

Prep roundup: Bulldog tennis team wins league opener

HERMISTON — The Dalles took the top matches in singles and doubles but the Hermiston girls tennis team swept the rest to get the 6-2 win on Wednesday in their Columbia River Conference opener.

“It was definitely one of our better days,” said Hermiston coach Jason Sivey.

Sivey was particularly pleased with his second and third doubles teams.

First Chy Peterson and McKenzie Hill dominated their match with 6-0, 6-0 wins, then Breena Wadekamper and Reed Middleton overcame a slow start to win in three, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

Hermiston’s next match is Tuesday when its hosts Pendleton at 4 p.m.

Singles
Robin Pashaek (T) def. Jaycee Ternes 6-1, 6-0
Katelyn Millard (H) def. Emma Smith 6-0, 6-2
Lindsey McAllister (H) def. Leslie Lina-Lopez, mt. for
Sydney Moore (H) def. Britney Bastein 6-4, 6-1

Doubles

Johanna Wilson/Kiana Pielli (T) def. Kylie Markwick/Whitney McMahon 6-1, 6-3
Chy Peterson/McKenzie Hill (H) def. Rebekah Kohtseber/Elie Trujillo 6-0, 6-0
Breena Wadekamper/Reed Middleton (H) def. Cassie Vazquez/Maggie Corey 5-7, 6-3, 7-5
Adrian Stewart/Paola Sanchez (H) def. Rosario Rucobu/Kiani Langston 6-3, 6-2

GOLF

HOOD RIVER — The Hermiston girls came in second at Indian Creek Golf Course on Wednesday in what was essentially a district preview with all four Columbia River Conference teams in attendance.

Hermiston finished behind Pendleton in the team standings with a 396. Individual Bulldog scores were not reported.

Pendleton won with a 367, The Dalles was third with 475 and Hood River was fourth with 487.

Pendleton’s Haley Greb won medalist honors with a 76 and The Dalles’ Illiana Telles was second with a 77.

Hermiston’s next round will be on Thursday, April

7, at Pendleton Country Club.

Baseball

UMATILLA 12, SHERMAN 9 — At Moro, the Vikings snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the Huskies in a non-league game on Tuesday.

Umatilla (3-5) broke a scoreless tie by scoring seven runs in the top of the fourth inning and Brylee Dufloth got the win on the mound going 6 2-3 innings.

Umatilla added two runs in the sixth and three in the seventh. Sherman (7-1) scored one in the fifth and six in the sixth to make it 9-7 going into the final inning.

Cory Landon came on for Umatilla with one out in the seventh to get the save.

Seth Cranston hit a triple and Josh Dever hit a double for the Vikings.

Umatilla plays at Vale on Friday in a twin bill starting

at 1 p.m.

Softball

IRRIGON 11-11, UMATILLA 1-1 (5 innings) — At Irrigon, the Knights extended their winning streak to seven games with a doubleheader sweep of the Vikings on Tuesday.

Flawless defense and opportunistic baserunning highlighted the afternoon for Irrigon (7-1), which finished with no errors and 12 stolen bases.

Julissa Garza and Kayla Gilman earned wins in the circle. Garza had four strikeouts and one walk, and Gilman had two strikeouts and zero walks.

Kelly McLaughlin drove in six runs total in the two games, and Bea Aguilera added four RBI. Aguilera and Lily Mills hit doubles in each game.

Irrigon will begin league play on Tuesday when it hosts Union at 3:30 p.m.

Umatilla (1-6) will play at Vale in a league doubleheader on Friday starting at 1 p.m.

Game 1
UHS 100 00 — R H E
IHS 004 43 — 11 3 0
Trujillo and Reyes, J. Garza and L. Mills.
W — Garza, L. — Trujillo.
2B — B. Aguilera, L. Mills, K. McLaughlin (IHS).

Game 2
UHS 001 00 — R H E
IHS 911 0X — 11 7 0
Trujillo and Reyes, K. Gilman and J. Burns.
W — Gilman, L. — Trujillo.
2B — J. Burns, B. Aguilera, L. Mills, C. Fleming (IHS).

Rodeo

KLAMATH FALLS — Three Intermountain Rodeo team members won aggregate titles at the Klamath Falls doubleheader rodeo on April 1-3.

