

Herald Sports



Hermiston boys lacrosse splits in weekend roadtrip

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The Hermiston lacrosse team made a trip to central Oregon over the weekend for a pair of games, looking to extend its win streak to a possible four games.

However, the Bulldogs have to settle with three wins in their last four games as they dropped Friday's game to Ridgeview in a 6-5 nail-biter and then rebounded to breeze past Sisters 16-5 on Saturday morning.

The win over Sisters improves Hermiston's record to 3-0 when it scores at least 10 goals in a game.

In the loss to Ridgeview, Hermiston (3-6) senior Fidel Contreras broke through for two goals in the game, while Taylor Arnold, Luke Walchili and Bradlee Gjusti all scored one goal apiece. Then against Sisters, Brady Christiansen stood out with a team-best five goals, Tucker Salinas was close behind with three and Walchili and Giesen each had two.

Tysen Salinas, Hunter



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Josh Simpson, a sophomore for the Hermiston Bulldogs, plays defense against the Sisters Outlaws over the weekend.

Thompson, Elias Sandoval and Ian Bush each had one goal apiece as well.

Hermiston's next game will be on Friday as it hosts Liberty under the lights at Kennison Field. The junior varsity will start the night off at 5 p.m. and the varsity will follow at 7 p.m. and the games are free to the public.

Senior night recognition will also precede the varsity contest.

Local Special Olympian receives state award

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Multi-sport Special Olympics athlete Andrea Eiden received the Pride In Performance Award for Outstanding Athlete.

The Hermiston/Pendleton Local Program athlete was presented the award during the March 19 Special Olympics Regional Competition held in Tualatin. Adam Kau, director of program and coach services for Special Olympics Oregon, said Eiden has participated in the program for 15 years.

"She has overcome a lot of difficulties in life and still has a positive outlook," Kau said. "She's amazing."

Eiden started with the skiing program and now participates in basketball, track & field and bowling with the Hermiston/Pendleton program. After getting the award, Eiden helped lead The H/P Shockers, a 5 vs 5 basketball team, to a gold medal in Division E. The team is coached by Mark Smalley, Kris Neustel

and Cindy Middleton.

The Individual Skills Competition resulted in a gold medal for Lyall Arey, a silver medal for Misty Larsen and fourth place for Jolynn Smutz. The 3 vs 3 competition added to the medal count with the H/P Currents of Division C taking gold, the H/P Lightning earning bronze and the H/P Volts placing fourth and the Sportsmanship Award. In Division B, the H/P Thunder earned the bronze medal and Sportsmanship Award.

Special Olympics provides year-around athletic training and sports competitions for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. To participate, athletes must be age 6 or older. There is no charge for athletes to participate.

Spring and summer training for golf, bocce and athletics (track and field) are starting up. Athletes interested in participating can call Angela Scheider at 541-314-0166.

BMCC hosting rodeo regional finals

By Hermiston Herald staff

The Blue Mountain Community College rodeo team is one of the best in the Northwest again this season, and later this month the Timberwolves will be able to show the hometown rodeo fans just how good they are.

The BMCC team is hosting the Northwest Intercollegiate Regional Finals rodeo presented by Wyatt Enterprises on April 28-29 at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo Arena in Hermiston. It is BMCC's only home rodeo of the season and the most important one, as the top three finishers in each event and the top two teams in men's and

women's events will lock up spots for the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo in June.

Competing in the rodeo along with BMCC will be Walla Walla CC, Treasure Valley, Eastern Oregon, Central Washington, Oregon State, Boise State, Washington State, Eastern Washington, Linn-Benton, North Idaho and Idaho. The Blue Mountain men's team currently leads Walla Walla in the standings by 202.5 points and the two-time defending national champion women's team leads by 1,650.5 points over Treasure Valley.

Danyelle Jo Williams is a safe bet to have a strong

weekend for the Timberwolves, as she is back to defend her women's all-around national title this season. She currently leads the Northwest region all-around standings with 1,711 points — a 276.5-point cushion on second place. BMCC's Quincey Karoline Pendegrass is currently third in the all-around with 969 points, but is only 12 points ahead of fourth place.

