

# Vikings split with TigerScots, Grizzlies

The Umatilla tennis split their two matches on Thursday, beating Helix and losing to Weston-McEwen.

Behind a strong performance from boys No. 2 Junior Coria Coria, Umatilla swept the boys and girls meeting with Helix, going a combined 9-3. However, the TigerScots had similar success against the Vikings, going 9-2.

Coria Coria eased through both his matches Thursday, beating TigerScot Kellen Farichild 6-2 and Grizzly Allan Holden 8-3. Gage Bourie and Leonel Corona each came out with default wins against Helix, and top Umatilla boys doubles team Joel Escamillo and Edgar Madrigal won by default, as well. Douglas Gomez took Umatilla's only boys loss against Helix, dropping an 8-4 decision to Erik Jones.

Against Weston-McEwen, Gomez was swept by Caleb Olson 6-0, Escamilla and Madrigal lost to David Frose and Michael Shafer 6-2, and Bourie and Corona, playing as Umatilla's No. 2 doubles team, lost to Robbie Davidson and Ryan Schmitgall 7-6 (5) in a close tiebreaker. Coria Coria had Umatilla's only boys win against the TigerScots.

On the girls side, without top singles player Sidney Webb, the Vikings were pushed around. Brenda Medoza, Umatilla's No. 1 singles on Thursday, was bested by Lynne Roberts of Helix 6-3, and Mecalla Espey of Helix beat Mey Lopez 6-2. Fatima Sanchez picked up a default win as the No. 3 singles player.

Helix did not have any girls teams, so Umatilla picked up four default wins.

Against Weston-McEwen, Jenny Vazquez got a default win as Umatilla's No. 4 singles, but that was the only victory had by the Vikings. Johanna Albert beat Mey Lopez 6-2 in the top match, Emmaline Irvine beat Aly Munoz 7-5 at No. 2 and Hannah McIntyre beat Daisy Garcilazo 6-5 at No. 3.

Weston swept the doubles matches. Amanda Kidd and Becky Taylor beat Yessenia Garcia and Fantima Sanchez 7-5, Christina Swafford and Mary Bagdon beat Esperanza Garcia and Cinthia Lopez 8-1, and Sammi Ford and Krysta Calvert topped Chyanne Hinsley and Diana Gutierrez 6-0.

Umatilla hosts Riverside in two weeks at 4 p.m. Weston-McEwen is at Helix the same day at the same time.

## Tigers split with Condon

The Stanfield tennis team went 3-3 against the Condon Knights on Friday in Condon.

In the only contested girls doubles match, Candida Rojas and Briana Cornejo swept Lacy Aamodt and Margeret Campbell 6-4, 6-0 in the No. 3 match. Condon defaulted at No. 1, No. 2 and No. 4.

Condon took both girls singles matches with Paige Ackerman beating Yakima Guzman 4-6, 7-5 (7-4), needing a tiebreaker. Condon's Prema Nissinen had less trouble with

Natalie Cornejo, winning 6-0, 6-1.

Stanfield won by default in both boys singles matches.

Stanfield is off until March 29, when the Tigers host Helix at 4:30 p.m.

## SOFTBALL

### Vikings fall to Mustangs

**HEPPNER 14, UMATILLA 1** — At Heppner, the Mustangs needed only five innings to grab their first win of the season, beating down the Umatilla Vikings on Thursday afternoon.

Pitchers Meranda Lemmon and Dakota Durphy combined for allow just one hit and two walks on the mound for the Mustangs (1-0), while Cassidy McCullough picked up two hits to lead the offense.

"The girls played pretty well for the first time out this year," Heppner coach Petra Payne said. "The game showed us some little things and situations we have to work on, but it was nice to get the win."

The Mustangs wasted no time to find their groove on offense, dropping 10 runs in the first inning alone, and scoring all 14 of their runs in the first three innings. The Mustangs gathered 10 hits in the contest.

Umatilla (0-1) next plays at home against Walla Walla Academy on Mar. 29, while Heppner will host the Hermiston JV on Mar. 23.

