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DAWGS SUFFER LOSS IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME OF HOME TOURNAMENT

Hermiston girls start season 2-1, following a loss at home Saturday

Hermiston Herald

The Bulldogs suffered their first loss of the season going up against Lewiston (ID) in the championship game of the Oxford Suites Holiday Classic at The Dawghouse.

Hermiston (2-1) had gone 15 games without allowing more than 50 points going back to last season, but saw that streak end against a Lewiston (3-1) team that was the tallest and fastest the Bulldogs had seen to that point.

"(Lewiston) came out exactly as to be expected, and I think the girls expected them to be as good as they were, but I don't think they realized how athletic Lewiston was," said Hermiston coach Juan Rodriguez.

The Bengals wasted no time cluing them in, and used steals and quick transition to race out to a 22-3 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs responded, and had pulled within six by halftime with the score at 27-21, but they couldn't match the Bengals in the second half.

Maddy Juul led Hermiston with 16 points.

"After the first quarter we settled down and played really well the rest of the game," Rodriguez said. "Our half court defense was

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actually really good against them, it was when they would get out in front of us with turnovers and long rebounds that we ran into trouble and they got a lot of easy baskets."

HERMISTON 46, WIL-SONVILLE 40 — Posts Kynzee Padilla and Maddy Juul came up big down the stretch, and the Hermiston girls basketball team advanced to the championship of the Oxford Suites Holiday Classic with a 46-40 win over Wilsonville on Friday at The Dawghouse.

Juul scored a game-high 15 points and Padilla pulled down some key late rebounds to help close out the Wildcats (0-1). Padilla finished with 12 boards to go with six points.

Hermiston (2-0) coach Juan Rodriguez said it was a good day for his bigs to take over as the Bulldogs' outside touch was off for most of the game.

"We knew there'd be games like this when the three's wouldn't be falling and we'd need our posts to

come up big, and Maddy and Kynzee did today," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said Wilsonville's defensive scheme was giving the Bulldogs trouble in the first half, and Hermiston led 19-17 at halftime.

"They came out really aggressive in a zone and we had a little trouble handling it at first," Rodriguez said. "We were getting the normal shots we like to take, we just weren't hitting them."

A commitment to strong defense helped set the tone for the Bulldogs in the second half, and the Bulldogs shooters were able to get into a little bit of a rhythm on the other end as well.

Shaelynn Gilbert finished with nine points, Jazlyn Romero added seven and Rileigh Andreason had six.

Teagan McNamee was high-point for Wilsonville with 10.

The Bulldogs will see what Rodriguez said should be their toughest opponent of the young season today when they face Lewiston (ID) in the championship game at 5:45 p.m.

"I thought they handled tonight mentally really well," Rodriguez said. "I want to see how they'll respond against a team that is as big and athletic as Lewiston.'

WHS 8 9 8 15 — 40 HHS 7 12 12 15 — 46 WILSONVILLE — T. McNamee 10, C. Gutridge 9, M. Welberg 7, K. Hieb 5, S. Bynum 4, B. Morris 2, K. Trese 2, J. Classen

1, N. Burke. HERMISTON — M. Juul 15, S. Gilbert 9, J. Romero 7, K. Padilla 6, R. Andreason 6, J. Thomas 2, R. Meyers 1, H. Meyers, H.

5. mornas 2, n. Meyers 1, H. Meyers, H. Thompson.
3-pointers — WHS 1; HHS 3. Free throws
—WHS 13-26; HHS 19-34. Fouls —WHS
26; HHS 19. Fouled out —T. McNamee, K. Trese (WHS).

Bulldog boys stay unbeaten

Sometimes in the sports it's not about how a team wins, it's about just finding a way to win.

That was a philosophy the Hermiston Bulldogs boys basketball team took to heart this weekend, finishing off a perfect 2-0 record at the Aloha Tournament with a gritty 51-44 win over the host Aloha on Saturday afternoon. Hermiston started fast with a 12-3 lead after one quarter, but then fell into a funk that's become a theme in the team's first three games this season.

"We jumped out with lots of energy but stumbled in the second quarter, turned the ball over and just got sloppy," Hermiston coach Casey Arstein said.

Hermiston (3-0) went to halftime trailing Aloha 22-18, but got a big boost from Cesar Ortiz in the second half to make a run. Ortiz, a sophomore guard, sank five omiters in the second half and finished the game tice, that's for sure."

with 18 points to lead the Bulldogs.

"We really battled in the second half, "Arstein said, "and Ortiz off the bench gave us a good spark. After that we never looked back and had a good second half

Also scoring in double figures for Hermiston were two more sophomores as Andrew James had 14 points and Jordan Ramirez had 11 points. Those two players also helped Hermiston's second half push by putting a lot of defensive pressure on Aloha's guards and forced numerous turnovers in the Bulldogs' favor. Arstein said. Hermiston will hit the

road again next Tuesday when they travel to Hanford (WA). Until then, Arstein said the team will be busy at practice.

