

# Echo falls to Joseph

**JOSEPH 57, ECHO 42** — At Echo, Michael Thompson finished with a double-double but the Cougars were unable to keep up with the Eagles in Old Oregon League play on Saturday evening.

Thomson paced Echo (7-13, 5-4 OOL) with 13 points and 10 rebounds while adding four steals.

Joseph (10-7, 6-2) found an edge in the paint, outscoring Echo there 26-16, and was led by Cayden DeLury with 19 points while Aaron Borgerding added 17 points and seven rebounds.

The snapped Echo's three-game winning streak. The Cougars' next game is Friday at Nixyaawii at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday in Old Oregon League play.

Echo (11-10, 4-5 OOL) finished with 22 steals and outscored Joseph (7-10, 3-5) 27-2 on points off turnovers. Joseph coughed it up 41 times.

Hannah McCarty led Echo with 23 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and six steals, Kelsey Ranger added 17 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and three steals, and Devyn Tarvin chipped in another 12 points and six steals.

Satori Albee led Joseph with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Echo's next game is Friday at Nixyaawii at 6 p.m.

**JHS (7-10, 3-5) 13 12 — 46**  
**EHS (11-10, 4-5) 7 18 16 20 — 62**  
**JOSEPH** — S. Albee 20, A. Sykora 13, L. Makin 5, E. Hite 3, N. Williams 3, A. Kilgore 2, H. Miller, E. Couglan, C. Wellens, A. Cooney, T. Suto, C. Bailey. (21-48)  
**ECHO** — H. McCarty 23, K. Ranger 17, D. Tarvin 12, T. Swaggart 5, E. Parks 4, L. Cox 1, L. Wiggins. (23-70)  
 3-pointers — JHS 1-2, EHS 5-18. Free throws — JHS 3-12, EHS 11-25. Fouls — JHS 22, EHS 16. Fouled out — E. Parks (EHS).

**NYSSA 50, UMATILLA 37** — At Nyssa, the Umatilla Vikings were upset by the Nyssa Bulldogs on Saturday, handing the Vikings its first league loss of the season.

No details were reported. Umatilla (16-5, 5-1 EOL) next plays on Saturday when they host Nyssa for a 3 p.m. tip-off.

**JHS (10-7, 6-2) 9 13 18 17 — 57**  
**EHS (7-13, 5-4) 6 10 12 14 — 42**  
**JOSEPH** — C. DeLury 19, A. Borgerding 17, D. VanWinkle 8, J. Chrisman 6, C. Murray 4, W. Smith 3, T. Homan, K. Kilgore, T. Grote, T. VanWinkle, T. Wandschneider. (19-38)  
**ECHO** — M. Thompson 13, B. Gibbs 10, C. Chavez 10, B. Moffit 5, Z. Gerke 2, T. Mulder 2, C. Medrano, H. Gerke. (16-50)  
 3-pointers — JHS 3-10, EHS 1-9. Free throws — JHS 16-30, EHS 9-13. Fouls — JHS 14, EHS 26. Fouled out — B. Moffit, Z. Gerke, B. Gibbs (EHS).

**NYSSA 54, UMATILLA 52** — At Nyssa, the Umatilla Vikings fell just short of upsetting first place Nyssa on Saturday.

No details were reported. Umatilla (10-11, 2-4) next travels to Riverside on Friday for a 7 p.m. tip-off.

**ECHO 62, JOSEPH 46** — At Echo, the Cougars put on a defensive clinic to down the Eagles on

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junior Kylee Smith. Smith was looking to score during her stint in the third quarter, aggressively driving the ball and looking for 3-pointers. Stefani was a little more skittish in terms of shooting the ball, and committed some silly turnovers passing the ball. Hoffert, however, wasn't displeased with their

play, saying they'll learn. "They have to learn, there's some things they have to learn," he said. "Sid's still learning how to take care of the ball and how to make the right pass, right decision. And she'll learn that the next few weeks and the next couple years."

Hermiston's biggest lead of the night came in the fourth quarter, when Stefani's layup pushed the

count to 71-31. By that point, though, Hoffert had long called off the dogs. Hermiston hosts rival Pendleton on Tuesday with a scheduled tip set for 7:30 p.m. The game will be a pink-out in recognition of the recent social media campaign #YoungmanOnEllen, which is endeavoring to send two-time cancer survivor, current cancer patient, former Hermiston High Spanish teacher and

current Pendleton High Spanish teacher Kathryn Youngman to appear on the popular daytime television show "Ellen."

