

# Defense keys Dawgs victory

## Hermiston pulls away in second half to beat The Dalles

With their shots not falling, the Hermiston girls basketball team was able to lean on great team defense to survive their Columbia River Conference opener at The Dalles on Friday.

The Bulldogs didn't allow the Riverhawks to score in double digits in any quarter and pulled away in the second half for a 44-32 win.

"It was a very hard-fought battle," said Hermiston coach Steve Hoffert. "Defensively we did a great job on them. They only had a few open shots the entire game and we did a great job of getting a hand in the shooter's face, switching and helping."

Sara Ramirez led all scorers with 17 points for Hermiston (13-3, 1-0 CRC) and Jansen Edmiston added nine as the Bulldogs won their fourth in a row.

No player reached double digits for The Dalles (8-7, 0-1).

Hermiston holds its league home opener Friday when it hosts Hood River at 7 p.m.

**HHS (13-3, 1-0) 8 12 13 11 — 44**  
**TD (8-7, 0-1) 7 9 8 8 — 32**  
 HERMISTON — S. Ramirez 17, J. Edmiston 9, K. Padilla 8, M. Juul 7, H. Meyers 2, K. Heehn 1, S. Gilbert, R. Andreason.  
 THE DALLES — B. McCall 9, K. Holyman 7, L. Cimmiyotti 7, J. Telles 5, J. Thomasian 2, S. Watson 2, J. Bonham.  
 3-pointers — HHS 4, TD 3. Free throws — HHS 8-11, TD 3-5. Fouls — HHS 10, TD 13.

### WESTON-MCEWEN 41, STANFIELD 23

— At Stanfield, after playing the TigerScots even in the first quarter of their Columbia Basin Conference game the "turnover bug" caught the Tigers, said coach Daniel Sharp.

Stanfield (6-9, 2-3 CBC) finished with more than 30 turnovers and didn't help themselves with 28 fouls on defense.

Chelsea Quaempts led Weston-McEwen (8-8, 5-0) with 12 points and the TigerScots led 20-9 at halftime.

Yazzmin Chavez paced Stanfield with eight points.

**WM (8-8, 5-0) 6 14 9 12 — 41**  
**SHS (6-9, 2-3) 6 3 3 11 — 23**  
 WESTON-MCEWEN — C. Quaempts 12, A. Hill 8, S. Finifrock 8, A. Finifrock 5, B. Hillmick 4, A. Schroeder 2, J. Lambert 1, S. von Borstel 1, M. Muilenburg, A. Broncheau, K. Vesico, M. Abo.  
 STANFIELD — Y. Chavez 8, G. Chavez 7, M. Griffin 4, C. Curiel 2, M. Banderas 2, A. Lemmon, N. Esquivel, S. Connell, A. Carrillo, C. Hopper.  
 3-pointers — WM 0, SHS 3. Free throws — WM 19-40, SHS 6-12. Fouls — WM 13, SHS 28.

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# Large halftime lead helps Heppner topple Pilot Rock

**HEPPNER 57, PILOT ROCK 41** — At Pilot Rock, the Mustangs built a large lead by halftime and were able to make it stick when the Rockets surged after the break.

Heppner (15-1, 5-0 CBC) led 28-11 headed into the locker rooms in their Columbia Basin Conference game, and held Pilot Rock (7-12, 1-4) off with a 32-18 advantage on the glass and 43 percent field goal shooting for the game.

Weston Putman and C.J. Kindle paced Heppner with 16 points each and Patrick Collins added 10 points and eight rebounds.

Tracker Denny and Gunner McCall each scored nine to lead Pilot Rock, which shot 36 percent for the game. Chris Weinke added five points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Both teams are off for a week with Pilot Rock hosting Stanfield and Heppner hosting Irrigon Friday.

T. Flores 5, L. Moreno 3, J. Garcia 2, A. Nunez 2.  
 3-pointers — WM 5, SHS 4. Free throws — WM 10-15, SHS 19-27. Fouls — WM 18, SHS 14. Fouled out — S. Mikesell (WM), B. Woods (SHS).

### PINE EAGLE 60, HELIX 51

— At Helix, the Grizzlies could not hold a halftime lead on Friday night as Pine Eagle rode a big second half from Nathan McCall to earn the victory.

