

PREP ROUNDUP

The Stanfield Tigers girls basketball team had a big reason to smile on Saturday as the team earned its first win of the season 35-21 over Ione in their home opener.

"It's really nice to finally get the first win," Stanfield coach Daniel Sharp said. "The girls did a good job of getting to the line and they hit some good shots, and it helped out a lot."

Kendra Hart led Stanfield (1-6) with 10 points, and Brittin Braithwaite chipped in nine points and 11 rebounds. For Ione (0-4) Maggie Flynn led with six points and Morgan Orem had four.

IHS	9	7	1	4	-	21
SHS	11	12	2	10	-	35

IONE — M. Flynn 6, M. Orem 4, A. Medina 3, I. Sandford 3, K. Bass 2, A. McDaniel 2, K. Gilbert 1.
 STANFIELD — K. Hart 10, B. Braithwaite 9, A. Lemmon 5, C. Neasham 5, N. Esquivel 4, S. Sharp 2.
 3-pointers — IHS 0, SHS 0. Free throws — IHS 9-22, SHS 13-24. Fouls — IHS 21, SHS 20.

Girls Basketball

LIBERTY CHRISTIAN (WA) 54, IRRIGON 51 — At Richland, Washington, the Irrigon Knights lost a heartbreaker as Liberty Christian's Karlee Souve nailed a 3-pointer at the buzzer to hand the Knights a 54-51 loss on Monday night.

It was the ninth 3-pointer of the game for Liberty Christian, and boosted Souve's scoring totals to 17 points for the night. Aliya Munoz led Irrigon (4-3) with 15 points, and Jada Burns added 12 points, four steals and three assists.

IHS	12	13	11	15	-	51
LC	11	15	15	13	-	54

IRRIGON — A. Munoz 15, J. Burns 12, T. Davis 10, B. Rice 6, C. Case 4, N. Romero 2, L. Mills 2.
 LIBERTY CHRISTIAN — Souve 17, Goodwin 16, Bush 12, Steele 4, Erlenbush 3, Richards 2.

ECHO 37, HEPPNER 34 — At Heppner, the Echo Cougars scored 22 points in the fourth quarter to finish off a come-from-behind win over Heppner 37-34 on Monday night.

Devyn Tarvin led Echo (5-2) with nine points, while Marti Huff, Hannah McCarty, and Taylor Swaggart each chipped in eight points apiece. For Heppner (2-4), Jace Currin led with 13 points and Madison Combe had eight.

EHS	7	2	6	22	-	37
HHS	8	9	10	7	-	34

ECHO — D. Tarvin 9, M. Huff 8, H. McCarty 8, T. Swaggart 8, B. Milbrodt 2, R. McCarty 2.
 HEPPNER — J. Currin 13, M. Combe 8, M. Correa 6, R. Dompier 5, K. Gray 2.
 3-pointers — EHS 4, HHS 0. Free throws — EHS 7-15, HHS 6-12. Fouls — EHS 14, HHS 15.

Boys Basketball

STANFIELD 97, IONE 46 — At Stanfield, the Tigers got to play in front of home fans for the first time on Saturday night and put on a show, defeating the Ione Cardinals, 97-46, in the home opener.

"It was an exciting game from the start," Stanfield coach Jason Sperr said. "We got out to a 30-0 lead and

pulled off the press pretty early, but the guys still kept playing hard."

All 14 players on the varsity team got significant playing time in the game, and five players finished in double figure scoring led by Tony Flores with 15 and Dylan Grogan with 13. For Ione (1-4), Wyatt McNary had a huge game in the post as he scored a game-high 25 points, while Austin Carter added 11.

IHS	4	12	8	22	-	46
SHS	35	25	24	13	-	97

IONE — W. McNary 25, A. Carter 11, T. Carter 6, C. Hollis 2, J. Verdusco 2.
 STANFIELD — T. Flores 15, D. Grogan 13, R. Bailey 10, T. Monkus 10, B. Woods 10, D. Allan 9, A. Gomez 7, E. Angel 7, J. Garcia 6, N. Sanchez 6, J. Galarza 3, E. Esquivel 1.
 3-pointers — IHS 0, SHS 11. Free throws — IHS 10-16, SHS 12-20.

HEPPNER 56, GRANT UNION 42 — At John Day, the Heppner Mustangs earned a solid non-league win on Saturday night by traveling south to beat the Grant Union Prospectors 56-42.

