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## Bulldogs battle Bucks for double-header wins

Robles, Sexton throw complete games for Hermiston

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Hermiston pitcher R.J. Robles had nothing left to prove after tossing seven innings of two-hit baseball against Pendleton on Friday, but the Bulldogs senior wasn't ready for his game to be over.

After watching his teammates regain the lead in the top of the eighth inning, Robles asked Hermiston coach Lance Hawkins to let him finish what he started. The second-year Bulldogs skipper obliged, and Robles put away the Buckaroos quickly to earn a 3-1

win in the second half of a Columbia River Conference doubleheader at Bob White Field.

Hermiston won the first game 5-3 with Tyler Sexton pitching a complete game as well.

"Those guys just grind," Hawkins said of his pitchers. "They get up and they're leaders ... Another quality start for both of them."

Robles threw a five-inning perfect game earlier this season, but hadn't gone out there in a regulation outing until Friday.

"I told him, 'Just give me the ball. I want to go out there and I want to finish it off because I haven't thrown a complete game yet this year,'" Robles said.

"Kids look at him and he just keeps going and go-

ing," Hawkins said. "We didn't want to take him out there and let him throw the eighth and he goes, 'Give me the ball.' You want that stuff."

Robles finished with 12 strikeouts, three walks and zero earned runs on three Pendleton hits.

"Every year that I pitch against Pendleton I'm always pumped for it, always," Robles said. "Honestly, I felt really good. My arm felt really good. I mean, I just tried battling as much as I could. I was kind of off in the middle of the game so I just had to adjust in between innings and just try to find my rhythm."

But despite Robles carrying a shutout into the sixth inning, Hermiston

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STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

Hermiston's Caden Schwirse catches the ball as Pendleton's Kai Quinn steals second base in the Bulldogs' 5-3 win against the Bucks in the first game of a doubleheader Friday in Pendleton.

# T-WOLVES TIE DOWN TITLES

Blue Mountain rodeo caps dominant season in Northwest

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The Blue Mountain Community College rodeo teams slathered a thick layer of icing on their sweet Northwest Region seasons with dominant showings at their home rodeos on Friday and Saturday at Farm-City Arena in Hermiston.

The Timberwolves put the finishing touches on 11 total Northwest season titles at the final events before the College National Finals Rodeo, and qualified 12 contestants for the season-ending rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

Led by the all-around title of timed-event master Jared Parke, the BMCC men won both rodeos in Hermiston by more than 600 points to push their season total to 10,204, nearly double that of region runner-up Walla Walla. With eight of the 11 regions in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association finished competing, BMCC also leads the nationwide standings by more than 4,000 points.

Parke not only won the Northwest men's all-around, but also the steer



STAFF PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY

Jared Parke, of Blue Mountain Community College, won all-around cowboy honors Saturday at the Northwest Regional Finals Rodeo at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds. Parke punched his ticket to the National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming, in June.

wrestling, tie-down roping and team roping titles. He's the nation's leader in all-around and team roping, with heading partner Jordan Tye, and second in tie-down and steer wrestling.

Parke won both nights of all-around and four events in Hermiston. In the two-head BMCC Rodeo, Parke

won in tie-down (18.2 seconds) and steer wrestling (11.7), and was third in team roping (21.6).

Team roping was dominated by the T-Wolves, which produced nine of the 10 ropers to place in the top five teams, and Danyelle Williams and Nic Nyman won with a time of 15.5 on

two head.

Williams won the women's all-around and was also part of a top-five sweep in barrel racing for BMCC, which won the team title by 490 points over Central Washington. Williams was fifth in the barrels (48.53 on two), which was won by Emily Sorey (35.61).



STAFF PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY

Jared Parke, of Blue Mountain Community College, won steer wrestling and all-around cowboy honors Saturday at the Northwest Regional Finals Rodeo at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds.

Also winning events for the T-Wolves in the two-head rodeo were Tyler Potter in bareback (142 points) and Lauren Leyva in goat tying (15.7). Other event winners were saddle bronc rider Tucker Hill of Walla Walla (139), breakaway roper Lexi Cameron of Central Washington (8.2), and bull rider Casey White of Walla Walla (70 on one).

The T-Wolves found event titles a little tougher to come by in the one-head NW Region Rodeo No. 6, but still secured five of nine.

Parke won in tie-down (9.2) and with Tye in team roping (5.9), and Potter won in bareback (73) for the BMCC men. Meanwhile, Williams won in barrel racing (17.48) and Trey Tucker won in goat tying (7.0) for the women, which were second as a team to Treasure Valley but maintained their big lead on the Chukars for the season title.

Walla Walla's Hill and White repeated wins in saddle bronc and bull riding, respectively, each with 73

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### IN BRIEF

Everyone Tees provides golfing option

A special program returns to Big River Golf Course.

