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## Bulldog boys finish third in districts

After the first three rounds of the boys 5A Special District 1 tennis tournament were completed on a warm, sunny day in Hermiston on Friday, mother nature apparently decided to add some intrigue for the final two rounds on Saturday.

Because of torrential rains, the teams were forced to relocate to the indoor facilities of the Pendleton Tennis Center. There, the Summit Storm clinched the district championship with 38 points ahead of Mountain View (in second with 16.5 points) and Hermiston in third (with 10.5 points).

Hermiston still had singles player Jacob Snell and doubles pair Race Latham and Cameron Meade alive for day two, but both ended up with fourth place finishes with defeats in the semifinals. Snell fell to Summit's Cole Younger in three sets, winning the first set 6-3 before falling 7-6 and 6-3. Latham and Meade fell to the Bend duo of Aaron Banquer-Glenn and Nicolas Campbell in two sets 6-4 and 6-2.

Summit's Carter Quigley, the bracket's No. 1 seed, won the singles title, and Summit's Andy Jones and Dylan Warren won the doubles title.

The three Hermiston players will now prepare for the 5A state tournament, which will kick off Thursday at the Portland Tennis Center.

In 5A girls action, Hermiston didn't qualify any competitors for the state tournament.

## BASEBALL

**HEPPNER 13, CULVER 6** — At Culver, the Heppner Mustangs rode a complete game from starter Patrick Collins to end the regular season with a 13-6 over the Culver Bulldogs on Saturday afternoon.

Collins struck out 10 Bulldogs in the game and gave up eight hits six runs (four earned) and three walks to earn the win. The Mustangs (5-13, 4-7 SD6) offense backed Collins up by cranking out 12 hits to get their 13 runs, with Collins picking up two of the hits with a double

and one RBI.

Jake Lindsay led the Mustangs with four hits on the day, finishing 4-5 at the plate with a double and four RBIs. Kevin Murray also picked up two hits at the dish with two runs, while Will Lucher led the team with three runs scored.

The two teams were scheduled to play a doubleheader, however the second game was canceled due to weather.

	R	H	E
HHS	234022	0	13 12
CHS	002030	1	6 8

W — P. Collins, L — C. Little.  
2B — Murray, Lindsay, Collins (HHS).  
Alegre, Little (CHS). 3B — Little (CHS).

## SOFTBALL

**PILOT ROCK 12-11, IRRIGON 2-4** — At Irrigon, the Pilot Rock Rockets wrapped up the regular season on Saturday with a sweep of Irrigon to extend its winning streak to six games.

The Rockets (22-3, 14-1 SD6) hit three home runs on the day, led by Teyha Ostrom with two — her first two of the season — and Sara Weinke with one. Weinke had a dominant day overall on offense, combining for five hits, three runs scored and six RBI to go with her home run.

Other top performers for the Rockets were Bekah Roe with four hits and four runs scored and Ostrom had five hits, three runs scored and five RBI. Ostrom started game one in the pitching circle and struck out five Knights in five innings, and gave up three hits and two runs.

Irrigon's (12-11, 5-10) regular season comes to an end, while Pilot Rock awaits its opponent for the Special District 6 title game to be played on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Pilot Rock.

Game 1	R	H	E
PTR	057 00	—	12 15 0
IHS	000 20	—	2 3 1

W — Ostrom.  
2B — S. Weinke, M. Dave (PTR). HR — S. Weinke, T. Ostrom (PTR).

Game 2	R	H	E
PTR	104 410	1	— 11 15
IHS	301 000	0	— 4 9

W — Holman.  
2B — K. Deist (PTR). HR — T. Ostrom (PTR).

## Bulldogs fall to Bucks

### Hermiston lets Pendleton get away late in league finale

By **MATT ENTRUP**  
Staff Writer

The Hermiston Bulldogs couldn't get on the bases and Pendleton softball's Alexis Morrison couldn't have gotten off them any quicker on Friday as the Buckaroos poured on nine runs in the final three innings of a 12-2 win in their Columbia River Conference finale.