Preston Pederson of Hermiston won tie-down roping, Kolby Currin of Heppner won steer wrestling, and Phoenix Everano of Pendleton won for team roping heelers.

Currin won with a time of 9.64 second on two

head, Pederson clocked in at 23.65 in his event, and Everano timed in at 19.16 with header Will Gallagher of Merril.

Currin was also the round winner in both performances, and added a second-place finish in tie-down on the second night.

Next on the schedule for the high school rodeo season is a cutting event at Madras on Saturday. The next full rodeo is April 22-24 in Hermiston.

Intermountain results
Klamath Falls Rodeo No. 1
Steer Wrestling — 1, Kolby Currin, 5.69
Team Roping — 1, Will Gallagher/Everano
Phoenix, 7.27; 2, Trent Sorey/Calgary Smith 12.05; 3, Duncan Mackenzie/Kolby Currin, 17.43.
Goat Tying — 7, Jaden Mahoney; 10, Jacee Currin.
Tie-Down Roping — 1, Calgary Smith, 10.73; 3, Preston Pederson, 12.14; 8, Trent Sorey, 16.09.
Pole Bending — 4, Jacee Currin, 21.289.
Klamath Falls Rodeo No. 2
Steer Wrestling — 1, Kolby Currin, 3.95
Breakaway Roping — 7, Jaden Mahoney, 4.06
Team Roping — 1, Trent Sorey/Calgary Smith, 7.31; 4, Will Gallagher/Phoenix Everano, 11.89
Goat Tying — 10, Jacee Currin, 10.28
Barrel Racing — 10, Jacee Currin, 17.146
Tie-Down Roping — 1, Preston Pederson, 11.51; 2, Kolby Currin, 14.78; 7, Trent Sorey, 20.40
Pole Bending — 3, Taylor Betz, 21.062; 6, Jaden Mahoney, 21.411

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sented the teams’ fourth-straight loss on the season as the offense has fallen into a bit of a slump. Hermiston has scored a combined 18 goals in those four losses after scoring a combined 23 goals in the first two wins. Walchi said that the team needs to come back to practice on Monday with a plan to work even harder if they want to get back on track to reach their season goal.

“A goal Trampis always had for us was he wanted us to have a positive record because our lacrosse team hasn’t had a winning record for a long time,” he said. “He always called (the varsity team) the tip of the sword because our youth program is growing and everyone’s success all starts with us.”

As the team moves forward, Arnold says that he knows his hands will be full trying to keep them focused.

“It’ll be hard just to keep the kids going in the right direction,” he said. “But just like any sports team you have bumps in the road, and we have to keep pushing if we want to make a run toward the playoffs.”



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

Hermiston’s Javier Garcia looks to pass around Lincoln’s Lue Walter in the Bulldogs’ 15-1 loss to the Cardinal on Friday in Hermiston.



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Hermiston’s Brady Christiansen draws contact from Lincoln’s Blake Phillips (18) in the Bulldogs’ 15-1 loss to the Cardinal on Friday in Hermiston.

Stanfield baseball, Echo softball split doubleheaders

The Stanfield Tigers plated the winning run in the bottom of the seventh to take their home opener against Burns 4-3 on Friday in non-league play, but couldn’t complete the comeback in the night cap and dropped their first game of the season 7-6.

In Game 1, after taking a 3-0 lead in the first two innings the Tigers (12-1) couldn’t stop the Hilanders (6-5) from tying the score with one run in each the fifth, sixth and seventh despite solid pitching outings from starter Dylan Grogan and reliever Ryan Bailey.

Tony Flores started the Tigers off in the seventh with a walk, and Bailey followed with a single before a ball off the bat of Grogan slipped through the legs of Burns’ shortstop to allow Flores to score the walk-off winning run.

Bailey, Flores and Damien Curiel were all 2 for 3 for Stanfield in that game.

In Game 2, the teams traded leads with Burns jumping ahead for the last time with three runs in the sixth inning. Stanfield scored two in the seventh on consecutive one-out hits with Grogan’s double followed by a triple by Brody Woods and a single by Makiah Blankenship, but Sherman retired the next two batters to strand the tying run at second.

Grogan was 2 for 4 and added a two-run home run in the first inning.

Stanfield’s next game is Tuesday at Tri-Cities Prep starting at 5 p.m.

