

# Herald Sports



## Hermiston beats Pasco, falls to Chiawana

### Volleyball • Girls win battle of Dawgs

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The Hermiston Bulldogs were short-handed Thursday night for their Mid-Columbia Conference match against Pasco, but once they got into a rhythm, their game came together.

After dropping the first set, Hermiston (3-6) rallied for a 20-25, 25-20, 25-21, 25-19 road win over Pasco (0-8).

“When you have two middles and one (Haylee Hamilton) goes down, you have to be resourceful,” Hermiston coach Amy Dyck said. “A lot of it was hit-or-miss. We had half a practice with a new rotation.”

Scout Reagan, a 5-foot-6 senior, moved to the middle to replace Hamilton. She led Hermiston with 11 kills, while adding three blocks and six digs.

“She played middle last year, so this wasn’t new to her,” Dyck said. “She is a true athlete. It was fun to see her get up and get her rhythm back.”

When Pasco won the first set, it was just the second it had won this year. Coach Julie Estes said the small victories lead to bigger things.

“They are improving every game,” Estes said. “They are starting to trust themselves and their teammates, and believing they can win.”

Pasco rallied from a 6-2 deficit in the first set, and finally took the lead for good at 13-12. The Bulldogs led by as many as seven points before securing the win.

“Every night in this league is tough,” Dyck said. “I’m proud we went three straight to win the match. We are prepared to fight every night.”

It was Pasco that had the early lead in the second set, but Hermiston tied the set at 10-10, then put a little distance between the teams with solid service runs by Emma Combes and Halee Stubbs. Reagan served set point.

Hermiston jumped out to a 14-3 lead in the third set, only to see Pasco pull within 23-21 late in the set. Ireland McDonough served for the win.

In the final set, the teams were tied at 11-11 before Combes reeled off seven consecutive points for a 19-11 lead. Pasco would fight back to make it 23-19, but would get no closer.

McDonough added eight kills and nine digs for Hermiston, while Sophia Streeter had four blocks, Stubbs 29



Hermiston's Kendall Dowdy set the ball in the Bulldogs' 3-0 loss to Chiawana on Tuesday in Hermiston.

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Hermiston's Scout Reagan spikes the ball into the block from Chiawana's Yaleni Garcia (9) and McKenna Kaelber in the Bulldogs' 3-0 loss to the Riverhawks on Tuesday in Hermiston.

digs, Kendall Dowdy 21 assists, and Combes 15 digs and five aces.

### Dawgs fall to Chiawana

Chiawana had just one serve receive error last week during their Oct. 2 game. That and a few other things spelled doom for Hermiston in its Mid-Columbia Conference home match with the Riverhawks.

McKenna Kaelber handed out 26 assists and Mareesa Hill had seven kills as the Riverhawks cruised to a 25-16, 25-6, 25-6 victory over the Bulldogs (2-6).

“We never showed up,” Dyck said. “I don’t know what the distraction was. We can have the greatest warm-up in the world, and as soon as the whistle blows we don’t have it. One day it will click and they will believe in themselves. They have the talent and the heart.”

Kylie Thorn, who had six kills and three aces, reeled off eight consecutive points in the first set as Chiawana jumped out to a 12-2 lead.

Hermiston's Hamilton put three points on the board to pull her team within 15-7, and Kendall Dowdy added three more points to make it 17-10. The teams traded points to the end.

Kaelber and Hill combined for 10 points as the Riverhawks went out front 11-1 in the second set. The Bulldogs would not get closer than 10 points.

The third set was more of the same. Marissa Logozzo served seven consecutive points for a 7-1 lead, then Thorne reeled off eight more for a 17-1 lead.

With Chiawana leading 19-5, the Bulldogs committed four unforced errors as the Riverhawks put the match away.

“Against a team this good, we can’t send over a bunch of free balls,” Dyck said. “They take a free ball and say, ‘Thank you very much.’”

Dowdy led the Bulldogs with 11 digs and 10 assists, while Courtnee West had 18 assists, Reagan three kills and six digs, Avery Treadwell four kills, and Daisy Maddox three kills.

The win was No. 501 for Chiawana coach Jim Steach, whose team is 7-0 in the MCC.

“We have six seniors who have been around awhile,” he said. “They know the game really well. Defensively, our movement was much better. It’s these kind of things we are working on getting better at.”

Yaneli Garcia added five kills, and Logozzo 13 digs for the Riverhawks.

## Chiawana overpowers Hermiston

### Football • Vongphachanh leads way on both sides

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The Hermiston Bulldogs were concerned about Chiawana's defense and AJ Vongphachanh going into Friday's Mid-Columbia Conference showdown.