Helix (2-14, 0-6 OOL) led Pine Eagle 25-24 at halftime, but came out a little flat in the third quarter offensively. And for Pine Eagle, McCall scored 15 of his game-high 31 points in the quarter to put the Grizzlies behind.

Helix tried to make a comeback in the fourth quarter, but Pine Eagle hung on in the end.

Justin Williams had a solid game for Helix, scoring a team-high 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds — seven offensive.

Helix next plays today at Echo at 5:30 p.m.

**PECS (2-12, 1-5) 9 15 24 12 — 60**  
**GHS (2-14, 0-6) 14 11 13 13 — 51**  
 PINE EAGLE — N. McCall 31, C. Marks 17, L. Seggerman 6, N. Seggerman 2, C. Waker 2, T. Gulick 2.  
 HELIX — J. Williams 24, J. Shaw 12, B. Cope 7, T. Fehrenbacher 6, T. Wilson 2.  
 3-pointers — PECS 3, GHS 2. Free throws — PECS 13-25, GHS 9-15. Fouls — PECS 18, GHS 19. Fouled out — N. McCall (PECS).

### NIXYAAWII 68, JOSEPH 49

— At Joseph, the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles extended its season-high win streak to 10 games with a win over Joseph on Friday night.

No details were reported.

Nixyaawii (16-1, 6-0 OOL) next plays at Wallowa today at 5:30 p.m.

### IRRIGON 68, CULVER 24

— At Culver, the Irrigon Knights got back on the winning track with a blow-out win over Culver on Friday night.

No details were reported.

Irrigon (12-5, 3-2 CBC) next plays Friday at Heppner at 6 p.m.

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**WM (6-9, 2-3) 11 12 8 20 — 51**  
**SHS (12-3, 4-1) 19 16 15 — 67**  
 WESTON-MCEWEN — B. Speed 16, S. Broncheau 9, S. Mikesell 7, K. Rodriguez 5, X. Bailey 5, K. Scott 5, J. Patrick 4, E. Reger, J. West, A. Finifrock.  
 STANFIELD — D. Grogan 21, J. Carrillo 9, B. Woods 9, R. Bailey 8, T. Monkus 8.

# BULLDOGS START CRC WITH BLOWOUT

## Hermiston scores season-high 78 points in rout

By **SAM BARBEE**  
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Despite having the fourth-most total points entering Friday's Columbia River Conference opener against The Dalles, Hermiston boys basketball coach wanted to see more scoring from his bunch of Bulldogs.

Friday night, he got his wish. Hermiston exploded for 34 third-quarter points behind 19 of 23 points from Chance Flores and eight 3-pointers made in total, and the Bulldogs set a season-high in points in a 78-44 drubbing of the Riverhawks at The Dawghouse, eclipsing the previous season-high of 74 totaled in back-to-back games — on back-to-back days — in early December.

"I think that's what we're capable of doing," Ego said of the scoring outburst.

Ego has said on several different occasions he thinks Flores is his team's best shooter. The junior, who sat most of the first half with three fouls, erupted in the third quarter.

Flores was on the bench midway through the first quarter when he picked up two fouls within 19 seconds of each other, and picked up his third just 40 seconds into the second quarter, forcing him to the bench.

"Oh, I don't know if it was a problem for us because he had some kids come in and play pretty well," Ego said of Flores' foul trouble. "Hunter Walls came in and played well. Preston Peterson played well tonight at times, particularly defensively and helped us get defensive stops."

But in the third, he caught fire. He made 5-6 3-pointers that quarter and helped turn a 12-point halftime lead into a 35-point lead heading into the final period. As a team, Hermiston shot 75 percent (12-16) from the floor and 73 percent (8-11) from the 3-point line.

"(The basket) just kept getting bigger and bigger as it went," Flores said of his monster third quarter. "They just were falling tonight and it felt good, so I kept letting it fly."

It wasn't always so easy, though.

Hermiston limped to a 16-13 first-quarter lead on 6-16 shooting, and started to stretch it toward the end of the first half. Up



STAFF PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY

The Dawgs' Preston Peterson (35) shoots under pressure from William Justesen (25) and Colin Noonan (2), of The Dalles, during Friday's Columbia River Conference game in Hermiston.



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The Dawgs' Austin Nailon (10) goes up for a shot as Colin Noonan (2), of The Dalles, defends during Friday's Columbia River Conference game in Hermiston.

