

Bulldog baseball splits Saturday doubleheader

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HERMISTON — Both games of Saturday's doubleheader between Hermiston and The Dalles were decided in the seventh inning, with Hermiston taking the first 7-6 and The Dalles winning the second 7-6.

In the opener the Bulldogs (6-11 overall, 2-3 Columbia River Conference) trailed 6-4 as they came to bat in the bottom of the seventh and the rally began. A bases-loaded walk by Andrew James and a fielding error by The Dalles brought in three runs to tie the game at 6-6. Later in the frame, Jordan Ramirez was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, which brought in the winning run.

In the second game, a two-RBI triple off the bat of Wyatt Noland helped Hermiston to a 6-5 lead after six complete innings. However, in the top of the seventh with Ramirez in to pitch, The Dalles hit a leadoff double and a single followed by two Hermiston errors, which allowed the Riverhawks (4-12, 1-4) to take a 7-6 lead.

Noland had a great day batting, going a combined

5-for-8 with a double and a triple and four RBI.

The Bulldogs were coming off a tough Tuesday matchup against Hood River Valley, where Hermiston fell 10-6 despite a four-run rally in the seventh.

The Eagles got up early scoring six runs in the first two innings. Hermiston wasn't able to get on the board until the third when Garron Anderson hit a two-RBI single to cut the deficit to 6-2.

The Eagles (9-9, 3-2) slowly added to their lead over the fourth, fifth and sixth inning while keeping the Bulldogs scoreless.

It wasn't until the top of the seventh that Hermiston finally made a dent. The four runs were highlighted by Anderson, who again added to Hermiston's total with a two-RBI single.

While Anderson brought in four of the six runs, it was Jordan Ramirez who had a perfect day at the plate. Ramirez went 4-for-4 and scored twice in the outing.

Andrew James took the loss for Hermiston after 3 1/3 innings toeing the rubber. James surrendered eight runs on eight hits, struck out four and walked two.

Softball sweeps league doubleheader

Wins put Hermiston in second place

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HERMISTON — A big day from Bailee Noland helped the Hermiston Bull-

dogs to a doubleheader sweep of The Dalles 7-6 and 15-5 on Saturday afternoon.

Hermiston was coming off its very first shutout of the season, falling to Hood River Valley 8-0 Thursday.

But the efforts of Noland on offense and in the circle helped push the Bulldogs (10-5 overall, 3-2 Columbia

River Conference) to over .500 in league play.

Noland tallied five hits, two of which were home runs, and earned the win in the circle in Game 1 after throwing seven innings with four strikeouts and six runs allowed. She also scored the game-winning run in the first outing, breaking from

third on a passed ball to complete the two-run rally to win the game.

Sydney Stefani tallied six hits out of the lead-off spot in the Bulldogs' order and Janelle Almaguer earned the win in Game 2 with a five-inning outing and added four hits and four RBI as a hitter.

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BMCC in baseball playoff hunt

PENDLETON — Hermiston graduate Nychal Gritz and the Blue Mountain Community College Timberwolves overcame a rocky start Saturday to take the first game of a doubleheader 13-11, and after losing the second 2-1 to the Wenatchee Knights the team is four games out of the second playoff spot with 12 to play.

In the first game, the Knights (20-14, 7-9) jumped on Gritz for five runs in

the first two innings. Gritz was peppered for six hits and three walks to start. He threw six innings total, but over his final four innings he allowed only one hit and struck out six. For the game, Gritz finished with a season-high nine strikeouts.

In the ninth, the Knights loaded the bases with two outs against BMCC closer Nate Keough, though Keough escaped with a pop fly out to clinch the win.

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