Morrison got on base five times and made the round trip four times while advancing seemingly at will. She scored three runs of her own volition, twice on wild pitches.

"(Morrison) can get on on a single and she can be on home plate three or four pitches later before we've even swung the bat, so she's a great spark plug," said Pendleton coach Tim Cary



STAFF PHOTO BY KATHY ANEY

**Pendleton runner Alexis Morrison slides safely home during Friday's Columbia River Conference game in Hermiston despite the efforts of Hermiston catcher Jaime Hinkley and pitcher Breyanna Naylor.**

said of his leadoff hitter.

Morrison (2 for 3, two walks) did just that in the third inning to give Pendleton (21-4, 10-2 CRC) a 2-0 lead.

She technically reached on an error, and then promptly took second and third on throwing mistakes by Hermiston (14-12, 5-7). A wild pitch brought her home before Ellie Richards took a swing in her at-bat.

She nearly added a steal of home plate in the sixth

inning but a catcher's interference gave her the automatic run to make it a 8-0 Pendleton lead. Hermiston catcher Jamie Hinkley thought she had Morrison in no-man's land between third and home, but as soon as the ball left her hand Morrison was off. Hinkley stood in front of the plate calling for the ball, but Morrison beat it there and was forced to dodge Hinkley before sliding across home.

"(Coach Cary) usually trusts me to know my judgment when I should go, when I should test it, when I should stay safe," she said. "There was two outs, I was just thinking I might as well chance it."

Her intuition was dead on, and Bulldogs coach Kate Greenough said she was seeing the same thing Morrison was in a susceptible Hermiston defense.

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## BULLDOGS TAKE AIM



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

**Senior Corey Mason takes aim on his clay target during a practice session for the Hermiston High School shooting team on Thursday in Hermiston.**

## Hermiston High School trapshooting team finding its way in year one

By **ERIC SINGER**  
Staff Writer

HERMISTON — Hermiston high school senior Jesse Clark takes his stance at post No. 3 on the trap field at the Hermiston Gun Club. He waits for his chance.

When his time comes he pulls his Mossberg 835 shotgun into position and loudly yells, "Pull!"

The clay pigeon takes flight, Clark takes his aim and fires, and a shower of orange-painted shards crumbles to the ground.

Clark is one of 21 Hermiston students that are a part of the first-year high school trap shooting team, one of three schools in the state of Oregon that compete under the USA High School Clay Target League. The program was started by Hermiston Gun Club member John Adams, who saw the results of the Clay Target



STAFF PHOTO BY E.J. HARRIS

**The Hermiston High School shooting team practices Thursday at the Hermiston Gun Club outside of Hermiston.**

League following its start-up in the state of Minnesota and thought Oregon could develop a league with similar results.

"They started (the USA Clay Target League) about 10 years ago and over the course of those 10 years they're up to almost 10,000

different schools in those 17 states in 2016, which is an increase of 14 states and more than 3,700 students from the 2015 totals according to USA Clay Target.com.

Adams said those statistics and seeing the interest from students so far in Hermiston has him excited for the future of the sport.

"I've been involved in trap shooting for at least 20 years and it's a sport that really has been on the decline," Adams said. "I mean the average age of a trap shooter is an old retired guy that travels around in a motorhome around the country to shoot. This program has brought so many youth into the sport and has helped clubs bring in many more members."

In total, the national league has more than 13,000 students from 446

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## PREP SCHEDULE

### Local Slate

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Friday**  
TBD at Stanfield (EOL District title), 3:30 p.m.  
Milwaukie at Hermiston (5A Play-in Game), 4:30 p.m.

**PREP SOFTBALL**  
**Friday**  
Hermiston at Sandy (5A Play-in Game), 5 p.m.

**PREPTRACK & FIELD**  
**Thursday**  
3A/2A/1A State Championship Prelims (at Hayward Field, Eugene), 10 a.m.

**Friday**  
6A/5A/4A State Championship Prelims (at Hayward Field, Eugene), 9 a.m.  
3A/2A/1A State Championship Finals (at Hayward Field, Eugene), 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday**  
6A/5A/4A State Championship Finals (at Hayward Field, Eugene), 9:30 a.m.

