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## BULLDOGS SINK THEIR TEETH INTO FOURTH PLACE TROPHY AT STATE

**Bulldogs get Sportsmanship Award, Edmiston named to All-Tournament Second-Team**

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The Hermiston Bulldogs finished the 2015-16 campaign with a big win Saturday, beating Marist Catholic 65-36 to take fourth place in the OSAA 5A girls basketball state tournament.

After a slow start in the first quarter, the Bulldogs outscored the Spartans 55-19 the rest of the way to an easy victory.

Kynzee Padilla was a force inside, grabbing 12 rebounds and scoring 14 points, including going 8-for-8 from the free throw line.

Jansen Edmiston led the Bulldogs with 16 points, Sara Ramirez had 15 and Maddy Juul scored 14.

It was the second double-digit win of the week for the Bulldogs at the Gill Coliseum tournament after beating Bend on Thursday to earn the spot in Saturday's game.

"Sunday I reflected. I think all the girls reflected," head coach Steve Hoffert said. "They said, 'You know, it was a pretty good year, wasn't it, Coach?' We did a lot of good things."

Hermiston ran through a difficult schedule, losing just four games to some of the best teams in the state. One loss came to the third-place Corvallis Spartans in the first round of the state tournament. Another came to 5A runner-up Springfield. A third came to 6A South Medford, a second seed in that tournament, and the fourth to Chaparral (AZ), who went 21-8 this season.

"I know we didn't end where we wanted to, but this season was the most enjoyable for me," Edmiston said. "I didn't want it to end, but it happened eventually ... After we lost the first game, we made the most of what we could."

Though the anticipated return to the state championship game never materialized, Hoffert and his girls look back at the 2015-16 with fond memories.

"You look back at our schedule, to come out with 24 wins is pretty amazing," Hoffert said. "... It's one of those bitter-sweets. We sat around and we watched the state tournament. We just felt we didn't play our best game against Corvallis."

Padilla, who had an impressive tournament in full, had arguably her best game of the season on Saturday, recording the double-double in a key moment. Though she wasn't recognized after the game, an unfortunate part of being a blue-collar player, Hoffert said, she gives great reason to once again be excited about next season.

"She was outstanding," Hoffert said of the junior wing. "She had a pretty good state tournament rebounding and defensively. She did a great job."

Hermiston found itself down 11-4 in the first quarter of Saturday's game after an Emma McKenney 3-pointer, and the Spartans pushed the lead to 11 after two Claire Eagan layups.

Hermiston closed the gap some by the end of the period, finishing the initial stanza down 17-10. Marist had good success that frame scoring inside, recording 10 points in the paint to Hermiston's four.

Marist's inside success was a function of a new defense Hermiston tried. Instead of hedging and switching pick and rolls as usual, they tried to slip under the screens on ball, but struggled. Hoffert said, but different enough they couldn't quite figure it out.

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Hermiston's Kiana Heehn, Jansen Edmiston and Sara Ramirez receive the fourth place trophy after defeating Marist 64-36 in the 5A state basketball championships on Saturday at Gill Coliseum in Corvallis.

## Stats: One of the best teams in the tourney

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As a team, the Hermiston Bulldogs were largely in the top half of the tournament in terms of statistics.

They were second in free throw percentage at 68 percent (43-63) and second in blocks with 15. Hermiston was third in scoring at 52.7 points per game, third in 3-point percentage (27 percent), third in scoring defense (36.7 ppg), third field goal defense (31 percent) and third in team defensive rebounding with 76 defensive rebounds.

Hermiston was fourth in field goal percentage (35 percent), fourth in rebound average (33.3), fourth in steals (25) and fourth in assists (32). Hermiston struggled with 3-point defense and free throw defense, finishing seventh and eighth, respectively.

