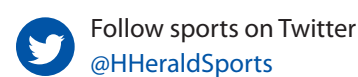


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Hermiston takes two



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston's Bailee Noland winds up for a pitch during Friday's game against Pasco at Rocky Heights Elementary School field.

By BRETT KANE
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All it took was seven innings for Hermiston's softball team to add two more Mid-Columbia Conference wins to their record.

The Bulldogs enacted the WIAA's 15-run rule twice on Friday, ending the first game against the visiting Pasco Bulldogs 18-2 in four innings, and Game 2 with a 15-0 shutout in three.

The wins follow the April 16 doubleheader losses at Kennewick.

"It's exciting," coach Kate Greenough said of her team's back-to-back blowouts. "After Tuesday, it was nice to score some runs and hold down our defense."

Pasco opened the first game with an early 1-0 lead, but Hermiston was quick to respond, posting four runs at the bottom of the first to stay out front for good.

Bailee Noland, who would not be denied at the plate, hit a two-RBI single in the first inning, and followed that with a grand slam at her next at-bat. She hit a perfect 3 for 3 with three runs and seven RBIs



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Ashley Cameron (9), of Hermiston, reaches second as Pasco's A. Carillo looks for the ball during the second of two Friday games.

scored.

Hermiston also took advantage of Pasco's defensive weaknesses, stealing 18 bases in the first game alone. And Pasco pitcher Brizeida Quiroz, who gave up 18 runs on 11 hits and nine walks, couldn't manage a strikeout.

"That really helped us,"

Noland said of Pasco's pitching. "Our team is used to seeing higher-speed pitching, and a lot of change-ups. We jumped on their straight-up fastballs today."

Noland hit an RBI-double in the bottom of the third to aid in a five-run streak. Ashley Cameron hit one of her own

in the fourth to wrap the game up. The double solidified her perfect batting performance, where she hit 2 for 2 with three runs and three RBIs.

The Dawgs sent 12 batters to the plate in the second inning of game two, resulting in eight runs, half of which came before Pasco put an out on the board.

Noland, Sydney Stefani, Daisy Maddox, Grace Studer, and Brecella Nash all scored on wild pitches from Pasco's Andrea Gonzalez, who surrendered 15 runs on just three hits, walked seven, and didn't bench a single Hermiston batter.

"Pasco is a pretty inexperienced team," Greenough said. "But no matter how a team looks on paper, you have to give every game your best effort."

Maddox's two-RBI double in the bottom of the third drove in Cameron and Noland to call the game in three innings.

"The girls were really aggressive today," Greenough said. "They worked hard. They deserved this win."

Noland drove in two on a double for her game's only at-bat. She, Stefani, Maddox, and Samantha Atilano each scored two runs. Cameron had three.

Dawgs drop games to Kennewick and Kamiakin

BY HERMISTON HERALD

The Hermiston Bulldogs remain at the bottom of the Mid-Columbia Conference standings after Friday's back-to-back home losses at the hands of the Kennewick Lions.

The MCC's No. 3 baseball team turned Hermiston away with 7-4 and 10-2 losses at Armand Larive.

In the first game, Easton Stevens got the Lions on the scoreboard at the top of the second inning, and Cody LaFontaine and Jackson Lind scored on errors during the following two plays.

Trevor Wagner drove in Wyatt Noland and Ethin Randolph with a single in the bottom of the seventh, but it would not be enough to get back in the game.

Seth Prewitt allowed seven runs on eight hits and six walks over seven innings on Hermiston's mound. Prewitt and Landon Jones each went 2-for-4 with a run scored.

In Game 2, it would take both teams two innings to finally break out the bats. In the top of the third, Tim Gee doubled on a line drive to center field to drive in Kaleb Stevenson.

The Bulldogs (1-13) responded with a run of their own in the bottom half of the inning with Noland's RBI-single.

But the Lions were relentless, scoring four more runs in the top of the fourth and a game-ending, five-run sixth inning. Stevenson, Gee, Stevens, and LaFontaine all drove in runs to bury the Bulldogs.

It took three Hermiston pitchers to contain Kennewick in game two. Jordan Ramirez opened the game, and let slip five runs, five hits, and three walks across 3 1/3 innings. Spencer Juul threw 1 2/3 innings of relief, but gave up five more runs.

Randolph closed the game from the Bulldogs' mound. Ramirez led the Bulldogs' offense, batting 1-for-3 with a run scored.

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KAMIKIN SWEEPS DAWGS — Hermiston dropped a pair of Mid-Columbia Conference games April 16 to Kamiakin as the Braves posted wins of 11-1 and 11-5 at LaPierre Field.

