

Roller-coaster week ends with Sky-Em Championship secure

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The baseball team had a wild roller-coaster week that started with a big 19-12 win at home against Sweet Home on Monday, May 4. Two days later, they dropped their game at Elmira in a final score of 12-2, lasting only five innings. Sisters turned the tables on Friday with an 8-1 win at home over Elmira. With the win, Sisters secured the Sky-Em Championship for the fifth straight season.

The conference title guarantees the Outlaws a home playoff game.

In Monday's win over Sweet Home the Outlaws had 14 hits and one error, while the Huskies had 10 hits.

Sisters started off early with three runs in the top of the first. Justin Harrer hit a double that scored two, and

Zach Morgan followed with a double to score Harrer.

The Outlaws led by six after their at-bat in the top of the sixth, but the Huskies came back and scored five to close the gap to 13-12.

Sisters scored six more in the top of the seventh to go up 19-12. Morgan led off with a single and Odin Thorson and Cody Kreminski walked to load the bases. Alec Gannan hit an RBI single, and then Jonathan Luz was hit by a pitch and a run scored.

Harrer's grand-slam homer was icing on the cake. With two outs, and the count at three-and-two, Harrer ripped it out of the park for four runs. Justin pitched the final inning, struck out the first two batters, and the final batter hit a fly ball for the out.

Harrer finished the game four-for-six with nine RBI. Cody Kreminski went

three-for-four with a double and two RBI, and Morgan was two-for-three with one RBI. Thorson went one-for-two with a double. Alex Olivier was the Outlaws' winning pitcher.

Coach Steve Hodges said, "It was one of those games where we had to really be mentally tough. We had a great seventh inning to put the game away. It was gratifying to see the kids buckle down and score runs under pressure. They brought in their No.1 pitcher to finish the seventh, and we were able to light him up."

Two days later, it was a completely different story. Sisters only got four hits against the Falcons, committed seven errors, and lost 12-2 in five innings. The Falcons had 13 hits in the game.

"We never really got into our rhythm," said Hodges. "They came out hitting and we

fell behind quick. It happened so fast we didn't know what hit us. We need to play better defense, make plays behind the pitcher, and we've got to come out and swing."

At home on Friday, Zach Morgan threw a no-hitter in the Outlaws win over Elmira.

Hodges said, "Zach only had one strike-out and still recorded a no-hitter. Honestly, I've never heard of that in 31 years of coaching baseball."

Sisters got two runs in the second inning. Kreminski hit an RBI double off the left-field wall, and Ben Larson hit an RBI single to put the Outlaws on top 2-0.

Elmira got a run in the top of the third, but Sisters answered with four more runs in the bottom of the inning. Morgan hit an RBI double down the left-field line, which scored Harrer on a hit-and-run play, and Kreminski hit

an RBI double to bring home Morgan, Larson's single drove in Kreminski, and Gannon scored Larson on a base-hit down the right-field line.

In the fourth, Olivier and Kreminski both had RBI singles, which wrapped up the Outlaws' scoring effort.

Harrer was responsible for eight of the Outlaws 21 outs.

Thorson went two-for-three, Kreminski went three-for-three with two doubles, and Larson was three-for-four.

"It's gratifying to repeat as league champs for the fifth straight title," said Hodges. "It shows our kids want and expect to be at the top of the conference. Currently, we hold the second-place ranking in state as well, which is important in post-season play. It's nice to be able to control a little bit of the outcome as far as setting ourselves up for the rest of the season."

Girls tennis wraps up league play and heads to districts

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The girls tennis team fell 6-2 to Junction City at home on Thursday, May 7, and at home a day later, lost 6-2 to Mt. View. Earlier in the week, on Tuesday, the Lady Outlaws played at home against Klamath Union.

On Friday, Sisters only won two matches against Mt. View. The Outlaws No. 1 team of Jesse Farr-Baenziger and Brenna Weems posted an easy 6-1, 6-3 win over Chloe Johnson and Whitney Weber.

"It was a good confidence-booster heading into next week's district tournament," said Coach Susan Fullhart. "We struggled with our focus at the beginning of the second set, and were tied 3-3. Jesse and Brenna never panic, and they got right back at it to finish the second set 6-3."

Rylee Weber and Annika Stadeli (No. 3 doubles) blanked Jamie McCool and Faith Holm 6-0 in the first set, and then won the second set 6-2.

"It's a simple and winning formula with these girls," said Fullhart. "They are both very competitive, and their strong desire to win is highly motivating. It was business as usual today, with Anni steady and patient from the back-court, and Rylee looking for any and every chance to finish points."

A day earlier, the Outlaws No. 2 and No. 3 doubles' teams won in their match with Junction City.

Maya Wieland and Gwen

Knoop (No. 2 doubles) defeated Marley McIntosh and Sierra Starr. The first set was neck-and-neck but the Outlaws prevailed 6-4, and went on to win 7-6 (7-1).

"We got behind 2-5 in the second set, but were able to up our level of play to take the set to a tie-breaker, in which Gwen and Maya steam-rolled, wining by a score of 7-1. Maya hit some epic serves today, several of them aces. And, Gwen finished a lot of points from the net. I think this team is peaking at just the right time."

Rylee Weber and Annika Stadeli (No. 3 doubles) beat Lindsay McFadden and Caitlin Moffit 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

"Rylee and Anni had a

super match today," said Fullhart. "This was a solid No. 3 team these girls played. Having fun seems to be the key for these two, and I think they had fun today. Anni lobbed amazingly well and hit the lines several times. This put her opponents in a very defensive position, giving Rylee the chance to be aggressive at the net."

Kenna Cardin and Alana Lukens (No. 4 doubles) lost 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), 6-7 (5-7), to Halia Land and Megan Hayes, but put forth a valiant effort.

"This match couldn't have been any closer," said Fullhart. "The final two sets came down to tie-breakers, and the score of the third was 7-5. These girls fought for

every point. They tried different strategies, and worked well together. They were so scrappy out there, which make for a most entertaining match. Unfortunately, they didn't come out with the win, but I was so, so proud of them!"

In Tuesday's action, Klamath Union only brought four girls to the match. Teams played two singles matches and one doubles match. The Outlaws lost the singles matches, but came out on top in the doubles match.

Maya Wieland and Gwen Knoop won 6-1, 6-0.

"This was a sweet win for Gwen and Maya," said Fullhart. "Everything came together for them today. They both served extremely

well, and with districts coming up, this was a nice confidence-booster."

A week earlier, on Saturday, May 2, the Lady Outlaws hosted a double-header at home at Black Butte Ranch, against Cascade and Vale. Sisters had a very rough day, and lost both matches 7-1.

The Outlaws plan to work hard over the next few days to prepare for districts, which will be held Thursday through Saturday, May 14-16, at Black Butte Ranch.

"In doubles, we will be working a lot on volleys and court positioning, and the singles' girls will be talking strategy a lot this week," said Fullhart. "And, we'll be praying for sunny skies!"

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