<b>UHS (0-1)</b>	000	10	—	1	1	3
<b>HHS (1-0)</b>	1013	00	—	14	10	3
	Lemmon, Durphy (3) and Hanby, Trujillo, Rodriguez (3), and Reyes.					
	2B — Correa, Orem (HHS).					

## BASEBALL

**HERMISTON 13, ROOSEVELT 0** — After needing just six runs to beat Central Catholic in a double header on Friday, the Hermiston Bulldogs baseball team's offense broke out in a big way on Saturday against Roosevelt.

The Bulldogs scored 13 runs, highlighted by a six-run second inning, and hammered the Roosevelt Roughriders 13-0 in five innings behind a dominant pitching performance from RJ Robles and wonderful days at the plate from Robles, Hayden Edmiston and Chase Root.

"This is a team we needed to get healthy on," Hermiston coach Lance Hawkins said. "We did what we were supposed to do."

Saturday's game was a doubleheader on Hermiston's schedule, but just a single game on the Roughriders', so they only played one, and Hermiston dominated it. The Bulldogs peppered 15 hits, including three doubles, while Roosevelt managed just one. Hermiston (3-0) committed just one error, while Roosevelt (0-2) committed six.

Robles, a senior lefty with good stuff, tossed four innings, allowing just the one hit while striking out 10 and walking three. Caden Schwirse came in for the fifth and had a clean inning.

Robles was consistently throwing strikes and working down in the zone, two aspects of his game that

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Stefani singled in Miller, then Kopacz hit a three-run shot, putting the Bulldogs in full control up 8-2.

Hermiston got its ninth in the fifth when Naylor singled and scored on a Jamie Hinkley single.

In the nightcap, it was decidedly more even, but Hermiston still was able to capitalize on Falcon mistakes. Three errors at third base alone cost Liberty, and Hermiston used those mistakes to score runs.

Jamie Hinkley led off the bottom of the first with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt from Englebrecht, moved to third when Almaguer reached on the first error by the Liberty third baseman, then scored when Kopacz doubled. Almaguer scored on the play, as well, giving Hermiston an early 2-0 lead.

Liberty, though, didn't go away this time. The Falcons got one in the second, when Angelica Colbert singled and scored on a passed ball. Liberty got three more off nightcap starter Naylor, one of which was helped by a Hermiston error. Naylor also walked three batters in the frame as her control waned. Liberty led 5-4 after heading to the home half.

There, Naylor made up. With the bases loaded and one out, Naylor ripped a line drive into right center, easily plating Jamie Hinkley from third and Kopacz from second. Barton scored when the center fielder misplayed the

ball. "It got me up there more, even though I wasn't doing very well pitching," Naylor said. "The confidence from my hitting when that happened made me feel better and made me mood go straight up from what it was after pitching."

The game was called after the fifth due to darkness.

In addition to capitalizing on mistakes, Hermiston continues to mention its collective attitude and family-like atmosphere, something which was missing in previous editions. Greenough said her players are finally starting to trust one another. Naylor said the new togetherness just makes everything better.

"It felt like we played more as a team than we had in the past," Naylor said. "To be able to play more as a team and feel like a family, it feels a lot more amazing."

Hermiston is off until March 21, when it participates in the Putnam Spring Break Bash. Opponents and game times are yet to be determined.

"We're walking into that thinking we can beat anybody," Greenough said. "My expectations are very high for them. They are working very hard to meet those standards."

<b>Game 1</b>						
<b>LHS</b>	110000	X	—	2	10	3
<b>HHS</b>	080010	X	—	9	8	0
	Cundell and McCarthy. J. Almaguer and J. Hinkley. W — Almaguer. L — Cundell.					
	2B — Cundell (LHS). HR — M. Kopacz (HHS).					

<b>Game 2</b>						
<b>LHS</b>	013	00	—	4	5	5
<b>HHS</b>	203	1X	—	6	8	1
	Cundell and McCarthy. B. Naylor, J. Almaguer (4) and E. Weems, J. Hinkley. W — Naylor. L — Cundell.					
	2B — M. Kopacz, B. Naylor (HHS).					

