

Pirates complete big comeback

Riverside boys use fourth to win EOL opener

Riverside boys basketball coach Clair Costello was hoping the start of league play could provide a spark for his struggling squad that entered the Eastern Oregon League having lost four of its last five. The veteran coach may have gotten his wish after a big fourth quarter propelled the Pirates past the Umatilla Vikings 44-39 in both team's EOL opener on Thursday.

The teams were knotted at 35-35 for about a minute and a half in the decisive frame before a Noe Madrigal lay-in gave Riverside (5-8, 1-0 EOL) the lead for good with five minutes left.

Madrigal finished with 10 points while Eon Castillo scored nine of his team-high 12 points in the fourth quarter to help close out Umatilla (7-8, 0-1), which was led by Jesus Ramirez with 12 points and Aaron Simmons with 11.

Costello said his team was just 5-of-9 at the free throw line when Umatilla turned to fouling them down the stretch, but a switch from zone to man-to-man defense kept Umatilla off the scoreboard as well.

"Defensively we played really well the last two minutes," he said. "We didn't leave them any open shots."

Umatilla led 23-20 at halftime and extended its lead in the third quarter before a five-point spurt by Ricardo Rosales made it 35-30 headed into the fourth.

Both teams have more than a week off before their next games on Friday, Jan. 15. Riverside hosts Vale at 7 p.m. and Umatilla hosts Nyssa at

7:30 p.m.

UHS (7-8, 0-1) 10 13 12 4 -39
RHS (5-8, 1-0) 14 6 10 14 - 44
UMATILLA — J. Ramirez 12, A. Simmons 11, J. Coria 7, T. Sanguino 5, K. Webb 2, S. Cranston 2, G. Armenta, D. Silverio, S. Garcia, T. Durrey, J. Maret.
RIVERSIDE — E. Castillo 12, N. Madrigal 10, F. Aparicio 8, R. Rosales 5, M. Hegar 4, F. Olvera 3, D. Rodriguez 2, H. Lopez, J. Garcia, S. Navarro, J. Carmona.
3-pointers — UHS 4, RHS 4. Free throws — UHS 5-7, RHS 10-17. Fouls — UHS 21, RHS 16. Fouled out — K. Webb (UHS).

Girls Basketball

UMATILLA 28, RIVERSIDE 14 — At Boardman, the Vikings took a low-scoring Eastern Oregon League opener Thursday night where neither team scored double digits in any quarter.

Aleesha Watson led all scorers with 11 points for Umatilla (11-4, 1-0 EOL) while Abby Hernandez and Lacey Mashos led Riverside (3-9, 0-1) with five points apiece.

Courtney Dohman dominated the glass for the Vikings, grabbing a game-high 14 boards, but was limited to a single bucket thanks to strong defense by Riverside post Jenna Shimer.

Riverside started the game 0-12 from the field but was able to pull within two points of the lead before back-to-back turnovers let Umatilla pull ahead 16-10 by halftime.

Umatilla went into stall mode in the third quarter and didn't attempt a shot for a three-minute stretch in the frame.

Neither team plays again until Friday, Jan. 15 when Umatilla hosts Nyssa at 6 p.m. and Riverside hosts Vale at 5:30 p.m.

UHS (11-4, 1-0) 8 8 6 6 -28
RHS (3-9, 0-1) 1 9 2 2 -14
UMATILLA — A. Watson 11, S. Webb 6, M. Paz 6, C. Dohman 2, J. Contreras 2, B. Campos 1, L. Journot, T. Coffey, G. Lemus.
RIVERSIDE — L. Mathos 5, A. Hernandez 5, S. Hasbell 3, S. Wightman, F. Mabilia, A. Caldera, J. Shimer, B. Avalos, E. Dattoso, S. Andrade, S. Gonzales.
3-pointers — UHS 2, RHS 1. Free throws — UHS 6-15, RHS 5-15. Fouls — UHS 17, RHS 17. Technical fouls — J. Shimer (RHS).

BULLDOGS STRUGGLE AT HOOD RIVER

The Hermiston Bulldogs struggled in competition, as the girls turned in 142 points and the boys with 144 points.

Hermiston was paced by a fifth place finish by the boys 200 yard freestyle relay team of Ryan Barnard, Ryan Stewart, Carson Wrathall, and Jacob Snell for a 28 point performance.

