

Sports

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Kennedy brings home title



Kennedy softball celebrates as they win the OSAA Class 2A/1A State Championship on June 1 in Corvallis. PHOTOS BY MOLLY J. SMITH / STATESMAN JOURNAL

Trojans shut out Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii to secure state championship

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CORVALLIS — It has been quite a school year of sports for Kennedy High School, and they capped it Friday with another state championship.

Tressa Riedman pitched a one-hitter to lead the Trojans to a 10-0, five-inning victory against Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii in the OSAA Class 2A/1A state championship game.

"It's awesome. It's just really awesome. My defense really helped me," Riedman said.

"I felt like my defense had my back," she said.

Kennedy also won the state title in girls basketball this year, and there were a number of players who were on both the girls basketball team and softball team, including Kalyssa Kleinschmit, Elise Suing, Sophia Carley, Hailey Arritola, Hannah Arritola, Ellie Cantu, Molly Jaeger and Abby Frey.

"Just amazing. I'm so excited, I love it," Riedman said. "We all worked so hard, in every sport all year. This shows that hard work pays off."

Hailey Arritola went 2 for 2 on



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Friday, with three RBIs and a run scored for Kennedy, which scored runs in every inning except the first.

It was a team effort for the Trojans, who had eight players score runs and six players drive in runs.

"I think it's just the attitude of the entire team," said Frey, the team's catcher who was 1 for 1, with two walks. "We've been pumped all year. The chemistry between us all is just so great, and it has been all year."

Kennedy coach Walt Simmons said he was pleased with the how his team played on the biggest stage.

"It's just fantastic. It's great to watch them come out and perform like that," Simmons said.

In the pitcher's circle, Riedman allowed one hit and one walk, while striking out 11 in five innings to earn the win. And this against a Pilot Rock/

"Tressa pitched an awesome game. She didn't seem nervous at all," Simmons said. "It's so rewarding. I'm so proud of what they've done this season. They kept working hard every day."

Kennedy finished the season with a 24-4 overall record, including a 15-game winning streak to end it.

The Trojans outscored their opponents 46-1 in the state playoffs.

Simmons said he knew early on that this Kennedy team was special.

"Early in the year, with the new kids coming up and the veterans coming back," he said.

"We just started clicking and hitting the ball, and playing some good defense."

How a royal rake, shovel-swarm came to be

Fishing
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Guest columnist

According to recent news reports re: the Facebook kerfuffle, online social media and shopping sites such as the aforementioned Facebook, Google, Amazon et al track and save every search or interaction that you have made since you first got online.

Which is why ads for 2007 Toyota Tacoma mud flaps and pyrethrum garden sprays show up in the margins of my searches ... even though I ordered both in 2017, thank you very much.

Hope springs eternal in the online world of visitor shopping profiles, apparently.

The collectors of the detritus of everyone's internet habits say that the data collection "enhances" our "experi-

ence."

But if you are a column writer totally in the dark, and thus doing multiple online searches about topics such as Royal Wedding fashions, cakes and reception foods for a column about skipping the TV extravaganza to go dig clams on Tillamook Bay, the ad choices can be, um, interesting.

Such as a search for "Oregon tide tables" at "Information Vine" that was topped by "Vascular Imaging Tables" featuring "4-way with trendelenburg tilt & patented iso-roll top" on the search results.

Which has something to do with correctly positioning a patient for a medical procedure, apparently.

No mention of a rake, shovel, or a bucket, although speaking about which ...

Looking for highlights of the comestibles at the royal do led to a link on the "Food & Wine" website featuring an article by Elisabeth Sherman with illustra-

tions about "Royal Wedding Food Tributes We Didn't See Coming," such as:

The KFC Royal Wedding Bucket, a finger-licking good commemorative container in wedding white with a gold logo of the colonel on one side and a colorful medallion on the reverse that says "We declare a regal day of celebration, jubilation ... and fried chicken."

Nothin' says royal lovin' like a bucket of traditional recipe, I always say.

Then there's the festive five-tiered wedding "Tostitos Dip Cake" with 42 decorative layers of sour cream, guacamole, queso and other corn chip enhancements.

I could go on about Dunkin' Donuts Royal Love Donut or the gold-boxed Velveeta Crowns and Cheese, a limited-edition mac and cheese with (this is serious stuff; no, really) "crown-shaped pasta" ... but why?

See all nine of the offerings for your-

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Kay Miller caught the Royal Wedding on TV at 4 a.m., then joined in for a sleep-deficit clamming outing to Garibaldi. HENRY MILLER / SPECIAL TO THE STATESMAN JOURNAL