<b>PREP SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>BASEBALL</b>	<b>BASEBALL</b>	<b>BASEBALL</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 23</b>	<b>Hermiston @ Kamiakin,</b> 2 p.m. Hermiston @ Kennewick, 4 p.m.	<b>Umatilla vs. Sherman,</b> 4 p.m. <b>Stanfield vs. Kennedy @ The Dalles,</b> 4:30 p.m.
<b>BASEBALL</b>	<b>SOFTBALL</b>	<b>SOFTBALL</b>
<b>Stanfield vs. TBD @ Riverside Tourney, TBD</b>	<b>Hermiston @ Pasco (DH),</b> 4 p.m.	<b>Hermiston vs. Summit,</b> 4 p.m.
<b>SOFTBALL</b>	<b>SOFTBALL</b>	<b>Umatilla vs. Walla Walla Academy,</b> 4 p.m.
<b>Echo @ Riverside, TBD</b>	<b>Saturday, March 26</b>	<b>TENNIS</b>
	<b>LACROSSE</b>	<b>Hermiston boys vs. Walla Walla,</b> 4 p.m.
<b>Thursday, March 24</b>	<b>Hermiston vs. Mt. Spokane (WA),</b> 3 p.m.	<b>Hermiston girls @ Walla Walla,</b> 4 p.m.
<b>BASEBALL</b>	<b>Monday, March 28</b>	<b>Stanfield vs. Helix,</b> 4:30 p.m.
<b>Umatilla @ Pilot Rock (DH),</b> 11 a.m.	<b>SOFTBALL</b>	<b>TRACK AND FIELD</b>
<b>SOFTBALL</b>	<b>Echo @ Heppner,</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Hermiston @ Hood River,</b> 4 p.m.
<b>Echo vs. Colton,</b> 3 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, March 29</b>	
<b>Friday, March 25</b>		

are crucial.

"He was back dealing today," Hawkins said of Robles. "I think he fell behind one or two hitters. Tuesday he was working behind constantly. He was 2-0, 3-1, he didn't work ahead much. Today was the RJ we've expected to see."

Offensively, Robles, Edmiston and Root led the way. Edmiston was 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI. Root was 3-for-4 with a double, two RBI and three runs scored from the top of the line up, and Robles was 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored.

Hawkins was especially pleased with the offensive outburst because of how Friday's games went. Two wins had him excited, but they left him wanting more, mostly offensively. They got hits in bunches on Saturday, but also did some little things. Robles shot a single into right field on a hit and run, sending the runner to third. The Bulldogs got some bunts down early to move runners over, setting up RBI situations that they cashed in on.

"That was a good, complete game offensively, which we needed," Hawkins said. "We needed a game like that. Hitting is contagious. Winning is contagious. Once you get on a little roll...I tell you what we're gonna play some good teams coming up. If we don't stay focused ... They'll be good. We better take the positives out of this win, and get back Monday and get ready to work because we got a pretty tough schedule from here on out. We better stay focused or we'll be on the other end of (Saturday's result).

Hermiston plays next on Friday against two Washington schools. Hermiston is at Kamiakin in Kennewick at 2 p.m., then heads to Kennewick High for a 4 p.m. start.

<b>RHS</b>	000	00	—	0	16	
<b>HHS</b>	163	2X	—	13	15	
	R. Robles, C. Schwirse (5), S. Gritz, W. Nolan; Sias, Stauffer (3), Wohlgemuth.					
	2B: H. Edmiston 2 (HHS), C. Root (HHS).					

**STANFIELD 10-22, DeSALES 0-0.** The Stanfield Tigers baseball team swept a doubleheader with Washington small-school powerhouse DeSales (WA) with a pair of blowouts on Saturday at Madigan Field in Stanfield.

The Tigers took the first game

10-0 behind four-run second and third innings, and took the nightcap 22-0 behind a seven-run second inning and nine-run fourth.

Stanfield pounded out ten hits in the opener. Tyler Monkus went 3-for-3 with two doubles and three runs scored, Tony Flores, who also pitched, was 2-for-3 with three RBI and two runs scored, Dylan Grogan was 2-for-2 with a double, a triple, two runs and an RBI, and Ryan Bailey had Brody Woods had two RBI apiece. Woods also doubled, and Bailey hit a triple.

