

Dawgs to face Kamiakin without their coach’s help

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The Hermiston Bulldogs will be a man short when they take on the Kamiakin Braves Friday night.

Dawgs coach David Faaeteete was suspended one game, in accordance with WIAA rules, after being ejected with 4:47 remaining in the third quarter of last week’s game against Hanford.

He disputed a ruling on a fumble by Trevor Wagner.

“There’s nothing I can do about the ejection,” Faaeteete said.

“I should never have lost my cool to get the second flag. I have to set a better example for the kids. We have a contingency plan. Nothing changes what our kids will do.”

Friday’s game at Lampson Stadium in Kennewick will be played at 5 p.m., followed by the Southridge-Kennewick game at 8 p.m.

“It’s a tough schedule to make when they share a stadium,” Faaeteete said. “I feel bad for the parents to who have to get off early or miss part of the game.”

Hermiston is coming off a 50-28 loss to Hanford — a



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan/File
Hermiston head coach David Faaeteete, shown at an Aug. 21 practice, will miss Friday's game against Kamiakin after being ejected from last week's game against Hanford.

game that saw senior Garrett Walchli catch four touchdown passes, and quarterback Sam Schwirse throw for 303 yards.

Schwirse has the best

completion rating in the league (minimum 1,000 yards) at 73.1 percent.

“They do a lot of good things,” Braves coach Scott Biglin said. “You see their

record (1-6 MCC), but they are a few plays away from being a .500 or better. We will have our hands full.”

As will Hermiston with Kamiakin running back Tuna Altahir. The 6-foot, 215-pound junior has rushed for a league-leading 1,216 yards and 14 touchdowns this season.

“Tuna has to be ready to play,” Biglin said.

The Braves (5-2 MCC) also have had success throwing the ball. Henry Mercado has thrown for 1,901 yards and 21 touchdowns. He’s also thrown 10 interceptions.

“If we return to fundamental defense and don’t turn the ball over, we can give them a game,” Faaeteete said. “We have nothing to lose. We are playing for pride.”

The Bulldogs still are playing a waiting game to see if defensive tackle Sean Stewart (knee) will be able to play.

The Braves also have players who are questionable.

“We are like any team — banged up,” Biglin said. “We are day to day, patching things up.”

No matter who is on the field come Friday night, Biglin is sure it will be fun.

Hermiston’s Sanchez second at MCC Champs

Regional meet is Saturday in Spokane

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Sanchez **Nygard**

Hermiston sophomore Cydney Sanchez finished second in the girls 3A race Thursday at the Mid-Columbia Conference Championships at Leslie Groves Park in Richland, while junior Amanda Nygard was fourth in the final event before the regional meet Saturday in Spokane.

“I was 10 seconds or so off my PR, but it was still a good race,” said Sanchez, who clocked in at 19 minutes, 42.24 seconds. “It was warm. I’m not used to the heat.”



Anderson

Kennewick’s Geraldin Correa cruised to victory with a time of 18:46.78 — about 400 meters in front of Sanchez.

Nygard, whose time of 20:09.40 was about 45 seconds off her personal record, said her legs just weren’t there for her during the race.

“My legs are tired,” she said. “I felt like I needed to roll them out, but I never did. I knew my time wasn’t good. I didn’t even look at the clock.”

The Hermiston girls finished third in the team race behind Kennewick (36) and Kamiakin (44) with 56 points. Alexia Serna was third (20:54.32) among the Bulldogs, with Julie Joyce fourth (22:11.85) and Ashley Treadwell fifth (22:20.60).

“Alexia beat Kamiakin’s No. 4, which she has never done,” Hermiston coach Troy Blackburn said. “We have to work on our depth. We bring back

all these girls, and we need to get in more training.”

Greg Anderson was the top Hermiston boys runner, finishing 10th behind seven Kamiakin runners and two from Kennewick.

Anderson ran a 17:04.84, more than a minute off his personal best.

“I was a little disappointed in my time, but the goal of the meet was strategy,” Anderson said. “We wanted to finish more together and be one of the top two teams. Kamikain is ranked No. 9 in the nation. Their team is so deep.”

The Kamiakin boys took the top five spots, winning the team title with the minimum of 15 points. Southridge was second with 72, while Hermiston was third with 76.

Kamiakin sophomore Isaac Teeple won the race in a time of 15:53.94, with teammate Stanford Smith right on his heels at 15:55.10.

Rounding out the top five for the Bulldogs were Jackson Shaver (12th, 17:30.23), Logan Springstead (14th, 17:39.12), Pedro Pacheco (18th, 18:04.14) and Adrian Delgado (22nd, 18:17.76).

The MCC/Greater Spokane League District 8 Championships are Saturday at Wandermere Golf Course in Spokane. The top two teams and top 14 runners in each division will advance to the state meet.

Dawgs sweep Suns in MCC action

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On a night they honored their seniors, the Hermiston Bulldogs celebrated with a sweep of Southridge.

Kendall Dowdy had 33 assists and seven kills, and Grace Vertrees added seven kills as the Bulldogs posted a 25-14, 25-19, 25-21 Mid-Columbia Conference win Thursday over the Suns.

“This is emotional, especially with this group of girls,” said senior Emma Combes, who had four aces and four kills. “A win makes it that much better.”

