Hermiston XC finishes big at MCC Districts

Cross Country

Hermiston's run at Thursday's MCC Districts in Richland left the team with "many positives."

The JV boys' team finished third out of eight teams, and were led by Anthony Duron and Nicholas Breshears, who both finished in the top 13. Cydney Sanchez continued to run well for the Bulldogs, crossing the finish line in ninth place in the varisty girls' division. Ellie Ernst was right behind her at 11th place. Freshman Jackson Shaver placed at No. 4 for the

"These results are exciting because it shows the future for Hermiston crosscountry," said coach Troy Blackburn.

Heppner's Hunter Nichols finished third Thursday at the Kyle Burnside Wildhorse Invite in Pendleton.

Nichols, a senior, covered the 5,000meter course in a time of 15 minutes, 52.30 seconds. The Mustangs finished sixth in the team standings with 148

Union's Tim Stevens won the race in a time of 15:08.60, while The Dalles won the boys team title with 56 points.

Umatilla's Zayne Troeger was the top man for the Vikings, placing 18th in a time of 17:07.50.

Volleyball

The Irrigon Knights qualified for state volleyball for first time in school history Saturday, Oct. 20 placing second at the Eastern Oregon League district tourna-

"We played like we have never played before, and it paid off," Knights coach Vanessa Pacheco said. "It was not easy, but we played with heart and as a team for the win.'

Irrigon, the No. 3 seed, opened the day with a 23-25, 20-25, 25-23, 25-15, 15-13 victory over No. 2 seed Vale.

"It was fun to watch everything come together for us today," Pacheco said. "We adjusted fast to Vale's hitters and were able to make plays of our own."

After beating the Vikings, the Knights took on Burns in the championship match, but the Hilanders proved to be a worthy opponent, taking the match and the district title 25-18, 25-18, 25-22

On the day, Haley White had 21 kills, Alyssa Luna 8 kills, Emma Mueller 34 assists and Makenna Collins 25 digs.

Football

STANFIELD 53, RIVERSIDE 0 — Riverside's final game of the season came in a home shutout against Stanfield on Thursday night.

We lost a few guys this week," said Pirates coach David Boor. "But the kids played hard."

The Pirates closed the year out with an 0-6 record for the OSAA and 0-3 for the league. Meanwhile, Thursday's game was Stanfield's first win. The Tigers (1-6, 1-2) will play their final game when they host Heppner (5-2, 2-0) next Friday.

ECHO 51, SOUTH WASCO COUNTY 6 - A last-second touchdown from South Wasco County in the fourth quarter were the only points Echo allowed at home on Friday night.

"They played amazing," Cougars coach Rick Thew said of his team's performance. "Defense played lights out."

Quarterback Devan Craig passed for 167 yards and three touchdowns, and also recorded nine tackles and one interception. Running back Mason Smith rushed for 127 yards, including three touchdowns. Running back Mychael Pointer had four receptions for 80 yards, and recovered a South Wasco fumble and ran it into the end zone for a touchdown.

Echo (6-1) will play their final regular season game at home Oct. 26, against an opponent yet to be determined.

NYSSA 35, IRRIGON 14 - Irrigon dropped their home game to Nyssa (6-2, 3-1) on Friday night.

Running back Payton Smith rushed 45 yards and quarterback Keith Fleming caught a 19-yard pass for the Knights' two touchdowns.

"We played really well in the first half," said coach Ken Thompson. "I was really impressed with how the kids played and ran the ball. But (Nyssa) pounded away at us.'

Irrigon (3-5, 0-3) will close out their season with one final home game against Umatilla (1-6, 0-3) on Oct. 26.

Boys Soccer

RIVERSIDE 15, FOUR RIVERS 0 — The Pirates played their final home match of the season and shut out Four Rivers on Thursday.

After a seven-game winning streak, Riverside finally met their match on Saturday when they traveled to Nyssa and were beaten 4-0.

The Pirates (9-3-1, 6-1) have one more game left in league play: Irrigon (1-11, 1-6) at home on Friday.

Girls Soccer

KAMIAKIN 2, HERMISTON 0 — Hermiston faced off against the MCC's

No. 1 team and lost at home on Thursday. Kamiakin scored both goals in the

"We did really good," said Bulldogs coach Freddy Guizar. "We played an undefeated team and held them at 0-0 in the second half — that was a big highlight. (Keeper) Lanie Gomez kept her composure the whole game and made sure no balls made it into the net."

The Bulldogs (1-14, 1-12) have one more league game on the schedule. They traveled to Walla Walla (4-9) on Tuesday to close out the season.

RIVERSIDE 4, NYSSA 0 — The Pirates are now riding three consecutive shutouts into this week's season-closer after hosting Nyssa on Saturday.

Riverside (7-2-3, 4-0-1) will finish things off when they travel to Irrigon (0-9-1, 0-5) on Friday.

Timberwolves dig for a cure

By BRETT KANE STAFF WRITER

The Timberwolves proved they were tough enough to wear pink and beat the North Idaho Cardinals at home on Friday night.