Everyone Tees offers tee boxes that are closer to the pin. They provide an extremely user-friendly experience for those who may benefit from shorter drives — whether it's someone new to the links, younger and older duffers, people who only swing the clubs occasionally, those returning from an injury or players who have physical limitations. The special orange blocks are featured on the course's front nine.

Golfers who play from the Everyone Tees between now and June 30 will receive a \$2 gift certificate to Java Junkies. The special program is made possible through Medallion Cabinetry, Blue Mountain Cabinetry and Jeff Edmundson.

Big River Golf Course is located at 709 Willamette Ave., Umatilla. For more information, contact Megan Olsen at 541-922-3006 or

megan@golfbigriver.com.

Youth soccer kicks off registration

The first Columbia Youth Soccer Club tournament is July 4 in Boardman, but now is the time to register to play.

Parents can register their kids Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. at Windy River Elementary School, 500 Tatone St., Boardman, or during the Morrow County Children's Fair Thursday, May 19 from 3:30-6 p.m. at the Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. Also, more volunteers are needed for the league.

Both boys and girls, ages 3-14, are eligible to play. The fee is \$40, if paid by July 4. A \$15 late charge will be assessed after that date. Registration forms can also be downloaded at [www.columbiayouthsoccerclub.com](http://www.columbiayouthsoccerclub.com).

For more information, contact 541-314-5446, [cysc11@gmail.com](mailto:cysc11@gmail.com) or visit [www.facebook.com/CYSC11](http://www.facebook.com/CYSC11).

## Stanfield shuts out Pilot Rock

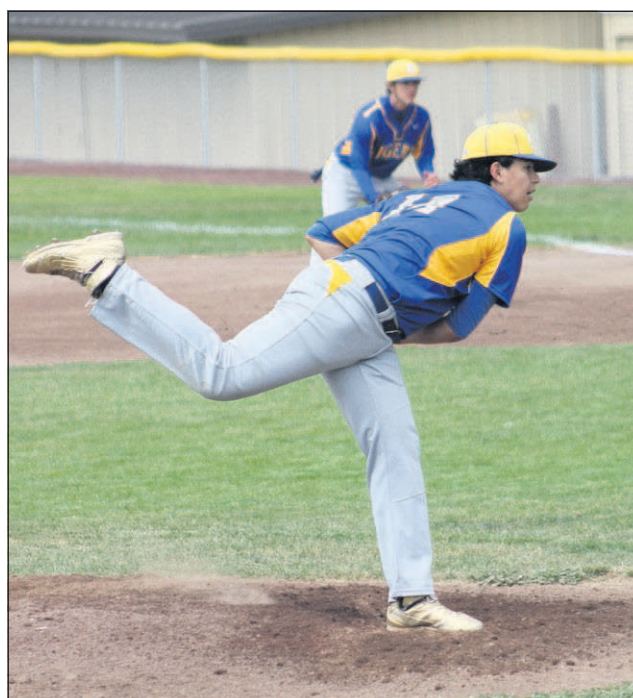
Irrigon extends winning streak

The Stanfield Tigers earned win No. 20 on the season and also handed Pilot Rock its sixth loss in the last seven games with an 11-0 shutout in non-league play on Saturday afternoon in Pilot Rock.

Pilot Rock (12-7) got the benefit of a great start on the mound from Levi Thieme, who allowed just four hits and two runs over four innings. But after 70 pitches, Thieme was lifted, which is where the gas ran out for the Rockets.

Stanfield (20-2) tagged Pilot Rock pitchers Bryson Pierce and Chris Weinke for six hits and nine runs and drew five walks over the final two innings to grab the double-digit win.

The top three spots in the Tigers' lineup did the bulk of the damage as Tyler Monkus, Tony Flores and Dylan Grogan combined to go 6 for 9 with six runs scored and four RBI.



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Stanfield's Tony Flores pitches against Pilot Rock during an 11-0 win on Saturday in Pilot Rock.

Flores also started on the mound for Stanfield and allowed two hits and four walks with four strikeouts over five innings.

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Flores, Bailey (6), Thieme, Pierce (5), Weinke (6), W — Flores, L — Thieme, 2B — Monkus, Wampler, Fitzpatrick, Grogan (SHS), Pierce (PRH).

STANFIELD 10-16, VALE 0-6 — The Stanfield Tigers swept the Vale Vikings on Friday afternoon 10-0 and 16-6.

"I'm just really proud of the kids," said Stanfield coach Bryan Johnson. "They came out and hit the ball well ... it was a fun day."

Stanfield (19-2, 8-0 EOL) tallied 20 total hits against the Vikings — who were previously undefeated in league play until Friday.

Dylan Grogan continued his dominant season on the mound in game one by allowing just two hits and three walks with 11 strikeouts over five innings. He also led the team with five runs scored on offense.

But Stanfield's leader at the plate on Friday was Ryan Bailey, as he finished a perfect 7-7 with four runs scored and three RBI. Tony Flores also had a strong day going 4-5 with five runs and two RBI.

Brody Woods pitched in game two for Stanfield and allowed five hits, six runs (two earned) and

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