Top Results for the meet are listed below:

- Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay**
3) Pendleton — Landry Huth, Olivia Broker, Bethany Van Cleave, Sam Schmitz. Time: 2:11.98
6) Hermiston — Jailee VOgt, Andrea Gispart-Tello, Alicia Vogt, Sidney TOvey. Time: 2:31.31
- Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay**
2) Pendleton — Jon Jennings, Dylan Clemons, TJ O'Hanlon, Lukas Johnson. Time: 1:49.43

- 6) Hermiston — Ryan Barnard, Carson Wrathall, Jacob Snell, Ryan Stewart. Time: 2:05.26
- Girls 200 Yard Freestyle**
2) Sam Schmitz, Pendleton, 2:21.32
5) Landry Huth, Pendleton, 2:27.22
7) Tiffany Armstrong, Pendleton, 2:40.40
8) Jalilee Vogt, Hermiston, 2:40.46
9) Kyana Tolwi, Pendleton, 2:43.12

- Boys 200 Yard Freestyle**
4) Lukas Johnson, Pendleton, 2:00.97
10) Matthew Larson, Pendleton, 2:15.69
15) Ryan Wiley, Hermiston, 2:33.87

- Girls 200 Yard Individual Medley**
4) Bethany Van Cleave, Pendleton, 2:42.91
7) Oceane Schreier, Pendleton, 2:48.87
8) Sydnee Harvey, Hermiston, 3:02.56
10) Andrea Gispart-Tello, Hermiston, 3:05.32

- Boys 200 Yard Individual Medley**
2) Jon Jennings, Pendleton, 2:10.87
8) Avery Madril, Pendleton, 2:39.22
9) Asa Richerson, Pendleton, 2:42.25
10) Tanner Pearson, Pendleton, 3:02.03

- Girls 50 Yard Freestyle**
8) Jennifer Schulze, Pendleton, 29.85
11) Alicia Vogt, Hermiston, 30.22

- Boys 50 Yard Freestyle**
1) Jon Jennings, Pendleton, 22.91
8) Grant Banister, Pendleton, 25.57
16) Carson Wrathall, Hermiston, 27.03

- Girls 100 Yard Butterfly**
4) Abby Williams, Pendleton, 1:24.73
- Boys 100 Yard Butterfly**
3) Jacob Snell, Hermiston, 1:04.25
6) TJ O'Hanlon, Pendleton, 1:09.88
7) Avery Madril, Pendleton, 1:13.78
9) Ryan Lacey, Pendleton, 1:24.00

- Girls 100 Yard Freestyle**
3) Sam Schmitz, Pendleton, 1:02.65
6) Jennifer Schulze, Pendleton, 1:05.65
8) Sidney Tovey, Hermiston, 1:07.65

- Boys 100 Yard Freestyle**
1) Lukas Johnson, Pendleton, 52.41
5) Dylan Clemons, Pendleton, 54.47
8) Ryan Barnard, Hermiston, 55.85

- Girls 500 Yard Freestyle**
3) Bethany Van Cleave, Pendleton, 6:16.00
4) Olivia Broker, Pendleton, 7:08.75
6) Andrea Gispart-Tello, Hermiston, 7:16.16
7) Kyana Tolwi, Pendleton, 7:27.41
10) Hannah Walker, Hermiston, 7:36.22

- Boys 500 Yard Freestyle**
5) Matthew Larson, Pendleton, 6:15.60
7) Shane Miltenberger, Pendleton, 6:21.50
9) Ryan Barnard, Hermiston, 7:02.72

- Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay**
4) Pendleton — Sam Schmitz, Jennifer Schulze, Oceane Schreier, Bethany Van Cleave. Time: 1:56.72

- 7) Hermiston — Sidney Tovey, Sydnee Harvey, Andrea Gispart-Tello, Alicia Vogt. Time: 2:09.43
- Boys 200 Yard Freestyle**
1) Pendleton — Grant Banister, Lukas Johnson, Dylan Clemons, Jon Jennings. Time: 1:35.86
5) Hermiston — Ryan Barnard, Ryan Stewart, Carson Wrathall, Jacob Snell. Time: 1:44.38

- Girls 100 Yard Backstroke**
5) Landry Huth, Pendleton, 1:16.87

- Boys 100 Yard Backstroke**
7) Ryan Barnard, Hermiston, 1:06.31
11) Rylan Headley, Pendleton, 1:10.25

- Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke**
3) Olivia Broker, Pendleton, 1:24.50
4) Oceane Schreier, Pendleton, 1:25.56

- Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke**
3) Dylan Clemons, Pendleton, 1:09.85
5) Jacob Snell, Hermiston, 1:14.69
10) Asa Richerson, Pendleton, 1:16.75

- Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay**
2) Pendleton — Landry Huth, Olivia Broker, Tiffany Armstrong, Jennifer Schulze. Time: 4:47.19

- Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay**
5) Pendleton — Hunter Fraier, Ryan Headley, Grant Banister, TJ O'Hanlon. Time: 4:03.62

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hermiston Booster Club Steak Feed scheduled

The Hermiston Booster Club's annual steak feed and primary fundraiser is scheduled for March 5 at 5:30

p.m. at the Hermiston Conference Center.

Tickets for the dinner are \$40 with a silent auction, raffle and live auction, which begins at 7 p.m. Items are still being secured and donated,

but they are expected to be similar to last year's event which featured Seahawks and Ducks tickets plus other enticing possibilities. To reserve a seat, contact Paul Barnett at 541-567-5215.

DAWGS:

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Lake Oswego for the Nike Interstate Shootout tournament. There, Hermiston played some of the top 6A and 5A schools in the state of Oregon, finishing 3-1 in the tournament for a fifth place finish in its bracket.

Sophomore forward

Maddy Juul — who has been a spark for the Bulldogs this season — said that while the travel was fun, the team is now ready for the stretch run of the season.

"They were a lot different than tournaments we usually experience," she said. "Tough competition, different types of teams, it really made us more physical and gave us what we needed."

Hermiston has 10 games remaining on its regular season schedule — split down the middle with five road games and five home games — and only one game remaining before league play begins on Jan. 22. Hermiston appears ready to make another run through the CRC this season to secure one more game in front of its home

fans in the postseason before a possible trip back to Corvallis for the state tournament.

"We now know what to expect, and we're ready for it," Edmiston said.

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us especially with who we started."

Summit committed 24 turnovers on the day, while Hermiston made just nine and committed back-to-back turnovers just one. Hermiston started the fourth quarter with a massive 12-2 run with Dayshawn Neal, who finished with 15 points, and Chance Flores (17) doing most of the damage off those turnovers. Austin Naillon's 3-pointer with 2:55 to go in the final period gave Hermiston its

largest lead of ten points at 53-43, and Summit looked dead. Naillon finished with 20 points to lead all scorers.

But the experience of the Storm showed as they made things interesting down the stretch.

In a minute, Summit had cut the lead in half at 53-48 when Russell Wells hit a 3, his only basket of the game, then, after Neal made one of two free throws, Hurley hit a 3 to cut the lead in half again at 54-51.

Summit began trapping everything, and Hermiston was allowing it by dribbling into the corners just

past the timeline to make the traps easier for Summit.

"I think part of that is — and the next game we'll probably be better at that — because they haven't played in that situation very much, this group of kids," Ego said.

Then things got interesting.

Neal again made one of two, then Andy Jones made a layup through a foul to get Summit within two a 55-53. On the free throw, Neal fouled Jason Garcia, sending the senior to line for one-and-one. Just after the foul, Hurley putback the missed attempt

creating confusion that took nearly five minutes to figure out. Garcia missed his free throw, Neal was fouled, again made one of two, and Jones' desperation 3 at the buzzer went begging, giving Hermiston its best win of the season.

Hermiston visits Sunny-side (WA) on Tuesday for a 7:30 p.m. tip.

HERMISTON 56, SUMMIT 53
SHS (8-2, 1-0) 16 14 11 12 — 53
HHS (8-6, 0-0) 14 13 14 15 — 56
Summit — J. Hurley 13, N. Mason 13, K. Cornett 10, C. Collins 4, C. Baker 4, R. Wells 3, J. Garcia 2, S. Kent 2, A. Jones 2, E. Wasserman, C. Mason.
Hermiston — A. Naillon 20, D. Neal 17, C. Flores 15, A. James 2, P. Peterson 2, P. Wicks, H. Walls, J. Garcia, C. Ortiz, B. Palmer.
3-pointers — SHS 4, HHS 5. Free throws — SHS 10-18, HHS 3-13. Fouls — SHS 21, HHS 16.