The game was a part of the "Tough Enough to Wear campaign, which raises awareness and funds for breast cancer patients and survivors in the community. Proceeds earned from admission and pink T-shirts sold at the door were donated to the St. Anthony Care Clinic and the Kickin' Cancer New Beginnings program. BMCC selects one game in October every year to spotlight the

"We knew (North Idaho) would be a tough opponent," said coach Jessica Humphreys. "We wanted the extra hype, and the girls get excited to wear their pink jerseys. It's tradition."

Timberwolves setter Sophia Casarez put her team on the scoreboard on the first play with a kill. BMCC had a five-point lead before the Cardinals came back strong and brought the score to a 24-24 tie. The Timberwolves narrowly claimed victory to end the set, 28-26.



STAFF PHOTO BY BRETT KANE

(L-R) Mariah Moulton (4), Faith McQueen (11), Sophia Casarez (1), and Emily Beebe (6) gear up to return North Idaho's serve at BMCC on Friday.

The second set was smoother for BMCC, opening with a three-point lead thanks to kills from Casarez, and middle blockers Sydney Neuman and Faith McQueen. The set ended in their favor, 25-16.

But the Cardinals came back with a vengeance to claim set three with a 25-18 victory, and even managed to make the fourth difficult for the Timberwolves, tying it up 24-24 near the end. Neuman recorded a kill and Idaho middle blocker Sydney Bybee sealed BMCC's win with a 26-24 set-closing score.

"North Idaho is routinely

tough," Humphreys said after the game. "We would've had the third set if we kept our intensity, but I'm proud of how the girls responded."

This is Humphreys' second year as Timberwolves head coach. She said Casarez brought the passion and fight to the court against the Cardinals.

"It's all about energy and team dynamic, and we came out with both," Casarez said. "We love each other like a family. We played as a team 100 percent tonight — there wasn't a moment where everybody wasn't giving it their all."

Kamiakin sweeps Hermiston

By ANNIE FOWLER

STAFF WRITER

A slow start by Hermiston paid dividends for Kamiakin in their Mid-Columbia Conference volleyball match Thursday night.

The Braves cruised to a 25-13 win in the first set, but had to hold off the host Bulldogs down the stretch to finish off the sweep 25-21, 25-19.

"We struggle with starting out dialed in," Hermiston coach Amy Dyck said. "Unfortunately, it takes a lot of momentum to get our focus out there. When we take care of business on our side, we are right there."

The loss gives the Bulldogs (4-8 MCC) the No. 3 seed from the MCC for the regional tournament that begins Nov. 1. The Bulldogs will play North Central at 5 p.m. at Southridge High School. The Suns will play the winner of the match.

Kamiakin (6-6) will be the No. 2 seed and will play Shadle Park at Mount Spokane.

Kamiakin's Delaney Frame controlled the play at the net Thursday night, pounding down 12 kills. Autumn Zilar added seven kills and Aspen Harrison five.

"We are getting there," Kamiakin coach Morgan Schauble said. "We still have goals to accomplish. We are young, but we don't use that as an excuse." The Braves jumped out to

an 8-1 lead in the first set, then went on to take leads of 14-4 and 18-8 as Hermiston could not establish a rhythm to its offense. Kamiakin had just four unforced errors in the set, with two being missed serves.

"When we play against teams with sound volleyball players, you have to be dialed in because they aren't going to make mistakes," Dyck said. "You have to play clean."

In the second set, the Bulldogs found themselves down 19-9 before rallying to pull within 24-21. Service runs by Halee Stubbs and Scout Reagan helped pull Hermiston back into the match, but they still fell short in the end.

The Bulldogs kept the third

set close, getting kills by Kendall Dowdy and Avery Treadwell, along with a key block from Sophia Streeter to make it 10-7.

An ace serve by Dowdy made it 10-8, and the Bulldogs later pulled within 13-11. A string of points at the service line by Reagan had Hermiston within 20-18, forcing Kamiakin to call a timeout. A Kamiakin kill forced

sideout, and three points by Makenna Morgan gave the Braves a 24-18 lead. Frame laid down the final kill to complete the sweep.

"We had some long rallies," Dyck said. "A month ago, that wouldn't have happened."

Daisy Maddox led the Bulldogs with six kills, while Dowdy added five kills, 11 assists and three blocks. Stubbs chipped in with 21 digs, while Reagan had 10 digs and Streeter three and three blocks.

Brooklyn Ford handed out 23 assists for Kamiakin, which also got 13 digs from Graysen Banta.





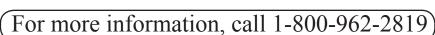


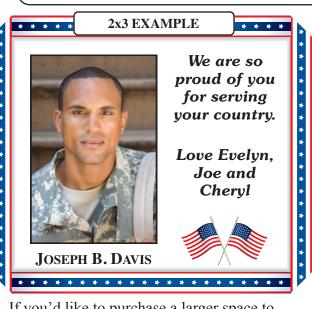


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