

Hermiston takes two losses on the mat

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Hermiston is starting to realize just how tough the Mid-Columbia Conference is in wrestling.

Chiawana posted five consecutive pins — from Robby Vaughn at 145 pounds to Tyson Stover at 182 — to hand the Bulldogs a 57-20 loss Thursday night in Pasco.

“These duals mean something,” Hermiston coach Kyle Larson said. “We are going to improve and try to get our guys to wrestle their best. As much as we want to win every match, we are going to take it back across the river and see if we can’t get better.”

For Riverhawks coach Jack Anderson, the match was a milestone in his career.

“This is my first win against Hermiston in 18

years of coaching at Pasco and here,” Anderson said. “It was rally exciting. Hermiston has a good team. We didn’t do a bad job, but we have to be better next week against Kamiakin.”

The match started at 195, where Chiawana freshman Isaiah Anderson, in his first MCC dual, pinned Stanley Scott in 27 seconds.

Jonathan Lee got the Bulldogs on the board with a 12-1 major decision over Ceyetano Talavera at 220.

In the battle of the big men, Chiawana’s Colby Blasdel got Hermiston’s Dustyn Coughlin in a bear hug, took him down to his back, and notched the pin in 1:30 to give the Riverhawks a 12-4 lead.

The Bulldogs won the next three matches, getting a pin from Zane Helfer at 106, a 10-0 major decision from Adrian Delgado at 113, and a pin from Isaac Lambert

at 120 to give Hermiston a 20-12 lead.

It was all Chiawana from there, though Trevor Wagner was on the cusp of beating the Riverhawks’ Riley Cissne at 160.

Wagner held a 3-2 lead after the first round, and 5-4 after two. In the third, Cissne got a reversal to take a 6-5 lead, and Wagner tied it up with an escape.

Cissne took Wagner down with 31 seconds left in the third to go up 8-6, but Wagner maneuvered a reversal with 18 seconds left on the clock to tie the match at 8-8. In the waning seconds, Cissne rolled over Wagner and had his back on Wagner’s stomach and earned the pin at 5:55.

Hermiston vs. Post Falls
Hermiston coach Kyle Larson knows his team will take its lumps against the likes of Idaho wrestling power Post Falls, and he

wouldn’t have it any other way.

The Trojans registered pins in 12 matches en route to a 76-9 victory Friday night over the Bulldogs at the Dawg House.

“We knew what we were getting into,” Larson said of scheduling Post Falls. “We want our guys to know what a tough guys feels like and how they wrestle.”

The Trojans featured five state champions in their lineup — Roddy Romero (98 pounds), Isaac Jessen (126), AJ Delarosa (138), Ridge Lovett (145) and Tyler Morris (160). All won by pin.

After Romero and Braxton Mason (106) each won their matches by pin, Hermiston’s Adrian Delgado got the Bulldogs on the board with a 4-2 victory over Bre-lane Huber at 113.

Post Falls would run the table from there until 220

MATCH RESULTS

Team score: Chiawana 57, Hermiston 20.
106 — Zane Helfer (H) p. Davian Martinez, 1:09. 113 — Adrian Delgado (H) md. Nathan Montelongo, 10-0. 120 — Isaac Lambert (H) p. Freddie Flores, 1:24. 126 — Darion Johnson (C) p. Hunter Dyer, 3:11. 132 — Kobe Santoyo (C) p. Gage Shipley, 1:18. 138 — Devyn Hernandez (C) d. Jordan Franklin, 8-7. 145 — Robby Vaughn (C) p. Chris Lomeli, :34. 152 — Israel Romero (C) p. Avant Ortiz, :57. 160 — 160 — Riley Cissne (C) p. Trevor Wagner, 5:55. 170 — Morgan McFee (C) p. Ethan Teel, 3:17. 182 — Tyson Stover (C) p. Blake Betz, 1:36. 195 — Isaiah Anderson (C) p. Stanley Scott, :27. 220 — Jonathan Lee (H) md. Ceyetano Talavera, 12-1. 285 — Colby Blasdel (C) p. Dustyn Coughlin, 1:30.
Team score: Post Falls 76, Hermiston 9.
98 — Roddy Romero (P) p. Skyler Foreman, 3:54. 106 — Braxton Mason (P) p. Zane Helfer, 2:47. 113 — Adrian Delgado (H) d. Bre-lane Huber, 4-2. 120 — Lane Reardon (P) p. Hunter Dyer, :53. 126 — Isaac Jessen (P) p. Isaac Lambert, :49. 132 — Nick McLeod (P) md. Gage Shipley, 11-2. 138 — AJ Delarosa (P) p. Jordan Franklin, 2:48. 145 — Ridge Lovett (P) p. Chris Lomeli, :56. 152 — Mathius Delarosa (P) p. Avant Ortiz, :57. 160 — Tyler Morris (P) p. Trevor Wagner, 3:50. 170 — Wyatt Shelly (P) p. Ethan Teel, 2:43. 182 — Tyler Cook (P) p. Blake Betz, 1:42. 195 — Isaiah Laguna (P) p. Stanley Scott, 2:25. 220 — Jon Lee (H) p. Kaden Noesen, :45. 285 — Tarran Sharbrough (P) p. Dustyn Coughlin, 3:21.

pounds, where Hermiston’s Jon Lee stopped a run of seven consecutive pins with a pin of his own.