21-20 with 2:50 on the clock, Hermiston began a 12-2 run that lasted the rest of the quarter and put the Bulldogs up 33-22 at the

half. Cesar Ortiz made his biggest contribution during the run, scoring eight points on two 3-pointers after missing on all his

field goal attempts in the first half.

"Everything was in and out," Ego said of Ortiz.

With the convincing win, Flores said there is reason for confidence, but also reason to temper the optimism.

"We can't look at this game and think, 'Next time we play 'em, we're gonna do it again,'" he said. "We gotta be humble about it."

Ego agreed.

"You just gotta remember we have to go to their house, and that's a tough place to play, Ego said. "We just have to make sure we come out with the same kind of effort we had here."

**TD (3-12, 0-1) 13 9 10 12 — 44**  
**HHS (8-8, 1-0) 16 17 34 9 — 78**  
 THE DALLES — C. Noonan 23, J. Miller 11, B. Belanger 4, D. Murr 2, W. Justesen 2, E. Flores 2, D. Seufalemua, O. Fernandez, P. Ayala, H. Lee, D. Arellano.

HERMISTON — C. Flores 23, D. Neal 14, C. Ortiz 12, A. Nailon 10, H. Walls 7, P. Peterson 6, A. James 5, J. Garcia 1, T. McCullough 1, P. Wicks.  
 3-pointers — TD 3, HHS 12. Free throws — TD 7-8, HHS 9-17. Fouls — TD 17, HHS 14.

# Buckaroos take 2nd at Hood River

The Pendleton Buckaroos kept its solid 2015-16 season going as the boys and girls swim teams each turned in second place finishes at the Hood River meet on Saturday.

The girls team finished with 129 points, just behind Hood River who took first. And on the boys side, Pendleton garnered 153 points and finished behind La Grande in first place with 216 points.

The Hermiston Bulldogs finished in 10th place in the girls competition with 18 points and eighth place in the boys with 36 points.

Jon Jennings had a big day for Pendleton, taking first place in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 22.53 and later also taking first in the 100 yard backstroke with a time of 57.81.

Jennings also anchored Pendleton's 200 yard freestyle relay team that also included Lukas Johnson, Grant Banister and Dylan Clemons to a first place finish with a time of 1:34.72.

Hermiston's top finisher was Sidney Tovee, who turned in a fifth place finish in the 200 yard freestyle race with a time of 2:29.09.

Girls 200 Yard Medley Relay

**PREP SCHEDULE**

**Thursday, January 28**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Hermiston @ Hood River Valley, 7 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
 Hermiston @ The Dalles, 6 p.m.

**Friday, January 29**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Umatilla @ Vale, Echo vs. Pine Eagle @ Halfway, 7:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Hermiston vs. Hood River Valley, 7 p.m.  
 Umatilla @ Vale, Echo vs. Pine Eagle @ Halfway, 6 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
 Echo vs. Bonanza, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, January 30**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Umatilla @ Nyssa, Echo vs. Joseph, 5:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Umatilla @ Nyssa, Echo vs. Joseph, 4 p.m.  
**SWIMMING**  
 Hermiston @ La Grande, noon  
**WRESTLING**  
 Echo @ Heppner, 9 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 2**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Hermiston vs. Pendleton, 5:45 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 Hermiston vs. Pendleton, 7:30 p.m.

6) Pendleton — O. Broker, T. Barfuss, T. Armstrong, A. Williams — 4:55.27  
 9) Hermiston — H. Walker, J. Vogt, C. Lambert, A. Vogt — 5:07.74

**Boys 200 Yard Medley Relay**  
 6) Pendleton — R. Headley, A. Richerson, T.J. O'Hanlon, H. Frazier — 2:01.58  
 7) Hermiston — R. Barnard, J. Snell, L. Stevenson, C. Wrathall — 2:04.16  
 8) Pendleton — A. Porter, N. Johnson, T. Pearson, P. Cahill — 2:09.12  
 10) Hermiston — R. Wiley, J. Jorgenson, K. Mikimi, R. Stewart — 2:17.46

**Boys 200 Yard Freestyle**  
 2) Pendleton — Lukas Johnson, 1:57.72  
 7) Pendleton — Matthew Larsen, 2:17.08  
 8) Pendleton — Asa Richerson, 2:19.44  
 9) Hermiston — Shane Mittenberger, 2:21.01  
 10) Hermiston — Jacob Snell, 2:21.44

