

PREP ROUNDUP

# Hermiston tennis has tough opening week

HERMISTON HERALD

Hermiston opened its tennis season on the road, where both the girls and boys teams suffered losses to Hanford (WA). The girls lost 7-0 to a tough Falcon squad. “It was a lot of first match jitters,” head coach Jason Sivey said. The Bulldogs’ No. 1 singles player, Mackenzie Hill, had one of the best matches of the day. She only dropped the first of two matches 5-7 against Celeste Pe. Pe would go on to win the set (5-7, 1-6) and the Falcons kept building after that.

For the boys, they were able to get one set in but ultimately lost 6-1. The Hermiston girls team took the court again Thursday, and had a rough go against the Southridge Suns, dropping all eight matches. “Similar to our Hanford match (on Tuesday), we struggled to play our game and hit the shots we know how to hit,” Sivey said. “Overall the team kept fighting hard and never gave up ... I’m proud that we continue to play hard even when we are down.”

Sivey pointed out freshmen doubles pair Ashlyn Hofbauer and Violet Mitchell’s performance, as they had the closest match of the day falling 6-4, 6-3 to Southridge’s Julia Crawford and Brianna Cosineau.

Again for the boys, the Bulldogs had a tough outing. They fell 7-0 to Southridge with senior Jason Morris having the most notable day. Morris put up a good fight but ultimately fell to his opponent.

In Hermiston’s early matches, the Bulldogs have yet to be at full strength but once they are, head coach Shann West is confident they will turn things around.

Against Walla Walla on Saturday, doubles pair Patrick Wicks and Thomas McCullough saw some of that success when the duo picked up Hermiston’s lone win. The Bulldogs eventually lost 1-7 to fall to 0-3 on the season.

Both teams will play at home for the first time Friday when they host Pasco (WA).

## TigerScots top both Vikings and Grizzlies

The Weston-McEwen TigerScots traveled to Umatilla on Thursday for a three-way match with Helix and Umatilla, and the TigerScots came away with a successful trip.

The TigerScots boys put together a 5-2 record started by Cade Bryan, Lebraun Albert and Noah Kelly getting wins in singles. Bryan defeated Umatilla’s Israel Dalalera 8-5, Albert took down Antonio Garcia 8-0

and Kelly beat Helix’s Bryce Fairchild 8-3.

And in boys doubles, Weston-McEwen’s Calvin Papineau/Lebraun Albert defeated Umatilla’s Chris Self/Connor Journey 8-4 and Alex Wood/Noah Kelly defeated Trevor Reiner/Caesar De La Cruz of Umatilla 8-5.

On the girls side, the TigerScots were 2-1 as Tenley Alderson won her singles match over Helix’s Noelle Texidor by an 8-1 score, and doubles team of Emma Olson/Cloe Davis defeated Umatilla’s Deanna Self/Marisol Munoz 8-1.

Umatilla’s Junior Corea defeated Weston-McEwen’s Caleb Mann 8-4 in boys singles action and Yessenia Garcia defeated Weston-McEwen’s Krysta Calvert 8-5 in girls singles. Boys doubles pair of Carlos Ortega/Cameron Mealey also picked up a win over Weston-McEwen’s Cameron Curtindale/Taylor Swafford 8-0.

## Hermiston fares well in first track meet of season

The Bulldogs opened their track season Tuesday on the road in Hood River. Leading the charge on the track for Hermiston were sprinters Jonathan Hinkle and Scout Regan. Both swept in the 100- and 200-meter races.

In the boys 400-meter race, the Bulldogs took second and third place when Deryk Anderson finished in 57.77 and Guiomar Garay clocked 59.33, respectively.

Isaac Sanchez, who was a force to be reckoned with during the cross country season, won the boys 800-meter race (2:02.37) and in the 1,500-meters, Hermiston swept the field as only

four Bulldogs participated in the event. They were led by Angel Benites Vera, who finished in 4:36.82.

In the 110- and 300-meter hurdles, Tyler Rohrman impressed in his first outing. He finished the 110-meter race in 15.38 — more than one second ahead of the rest of his competition — and the 300-meter race more than two seconds in front of the rest of the field (43.14).

The Bulldogs also cleaned up in the 4-400-meter relay where Sanchez ran as the anchor. The group of Freddy Mendoza, Jacob McCabe, Guiomar Garay and Sanchez grabbed first place in 3:45.93.

The girls team also had many notable finishes. In the 800-meter race, Amanda Nygard just missed a first place finish. In her first season on the track for the Bulldogs, Nygard placed second in 2:35.28.

A Hermiston trio swept the 1,500-meter race. Shelia Solorio (5:31.53), Sidney Tovey (5:34.45) and Julianna Joyce (5:43.02) finished first, second and third respectively.

In both hurdle races, Madison Wilson took first place handily. In the 110-meter race, Wilson finished in 15.77 and in the 300-meters she clocked 49.74.

For the field events, Hermiston again took top spots including the boys shot put, where Antonino Fernandez (45-08.00) and Eric White (42-04.00) placed first and second, respectively.

White did grab a first place finish in javelin after recording 145-08.00.

