

Lewiston ruins Hermiston's season opener

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A big second quarter by Lewiston was more than Hermiston could handle on Friday night.

The Bengals went on a 20-11 run in the second to take a 28-20 lead en route to a 57-45 victory over the Bulldogs at the Dawg House.

"It's a measuring stick," Hermiston coach Juan Rodriguez said. "We knew without Jordan (Thomas) it would be hard to score. We are young and it was the first varsity game for some of them."

The 6-foot-4 Thomas, who was in a minor car accident Monday, was held out of the game for precautionary measures.

In a first quarter where there were only three made baskets, the Bulldogs (0-1) took a 9-8 lead, getting five of their points at the free-throw line.

Hermiston stretched its lead to 13-8 early in the second quarter, and led 20-14 after Katelyn Heideman drained a 3-pointer.

But the well went dry for the Bulldogs in the last 4 minutes of the first half.

Lewiston would score the first six points of the third quarter, and led 34-20 before the Bulldogs finally hit a shot, ending a 7 minute, 6 second drought.

Hermiston would match the Bengals point for point in the quarter, but trailed 42-34. The Bulldogs got no closer than nine points in the fourth quarter. The Bengals could have extended their lead the last minute of the game, but went 2 of 7 from the free-throw line. For the game, the Bengals were 21 of 34.

"Our defense was good, but we got tired and started fouling," Rodriguez said.

Jazlyn Romero led the Bulldogs with 16 points, and played all but about 2 minutes of the game.

"Because of Jordan not being in, Jazlyn was in all the time," Rodriguez said. "I thought she did a good job."

Sophomore Kendall Dowdy added seven points for Hermiston, which shot 11 of 21 from the free-throw line.

Caitlin Richardson led Lewiston with 16 points, while Kendyll Kinzer chipped in 12.



Hermiston's Kendall Dowdy pulls down a rebound guarded by Lewiston's Karli Taylor and Caitlin Richardson (23).

The Bulldogs hosted La Grande on Tuesday, and Rodriguez hoped to see work at practice pay off.

"We are athletic," he said. "We are fast, we played good defense

and our transition was good. There are things to work on. It's fixable stuff."

The results of that game were not available by press time.

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| Lewiston | 8 | 20 | 14 | 15 | - | 57 |
| Hermiston | 9 | 11 | 14 | 11 | - | 45 |
| LEWISTON - Teichmer 3, Wells 8, Kinzer 12, Johnson 11, Eke 7, Richardson 16. | | | | | | |
| HERMISTON - Heideman 5, Young 5, Ray 5, Byrd 4, Stefani 3, Dowdy 7, Romero 16. | | | | | | |

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Echo

The Echo boys left the Horizon Christian Tournament without a win, losing opener 70-33 to Trinity Lutheran and dropping Saturday's follow-up to Perrydale 63-40. The Echo girls opened their season with a 47-24 loss to Perrydale at the tournament.

Both teams will play at the Wallowa Lions Tournament on Saturday.

Morrow County boys

RIVERSIDE: The Pirates battled but couldn't overcome Taft in a tournament matchup at Westside Christian on Saturday, losing 53-29.

"(Taft) had two 6-foot-7 boys on their team," said head coach Clair Costello. "We just couldn't get past them."

The loss came on the heels of a 58-41 loss to Faith Bible Friday to open the tournament.

IRRIGON: The Knights picked up a pair of wins at the Ione Basketball Bonanza, sinking Helix and Pine Eagle by identical 67-29 scores on Friday and Saturday. The Class 3A Irrigon team was led by Keith Fleming with 22 on Friday. They played Weston-McEwen on Tuesday, but results weren't available by press time.

HEPPNER: The Mustangs lost a pair over the weekend, first to Willamina 61-41 and then to St. Paul 57-51. They hosted Mac-Hi on Tuesday.

Morrow County girls

RIVERSIDE: The Pirates took care of business on Saturday, beating Taft 51-21 at the Westside Christian Tournament. Coach Clair Costello noticed their improvement on both sides of the ball after a 39-32 loss to Faith Bible on Friday. "We played a lot better today," he said. "We had strong offense and defense. It was a good game."

IRRIGON: The Knights dominated in the Ione Tournament, first sinking Helix 60-14 then beating Pine Eagle 66-18. JaLay Burns scored 25 points in the opener.

HEPPNER: The Mustangs lost a 46-42 game on Friday to Willamina, then a wider 68-35 loss on Saturday. Sydney Wilson scored seven for the Mustangs in Saturday's game.

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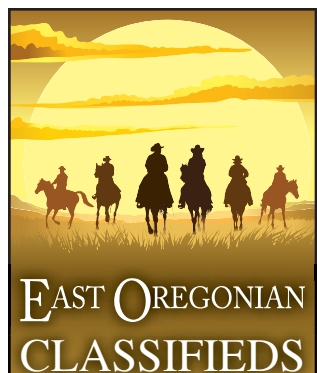
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