape in the next two rounds to send it to overtime tied a 1-1. The first minute-long overtime period also went scoreless, sending the uber-competitive match into a second 30 second-long period. After both escaped to earn a point, Eichner quickly gained control for two points, then blocked a reversal attempt from Colbray and earned two more right before the horn. He walked away with his arms outstretched as his bench went crazy following 6-2 decision. Colbray remained on his knees and softly applauded.

“It’s a tough kid that comes around and Sam’s gotta know that he’s gotta train and there are people our there that can beat him,” Larson said. “He’s got areas that he can improve just like his team can.

“We’re gonna work on the things that we’re not very good at. We’re gonna learn the things that Post Falls was good at and take that into our room. I want to attack like they do. I don’t want to stand around and wait.”

HERMISTON BULLDOGS 45, CALDWELL COUGARS 15

106 Daylon Eng (HHS) forfeit

113 Isaiah Aguilar (HHS) over Dante Carreno (CHS) Dec 7-5

120	Liam Tarvin (HHS) over Ismael Cerros (CHS) Dec 5-4
126	Christian Hudson (CHS) over Jesus Rodriguez (HHS) Fall 0:23
132	Andy Wagner (HHS) over Brandon Gonzalez (CHS) Dec 10-4
138	Victor Barba (CHS) over Adrian Tuia (HHS) Dec 7-5
145	CJ Hendon (HHS) over Cyrus Calcedo (CHS) Dec 5-1
152	Valen Vuyse (HHS) over Adrian Adame (CHS) Fall 2:45
160	Irving Capuchino (CHS) over Joey Gutierrez (HHS) Dec 4-2
170	Brook McDonough (HHS) over Ben Solis (CHS) Fall 3:23
182	Bob Coleman (HHS) over Matthew Rohrdanz (CHS) Fall 4:46
195	John-Henry Line (HHS) over Trevis Mitchell (HHS) Dec 9-2
220	Sam Colbray (HHS) over Triden Mitchell (CHS) Fall 3:57
285	Drew Sowards (CHS) over Beau Blake (HHS) Dec 4-0

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113 Mathias Delarosa (PFHS) over Isaiah Aguilar (HHS) TB-1 6-2

120 Matt McLeod (PFHS) over Liam Tarvin (HHS) Dec 4-2

126 Braydon Huber (PFHS) over Jesus Rodriguez (HHS) Fall 0:50

132 Andy Wagner (HHS) over Tanner Johnson (PFHS) Dec 4-0

138 Jason Burchell (PFHS) over Adrian Tuia (HHS) Maj 11-2

145 Tyler Wolf (PFHS) over CJ Hendon (HHS) Dec 6-2

152 Valen Vuyse (HHS) over Alius Delarosa (PFHS) Dec 6-3

160 Joey Gutierrez (HHS) over Coleton Kazzmierz (PFHS) Dec 3-2

170 Brook McDonough (HHS) over Kayleb Ferris (PFHS) Dec 11-4

182 Bob Coleman (HHS) over Kellen Dyer (PFHS) Fall 0:50

195 John-Henry Line (HHS) over Brad Noesen (PFHS) Fall 2:30

220 Sam Colbray (HHS) over Isaac Shaddock (PFHS) Fall 0:45

285 Kameron Welker (PFHS) over Beau Blake (HHS) Dec 6:58

106 Rylee Dierker (PFHS) over Daylon Eng (HHS) Fall 0:42

HERMISTON BULLDOGS 60, DEER PARK STAGS 9

120 Liam Tarvin (HHS) Forfeit

126 Jesus Rodriguez (HHS) Forfeit

132 Andy Wagner (HHS) over Jake Miller (DPHS) Fall 0:42

138 Adrian Tuia (HHS) over Phillip Sliva (DPHS) Fall 3:37

145 CJ Hendon (HHS) over Brent Hodgson (DPHS) Dec 6-4

152 Valen Vuyse (HHS) over Dean Lockwood (DPHS) Fall 0:42

160 Joey Gutierrez (HHS) over Tyson Jorgensen (DDPHS) Dec 3-2

170 Brook McDonough (HHS) over Neil Lockwood (DPHS) Dec 5-2

182 Bob Coleman (HHS) over Hunter Leliefeld (DPHS) Fall 2:41

195 John-Henry Line (HHS) Forfeit

220 Traci Dierker (Deer Park) over Sam Colbray (HHS) TB-1 4-2

285 Beau Blake (HHS) over Cody Devore (DPHS) Fall 0:32

106 Joe Edwards (Deer Park) over Daylon Eng (HHS) Fall 1:32

113 Isaiah Aguilar (HHS) over Everett Pierce (DPHS) Dec 3-1