In the girls shot put event, Stephanie Miears finished first (37-04.00) and she also led a sweep in discus.

# BASEBALL

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walk with no hits, no runs and nine strikeouts. Mercado struck out 13 Tigers in six innings, allowing just one hit and one run.

TCP got on the board after Woods was lifted in the fifth and scored once in the fifth and three times in the sixth. Stanfield made a comeback in the seventh. Woods led off the inning with a single — the team’s first hit of the game — followed by TJ Smith doubling and Shayne Keltz reaching on a dropped third strike to load the bases with no outs trailing 4-0.

Damian Curiel then hit into an RBI ground-out to bring home Woods, and Makiah Blankenship brought in a pair on a single to right field. And with the tying run on third with one out, Dillon Dunlap hit into a game-ending double play.

The second game was all offense, no pitching with a combined 25 runs and 19 hits between the teams.

Stanfield led 9-7 as TCP went to bat in the bottom of the third, but then TCP scored a whopping eight runs in the frame to grab ahold of the lead at 15-9 and didn’t look back.

In that game, Justin Keeney, Woods, and Curiel each had two hits to lead the Tigers. Hunter McCanch also had a triple.

Stanfield’s next game was Tuesday again in Washington. The results of the matchup between White Salmon and the Tigers were not available at press time.

Game 1			R	H	E
SHS	000000	3	—	3	3
TCP	000013	X	—	4	2
(S) B. Woods, T. Smith (5) and A. Renner. (T) Mercado, Amato (7); W — Mercado, L — Smith. 2B — T. Smith (SHS); Levy (TCP).					

Game 2			R	H	E
SHS	306010	0	—	10	9
TCP	438000	X	—	15	10
(S) A. Renner, S. Keltz (2), H. McCanch (3), J. Keeney (4). (T) Iniguez, Greve (4). W — Iniguez, L — McCanch. 2B — B. Woods, J. Kenney, S. Keltz (SHS); Iniguez, Mercado (TCP). 3B — H. McCanch (SHS).					

## Heppner drops first two games of season

On the road last Tuesday,

Heppner faced Pilot Rock in both teams season openers. The Rockets came out on top, defeating the Mustangs 9-2.

Bryson Pierce and Logan Weinke combined to throw six solid innings for the Rockets, allowing four hits and two unearned runs with eight strikeouts. Weinke added one hit at the plate — a double — with two runs scored and two RBI and Chris Weinke also had a double with two runs scored and one RBI.

Coby Dougherty, Beau Wolters, Tyler Carter and Wyatt Steagall tallied the four hits for the Mustangs. Kannon Wilkins got the start on the mound and took the loss allowing six runs total with three strikeouts in two innings, and Steagall threw 3 1/3 solid innings of relief.

Just days later, the Mustangs suffered another big loss but this time it was at the hands of Irrigon. The Knights put together a 11-1 victory to push Heppner’s record to 0-2.

The Mustangs had one more game on the road before returning home. They faced Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii on Tuesday. Results of the game were not available at press time.

## Umatilla comes out of tough weekend ahead

In Touchet, the Umatilla Vikings piled up 28 hits and 24 runs as they thumped Touchet (WA) last Tuesday in a season-opening doubleheader.

In Game 1, the Vikings (2-0) were led by Kole Keller. On the mound, Keller started and threw four complete innings, allowing only one hit, one run, three walks with three strikeouts. And at the plate, Keller was 3 for 4 with three RBI.

Freshman James Wilson closed out the game with two innings on the mound, allowing just one hit with two strikeouts.

In Game 2, Cody Samson and Andrew Wilson combined to throw five solid innings on the mound. Sam-

son started and struck out two in two innings and Wilson allowed only two walks in the final three frames. Moises Garcilazo had a team-best three hits, while Noah Holford, Seth Cranston, Wilson and Samson each had two hits.

Umatilla had a quick turnaround and returned to the diamond Friday, when the Vikings were at the wrong end of a walk-off victory, as Portland Christian earned a 7-6 victory in seven innings in Portland.

The Vikings (2-1) had just tied the game at 6-6 in the top of the seventh when Seth Cranston drew a walk, and then moved around the bases on a Portland Christian error before scoring from third on a passed ball. In the bottom of the seventh, with Cranston pitching, Portland Christian’s Nelson Marshall led off with a single, advanced to third on a wild pitch and a passed ball and then scored the winning run on a single to right field by Nathan Hansen.

Cranston was Umatilla’s top hitter as he went 2 for 3 with two doubles, two runs scored and three RBI. Andrew Wilson also had a double. Kole Keller pitched well for the Vikings, tossing 5 2/3 innings while allowing three hits six runs (one earned) with five strikeouts.

The two teams were supposed to play a doubleheader, however the second game was called in the third inning due to darkness with Umatilla trailing 2-1.

The Vikings will continue their road stint at the Iron Triangle Tournament on Friday.

**DUFUR 14, RIVERSIDE 10** — The Riverside Pirates opened their season Tuesday with a tough loss to Dufur. It was reminiscent of the first game last season where Riverside also dropped the game 10-0.

This time around, the Pirates (0-1 overall) were able to get some offense going against the Rangers (1-0) but it wasn’t enough for the win.

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