Flores tossed all five innings, allowing three hits, striking out 12 Irish and walking only one on 77 pitches.

In the nightcap, Hermiston really poured it on, lashing 19 hits and being helped by seven DeSales errors. Monkus, Bailey, Woods and Jason Fitzpatrick each had three hits in the blowout, and Monkus, Fitzpatrick and Woods each had three RBI. Monkus hit two triples and a double to pace Stanfield.

Woods started on the bump, going 4.0 innings allowing just one hit and striking out four. Bailey relieved, tossing a clean inning with a hit and two strikeouts.

Stanfield will play at the Riverside Tournament March 22-23 at Riverside High School. Opponents and game times are yet to be determined.

<b>DHS</b>	000	00	—	0	3	
<b>SHS</b>	104	4X	—	10	1	
	T. Flores and T. Monkus; Z. Leahy, B. Holtzinger (3), M. Baumgart (5), Z. Leahy.					
	W — T. Flores (SHS). L — Z. Leahy (DHS).					
	2B: M. Baumgart (DHS), B. Woods (SHS), T. Monkus 2 (SHS), D. Grogan.					
	3B: R. Bailey (SHS), D. Grogan (SHS).					

<b>DHS</b>	000	00	—	0	2	
<b>SHS</b>	175	9X	—	22	10	
	B. Woods, R. Bailey (5), D. Grogan, M. Blakenship; M. Baumgart, Z. Leahy (2), C. Leahy (3), B. Holtzinger (4).					
	W — B. Woods. L — M. Baumgart.					
	2B: B. Woods, T. Monkus, T. Flores, J. Fitzpatrick.					
	3B: R. Bailey, T. Monkus 2.					

## Bulldogs pitching, defense leads to sweep

**HERMISTON 4-2, CENTRAL CATHOLIC 1-1** — The Hermiston Bulldogs swept the 6A Central Catholic Rams in a pair of varsity baseball games Friday evening at Armand Larive Middle School.

The Bulldogs put together a cou-

ple of impressive pitching and defensive performances, only knocking nine hits and scoring just six runs, but only allowing two runs in the process. Hermiston beat the Rams 2-1 behind five strong innings from Tyler Sexton and a clutch double in the sixth from Daniel Gossler, and won 4-1 behind four strong innings from Chase Root.

"I'd love to see more hits in a game," coach Lance Hawkins. "But like I said, two wins from Central Catholic, I'll take that any day."

Hawkins called the sweep a team win because of the contributions from many. Sexton was good in the first game, and Slade Gritz came in to slam the door. Gossler's RBI double in the bottom of the sixth game Hermiston all the cushion it would need.

Hermiston jumped on Central Catholic early in the nightcap, getting three runs in the first two innings. Hayden Edmiston had a triple that turned into a home run on a bad throw from right field.

"We learned, the last three games, (that) I think when we think we pitch well, which I anticipate, and we play good defense, I think we can play with anybody," Hermiston coach Lance Hawkins said. "I see this team scoring some more runs down the road once we get used to live pitching, and I think tomorrow we'll double right back and get in an even better groove."

Hermiston hosts Roosevelt today for a doubleheader starting at noon.

<b>Game 1</b>						
<b>C-C</b>	100000	0	—	1	1	1
<b>HHS</b>	010001	X	—	2	5	3
	Muskat, Scardina and McNeal; T. Sexton, S. Gritz (6) and K. Caldwell. W — Sexton. L — Muskat. W — S. Gritz (HHS). L — Scardina (C-C).					
	2B — D. Gossler (HHS).					
<b>Game 2</b>						
<b>C-C</b>	000010	0	—	1	7	0
<b>HHS</b>	210	0	—	4	0	0
	Blair and Farrish. C. Root, K. Moss (5) and S. Gritz. W — C. Root (HHS). L — Blair (C-C).					
	3B — H. Edmiston (HHS).					