"We won on the defensive end of the floor again," Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm said. "Grant Union is always a tough place to play, and I'm pleased with how the boys responded after a long trip in the snow and how the defensive effort and intensity was there."

"That's really where the difference came from in the game."

UMATILLA 74, IONE 51 — Seth Cranston scored a game-high 26 points and added 10 steals and eight rebounds as the Umatilla Vikings were able to shake off some rust and take down the Ione Cardinals 74-51 on Monday night.

"(Seth) just brought us energy," Umatilla coach Derek Lete said. "You could tell us not being in the gym for four days had an effect. We came out flat, lacked intensity on defense and the effort just wasn't there."

"But Seth came with energy and brought just what we needed."

For Ione (1-4), Austin Carter led with 22 points while Wyatt McNary had 13.

IHS	10	14	10	17	-	51
UHS	13	22	19	20	-	74

IONE — A. Carter 22, W. McNary 13, H. Padberg 6, H. Aguilar 5, J. Verdusco 2, T. Epperson 2, D. McElligott 1.
 UMATILLA — S. Cranston 26, K. Webb 11, M. Garcilazo 8, J. Garcia 7, T. Morris 5, J. Maret 5, S. Garcia 4, S. Hartung 4, G. Armenta 4.
 3-pointers — IHS 2, UHS 6. Free throws — IHS 11-22, UHS 12-17. Fouls — IHS 16, UHS 20. Fouled out — T. Morris (UHS).

IRRIGON 51, LIBERTY CHRISTIAN (WA) 46 — At Richland, Washington, the Irrigon Knights snapped a two-game losing streak with a solid win on Monday night.

Johnny Philips led Irrigon (3-3) with 15 points, while Hayden White had 12 and Eric Carillo had 11.

IHS	18	13	14	6	-	51
LC	9	16	7	14	-	46

IRRIGON — J. Philips 15, H. White 12, E. Carillo 11, O. Vera 2, D. Vera 2, A. Gomez 2.
 3-pointers — IHS 2, LC 3. Free throws — IHS 9-15, LC 4-9. Fouls — IHS 10, LC 15.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today Umatilla at Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m. Hermiston vs. TBD (at Crescent Valley Tournament), TBD

Thursday's Games

Nixyaavii at Umatilla, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Today's Games Umatilla at Pilot Rock, 3 p.m.

De La Salle North Catholic vs. Stanfield (at Toledo Beach Bash), 8 a.m.

Thursday's Games

Nixyaavii at Umatilla, 6 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Today Hermiston at Best of West (at Pasco, WA), 10 a.m.

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Line, Neal grab all-state honors

By **ERIC SINGER**

Staff writer

If you watched any Hermiston football games this season, there were two players that stood out — Dayshawn Neal on offense and John-Henry Line on defense.

It seems that other Class 5A coaches felt the same way, as both players were selected to the all-state team this week with Line a first team selection at defensive line and Neal a second team selection at wide receiver.

"I'm pretty happy," Line said. "To see all of the hard work pay off and to get noticed by other coaches is a great feeling."

"It means a lot," Neal added. "Gotta give a shout out to my coaches, teammates, everyone who supported me really."

Line's selection follows us his first team all-league and Co-Defensive Player of the Year honor for Special District I this season. His road to success is owed to a meeting between Line and the Hermiston coaches, as he was moved from his middle linebacker spot to defensive end following Hermiston's Week 1 game against Union (WA).

"It was all about finding the right position for me," he said. "The coaches thought I could go up against some bigger guys, and it worked out."

The move more than worked out for Hermiston and Line, as the 6-1, 225-pound senior went on to rack up 99 total tackles, 22.5 tackles-for-loss, 15.5 sacks, and seven more quarterback pressures on the season — all team highs.

Aside from the statistics, he was also a leader of a fierce Bulldog defense that allowed an average of just 10.2 points per game over the final five regular season games. During that stretch, Hermiston went 4-1 as a team to secure a playoff spot for the sixth straight season.

Line says he owes it all to his coaches.

"They believed in me and taught me everything on how to play end," he said. "And having Coach (David) Faaeteete be a Division I lineman at Oregon when he played, it really helped a lot."

After playing quarterback for half a season in 2015, Neal switched back to his natural position at wide receiver and shined from the start. In Hermiston's opener against Union, Neal caught 12 passes for 212 yards and three touchdowns, and instantly became the go-to target for quarterback Andrew James.