DUAL:

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error, but that toughness (is key). He came from way behind."

Andrew Barker of Riverside then easily handled Austin James 9-2 at 126 pounds to put Riverside up 6-0, then Calvillo beat Echo's Damien Curiel 13-7 to put Riverside up 16-6, then Escobedo topped Keith Wampler 19-3 to earn a technical fall and five points to put Riverside up 21-6.

Jason Fitzpatrick then provided Echo's lone highlight against Riverside, pinning Ferguson in 12 seconds at

182 pounds, then Kemal easily pinned James Stradley to give Riverside the 33-12 dual win and end its day at 2-0.

Echo showed its program-wide improvement in its dual against Irrigon. Starting up 12-0 after a couple forfeits, Wiggins pinned Sam Berry in the first period, then Curiel came back from a 6-2 first-period deficit to pin Sawyer to put Echo up 24-0.

Then it was Walls and Wampler at 152 pounds, and it was arguably the most entertaining match of the night. The high-scoring first period ended with Walls — just a second-year wrestler — up on Wampler — a first-year senior — 8-6 with each grap-

pler earning a reversal. Walls extended his lead to 13-9 heading into the final period, and Walls eventually pinned Wampler with one second remaining in that third round.

Fitzpatrick extended the Cougar lead back to 12 at 30-18 with another first-round pin, this one over Michaels. Kendrick's then pinned Stadley at 285 to leave the dual tied at 30.

"I think that the big thing we see tonight is the progression of one year and the difference one year makes," Smith said. "We're making that progress. We're making that step to be competitive."

"Now we just need to know how to finish."

RIVERSIDE 36, IRRIGON 21
Full results for this dual were unavailable

RIVERSIDE 33, ECHO/STANFIELD 12
113 — G. Romero over K. Ranger, 7-5 3-0
120 — A. Barker over A. James, 9-26-0
132 — Forfeit to Riverside 12-0
138 — Forfeit to Echo 12-6
145 — U. Calvillo over D. Curiel, 13-7
16-6
160 — I. Escobedo over K. Wampler, 19-3
21-6
170 — Forfeit to Riverside 27-6
182 — J. Fitzpatrick over Z. Ferguson, fall
1-42
27-12
285 — A. Kemal over J. Stadley, fall 1:13
33-12

ECHO 30, IRRIGON 30 (ECHO WINS 24 ON TIEBREAKER)
106 — Forfeit to Echo 6-0
126 — Forfeit to Echo 12-0
138 — G. Wiggins over S. Berry, fall 1:42
18-0
145 — D. Curiel over D. Sawyer, fall 5:25
24-0
152 — A. Walls over K. Wampler, fall 5:59
24-6
160 — Forfeit to Irrigon 24-12
170 — Forfeit to Irrigon 24-18
182 — J. Fitzpatrick over C. Michaels, fall
2:21
30-18
195 — Forfeit to Irrigon 30-24
285 — K. Kendrick's over J. Stadley, fall
1:10
30-30

PREP SCHEDULE

Friday, January 15
BOYS BASKETBALL
Hermiston vs. La Salle Prep, 7 p.m.
Umatilla vs. Nyssa, 7:30 p.m.
Stanfield vs. Culver, 6 p.m.
Echo @ Powder Valley, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Umatilla vs. Nyssa, 6 p.m.
Stanfield vs. Culver, 4:30 p.m.
Echo @ Powder Valley, 6 p.m.
WRESTLING
Hermiston @ Oregon Wrestling Classic, Redmond, 8 a.m.

Saturday, January 16
BOYS BASKETBALL
Umatilla vs. Vale, 4:30 p.m.
Stanfield @ Irrigon, 5:30 p.m.

Echo vs. Wallowa, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Umatilla vs. Vale, 3 p.m.
Stanfield @ Irrigon, 4 p.m.
Echo vs. Wallowa, 4 p.m.

SWIMMING
Hermiston @ La Grande, noon
WRESTLING
Hermiston @ Oregon Wrestling Classic, 8 a.m.
Echo @ Bonanza, 9 a.m.

Tuesday, January 19
BOYS BASKETBALL
Stanfield vs. Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Stanfield vs. Umatilla, 6 p.m.
Echo vs. Hermiston JV, 7 p.m.

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