**UMATILLA 15-5, DUFUR 10-4** — The Umatilla baseball team got the 2016 season off to a fast start with a couple of wins on Friday.

The Vikings, under first-year head coach Dave Dever, beat Dufur 15-10 and 5-4 in Umatilla. Cory Landon had seven hits in the two games with four of them doubles. He also picked up a save.

In the opener, Umatilla's (2-0) bats were alive, and so were Dufur's. Twenty-five runs were scored between the two teams, and Umatilla pounded out four extra base hits in the process. Sophomore Bryce Dufloth had three hits, one of which was a double, Landon had two hits, a double and a triple, and Seth Cranston had two singles and two doubles. Diego Soto got the start on the mound, but Cole Keller picked up with the win and Landon the save.

In the nightcap, Umatilla needed some late heroics to win. Landon again was the powerhouse offensively, lashing three hits, two of which were doubles. Seth Cranston started, but Josh Dever got the late win.

The Vikings are at Pilot Rock this Thursday for a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.

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13.00 — and then played key parts on both Bulldogs relay teams that earned top times as well.

One surprise for Hermiston, however, was freshman sprinter Elsa Torres who earned the top spot in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.08 seconds.

On the boys side, senior Josiah Niederwerfer had a solid day in the distance events, finishing in the second spot in both the 1500 meter run (4:24.64) and the 3000 meter run (9:45.39), while Tre Neal had a big day in the field by grabbing the top spot in shot put (46-07.00), discus (139-06), and then finishing in fourth place in the javelin.

Many other area schools put forth solid performances on the day, including the Mac-Hi Pioneers led by senior Amber Wells' in the javelin where she tossed more than 106 feet for an eight-foot cushion on the next highest thrower. The Pioneers also had the discus duo of Landon Warne and Donald Clark each turn in top-10 performances, with Clark earning a personal record throw of 112-feet and seven-inches.

"We had great performances all-around today, and we seem to be heading in the right direction," said Pioneers coach John Milleson.

Most of the area teams will now begin preparations for the next big meet which is the Mac-Hi Carnival of Speed on April 1.