For the season, Neal finished with 51 catches for 911 yards and 12 touchdowns, which are all

team-highs. Neal's totals also placed him high in the Class 5A leaderboards, finishing second in catches, tied for second in yardage, and tied for third in touchdowns.

Neal said he wasn't surprised at his breakout season, and that he got a feeling that he could be in for a special season during the summer workout sessions.

"During summer when we were playing 7-on-7 games and tournaments," he said, "I knew if Andrew and I could keep the chemistry between us and me make him trust throwing the ball to me, we could do something special."

Now Neal and James have an entire offseason to continue to develop chemistry to make Hermiston an even better team next season, and to also help Neal achieve a new goal.

"I'm honored (for second team)," he says, "but at the same time that sets a new goal for me for next season, gotta get that first team."

Class 5A All-State Football

First team

Quarterback — John Bledsoe, sr., Summit.
 Running back — Tanner Earhart, sr., Dallas; Nathaniel Maddox, sr., Lebanon.
 Wide receiver — Harrison Steiger, sr., Wilsonville; Nicky Weinberg, sr., Ashland; Peter Mason, sr., Central.
 Tight end — Grant Tobias, sr., Summit.
 Offensive Line — Owen Baker, sr., Crater; Marlon Tuipulotu, sr., Central; Cody Janssen, sr., Dallas; Dustin Gubbels, sr., Silverton; Corbin Anderson, soph., Lebanon.
 Kicker — Austin Kness, jr., Wilsonville.
 Defensive line — Marlon Tuipulotu, sr., Central; JT Gill, sr., Crater; John-Henry Line, sr., Hermiston; Jakob Cripe, sr.,

Lebanon.
 Linebacker — Cooger Smith, sr., Redmond; Josefa Polamalu, jr., Sandy; Ty Miller, sr., Lebanon; Nick Ah Sam, sr., Springfield.
 Defensive back — Cole Sipos, sr., Lebanon; Nicky Weinberg, sr., Ashland; Peter Mason, sr., Central; Talanoa Hufanga, jr., Crescent Valley; Tharren Blood, sr., Wilsonville.
 Punter — Kyle Cornett, sr., Summit.
Second team
 Quarterback — Ty Hargis, sr., Lebanon.
 Running back — Dawson Ruhl, sr., Summit; Roy Williams, jr., Corvallis; Connor Morton, sr., Thurston.
 Wide receiver — Dayshawn Neal, jr., Hermiston; Ben Graziani, jr., Summit.
 Tight end — TJ Dimick, jr., Dallas.
 Offensive line — Noah Klein, sr., Mountain View; Marco Tonato, sr., Redmond; Brock Garver, sr., St. Helens; Zach Gadbois, sr., St. Helens; Tanner Gilchrist, sr., Redmond; Wynn Nevin, sr., Eagle Point.
 Kicker — Chad Andrews, jr., Ashland.
 Defensive line — Draco Bynum, jr., Wilsonville; Cade Caudill, sr., Dallas; Colin Walker, sr., Silverton; Jayden Priestner, sr., Sandy.
 Linebacker — Kaden Floyd, sr., Wilsonville; Tanner Saltee, sr., Lebanon; Lance Cline, sr., Silverton; Jacob Collins, sr., Dallas; Grant Tobias, sr., Summit.
 Defensive back — Kyle Cornett, sr., Summit; Dom Rocha, sr., Wilsonville; Reov Jackson, jr., Marist; Ryan Stanley, sr., Bend; Gabe Poulin, sr., Sandy.
 Punter — Austin Haskett, sr., Silverton.
Honorable mention
 Quarterback — Nick McCoy, sr., La Salle Prep; Talanoa Hufanga, jr., Crescent Valley; Connor Neville, sr., Wilsonville.
 Running back — Haidon Allen, sr., St. Helens; Chase Carmony, sr., Sandy; Daniel Bazan, sr., Bend; Sam Jackson, sr., Churchill; Sage Roundtree, sr., Hillsboro.
 Wide receiver — Parker Cardwell, sr., La Salle Prep; Myles Terry, sr., St. Helens; Spencer Clements, jr., Silverton.
 Tight end — McKane Ellis, sr., Ashland; Nick Parise, sr., La Salle Prep.
 Offensive line — Elijah Cohrs, jr., Sandy; Troy Boyd, jr., Ashland; TJ Brewster, jr., Sandy; Dillon Holliday, sr., Sandy; Kyle Rodden, sr., Ashland; Marco Brewer, jr., Corvallis; Brock Metherich, sr., Bend; Noah Turnbull, jr., Summit; Leonard Hunter, sr., Eagle Point; Nick Carbone, sr., La Salle Prep; Zach Reddelings, sr., Redmond.
 Kicker — Tyler Lindsey, sr., Bend; Oswaldo Ramirez, jr., South Albany.
 Defensive line — John Ale, sr., Crater; Colton Albertson, sr., St. Helens; Matt Allen, sr., Redmond; McKane Ellis, sr., Ashland; Taylor Lawler, sr., Eagle Point; Cian Marderos, jr., Summit.
 Linebacker — Spencer Klein, sr., Mountain View; Kaleb Wyrngarden, sr., Bend.
 Defensive back — Kobe Garcia, jr., Silverton; Tucker Mosley, sr., St. Helens; Connor Morton, sr., Thurston.
 Punter — Chad Andrews, jr., Ashland; Parker Cardwell, sr., La Salle Prep.