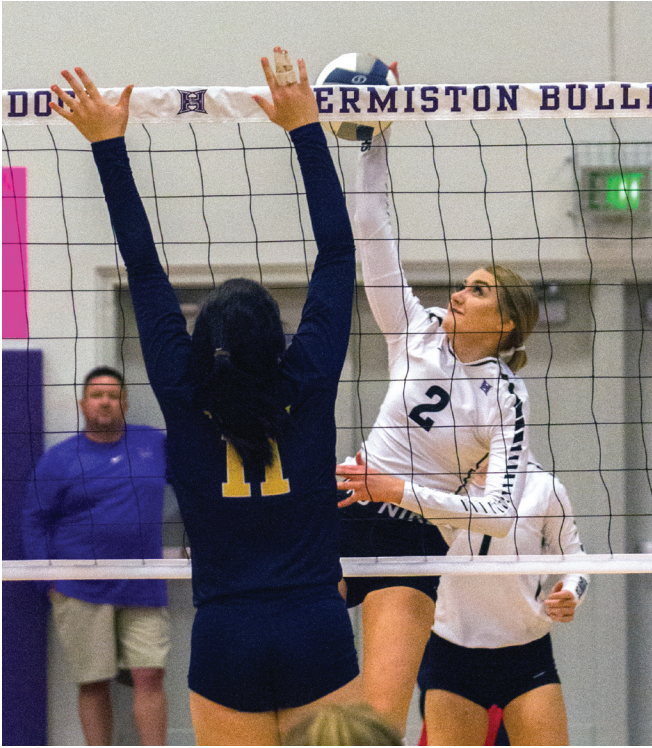
The Bulldogs (5-7 MCC), who had to rally in the first and second sets for the win, led from start to finish in the third set. Other than ties at 8-8 and 9-9, Hermiston had its act together.

Dowdy opened the set with three consecutive points, and a pair of aces by Combes gave Hermiston a 6-2 lead.

The Suns (1-12 MCC) came back, but once the Bulldogs went out front 10-9, the closest the Suns would get would be 21-19 and 22-20.

Senior outside hitter Daisy Maddox finished the set and the match with a riveting kill.

“I’m proud of the girls, especially the seniors, for taking care of business in three,” Hermiston coach Amy Dyck said. “We are lucky. Our four seniors have



Staff photo by Kathy Aney
Hermiston's Avery Treadwell (2) hits the ball as Southridge's Jordann Missett defends during Thursday's match at the Dawg House.

vital roles on and off the court. They are good role models and it’s a privilege to coach them.”

The Suns raced out to a 6-1 lead in the first set, only to see the Bulldogs bounce back.

Combes served five points for a 7-2 lead, but Southridge’s Mattie Stayrook tipped over the block to even the score at 7-7.

Tied at 8-8, Halee Stubbs put four points in the board, getting help from Kambree Baker with a block, and a

kill by Vertrees for a 12-8 lead.

When Stubbs rotated back around to the service line, she took the Bulldogs’ 19-13 lead and parlayed it into a 23-13 advantage, with Combes putting down a thunderous back row kill in the rally.

Vertrees had back-to-back kills to end the set.

“I love to hit from the back row,” Combes said. “If I miss, I want them to set me again; I will get it. I love playing the front row too. I

like to hit.”

In the second set, the Suns led 8-3 after an ace by Stayrook, but the Bulldogs were able to pull within 8-7 with back-to-back kills by Baker and Dowdy.

Tied at 10-10, Baker served the next three points for Hermiston, including an ace and a double block by Malayna Anderson and Avery Treadwell. The Bulldogs never trailed again.

A big serving series by Combes gave Hermiston an 18-13 lead, and Vertrees added three points for a 24-17 lead.

Dowdy had the final kill for the win.

“For us, it takes a while to get going,” Dyck said. “But when we do, we can focus on our fundamentals and do what we do.”

Courtnee West added 14 assists for the Bulldogs, while Anderson had five kills and three blocks, Maddox five kills, and Baker two blocks.

For the Suns, Nicole Parker had five kills, three blocks and nine digs, while Jayden Smith added four kills and three blocks, Jordann Missett 11 assists, and Stayrook three kills and five digs.

“I’m extremely proud of the girls and how much they have grown since Day 1,” Southridge coach Emily Otto said. “They are really coachable, and they work their tails off. They are very much about team.”

Swimmers book trip to district meet

HERMISTON HERALD

The Hermiston swim team posted several personal or season records at the Last Chance Invite on Saturday in Walla Walla to close out the regular season.

Among the district qualifiers, Hailey Gardner qualified in the 200-meter freestyle, and Kora Tretteen in the 500 freestyle. Halle Thomas posted qualifying times in the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly.

Halle Jones, a first-time junior varsity qualifier, also earned a trip to districts in the 100 backstroke.

“They swam with no regrets,” coach Sara Sargent said.

These swimmers will join Abigail Sharon, Georgie Stevenson, Laly Mor-

fin, Bailey Young, Konnie Hahn, Mattison Christensen, McKenna Christensen, Gretchen Barton, Emilee Meyers, and Breanna Simpson at districts in Kelso, Washington, on Nov. 8-9.

Golf

The Hermiston High School Golf Association will host a four-person scramble Nov. 23 at Big River Golf Course in Umatilla. Start time is 9:30 a.m.

The entry fee is \$50 per person. Carts are not included.

Entries can be turned in at Big River.

The event is a fundraiser for the Hermiston High golf team.

For more information, contact Pat Kerrigan at 541-571-0166, or Josh Brown- ing at 541-720-4542.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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