## Local Top Finishers

- Boys 100M
  - 1) Soren Wolf (Pendleton), 11.69
  - 2) Kaden Clark (Heppner), 12.00
  - 3) Anthony Porter (Pendleton), 12.02
  - 4) Abby Rigby (Pilot Rock), 12.34
  - 5) Audrey Lincoln (Hermiston), 12.99
  - 6) Ana Zacarias (Irrigon), 13.60
  - 7) Abby Rigby (Pilot Rock), 13.69
- Boys 200M
  - 1) Kaden Clark (Heppner), 23.68
  - 2) Jonathan Hinkle (Hermiston), 24.57
  - 3) Gunner McCall (Pilot Rock), 24.64
- Girls 200M
  - 1) Elsa Torres (Hermiston), 27.08
  - 2) Ana Zacarias (Irrigon), 27.42
  - 3) Jacob Speed (Weston-McEwen), 28.46
  - 4) Abby Rigby (Pilot Rock), 28.46
- Boys 400M
  - 1) Nolan Bylenga (Pendleton), 5:34.91
  - 2) Emma Fehrenbacher (Helix), 5:08.12
  - 3) Kerra Graves (Weston-McEwen), 5:08.35
  - 4) Oceane Schreier (Pendleton), 5:09.32
- Boys 800M
  - 1) Fabian Cardenas (Umatilla), 1:59.51
  - 2) Isaac Sanchez (Hermiston), 2:05.50
  - 3) Garison Alger (Pendleton), 2:06.11
- Girls 800M
  - 1) Taryn Sokoloski (Pendleton), 2:34.94
  - 2) Bethany Newton (Helix), 2:38.44
  - 3) Star Redcrane (Pendleton), 2:42.28
- Boys 1500M
  - 1) Nolan Bylenga (Pendleton), 4:16.95
  - 2) Josiah Niederwerfer (Hermiston), 4:24.64
  - 3) Hayden Earl (Hermiston), 4:30.71
- Girls 1500M
  - 1) Delaney Clem (Pendleton), 5:17.84
  - 2) Melany Solorio (Hermiston), 5:27.04
  - 3) Emily Driskel (Pendleton), 5:31.96
- Boys 3000M
  - 1) Delaney Clem (Pendleton), 11:27.55
  - 2) Lucy Case (Helix), 12:04.11
  - 3) Selene Andrade (Hermiston), 12:09.08
- BOYS 1100M HURDLES
  - 1) Tyler Rohrman (Hermiston), 16.23
  - 2) Garison Alger (Pendleton), 17.43
  - 3) Tucker Wilson (Helix), 18.97
- Girls 100M Hurdles
  - 1) Nancy Ortiz (Umatilla), 17.28
  - 2) Macey Foley (Hermiston), 18.20
  - 3) Sadie Wilson (Helix), 18.55
- BOYS 300M HURDLES
  - 1) Tyler Rohrman (Hermiston), 45.31
  - 2) Armando Mendoza (Umatilla), 45.81
  - 3) Eliezer Morales (Hermiston), 48.54
- BOYS 400M HURDLES
  - 1) Rachee Wiley (Hermiston), 50.60
  - 2) Macey Willingham (Pilot Rock), 50.70
  - 3) Bryce Thul (Weston-McEwen), 56.02
- BOYS 4X100M RELAY
  - 1) Pendleton (Bylenga, Hughbanks, Rickman, Wolf), 45.11
  - 2) Hermiston (Earl, Gutierrez, Hinkle, Meza-Lemus), 45.43
  - 3) Umatilla (Cook, Fonseca, Madrigal, Maret), 46.48
- GIRLS 4X100 RELAY
  - 1) Hermiston (Fuentes, Lincoln, Ortiz, Torres), 52.08
  - 2) Pilot Rock (Glynn, Holman, Rigby, Warner), 55.41
  - 3) Pendleton (Fisbel, Lemberger, May, Redcrane), 56.23
- BOYS 4X400 RELAY
  - 1) Pendleton (Alger, Bylenga, Clemons, Hughbanks), 3:39.84
  - 2) Hermiston (Byrd, Hinkle, Maciel, Morales), 3:50.96
  - 3) Umatilla (Cardenas, Durfee, Fonseca, Mendoza), 3:53.80
- GIRLS 4X400M RELAY
  - 1) Hermiston (Earl, Lincoln, Ortiz, Solorio), 4:27.13
  - 2) Pendleton (Oja, Schreier, Sokoloski, Utter), 4:40.84
  - 3) Pilot Rock (Glynn, Holman, Rigby, Winghamam), 4:45.92
- BOYS SHOT PUT
  - 1) Tre Neal (Hermiston), 46-07.00
  - 2) Vladimir Macias (Hermiston), 45-00.00
  - 3) Elias Arenas (Hermiston), 45-11.00
- GIRLS SHOT PUT
  - 1) Keagan Utter (Pendleton), 33-05.00
  - 2) Tegan Jackson (Helix), 33-02.00
  - 3) Ayleen Sandoval (Hermiston), 33-08.00
- BOYS DISCUS
  - 1) Tre Neal (Hermiston), 139-06
  - 2) Landon Warne (Mac-Hi), 126-10
  - 3) Elias Arenas (Hermiston), 124-08
- GIRLS DISCUS
  - 1) Tegan Jackson (Helix), 104-03
  - 2) Keagan Utter (Pendleton), 103-09
  - 3) McKenzie Mize (Helix), 101-06
- BOYS JAVELIN
  - 1) Nathan Hunsaker (Hermiston), 150-10
  - 2) Tre Neal (Hermiston), 136-06
  - 3) Elias Arena (Hermiston), 131-08
- GIRLS JAVELIN
  - 1) Amber Wells (Mac-Hi), 106-02
  - 2) Brianni Rice (Irrigon), 98-00
  - 3) Maddi Mulenburgh (Weston-McEwen), 93-09
- BOYS HIGH JUMP
  - 1) Devin Hasher (Pilot Rock), 6-00.00
  - 2) Vaema Ena (Hermiston), 5-08.00
  - 3) Alexis Mercado (Hermiston), 5-06