**HRV (3-12, 0-2) 12 11 12 — 43**  
**HHS (14-3, 2-0) 30 24 14 10 — 78**  
**HOOD RIVER VALLEY** — L. Orr 13, A. Kinoshita 10, M. Bloomster 10, E. Curtis 5, N. Lopez 3, M. Malone 2, K. Davidson, A. Walker.  
**HERMISTON** — J. Edmiston 12, R. Andreaeson 12, M. Juul 8, S. Ramirez 8, J. Thomas 8, H. Meyers 5, S. Gilbert 5, K. Smith 5, S. Stefani 4, K. Padilla 4, H. Thompson 4, K. Heeh 3.  
 3-pointers — HRV 2, HHS 8. Free throws — HRV 7-14, HHS 8-10. Fouls — HRV 12, HHS 13.

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shortly into the third quarter. Stanfield, though, whittled it away. Grogan's 3 with 4:59 in the frame cut the lead to seven, and a minute later Flores' 3 cut the lead to five at 33-28 with 3:56 on the clock. Up five in the quarter's last possession, Patrick Collins scored a putback as the buzzer sounded to give Heppner a seven-point lead heading into the final period. It was the second time Heppner scored as a quarter ended. Putman tossed in a layup as the first quarter buzzer rang. Stanfield scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to pull even at 37 on Grogan's free throw, and Flores had a chance to take the lead in a one-and-one situa-

tion, but failed to convert. On the ensuing possession, Putman converted a three-point play with 6:12 left to put Heppner up three at 40-37. Stanfield wouldn't tie again. The Tigers got within three at 43-40 on a Grogan free throw, and got within two at 44-42 on Ryan Bailey's basket with 1:18 left. Grogan, again, made one of two from the line to cut the Mustang lead to 44-43, and had a chance to win it with six seconds left. His shot was off, a jump ball was called, giving Stanfield one last shot, but Woods couldn't win it. "We're not done. We still have good games coming up," Baros said. "It's not all sealed in stone that we're there. We still gotta work to get there." Stanfield is at Culver this Friday for a 4:30 p.m.

tip. Heppner's next outing is a 6 p.m. meeting with Weston-McEwen in Heppner the same day.

**HHS (16-2, 6-1) 13 15 9 7 — 44**  
**SHS (13-5, 5-2) 8 13 9 6 — 43**  
**HEPPNER** — W. Putman 17, L. Grieb 10, P. Collin 7, C. Kindle 6, K. Clark 2, C. Hedman 2, J. Lindsay, W. Steagall, K. Murray, K. Currin.  
**STANFIELD** — T. Flores 13, D. Grogan 9, Garcia 7, T. Monkus 6, B. Woods 6, R. Bailey 2, L. Moreno, J. Carrillo, J. Galarza, A. Nunez, D. Brooks, E. Angel, N. Sanchez, E. Esquivel.  
 3-pointers — HHS 3, SHS 5. Free throws — HHS 5-13, SHS 8-14. Fouls — HHS 14, SHS 15.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**STANFIELD 38, HEPPNER 24** — After a slow start by both teams in Stanfield and perhaps a bit of a hangover from Stanfield after a big win Friday night at Pilot Rock, the Tigers used big second and third quarters to handle the Mustangs Friday night. No player scored in double figures. Cynthia Curiel led everybody

with nine points for Stanfield (9-9, 4-3), and Jacee Currin led Heppner (2-16, 0-7) with eight points and seven rebounds. With starting guard Bailey Watson back in the lineup after missing several weeks due to an injury, Stanfield coach Daniel Sharp feels there's finally some continuity back with his offense. "When played on Tuesday, it was the first time we've had all 12 girls we started with a month and a half ago," he said. "We've had various injuries and (players) gone (sometimes), and we're back now. We had another girl go down with a sprained ankle the other night, but the continuity in practice and offensively we had good looks into his first quarter and just missed layups." Heppner lost by double figures despite dominat-

ing the offensive glass. Led by Rylee Kollman's seven offensive boards, Heppner grabbed 13 in total, compared to Stanfield's five. In a scary moment, Heppner sophomore Morgan Correa left the game early on after hitting her head on the floor. She would not return to the game and left during halftime holding her head after likely suffering a concussion. But it was the Tigers' defensive pressure that proved the difference. Heppner committed 27 turnovers Friday night, while Stanfield coughed it up just 15 times. Thirteen of Heppner's turnovers were Stanfield steals. The Mustangs took a 6-2 lead into the second quarter, and Stanfield roared past, outscoring the visitors 14-3 in the frame. The third quarter was

much of the same, with Stanfield starting the stanza on a 10-0 run and finishing the quarter at 14-4. Heppner tried to come back in the second half, but Stanfield kept them at arm's distance. "Our girls are getting better," Heppner coach Robert Wilson said. "We're a really young team, but we're seeing improvement from game to game, especially with handling pressure." Stanfield heads to Culver Friday for a 6 p.m. tip. Heppner stays home to host Weston-McEwen at 4:30 p.m.