In the men's all-around, BMCC's JT Garland (715.00) and Preston John Espeland (651.00) are both top four in the standings and sit 192 points and 256 points out of first respectively. The men's team also

has six cowboys currently in the top three of the standings in their respective events.

The regional finals will kick off with a slack performance at 10 a.m. and an evening performance 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28, and then pick back up on April 29 at 10 a.m. with slack before wrapping up at 6:30 p.m. for the final performance. Tickets for the evening performances are \$10 and slack is \$5 and both can be purchased at the gate. Children under 12 years of age are free.

All proceeds from the rodeo will go directly to the Blue Mountain rodeo team's scholarship fund.

PREP ROUNDUP

Rodeo

Pendleton roper Trent Sorey was the only local to claim an average title at the weekend's doubleheader high school rodeos at Farm-City Arena.

Sorey won the tie-down title with an aggregate time of 20.71 seconds on two head, and vaulted himself to the top of the standings with a 9.12 that won Sunday's round of competition. He was third in the first round with a 11.59.

Jacee Currin, of Heppner, won the first round of goat tying on Saturday morning in 8.12 as the only other Intermountain team member to win an event in a round.

Arlington's Joely Patnode tied for the first round win in breakaway roping with 2.98, and Lindsay Doran won the Janice Davis Memorial Award with her 17.671-second barrel race on Saturday that was the fastest of the

weekend.

Jake Raley (steer wrestling, team roping) won the boys' all-around title and Kimberly Williams (breakaway, goat tying, pole bending) was the girls' champ. Boys' rookie all-around was Chase Joyce (team roping, tie-down) and girls' rookie went to Brooklin Quisenberry (goat tying, breakaway, pole bending).

On Friday, Quaid Quisenberry won the state cow cutting title with 422 aggregate on three head, and Williams won the girls' championship with 415 on three.

UP NEXT

There will be a doubleheader rodeo on May 6-7 in Prineville, which will be preceded on May 5 by reined cow horse competition.

Tennis

(BOYS) EISENHOWER 4, HERMISTON 3 — At Yakima, Washington,

the Bulldogs played short-handed in singles action, which led to some shuffling of the lineup and ultimately contributed to Hermiston coming just short of a win, falling 4-3 on Saturday.

Hermiston's only singles win was Jose Mendoza at No. 1, where he battled back from a first set 6-1 loss to win 6-4 and 10-3 to clinch his first singles victory of the season, which coach Shann West said was a proud moment for him to see.

The Bulldogs top doubles teams continued their success Saturday, as Patrick Wicks/Thomas McCullough (6-2, 6-1) and Koby Grigg/Jason Morris (6-1, 6-4) each controlled their respective matches.

"They're finding comfortable ways to play aggressive," West said of his doubles teams. "The more they play together the more they mesh and this early success is more than what he had hoped."

Singles
Jose Mendoza (H) def. Quinlan Wilson 1-6, 6-4, 10-3
Shohei Fato (E) def. Hayden Cissna 6-3, 9-7
Sean Gillespie (E) def. Allan Zepeta 6-0, 6-0
Javier Rodriguez (E) def. Eli Munez 6-4, 6-3
Doubles
Patrick Wicks/Thomas McCullough (H) def. Brayden Uplinger/Pedro Medina 6-2, 6-1
Koby Grigg/Jason Morris (H) def. Thomas Uplinger/Gio Cardita 6-1, 6-4
Angel Maldonado/Jose Frias (E) def. Matt Eckhart/Austin Garcia 6-4, 6-3

MAC-HI 4, RIVERSIDE 2 — The Mac-Hi Pioneers and Riverside Pirates were able to squeeze in a rescheduled match on Saturday, with Mac-Hi taking the win, 4-2.

"It was good to see the boys play some good tennis and get a good quality win over Riverside," Mac-Hi coach Danny Sanchez said. "As we start preparing for tournament in two weeks, the boys will need to continue to play good

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