Game 1
BHS 000011 1 — R H E
SHS 120000 1 — 3 5 4
J. Lawellen, Z. McDonald (6). D. Grogan, R. Bailey (7). W — Bailey, L. — McDonald.

Game 2
BHS 040003 0 — R H E
SHS 000000 0 — 7 6 4

SHS 210010 2 — R H E
T. Reid, Z. McDonald (5). T. Flores, B. Woods (4). W — McDonald, L. — Woods.
2B — T. Hueckman, T. Reid (BHS); D. Grogan (SHS). 3B — B. Woods (SHS). HR — D. Grogan (SHS).

Softball

ECHO 3-10, BURNS 7-6 — At Echo, Alyssa Ray struck out 10 and Monique Montoya went 2 for 3 with two doubles and three RBI to lead the offense as the Cougars jumped out early and held on for a non-league win in the second half of their doubleheader on Friday.

Erika Parks added two RBI for Echo (8-3), which led 8-0 after scoring in each of the first four innings, and Jamie Christopher and Samantha McQuown each added two hits.

Nine Echo players touched home plate in the balanced win.

In Game 1, Burns scored five runs in the top of the eighth to beat Echo in extras.

Gonzalez pitched the entire way and struck out 11 but gave up seven runs (four earned) on nine hits and one walk.

Cheyenne Hilliard went 3 for 5 with two doubles at the plate and Kenzie Blankenship and Hannah McCarty added two hits each.

Echo play at Heppner today at 11 a.m.

Game 1
BHS 011000 05 — R H E
EHS 001100 01 — 3 10 4
A. Sutcliffe, M. Gonzales and E. Parks. W — Sutcliffe, L. — Gonzales.
2B — C. Hilliard (EHS). HR — A. Sutcliffe (BHS).

Game 2
BHS 000024 0 — R H E
EHS 132202 X — 10 10 2
A. Sutcliffe, C. Feist (3). A. Ray and E. Parks. W — Ray, L. — Sutcliffe.
2B — C. Feist, S. Peasley, M. Skunkcap (BHS); C. Hilliard, J. Christopher, M. Montoya 2 (EHS). 3B — E. Parks (EHS).

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innings with his off-speed pitches and left with the score knotted at 0-0.

Reliever John Slossar kept it a scoreless tie going into the sixth, but walked Root to lead off the innings. Root then stole second base and scored from there on a single by Sexton for the eventual game-winner.

Head coach Lance Hawkins said he was happy with the team’s approach after a disappointing outing in its previous game this week, and thought the team brought

great focus and teamwork to the diamond on Friday.

“I think we’re ready to go for the league season,” Christy said.

Hermiston opens Columbia River Conference play Saturday, April 16, with a doubleheader against The Dalles that starts at noon at Armand Larive Middle School.

Game 1
HHS 360 12 — R H E
PHS 000 00 — 0 0 4
R. Robles and S. Gritz. M. Weeks, J. Slossar (3) and Z. Thomas.
2B — R. Robles 2, C. Root (HHS).

Game 2
HHS 000001 2 — R H E
PHS 000000 0 — 0 2 0
T. Sexton, C. Root (7) and S. Gritz. G. Schlichting, J. Slossar (5) and E. Hardman. W — Sexton, L. — Slossar. S — Root.
2B — C. Caldwell (HHS).

HOFFERT

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is still awaiting the official resignation before the position can be posted.

Hoffert believes the school shouldn’t look too far for a successor as he has recommended long-time assistant Juan Rodriguez for the position. But whoever takes over as the next coach, Hoffert said he will make himself available for the new coach for any tasks except making decisions.

“I’ve always believed that if you retire you need to step away and let the new coach do things their own way,” he said. “I’ll still be at games and help out if I’m needed, but that’s it.” Hoffert also recently

retired from his teaching position at Hermiston, and will now focus on running his home inspection business and spending plenty of time with his family. Hoffert’s daughter Jeni just completed her junior season on the basketball team at Northwest Christian University in Eugene, while his twin 9-year-old boys are getting heavily involved with youth sports.

Hoffert said it will take some time for him to get over the feelings of not coaching basketball.

“I really enjoyed the day-to-day coaching, strategizing against other coaches, and building the relationships over the years,” he said. “I’ve been blessed with great groups of girls that made the job that much easier.”

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