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Hermiston places eighth at Tri-State tournament

The Hermiston Bulldogs wrestling team spent the weekend at North Idaho College taking part in the 45th Annual Tri-State Tournament where the team finished tied for eighth place out of 60 teams.

The Bulldogs racked up 116 points to finish dead even with Lake Stevens (Washington) for eighth place. Havre (Montana) won the tournament with 184 points.

In the tournament, Hermiston had just three wrestlers that earned spots on the podium out of 15 total competitors. Valen Wyse was the high finisher, taking second place at 170 pounds after he was disqualified in the championship match, handing Wyse his first loss of the season.

At 145 pounds, CJ Hendon (9-3) finished sixth after

losing to Ryden Fu of Tahoma by a 5-1 decision, and Joey Gutierrez (11-2) took fourth place at 182 pounds following a loss by fall to Winston Scott of East Valley (WA) at 3:18.

Hermiston next heads to the Best of the West Tournament in Pasco (WA) on Wednesday afternoon.

MAC-HI CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT — At Mil-ton-Freewater, the Mac-Hi Pioneers and Irrigon Knights both turned in top-3 team finishes, while Hermiston's JV finished sixth and Heppner finished eighth on Saturday.

Mac-Hi finished second with 197.5 points and Irrigon was third with 162 points. Kamiakin (Washington) won the tournament with 230.5 points, while Hermiston had 94.5 and Heppner had 67.

Irrigon coach Jason Dunt-

en said he was thrilled with his team's third place finish.

"At this tournament last year we took seventh and we've come a long ways now," Dunten said. "The kids are really coming along and actually showing great signs of improvement."

Irrigon did not have any champions in the tournament, but did finish with 14 placers on the day and five top-3 finishes. Silvestre Olguin-Vasquez was second at 132 pounds, Manny Gutierrez third at 138 pounds, Jose Romero second at 145 pounds, Josue Aguilera third at 152 pounds, and Alex Walls third at 160 pounds.

Heppner's day was highlighted by Cord Flynn's championship at 220 pounds, when he pinned Southridge's Atsamaz Pliev at the 3:30

mark of the match, keeping his season record at a perfect 8-0. Heppner nearly had two championships on the day, though, but Trevor Antonucci came up short at 113 pounds as he lost to Tanner Bushman by pin at 1:42 to settle for second place.

Irrigon Placers

106 — Alexis Williams, 4th
 126 — Luis Cardenas, 6th
 132 — Silvestre Olguin-Vasquez, 2nd
 138 — Manny Gutierrez, 3rd; Michael Fuzi, 5th
 145 — Jose Romero, 2nd; Damon Sawyer 5th
 152 — Josue Aguilera, 3rd
 160 — Alex Walls, 3rd; Adrian Gutierrez, 6th
 170 — Colby Krogh, 4th; Franco Sanchez, 6th

182 — Christian Michaels, 4th
 195 — Kevin Murgia, 4th
 220 — Tucker McAllister, 5th

Heppner Placers
 113 — Trevor Antonucci, 2nd
 126 — Leo Waite, 4th
 220 — Cord Flynn, 1st (def. Atsamaz Pliev (Southridge) by fall, 3:30)

HERMISTON Placers

106 — Isaac Lambert, 2nd
 120 — Augustus Blackhurst, 6th
 132 — Clemente Cardenas, 6th
 138 — Jaden Estes, 4th
 170 — Zach Kirkpatrick, 5th
 220 — Sean Stewart, 6th
 285 — Cody Wizner, 2nd; Garrett Hills, 4th

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