'Winning two games on the west side, I'll take it, but both games were real sloppy," he said. "We've got a lot to work on in pracHHS 12 6 17 16 — 51

AHS 3 19 15 6 — 44

HERMISTON — C. Ortiz 18, A. James 14,

J. Ramirez 11, C. Flores 6, X. Rambo 2, H.

Walls, K. Moss, T. McCullough.

ALOHA — E. Channel 15, B. Ling 7, T.

Hornbuckle 7, A. Lovincey 4, T. Dennis 4, J.

Donis 3, S. Genes-Pantin 2, J. Muth 2.

3-pointers — HHS 10, AHS 4. Free throws

— HHS 9-15, AHS 6-7. Fouls — HHS 11,

AHS 14.

HERMISTON

WILSON 70, OT — At Aloha, Andrew James' shot with three seconds left rimmed out to send the game to overtime, but Jordan Ramirez scored five of his nine points in the extra stanza to lift Hermis-

ton over Wilson in the first

round of the Aloha Tourna-

ment on Friday night.

Chance Flores poured in a game-high 26 points for the Bulldogs (2-0), Xavier Rambo added 14 and James finished with 12. Thomas McCullough had just three points, but made them at key moments and grabbed some big rebounds said coach Casey Arstein.

The Bulldogs outscored Wilson (0-1) 10-4 in overtime after the game was knotted at 66-all at the end of regulation.

Hermiston went into halftime down 35-26, but made some key adjustments to get their offense going in the third quarter and scored 21 points in the frame.

The second half we spread them out a little bit and started attacking the basket with out passes," Arstein said. "Everybody played their role, especially in the second half. We fought back and kids played hard."

Max Lommen led Wilson with 22 points and Maleek Elmi added 20. Hermiston will play in

the tournament championship today against Aloha. A game time had not been announced at press time.

HHS 9 17 21 19 10 — 76 WHS 15 20 20 11 4 — 70 HERMISTON — C. Flores 26, X. Rambo 14, A. James 12, J. Ramirez 9, C. Ortiz 9, H. Walls 3, T. McCullough 3, A. Earl. WILSON — M. Lommen 22, M. Elmi 20, WILSON — M. LOMMED 22, M. EIMI 20, J. Eichler 10, S. Palanuk 7, M. Hesse 4, C. Butcher 3, Z. Lensch 2, D. Young 2, J. Thompson, K. Woodland.
3-pointers — HHS 10, WHS 3. Free throws — HHS 14-33; WHS 11-14. Fouls — HHS 17, WHS 23. Fouled out — C. Butcher, J. Eichler (WHS).

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Bulldogs place third in Oregon City Penn-Harris (Grant) by MD 11-2 Jesus Rodriguez No. 3 at 132 145 pounds — 7th) Wade Kirkpatrick def Cody Boylan (Beaverton) by fall 0:58

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The Hermiston Bulldogs wrestling team got a good start to its 2016-17 season on Saturday with a third place finish at the Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Tourna-

The Bulldogs scored 209.5 points with 16 competitors for its finish, coming in only behind No. 2 Beaverton (230 points, 24 wrestlers)

and No. 1 North Medford (263.5 points, 27 wrestlers). Hermiston earned nine topfive finishes at the meet, led by champions Ruben Madrigal (106 pounds), CJ Hendon (145 pounds) and Joey Gutierrez (182 pounds). Rounding out the top finishers were Alice Todryk No. 3 at 106 pounds, Augusta Blackhurst No. 4 at 113 pounds, Gage Shipley No. 3 at 120 pounds,

pounds, Julio Leiva No. 3 at 182 pounds and Beau Blake No. 2 at 285 pounds.

Hermiston Bulldog Finishers

106 pounds — 1st) Ruben Madrigal def. Matthew Pershing (Camas) by fall, 4:51 106 pounds — 3rd) Alice Todryk def. Logan Bond (South Albany) by fall 1:33 113 pounds — 4th) Augusta Blackhurst lost to Enrique Jaime (North Medford) by

tall, 1:23
120 pounds — 3rd) Gage Shipley def.
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Clayton Wengert (Sherwood) by fall, 3:22
132 pounds — 3rd) Jesus Rodriguez def.
Kyle Moore (Camas) by SV-1, 13-11
145 pounds — 1st) CJ Hendon def. Juvoni

Cody Boylan (Beaverton) by fall 0:58
153 pounds — 9th Oscar Lopez def. Reece Rambo (North Medford) by fall, 5:58
153 pounds — 20th) Gavin Tarvin lost to
Clay Lucas (Lake Oswego) by fall, 5:20
170 pounds — 11th) Zach Kirkpatrick def.
Colby Stoller (Camas) by fall, 3:08
182 pounds — 1st) Joey Gutierrez def.
Justin Geyer (North Medford) by 3-2
decision