The Bulldogs were in the thick of things in the first game, trailing 2-1 in the middle of the third inning.

The Braves, who lead the MCC at 11-1, jumped out to an 8-1 lead with six runs in the bottom half of the third, bolstered by back-to-back doubles by Caleb Beasley and Niko Wiltz.

Tanner Sullins finished off the Bulldogs with a three-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Sergio Rosales, Wyatt Noland and Alexis Rosales all had hits for Hermiston, while Landon Jones drove in the lone run.

Jordan Ramirez took the loss on the

mound, allowing eight runs on six hits. He also walked six and struck out none.

In the second game, the Bulldogs held a 3-2 lead in the middle of the third inning, but that's where the Braves pulled ahead for good.

Kamiakin took advantage of two bases-loaded walks in the third, along with an RBI single from Jordan Chase, for a 5-3 lead it would not relinquish.

For the game, three Hermiston pitchers walked 10 and struck out six.

Seth Prewitt hit a double and drove in a run for the Bulldogs, while Ramirez went 3-for-3 with a run scored.

Gavin Ayers went 2-for-3 with a home run and two RBIs for the Braves.

Soccer

HERMISTON 5, KENNEWICK 0 — Freshman Jorge Carillo scored two goals, and Coleman Solano, Oliver Parades, and Moises Pablo each put in one to down their Kennewick hosts on Friday night.

Juan Navarrete posted seven saves to keep Hermiston's net untouched.

The Bulldogs (5-6, 4-2 MCC) return home for a game against Kamiakin on Friday.

Golf

Hermiston's Blue Blackhurst shot a 79 on April 17 to finish tied for third at the Mid-Columbia Conference match at Horn Rapids Golf Course in Richland.

Blackhurst shot a 41 on the front nine, but rallied with a 38 on the back nine to finish tied for third with three other golfers.

Richland won the team title with a 323. Hermiston was seventh among the nine teams with a 364. Kamiakin's Landon Kutschkau took medalist honors with a 77.

Also scoring for the Dawgs were Garrett McClannahan (89), Keleb Crafton (97) and Ryne Andreason (99).

Girls tennis

HERMISTON 4, PASCO 3 — The Bulldogs got to finish an intense round of matches Thursday against Pasco that were initially postponed last week because of inclement weather.

Hermiston got a singles win from Addie Caplinger, who won in a 12-10 tiebreaker. Adriann Stewart won in a 6-1, 6-2 singles contest against Pasco's Beli Guzman, and Cydney Lind finished the singles matches with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Vanessa Bradshaw.

Grace Lind and Malayna Anderson got Hermiston's only doubles win, defeating their Pasco opponents in two 6-3 sets.

"Pasco is a good team with solid hitting," Bulldogs coach Jason Sivey said. "They played tough, but we also didn't really have a good day last Thursday."

Bulldogs can't keep pace with Lions

By ANNIE FOWLER
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One bad inning.

That was the difference April 16 as Kennewick took the first game of a Mid-Columbia Conference doubleheader from visiting Hermiston 6-4.

"Either we are super great, or we have that one bad inning," Hermiston shortstop Sydney Stefani said after the loss. "Usually we can get back in it, but today we didn't. We have a couple of things to clean up. It will make a difference, for sure."

The Lions made a clean

sweep of the Bulldogs, taking the second game 6-0. Both teams now are 5-3 in MCC play.

The Bulldogs got off to a hot start in the first inning of the opener, loading the bases with one out. Daisy Maddox struck out, and a fielder's choice by Janelle Almaguer forced out Bailee Noland at second base.

Almaguer made quick work of the Lions in the first inning, but in the second, Kennewick did a fair amount of damage.

MaKendrie Fuhrman drove in two runs with a single for a 2-0 lead, and Claire Jenne made it 3-0 with an RBI

single to left field. A sacrifice fly by Abriel Johnson-Cuello gave the Lions a 4-0 lead.

Jenne kept the Bulldogs' bats quiet during the third and fourth innings, but they came to life in the fifth.

Stefani singled to right field, and with two outs on the board Ashley Cameron drove in Stefani with a double to left field. Noland followed with an RBI single to cut Kennewick's lead in half.

Hermiston added two more runs in the top of the sixth to even the score, as Grace Studer and Cameron drove in runs, but the Bulldogs would leave the bases loaded.

"We got kids on base, we just weren't able to make adjustments in our at-bats," Hermiston coach Kate Greenough said.

"There is no quit, we just ran out of time."

The Lions, held scoreless since the second inning, took a 6-4 lead on a two-run double by Bailey Warren in the bottom of the sixth.

The Bulldogs were unable to pull even in the top of the seventh as the Lions held on for the win.

"We need to make the adjustments with timely hits,

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