Jansen Edmiston, named a second-team all-tournament performer, had a genuinely impressive three games. She was sixth in scoring (13.0 ppg), 6th in 3-point percentage (33.3 percent), 5th in 3-pointers made (five), third in assists (3.7), fourth in steals (2.7), fourth in offensive rebounds per game (2.7), sixth in blocks per game (1.3), fourth in minutes per game (30.7), second in free throw attempts per game (6.7). Her final line: 13 ppg, 6.67 rpg, 3.67 apg, 2.67 spg, 1.33 bpg in nearly 31 minutes.

Maddy Juul was third in blocks per game (1.3), fourth in free throws made per game (5.7) and fifth in field goal percentage (52.6). Juul's final line: 9.67 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 1.67 apg, 1.33 bpg, 1.33 spg.

Kynzee Padilla led the tournament in defensive rebounding with 7.0 per game and was second in total rebounding at 8.3 per game. She also led the tournament in free throw percentage, going a percent 10-10 from the line. Padilla's final



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Hermiston's Riley Andreason grabs a rebound in front of Marist's Kayley Elliot in the Bulldogs' 64-36 win against the Spartans on Saturday in Corvallis.

line: 6 ppg, 9 rpg, 0.67 apg, 1 spg, 0.33 bpg.

Sara Ramirez led the tournament in 3-point attempts per game, launching 8.3 per game, and was also fifth in total field goal attempts at 11.3. Ramirez was sixth in 3-pointers made per game with

1.7. Ramirez's final line: 10 ppg, 4 rpg, 2.33 apg, 1 spg, 0.33 bpg.

Riley Andreason's final line: 3.33 ppg, 3 rpg, 1.3 apg, 1 bpg, 0.33 spg.

Reserve Hayden Meyers was second in field goal percentage at 60 percent.



Hermiston's Jansen Edmiston draws contact from Marist's Lauren Eagan in the Bulldogs' 64-36 win against the Spartans on Saturday in Corvallis.



Hermiston's Kynzee Padilla shoots the ball guarded by Marist's Claire Eagan in the Bulldogs' 64-36 win against the Spartans on Saturday in Corvallis.

### PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, March 17

**BASEBALL**  
Stanfield vs. Union, 4 p.m.  
**TENNIS**  
Stanfield @ Riverside, 4:30 p.m.  
Umatilla vs. Helix, 4 p.m.  
**TRACK AND FIELD**  
Hermiston @ Pendleton, noon  
Umatilla @ Pendleton, noon  
Stanfield @ Pendleton, noon  
**SOFTBALL**  
Umatilla @ Heppner, 4:30 p.m.  
Echo vs. Union, 3 p.m.

#### Friday, March 18

**BASEBALL**  
Hermiston vs. Central Catholic (DH), 2 p.m.  
Umatilla vs. Dufur (DH), 2 p.m.  
**BOYS GOLF**  
Hermiston @ The Dalles, 10 a.m.  
Echo vs. Heppner, 10 a.m.  
**LACROSSE**  
Hermiston vs. Ridgeview, 4 p.m.  
**SOFTBALL**  
Hermiston vs Liberty (DH), 3 p.m.

#### TENNIS

Stanfield at Condon, 4 p.m.  
**Saturday, March 19**  
**BASEBALL**  
Hermiston vs. Roosevelt (DH), noon  
Stanfield vs. DeSales (WA) (DH), 11 a.m.  
**TENNIS**  
Hermiston @ Walla Walla Tournament (WA), 11 a.m.

#### Monday, March 21

**BOYS GOLF**  
Hermiston @ Black Rock Creek (WA), 10 a.m.  
**GIRLS GOLF**  
Hermiston @ Portland Golf Course, TBD  
**SOFTBALL**  
Hermiston vs. Madison @ Rex Putnam, noon  
Hermiston vs. Franklin @ Rex Putnam, 4 p.m.  
Echo @ Riverside, TBD

#### Tuesday, March 22

**BASEBALL**  
Stanfield vs. Weston-McEwen @ Irrigon, 10 a.m.  
**LACROSSE**  
Hermiston @ Central Valley, 5:30 p.m.  
**SOFTBALL**  
Hermiston vs. Aloha @ Rex Putnam, noon  
Hermiston vs. David Douglas @ Rex Putnam, 2 p.m.