182 pounds — 3rd) Julio Leiva def. Austin

182 pounds — 3rd) Julio Leiva def. Austin Wimer (South Albany) by MD 8-0 220 pounds — 10th) Corey Mason lost to Damarzhe Nelson (Jefferson) by fall, 2:59 220 pounds — 17th) Sean Stewart def. Daniel Matzinger (Sherwood) by fall, 0:39 285 pounds — 2nd) Beau Blake lost to Brian Barnes (McMinnville) by 6-1 decision 285 pounds — 17th Emilio Landin def. Rory Sullivan (Madison) by fall 5:44

PREP ROUNDUP

WESTON-McEWEN 43, IRRIGON 41 -At lone, the Weston-McEwen TigerScots pulled out a close victory over the Irrigon Knights 43-41 at the lone Basketball Bonan za on Saturday afternoon.

"It was a very intense game," Weston-McEwen coach Eric Jensen said. "It had the feeling of a district title game

with 13 points and Sarah Finifrock pitched in nine points. Jada Burns again led the Knights in scoring with 18 points and Kylie Wyant added nine points.

IHS 6 20 4 11 — 41 W-M 12 12 6 13 — 43 IRRIGON — J. Burns 18, K. Wyant 9, L. Mills 4, T. Davis 4, A. Zacarias 2, Gilman

2, Romero 2. WESTON-MCEWEN — C. Quaempts 13, S. Finifrock 9. A. Schroeder 8. A. Finifrock 4, B. Hillmick 3 S. von Borstel 2, A. Hill 2, K. Vescio 2.
3-pointers — IHS 2, W-M 2. Free throws — IHS 1-3, W-M 1-9. Fouls — IHS 12,

UMATILLA 39, CHEMAWA 36 -Salem, Aleesha Watson scored 19 points to pace the Vikings to their first win of the season at the Beau Classic hosted by Western Mennonite on Saturday afternoon

Only two of her points came in the fourth quarter, though, which began with the Vikings trailing 28-27. Lauryn Jurnot scored five of her eight points in the final stanza as Umatilla (1-1) closed out the Braves (0-3). Ayana Reves added four of her eight points in the fourth quarter for Umatilla, which its season-opener on Friday 40-35 to Colton. Watson had a double-double in that game with 13 points and 12 rebounds, and

Jurnot had 11 points.
Umatilla will hold its home opener on Thursday against Mac-Hi in the Columbia River Clash at 5:30 p.m.

UHS 11 7 9 12 — 39 CHS 10 5 13 8 — 36 UMATILLA — A. Watson 19, L. Jurnot 8, A. Reyes 8, K. Lorence 2, C. Alvarez

8, A. Reyes S, K. Lorence Z, C. Alvarez 2, C. Rodriguez, C. Macias, J. Ortega, A. Maldonado. CHEMAWA — M. Sanchez 10, N. Harvey 8, M. Lyons 7, A. Jackson 4, M. Underwood 4, A. Kinney 3. 3-pointers — UHS 5; CHS 2. Free throws

UHS 6-16; CHS 4-6. Fouls — UHS 12;

RIVERSIDE 45. MAC-HI 18 - At

Milton-Freewater, Faith Rosen scored 12 points, Lacey Mashos added 11 and the Pirates beat the Pioneers for third place in the McLoughlin Tournament on Saturday. Abby Hernandez chipped in six points and a team-high seven rebounds for Riverside (2-1). Sydney Richwine paced Mac-Hi (0-2) with nine points.

RHS 10 12 6 17 - 45 M-H 4 7 3 4 - 18 RIVERSIDE — F. Rosen 12, L. Mashos 11, Br. Avalos 7, A. Caldera 6, A. Hernandez 6, S. Wightman 2, C. Garcia 1, M. Hegar, Bi

Avalos, E. Daltoso.

MAC-HI — S. Richwine 9, B. Jones 5, B. Smiley 2, B. Hernandez 1, C. Holford 1, M. Yensen, S. Earls, H. Hair, C. Flores, M. Martinez.

3-pointers — RHS 2; M-H 0. Free throws — RHS 11-22; M-H 8-16. Fouls — RHS 18;

HEPPNER 37, WALLOWA 23 — At Joseph, the Heppner Mustangs overcame some shooting struggles to put away Wallowa 37-23 at the Joseph Tournament on Saturday afternoon, earning the Mustangs win No. 1 on the year.

As a team, Heppner (1-1) shot just 21

percent from the floor (15-73) but it was just enough to defeat a Wallowa team that shot just 18 percent from the floor (7-39) and turned the ball over 23 times.