Lee got a quick take-down to start the match, then recorded two near fall points for a 4-0 lead less than 15 seconds into the first round. Post Falls’ Kaden Noesen maneuvered a reversal, but once Lee was

free, he quickly took down Noesen and pinned him at the 45-second mark.

“Everyone was losing,” Lee said. “I thought I had to be the one to get something. He was a good kid. I like to get a feel for them and gauge their strength. I used a throw that Gage Shipley showed me before the match. It worked.”

Bulldogs lose MCC opener to Kennewick

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Hermiston is going to have to clean up its game if it wants to have success in the Mid-Columbia Conference this season.

The Bulldogs turned the ball over 21 times, and Kennewick was there to pounce on the opportunities en route to a 51-38 victory Saturday in the conference opener for both teams at the Lions Den.

“That’s theme of our season so far,” Hermiston coach Juan Rodriguez said of his team’s poor decisions on the court. “We are playing with a young group that makes passes at inopportune times. Their immaturity showed tonight against a good Kennewick team.”

The Lions, who only trailed 1-0 early in the game, led 29-18 at the half, but had their lead cut to 35-30 at the end of the third quarter as the Bulldogs scored 12 points, including a late 3-pointer by Kaylee Young.

The Lions (2-1, 1-0 MCC) got 18 points from Meilani McBee — seven in the fourth quarter — as the Lions went on a 16-8 run to finish the game.

“We started the second half slow and they came back on us,” Kennewick coach Darin Santo said. “We found a way to win. I thought we didn’t play our best game, but I was really proud of them.”

The Bulldogs went almost five minutes without scoring a point in the fourth quarter. Jayden Ray knocked down a



Staff photo by E.J. Harris/East Oregonian
Hermiston’s Kendall Dowdy goes up over the top of La Grande’s Lexee Gomes in the Bulldogs’ 47-35 win over the Tigers on Tuesday in Hermiston.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris/East Oregonian
Hermiston’s Jazlyn Romero lays the ball in in front of La Grande’s Lauren Rinker in the Bulldogs’ 47-35 win over the Tigers on Tuesday in Hermiston.

BOX SCORES
Dec. 8
Hermiston 8 10 12 8 — 38
Kennewick 13 16 6 16 — 51
HERMISTON: Heideman 5, Young 10, Ray 2, Byrd 2, Stefani 3, Palzinski 6, Dowdy 2, Romero 8.
KENNEWICK: Av.Fiander 5, Davis 2, Ai.Fiander 7, Thornton 2, McBee 18, Gebers 17.
Dec. 4
LA GRANDE 9 7 4 15 — 35
HERMISTON 19 6 10 12 — 47
LA GRANDE: Howton 2, Collman 14, Gomes 3, Chamberlain 2, Williams 7, Dunlap 7.
HERMISTON: Young 4, Erya 13, Byrd 6, Stefani 2, Palzinski 8, Romero 14.

inski — to take a 19-9 lead.

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The Tigers refused to go away to start the third as Camryn Collman scored back-to-back baskets to pull her team within 25-20 with 5:59 left in the third.

La Grande would not score another point the rest of the quarter, while the Bulldogs scored 10 unanswered points, including a 3-point play by Romero, and buckets by Mati Byrd and Ray the final 35 seconds of the quarter.

Ella Dunlap scored all seven of her points in the fourth quarter for the Tigers. But they could not catch the Bulldogs, who got four points each from Romero, Byrd and Ray in the fourth to help seal the win.

Hermiston vs. La Grande

Hermiston got out to an early lead once again, but this time the Bulldogs were able to hold on for their first victory of the season.

Jazlyn Romero had 14 points, and Jayden Ray added 13 as Hermiston picked up a 47-35 nonleague victory Dec. 4 over La Grande at the Dawg House. Though it was nice to get

the win, Hermiston coach Juan Rodriguez was not pleased with how his team played.

“It’s one of those things where I feel like it is a loss,” he said. “Winning it like that doesn’t feel right. We are taking shots we don’t practice, ad-libbing and not running our offense.”

Hermiston opened the game with a 3-pointer by Romero, and the Tigers kept it close most of the quarter, pulling within 12-9 with 1:15 remaining in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs would score the last seven points of the quarter — including a 3-point play by Paige Pal-

zinski — to take a 19-9 lead.

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