**HHS (2-16, 0-7) 6 3 4 11 — 24**  
**SHS (9-9, 4-3) 14 14 8 — 38**  
**HEPPNER** — J. Currin 8, R. Kollman 5, J. Kempken 4, K. Lindsay 3, R. Dompier 2, J. Mahoney 2, S. Grant, J. Evans, M. Correa, M. Corbe, C. Grieb.  
**STANFIELD** — C. Curiel 9, M. Griffin 7, N. Esquivel 6, Y. Chavez 5, M. Banderas 3, S. Connell 3, B. Watson 2, B. Braithwaite 2, A. Lemmon 1, G. Chavez, A. Carrillo, C. Hopper.  
 3-pointers — HHS 0, SHS 3. Free throws — HHS 6-18, SHS 7-20. Fouls — HHS 19, SHS 19.

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the state tournament the next weekend, there isn't much time for Hermiston to fix its problems at the lower weights. That could be the only thing that holds Hermiston back. 3. Umatilla girls basketball — 16-5, 3-1, OSAA No. 10. Last month: 6-1. A 13-point upset loss at Nyssa this weekend ruined an otherwise perfect January, but the Vikings are still atop the Eastern Oregon League and hold a top ten ranking by the OSAA, so things could definitely be worse. The one thing I've noticed about Umatilla is their shooting. They have players who I know can shoot — Sidney Webb, Aleesha Watson, Mari Paz, etc. — but, for whatever reason, a lid seems firmly glued on the hoop. For instance, in the Vikings' 52-46 win over Vale on Friday night, Umatilla shot just 16.7 percent (2-12) from deep and 38.6 percent (17-44) overall. This team can score. I've seen it happen. They

also play really good, aggressive, hounding defense. That might have more to do with their success than their poor shooting has to do with any losses. Even so, Umatilla is probably going to win the EOL, get a home playoff game and I'd bet they play a game or two on the coast. 4. Stanfield boys basketball — 13-5, 5-2, OSAA No. 11. Last month: 7-4. Unfortunately for the Tigers, you can't lose four games in a month and not move down. Fortunately for the Tigers, they aren't falling any further than fourth. Silver linings, right? With two losses to No. 2 Heppner and a loss to No. 6 Irrigon, it might be safe to say its a two-horse race in the Columbia Basin Conference between the Mustangs and Knights. But Heppner is 6-1 in the CBC and Irrigon is 5-2, the same as Stanfield. There are just three CBC games remaining on the conference slate, so there isn't much time for Stanfield to grab the first or second spot. They need Heppner to lose twice, beat

Irrigon Feb. 6 and avoid upsets to Culver this Friday and Weston-McEwen Feb. 6. It's a tall task, but certainly possible. 5. Stanfield girls basketball — 9-9, 4-3, OSAA No. 26. Last month: 5-6. January was a tough month for the Tigers. They started the month on a two-game losing streak and lost three straight at one point, as well. That's five of their six losses in the month all right together. But sometimes you have to find positives where they don't seem to exist. Here's one: Stanfield lost by six (34-28) to Umatilla Jan. 19. Last season, Umatilla beat Stanfield 77-21. If that's not improvement, I don't know what is. Stanfield is also healthy now after being a couple key players short for most of the month. With its full roster, Stanfield has won three straight games, including an 11-point road win over Pilot Rock. Stanfield can claim a .500 season with wins in two of its next three games. Road games against Culver (Feb. 5) and CBC leader Weston-McEwen (Feb. 12)

and a home game against Irrigon Feb. 6 are all that's left for Stanfield. Nobody can remember the last time Stanfield was in the CBC tournament back-to-back years. In third with three to

play, I think we can safely pencil the Tigers into the tourney. — Sam Barbee is a sports reporter for the Hermiston Herald and East Oregonian based

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## PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Thursday, February 4

**WRESTLING**  
**Hermiston vs. Hood River Valley**, 6 p.m.

### Friday, February 5

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Hermiston @ The Dalles**, 7 p.m.  
**Umatilla @ Riverside**, 7:30 p.m.  
**Stanfield @ Culver**, 4:30 p.m.  
**Echo @ Nixyaawii**, 7:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Hermiston vs. The Dalles**, 7 p.m.  
**Umatilla @ Riverside**, 6 p.m.  
**Stanfield @ Culver**, 6 p.m.  
**Echo @ Nixyaawii**, 6 p.m.

### Saturday, February 6

### BOYS BASKETBALL

**Umatilla vs. Nyssa**, 6:30 p.m.  
**Stanfield vs. Irrigon**, 4 p.m.  
**Echo vs. Powder Valley**, 5:30 p.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**Umatilla vs. Nyssa**, 5 p.m.  
**Stanfield vs. Irrigon**, 2:30 p.m.  
**Echo vs. Powder Valley**, 4 p.m.  
**WRESTLING**  
**Hermiston @ Oregon City Tournament**, 9 a.m.  
**Echo vs. Pine Eagle @ halfway**, 9 a.m.



### Tuesday, February 9

**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
**Hermiston vs. Hood River Valley**, 7 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**Hermiston @ Hood River Valley**, 7 p.m.

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