They were right to be worried. Vongphachanh finished with a handful of tackles and a quarterback sack, a fumble recovery and a 5-yard interception for a touchdown. Oh, and he also ran the ball for a 2-point conversion as the Riverhawks got back on the winning track with a 34-10 victory over the Bulldogs at Edgar Brown Stadium in Pasco.

“Too many mistakes,” Hermiston coach David Faaeteete said. “We turned the ball over on two occasions and got down 21-7. Hats off to Chiawana, they played a good game and they beat us soundly.”

The Riverhawks (4-1) avoided losing three games in a row with the win, and caused even more of a logjam in the standings.

“The defense played really well up front,” Chiawana coach Steve Graff said. “When we

had chances on offense, we got points. Some of the young kids are growing up and making better decisions, and that helps.”

Hermiston (4-2) wasted no time in finding the end zone first Friday night, as Wyatt Noland bulled his way over the goal line from 1 yard out just 3:54 into the game. Noland finished with 82 yards rushing.

Chiawana punted on its first possession, then forced Hermiston to do the same. A poor snap to punter Juan Carlos Navarrete resulted in a fumble that was recovered by Vongphachanh at the Bulldogs' 22.

One play later, Preston Vine connected with Kobe Young for a 22-yard touchdown. The PAT failed, giving Hermiston a 7-6 lead.

In the second quarter, the Riverhawks scored two touchdowns in a span of 14 seconds.

After Vongphachanh returned an Andrew James interception for a touchdown, and converted the 2-point conversion for a 14-7 lead. Chiawana forced a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and returned the ball to the Hermiston 1-yard line.

Vine plunged over the goal line for the touchdown and a 21-7 lead.

“That helped,” Graff said of the two quick scores. “We’ve had that done to us. I know what that feels like.”

Navarrete kicked a 25-yard field goal with

40 seconds remaining in the first half to pull the Bulldogs within 21-10.

The Riverhawks would score twice in the second half, while holding the Bulldogs scoreless.

“I thought the kids battled hard,” Faaeteete said. “A lot of the kids don’t have the experience playing in big games like this.”

James threw for 127 yards — 55 of them going to Jordan Ramirez. Ryan Arnold finished with nine tackles, while Cash Campbell and Cody Thacker had quarterback sacks, and Broc Remmer an interception.

Hermiston	7	3	0	0-	10
Chiawana	7	14	7	7-	34

#### Scoring

1Q  
H - Wyatt Noland 1 run (Juan Carlos Navarrete kick)  
C - Kobe Young 22 pass from Preston Vine (kick failed)  
2Q  
C - AJ Vongphachanh 5 INT return (Vongphachanh run)  
C - Vine 1 run (Lowry kick)  
H - FG 25 Navarrete  
3Q  
C - Bennie Alferness 7 pass from Vine (Lowry kick)  
4Q  
C - Dion Lee 22 pass from Vine (kick failed)

Statistics  
Passing - HHS, Andrew James 11-21-3-127; CHS Preston Vine, 12-21-1-115.  
Rushing - HHS, Andrew James 7-25, Wyatt Noland 25-82, Guiomar Garay 2-1, Ramirez 1-13, Garrett  
Walchli 2-(minus-6); CHS Preston Vine 9-(minus-5), Gabe Schilz 10-56, AJ Vongphachanh 6-63, Aidan Villarreal 5-12, Seth Wilz 3-7.  
Receiving - HHS, Jordan Ramirez 4-55, Garrett Walchli 1-35, Youbani Razon 3-26, Trevor Waggoner 1-4, Guiomar Garay 1-2; CHS Dion Lee 2-23, Kobe Young 5-58, Caleb Alvarez 2-19, Riley Cissne 1-5, Seth Wilz 1-3, Bennie Alferness 1-7.

### Bulldogs prepare to face Eisenhower Friday

The Hermiston Bulldogs are licking their wounds after a 34-10 loss to Chiawana last week, but Friday is a new day.

Hermiston (4-2) will host Eisenhower (Yakima) in a nonleague game at Kennison Field.

Eisenhower has won two games in a row, coming into the game off a 20-13 win over Moses Lake.

“It’s homecoming, anything can happen,” Hermiston quarterback Andrew James said.

The game will feature the top running back in the Mid-Columbia Conference in Hermiston's Wyatt Noland, and the top back in the Big Nine Conference in Damien Pacheco.

Noland has run for 924 yards and 13 touchdowns, while Pacheco has 845 yards and nine touchdowns for the Cadets (3-3 overall, 1-2 Big Nine).

Noland, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound senior, was held to 82 yards last week, but he is healthy going into Friday night, and said he is ready to get back to work.

A 5-7, 155-pound senior, Pacheco ran for 300 yards and five touchdowns in Eisenhower's 42-28 win over Stadium in their season opener. Since then, he has been averaging 109 yards per game.

Defensively, the Cadets allow 349 yards and 23.6 points per game.