### PREPTENNIS

**Friday**  
Hermiston at State Tournament (at Portland Tennis Center), Noon  
**Saturday**  
Hermiston at State Tournament (at Portland Tennis Center), 9 a.m.

### Prep Standings

BASEBALL	Conf.Ovr.	RS	RA	RA	Rk
Hood River	10-220-5	186	103	2	
Hermiston	6-613-11	97	85	14	
Pendleton	4-813-12140	111	20		
The Dalles	4-810-14105	124	18		

### Eastern Oregon League (3A)

Team	Conf.Ovr.	RS	RA	Rk
Stanfield	12-024-2	312	56	3
Vale	10-216-9	224	147	8
Nyssa	7-512-14178	227	20	
Joseph	4-87-15	143	187	26
Elgin	4-84-14	79	160	28
Umatilla	3-97-12	115	143	25
Riverside	2-103-20	72	273	33

### Special District 6 (2A/1A)

Team	Conf.Ovr.	RS	RA	Rk
Irrigon	10-215-5	199	94	3
Sherman	8-417-7	220	122	8
Dufur	6-611-13184	202	21	
Heppner	4-75-13	136	155	26
Culver	1-106-14	99	216	30

### SOFTBALL

#### Columbia River Conference (5A)

Team	Conf.Ovr.	RS	RA	Rk
Pendleton	10-221-4	227	75	2
The Dalles	6-617-9	214	128	9
Hermiston	5-714-12170	164	12	
Hood River	3-910-15115	132	14	

#### Eastern Oregon League (3A)

Team	Conf.Ovr.	RS	RA	Rk
Wes.-McE	14-217-4	282	54	5
Vale	13-318-7	226	141	7
Echo	13-318-7	254	89	9
Enterprise	10-612-10213	202	13	
Grant Union	9-714-9	240	138	17
Riverside	6-1011-13197	199	24	
Nyssa	5-116-17	172	284	27
Elgin	2-142-16	62	271	31
Umatilla	0-161-22	70	443	35

#### Special District 6 (2A/1A)

Team	Conf.Ovr.	RS	RA	Rk
Pilot Rock	14-122-3	293	53	1
Union	12-316-3	193	76	2
Burns	9-616-8	193	145	5
Irrigon	5-1012-11167	138	13	
Heppner	4-117-16	127	238	18
Culver	1-146-18	113	256	26

## Stanfield dojang wins 21 medals at regional championships

Eight members of the Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo dojang earned 21 medals at the 43rd Annual Northwest Martial Arts Championships held May 7 at Mt. Hood Community College.

Six of those medals were gold, two apiece won by Aaron Sanchez (6-7 age group, green belt division) and Natividad Sanchez (12-13, blue). Luis Ibarra (12-13, blue) and Osvaldo Sanchez

(10-11, green) also won gold.

Natividad added a silver to his haul, Ibarra added a silver and bronze, and Osvaldo also pushed his medal count to three with two bronze.

Melissa Shilhanek (18+, blue) added three silver medals, and Miscal Sanchez (10-11, green) and Rene Sanchez (12-13, green) each had two silver.

Contestants competed

in weapons, forms, sparring and board breaking.

Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo is located on West Coe Street in Stanfield and is coached by

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**Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo was well-represented at the 43rd Annual Northwest Martial Arts Championships held May 7 in Gresham at Mt. Hood Community College. Pictured from left to right are: BACK ROW, Coach Kameron Watson, Rene Sanchez, Mario Sanchez, Melissa Shilhanek, Coach Erwin Watson; MIDDLE ROW, Coach Lorry Watson, Luis Ibarra, Natividad Sanchez, Miscal Sanchez, Osvaldo Sanchez, Coach Bailey Watson; FRONT, Aaron Sanchez.**

