

Dawgs can't keep up with blazing Bucks

Pendleton extends streak with sweep of rival Hermiston

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PENDLETON — If you ask Kalan McGlothan about her first game back after nearly two weeks out due to injury, the senior third baseman will shrug and give you a sideways smile.

On Tuesday against Hood River Valley, McGlothan went 0-for-4 and only reached base on an error by Hood River's left fielder. Head coach Tim Cary commented on her timing after the 8-5 win and knew it would take a while for the second-team All-State returner to get things going in the batter's box.

All it took for McGlothan was three days.

On Friday in Game 2 of a doubleheader against Hermiston, McGlothan ripped a home run over the right-field fence — with a little help from the wind — and put the Buckaroos up for good. The two-run home run was the first of two in the fourth inning and helped complete the sweep to keep Pendleton's spotless in the Columbia River Conference.

"It felt really good," McGlothan said of her best at bat of the day. "I went up there and I just knew I was going to get a hit, that I was going to get on base."

She went 4-for-6 against the Bulldogs and was one of a number of Bucks to have a standout day.

After handily taking Game 1 14-0, McGlothan and Kila Solomon's homers opened up Game 2 and the duo helped push Pendleton to an 11-1 victory.

"The two home runs were huge," Cary said, "great momentum starters right there and got us a comfort-



STAFF PHOTOS BY KATHY ANEY
Hermiston pitcher Janelle Amaguer fields a bunt and throws to first during Friday's game against Pendleton.



Hermiston catcher Bailee Noland puts out Josie Wilson, of Pendleton, during Friday's game at Steve Cary Field.

able lead where we could go out and play defense and breathe a little bit."

For the start of the second game, momentum was actually on Hermiston's side. The Bulldogs (11-7 overall, 4-4 CRC) got out to an early 1-0 lead after Sydney Stefani's grounder caused the Bucks (18-1, 8-0) to make one

of their only two errors on the day, which in turn gave Amanda Barron enough time to score. It was Hermiston's only run of the day, and gave the Bulldogs a chance to snap a Pendleton win streak that dates back to the 2013-14 season.

"The first four innings they came out working

hard," Hermiston head coach Kate Greenough said.

It wasn't until the end of the fourth that the Bulldogs started to tire, and by then Pendleton had already knotted the score at one run apiece.

Lauren Richards hit an RBI double in the bottom of the frame to tie the game at 1-1 and on the Bucks next offensive appearance, the two home runs put them up for good.

Pendleton scored six more times in the bottom of the fifth to enforce the 10-run rule and end the game early — Elli Nirschl, Sami Spriet, Aspen Garton, Solomon and Richards all contributed.

The Bucks have rarely trailed all year, and often take an early lead in the first inning with at least one run on the board. But all 11 runs in Game 2 and more than half of the runs in Game 1 came in and after the third frame.

"We always feel that if you don't get it the first time, don't worry," Cary said. "We're a good hitting team, we're going to start piling these hits together here pretty quick and sure enough we did."

"That's just kind of our theme this year, let's just keep swinging it and good things will happen here sooner or later."

It was that patience that helped Pendleton breakout in the first game. After a 1-2-3 frame from both Hermiston's pitcher, Janelle Amaguer, and Pendleton's Richards — who was in the circle both games pitching a combined 10 innings — it seemed as if it was going to be a pitcher's duel instead of the usual hitting frenzy.

But a defensive miscue from the Bulldogs in the second inning opened up the game for the Bucks, and Pendleton never looked back.

"It did get everything started right there," Cary said. "That was a huge play."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bull riding event comes to Hermiston

HERMISTON — The Coastal Farm & Ranch Challenge of Champions Professional Bull Riding Tour is bringing some rodeo action to Eastern Oregon a few months ahead of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo and the Pendleton Round-Up.

The Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center will host the event on May 5 at 7:30 p.m., where some top-level bulls will face off against professional bull riders. The winner receives a custom belt buckle, a jacket and other prizes from the tour sponsors.

The Challenge of Champions Tour runs from January to January and has stops throughout Oregon, Idaho, Washington and

Nevada. Tickets for the event are \$14 in advance and \$17 at the gate while children 5 and under are free.

Butte Challenge on the horizon

HERMISTON — The Butte Challenge, featuring a 5K run, 5K walk and 10K run, is quickly approached. The 19th annual event supporting the Hermiston cross country program will take place Saturday, May 12th.

The timed 5 and 10K races will begin at 8:30 a.m. with awards and a raffle taking place at 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively.

The deadline to purchase a custom technical race T-shirt has already passed with 53 participants already signed up.

Bulldogs speed up

The Hermiston track and field team had a busy day Friday as some athletes competed in the Nike/Jesuit Twilight Relays at Jesuit High and others spent time at the Dean Nice Invite at Gresham High.

The bulk of Bulldogs competed in Gresham, where the boys team finished ninth with 38 points and the girls team 12th with 36 points.

Tyler Rohrman, Issac Sanchez and Jackson Morgan had some of the best performances of the day.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Rohrman clocked 14.96 seconds for second place — it was 0.35 seconds off his preliminary time of 14.61 which was a new season best. Sanchez rounded out the top five in the 800-meter race. His time of 1:58.89 edged out a runner from South Salem.

Morgan cleared 5-10.00 in the high jump to claim

third place. Antonio Fernandez also had a third place finish in the discus throw (141-05.00).

On the girls side, Amanda Nygard finished fifth in the 800-meters with a new personal record (PR) of 2:24.46. Shelia Solorio rounded out the top 10 in the 1,500-meter race after clocking 5:19.32, also a new personal best.

Sidney Tovey placed fifth in the 3,000-meters with a new PR of 11:27.70.

In the field, Stephanie Mears finished first in shot put after recording 39-06.00. Sheridan Deike took home second in the discus throw (99-04) and Jazlyn Romero claimed fourth place in the javelin throw (118-04).

At the Twilight Relays, Scout Reagan finished fifth in the 100-meter dash (12.77), Madison Wilson placed fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (14.98) and the 4x100-meter relay team finished fourth in 49.44 in a stacked field.



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