

Outlaws shut out Newport in debut

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The Outlaws came out firing on all cylinders in their first game of the season, and shut out Newport 11-0 at home on Thursday, April 15. A day later they traveled to Philomath and fell short 15-11, and 5-2, in the double header.

Sisters had 14 hits in their game against Newport and several players contributed big bats in the winning effort. Garrett Vohs had two hits and five RBI, Adam Harper had three hits and three RBI, Connor Linn had two hits, Hunter Sport had one hit and one RBI, and Easton Moore also contributed a hit.

Pitching duties were handled by Will Grace (two innings), and Dillon Tucker, Vohs, and Brody Duey who each pitched an inning. The game ended after five innings due to the 10-run rule.

At Philomath, the Outlaws lost by three in a tough battle



PHOTO BY JERRY BALDOCK

Hunter Spor drives one in the Outlaws' opener, one of 14 hits for the Sisters squad.

full of missed opportunities. The Outlaws left 11 runners on base. Vohs led Sisters with two hits and three RBI. Garrett also pitched three innings and recorded five strike outs, and one walk.

In the second match-up against the Warriors, the Outlaws had scattered hits,

with Linn and Harper each recording an RBI. Tucker and Patrick Silva combined for seven strike outs.

Sisters was to play at Newport on Monday, April 19. They will travel to Stayton on Wednesday, and then host the Stayton Eagles on Thursday.

Climber rescued off South Sister

Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Search and Rescue personnel rescued a climber stranded in a precarious spot on South Sisters on Monday, April 12.

Stephen Lamb, a 49-year-old man from Beaverton, called 911 shortly before 9 a.m. Lamb reported he had been climbing alone up the north side of South Sister, and found himself in a precarious location where he was unable to continue up and unable to climb back down the mountain.

Snow, ice, and poor rock prevented him from being able to move from his position.

Two DSCO Special Service Deputies responded to begin initial planning for rescue. It quickly became clear that the rescue would require technical rescuers from the DCSO SAR Mountain Rescue Unit (MRU). Three SAR volunteers were flown by AirLink to the summit of South Sister. AirLink made two flights ferrying rescuers and a third flight to assist in locating Lamb.

Six additional SAR volunteers responded to the Devil's Lake Trailhead via snowmobile to support the

mission and five additional volunteers supported Incident Management. The Oregon National Guard was put on standby for the possibility of a hoist rescue.

Rescuers had to proceed about 600 feet down a ridge off the northwest side of the mountain and then traverse laterally along the slope approximately 500 feet east to a location directly above Lamb. Lamb was located in a narrow chute.

At approximately 3:19 p.m., an MRU member rappelled to Lamb and secured him from falling.

Due to the precarious location, they assisted him from the chute to a safer location for the Oregon National Guard HH-60 Blackhawk helicopter to hoist from. At approximately 4:30 p.m., Lamb was hoisted aboard the helicopter and flown to a waiting sheriff's deputy at Sisters Airport.

Lamb was uninjured, but exhausted from the long climb and from holding on to a ledge for over seven hours.

The Sheriff's Office thanked AirLink Critical Care Transport and the Oregon Army National Guard G/1-189 Aviation Regiment for their assistance in the rescue.

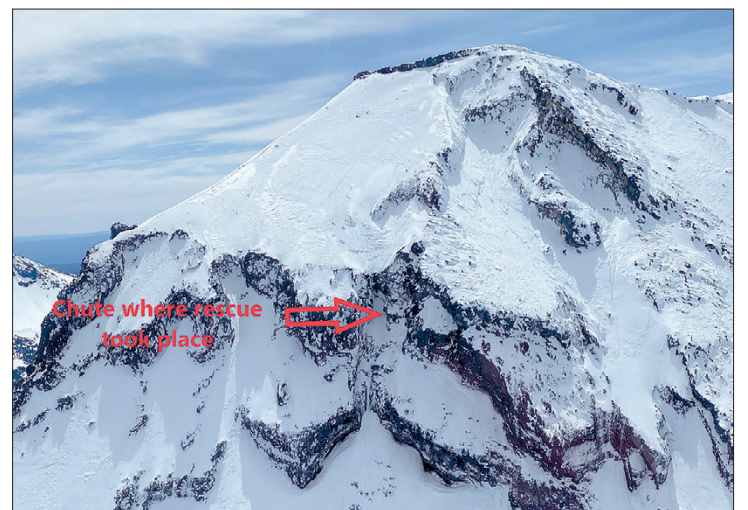


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GPS dart helps nab wanted driver

A deputy deployed a GPS tracker dart in an effort to nab a driver wanted by law enforcement.

A Deschutes County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) deputy spotted the wanted man's vehicle on April 18, at approximately 11:15 a.m., while he was driving in the area of Highway 20 and South Pine Street in the City of Sisters. The deputy observed a 2004 GMC Yukon on South Pine Street. The registration for the vehicle was allegedly expired. The sheriff's office reports that there was also history of this vehicle being associated with a subject the deputy knew to be wanted on pending criminal charges.

According to DCSO, the deputy attempted to stop the vehicle and it immediately turned onto a dirt road and continued driving in an attempt to elude the deputy. The deputy pursued the vehicle for a short distance until it turned back toward the City of Sisters. The deputy discontinued the pursuit due to safety concerns.

A deputy later observed the vehicle driving on Fryrear Road toward Highway 126. The deputy followed the vehicle from a distance, advising other deputies of their location. Another deputy observed the vehicle near

Buckhorn Road and Highway 126. That deputy was able to successfully tag the vehicle with a Star Chase GPS dart. Deputies discontinued following the vehicle, and began tracking it remotely.

The GPS tracker showed the vehicle was stationary on BLM land off of Buckhorn Road. Deputies located the vehicle and made contact with the only occupant of the vehicle. The subject, later identified as Justin Merritt, age 39, of Sisters, refused to obey commands to exit the vehicle. Deputies worked to de-escalate the situation and negotiated with Merritt for close to an hour before he

agreed to exit the vehicle.

Merritt was taken into custody without incident and lodged in the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office Jail on charges of Attempt to Elude (felony), Reckless Driving, and Interfering With a Police Officer.

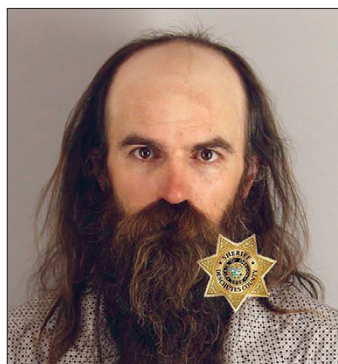


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