**Boys 200 Yard IM**  
 6) Hermiston — Ryan Barnard, 2:22.06  
 10) Pendleton — Avery Madrid, 2:35.65

**Boys 50 Yard Freestyle**  
 1) Pendleton — Jon Jennings, 22.53  
 4) Pendleton — Dylan Clemons, 22.88  
 8) Hermiston — Ryan Barnard, 25.79  
 9) Hermiston — Carson Wrathall, 25.96  
 10) Pendleton — Grant Banister, 26.01

**Boys 100 Yard Buttery**  
 6) Hermiston — Jacob Snell, 1:04.01

**Boys 100 Yard Freestyle**  
 2) Pendleton — Lukas Johnson, 52.44  
 8) Pendleton — Grant Banister, 57.24

**Boys 500 Yard Freestyle**  
 4) Pendleton — Matthew Larsen, 6:15.72  
 7) Hermiston — Ryan Wiley, 7:00.40

**Boys 200 Yard Freestyle Relay**  
 1) Pendleton — L. Johnson, G. Banister, D. Clemons, J. Jennings — 1:34.72  
 7) Pendleton — S. Mittenberger, M. Larsen, R. Headley, T.J. O'Hanlon, 3:19.31  
 9) Hermiston — N. Bylenga, A. Richerson, R. Lacey, A. Madrid — 1:52.65  
 10) Hermiston — C. Jorgensen, D. Gossler, J. Jorgensen, E. White — 1:55.09

**Boys 100 Yard Backstroke**  
 1) Pendleton — Jon Jennings, 57.81

**Boys 100 Yard Breaststroke**  
 2) Pendleton — Dylan Clemons, 1:10.44  
 8) Pendleton — Asa Richerson, 1:15.75  
 9) Pendleton — T.J. O'Hanlon, 1:16.16

**Boys 400 Yard Freestyle Relay**  
 2) Pendleton — L. Johnson, G. Banister, D. Clemons, J. Jennings — 3:33.27  
 6) Hermiston — J. Snell, R. Stewart, C. Wrathall, R. Barnard — 3:58.65

7) Pendleton — A. Williams, O. Broker, K. Tolwi, K. Driskel — 2:25.84  
 10) Pendleton — J. Shulze, M. Lee, K. Utter, T. Barfuss — 2:29.84  
 11) Hermiston — S. Tovey, J. Vogt, A. Gispert-Tello, A. Vogt — 2:31.68

**Girls 200 Yard Freestyle**  
 5) Hermiston — Sidney Tovey, 2:29.09  
 8) Pendleton — Tiffany Armstrong, 2:37.34  
 9) Pendleton — Olivia Broker, 2:37.37

**Girls 200 Yard IM**  
 6) Pendleton — Bethan Van Cleave, 2:42.10  
 9) Hermiston — Jailee Vogt, 2:53.25

**Girls 50 Yard Freestyle**  
 6) Pendleton — Sam Schmitz, 27.87  
 8) Pendleton — Jennifer Schulze, 29.90  
 13) Hermiston — Sidney Tovey, 29.90

**Girls 100 Yard Butterfly**  
 3) Pendleton — Abby Williams, 1:21.18  
 4) Pendleton — Bethany Van Cleave, 1:22.16

**Girls 100 Yard Freestyle**  
 2) Pendleton — Sam Schmitz, 1:01.87  
 8) Pendleton — Landry Huth, 1:05.24  
 10) Pendleton — Jennifer Schulze, 1:06.97

**Girls 500 Yard Freestyle**  
 6) Hermiston — Andrea Gispert-Tello, 7:01.81  
 7) Hermiston — Sydnee Harvey, 7:18.96

**Girls 200 Yard Freestyle Relay**  
 4) Pendleton — J. Schulze, L. Huth, B. Van Cleave, S. Schmitz — 1:57.75

**Girls 100 Yard Breaststroke**  
 4) Pendleton — Landry Huth, 1:22.34  
 5) Pendleton — Olivia Broker, 1:22.71  
 6) Pendleton — MaKayla Lee, 1:22.78  
 10) Hermiston — Andrea Gispert-Tello, 1:28.96

**Girls 400 Yard Freestyle Relay**  
 2) Pendleton — J. Schulze, L. Huth, B. Van Cleave, S. Schmitz — 4:22.08