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DEFENDING THE DAWG HOUSE

Andreason leads the way for Hermiston with 23 points in home win over Lewiston

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Hermiston doesn't much like to lose, no matter the sport. When the Bulldogs were trailing by three with one quarter to play, they turned on the jets to the tune of 31 points in the fourth quarter to post a 72-63 victory over Lewiston in their season opener Friday at the Dawg House.

"It definitely looked like our first game," Hermiston coach Casey Arstein said. "We have a lot to work on, but it was nice to come away with the win."

Cole Smith scored nine of his 13 points in the fourth quarter, while Jordan Ramirez and Ryne Andreason each had seven.

"They are good," Lewiston coach Jayson Ulrich said. "I told the guys this doesn't hurt us in the league standings. This is why we play these games, to help prepare us for league play."

Helping the Bulldogs in the fourth quarter was their stellar shooting at the free-throw line, where they made 12 of 14 shots.

"When they started making their free throws, they stretched out their lead," Ulrich said.

Andrew James scored seven of his 12 points in the first quarter as the Bulldogs took a 17-10 lead.

Lewiston (1-1) outscored Hermiston 14-13 in the second, but the Bulldogs would take a 30-24 lead into the locker room at the half.

Lewiston, which led 6-5 in the first quarter, would not lead again until the third quarter when George Forsmann scored for a 39-38 Bengals lead.

A 3-pointer by Andreason tied the score at 41-41, but Lewiston took the lead back with a 3 by Jace McKarcher to make it 44-41.

Back-to-back baskets by Cole Smith tied the score at 45-45 in the fourth, and the Bulldogs used a 12-3 run over a span of 2:10 to take a 57-48 lead.

"When we got down, they guys came together and bounced back," Arstein said. "We did a better job in the second half."

Andreason led the Bulldogs with 23 points, while Smith had 13, James 12 and Cesar Ortiz 11 — all in the second half.

"It was pretty sloppy, but a win is a win," Andreason said. "I knew we would have a push at the end."

Donaven Santana hit a 3 with 9 seconds left in the game for the Bengals, but his game-high 26 points wasn't enough to keep his team in the game.

"We struggled shooting the ball," Ulrich said. "We got the looks we wanted, they just didn't fall tonight."

Hermiston hosted La Grande on Tuesday night, but the results weren't available by press time.



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Lewiston 10 14 20 19 - 63
Hermiston 17 13 11 31 - 72
LEWISTON - McKarcher 3, Lang 5, Johnson 4, Mullikin 8, Santana 26, Forsmann 6, Van Boeyen 11.
HERMISTON - Andreason 23, Ortiz 11, James 12, Smith 13, Davis 2, Ramirez 9, Mendez 2.

ABOVE:
Hermiston's Jordan Ramirez collides with Lewiston's George Forsmann in the Bulldogs' 72-63 win against the Bengals.

RIGHT:
Hermiston's Andrew James shoots the ball over Lewiston's Donaven Santana.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Umatilla beats Gervais, will host tourney this week

HERMISTON HERALD

The Umatilla boys and girls basketball team traveled to Vernonia in northwestern Oregon on Friday and Saturday for a tournament.

The boys opened Friday with a narrow 57-56 loss to the hosts as Vernonia hit a deep three-pointer in the final seconds to down Umatilla in the nonleague matchup.

"Vernonia got a lot of tough shots on us. We were down the whole game," said Vikings coach Scott Bow. Andrew Earl led with 18 points. Uriel Garcia had 16, and Trent Durfey 15.

The boys closed out the tournament with a bang, crushing Ger-

vais 82-36 in a Saturday afternoon game. Sebastian Garcia put up 25 points for the Vikings, Garcia had 18, and Luis Castro had 16.

The Umatilla girls dropped their tournament opener 46-12 to host Vernonia and on Saturday lost to Gervais 51-16.

Umatilla will host the three-day Columbia River Clash beginning Thursday.

Stanfield

The Stanfield girls found their groove Saturday at the Sherman County Tournament in Moro, topping the host Huskies 57-35. Savannah Sharp was the top scorer with 13 points, followed by Alexis Shelby with nine, and

Kylee McClure with eight.

It was an improvement from Friday night, when the Stanfield girls couldn't keep pace with the Culver Bulldogs to open the tournament, turning the ball over 30 times. Megan Wampler led Stanfield with 5. Sharp and Aileen Galarza each had 4.

The Stanfield boys found redemption on Friday following a Thursday loss, downing Culver 58-52 at the Sherman County Tournament in Moro, then fell to the host Huskies 56-40 on Saturday.

The Tigers were on the road Tuesday to play Nixyaawii.

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Hermiston takes fifth in wrestling

HERMISTON HERALD

The Hermiston Bulldogs finished fifth Saturday at the Tyrone S. Woods Memorial Tournament in Oregon City.

Isaac Lambert finished second at 120 pounds for Hermiston, getting pinned by Ryan Ball of Camas in 5:22.

Adrian Delgado finished third at 113 pounds, earning a 10-3 major decision over Ethan Ritchie of Sherwood in the placing match.

At 160, Trevor Wagner was third, topping Ryan Boucher of Lakeridge 10-6.

Zayne Helfer finished third at 106 pounds, pinning Anthony Branch of Jefferson in 29 seconds in his final match.

At 138 pounds, Jordan Franklin placed fourth for the Bulldogs, losing a 9-7 overtime match to Henry Fillmore of Lake Oswego.

Greg Shipley was sixth at 132 pounds, getting pinned by Sage Brown of Oregon City in 3:49 of his final match.

Hermiston had two placers at 220, with Sean Stewart finishing fourth and Jonathan Lee finishing fifth.

Stewart lost the third/fourth-place match to Henry Schoenfeld of Oregon City, getting pinned in 14 seconds.

Lee pinned Alex Kral of Gresham in 3:59 in his final match.

Hermiston will next wrestle Thursday at Chiawana High School.