Morgan Correa led Heppner with 11 points, Jacee Curring had nine points and Madison Combe added eight points as

It was a nice rebound from Heppner's season-opening loss on Friday night when it fell 63-31 to Joseph. In that game, Rianne Dompier was the Mustangs leading scorer with eight points and added nine rebounds and Jacee Currin had seven points

WHS 3 10 2 8 - 23
HHS 6 5 12 14 - 37
WALLOWA — J. Johnston 9, S. Nobles 5,
B. Johnston 2, A. Young 2, R. GOller 2, N.
Jones 2, G. Pendarvis 1.
HEPPNER — M. Correa 11, J. Currin 9,
K. Gray 8, M. Combe 5, N. Propheter 2, J.

McCullough 2.

3-pointers — WHS 0, HHS 3. Free throws
— WHS 5-9, HHS 4-9. Fouls — WHS 13, ECHO 42, CONDON/WHEELER 30 —

At Fossil, the Echo Cougars defensive pressure caused a lotf of issues for the Condon/Wheeler Knights in the second half, as the Knights scored just five second half points en route to a 42-30 Cougars victory on Saturday.

"We just had a rough third guarter." Condon/Wheeler coach Jessica Logan said. "They (Echo) put a lot of pressure on us and we caved and weren't able to

overcome it."
Hannah McCarty led Echo (1-1) with 11
points and Ashley Terland led Condon/
Wheeler (0-2) with 10 points.
Echo will next take on Union in the Columbia River Clash at Umatilla on Thursday.

EHS C/W ECHO — M. Huff 8. 6 8 11 17 — 42 9 13 0 5 — 30 - H. McCarty 11, T. Swaggart 9 CONDON/WHEELER — A. Terland 10,

B. Jaeger 8, B. Dyer 5, K. Jaeger 5, A. Carnine 2.

3-pointers — EHS 2, C/W 0. Free throws
— EHS 8-19, C/W 8-11.

SHERMAN 53, STANFIELD 47 — At Sherman, the Stanfield Tigers finished up play at the Sherman County tournament on Saturday with a close loss to the Sherman Huskies 53-47.

'We had a good run in the third quarter and took the lead, but Sherman came out and hit four 3s in the fourth guarter," Stan field coach Daniel Sharp said. "That made it real tough for us at the end." Kendra Hart led Stanfield (0-3) with 12 points and Brittin Braithwaite chipped in

Stanfield next plays Grant Union at the Columbia River Clash in Umatilla on Thursday afternoon.

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 SHERM
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 STANFIELD
 — K. Hart 12, B.

 Braithwaite 11, N. Esquivel 8, A.

 Carillo 5, S. Connell 4, S. Sharp 4, J.
 SHERMAN — E. Hill 17, S. Lepinski 9, J. Barrett 8, A. Hill 7, K. Casper 4, L. Grenvik 4.

3-pointers — STAN 3, SHERM 6. Free throws — STAN 10-19, SHERM 8-21.

Fouls - STAN 33, SHERM 23,

PILOT ROCK 34, ECHO 23 — At Fossil, the Rockets tried to coast after opening the game on a 16-3 run and nearly paid for it as both teams opened their season at the Paul Humphreys

Tournament on Friday afternoon.
Echo (0-1) didn't get any closer than nine points in the fourth quarter, but Pilot Rock (1-0) coach Butch Wilson said it shouldn't have been that close "As the game went on I think we just kind of thought it was over," he said. "(Echo) out-hustled us in the whole third quarter. In the fourth quarter we switched some things up and got more

aggressive."
Rachel Willingham paced Pilot Rock with a game-high 10 points.

Devyn Tarvin's eight points led Echo

PRHS 16 6 5 7 — 34
EHS 3 2 8 10 — 23
PILOT ROCK — R. Willingham 10, J.
Wilson 7, K. Deist 6, S. Weinke 6, B.
Roe 5, R. Oates, G. Austin, K. Evans.
ECHO — D. Tarvin 8, H. McCarty 6,
L. Cox 4, M. Huff 3, T. Swaggart 2, L.
Wiggins, B. Milbrodt.
3-pointers — PRHS 1; EHS 1. Free
throws — PRHS 5-10; EHS 4-10. Fouls
— PRHS 9; EHS 12.

CULVER 45, STANFIELD 31 — At Moro, Culver pulled away from Stanfield with a 16-6 third quarter and held on to win their opening game at the Sherman County Tournament on Friday afternoon.

The Tigers (0-2) trailed just 19-16 at

halftime, but coach Daniel Sharp said Culver's aggressive inbound pressure gave his younger players trouble.

Missed free throws were also an issue for Stanfield, which 10-of-29 at the line. Brittin Braithwaite led them with eight points and Natalia Esquivel had 11 rebounds to go with six points Irma Retana paced Culver (1-1) with a game-high 10 points.

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