

Outlaws sweep district opener, while Union/Cove settles for a home split

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The Enterprise Outlaws softball team opened Special District 2 play with a bang, blasting hapless Burns/Crane on the road Friday, 14-4 and 22-10.

ENTERPRISE 14, BURNS/CRAVE 4

Lexie Gassett and Claire Farwell both had three RBIs, and Gassett also pitched a complete game to power the Outlaws to a win.

Enterprise scored the game's first 10 runs, then put the game out of reach with a four-run fifth inning that gave it a 14-2 lead.

Gassett went 2-for-3, and Samantha McFarland also had a pair of hits and scored twice. Farwell and Aisya Salim both scored three times, and Liz Rowley scored two runs.

The Outlaws had just eight hits, but were also walked 11 times in the win.

Gassett surrendered three hits, walked two and struck out five.

ENTERPRISE 22, BURNS/CRAVE 10

Rowley had a big day at the plate as the Outlaws turned in their highest-scoring offensive effort since scoring 27 runs in a game against Weston-McEwen a year ago.

The Outlaws entered the fourth inning trailing 6-5, then exploded for eight runs in the fourth, four in the fifth and five in the sixth to turn the game into a rout.

Rowley went 3-for-5 with a triple, scored three runs and had five RBIs. Rylin Kirkland also had three hits, drove in three runs and scored four times. Farwell and Jessie Teeney both added three runs, and four more players scored twice. Salim and Teeney both added a pair of RBIs. The Outlaws were also issued 13 more walks in the win.

Rowley and Gassett combined to throw five innings for Enterprise, and between them allowed just four hits and five earned runs, though



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Enterprise's Liz Rowley, shown earlier this season against Union/Cove, pitched part of the Outlaws' Game 2 win over Burns/Crane and also had five RBIs in the game.

they walked nine batters.

The Outlaws (5-2 overall, 2-0 SD2) host Vale in a doubleheader Friday.

Union/Cove splits with Prospectors

The Union/Cove Ladycats softball team's Special District 6 doubleheader against the Grant Union/Prairie City Prospectors featured two very different games. The Ladycats won a pitchers' duel in the opener, 2-1, then stunningly dropped the second game, 15-14, after holding an 11-0 lead in the third inning.

UNION/COVE 2, GUPC 1

Callie Glenn shut down the Prospectors in the opener by allowing just three hits, and Union/Cove managed all the offense it needed in the third inning for the win.

Harley Creech hit an RBI single in the third, and Brianna Kohr followed with an RBI double to put the Ladycats ahead, 2-0.

An error in the sixth allowed Jordyn Young to score for the Prospectors, but they pulled no closer.

Glenn and Kohr both finished with two hits for Union/Cove, which had

just five of its own in the game.

GUPC 15, UNION/COVE 14

The Ladycats appeared primed for a sweep of the doubleheader before seeing an 11-run lead vanish and settling for a split in an error-filled contest. Both teams had six errors and combined to walk 12 batters.

Union/Cove, playing as the away team in the second game, surged ahead 4-0 on a Kaylin Nowak RBI double, a Kohr RBI single, an error and a sacrifice fly by Kylie Marriott. The team added two runs in the second inning on an error, and then scored five runs in the third on a Glenn two-run double, an RBI double by Nowak, an error and a passed ball.

The Prospectors pulled within 11-4 after RBI singles by Madison McKrola and Hallie Wright and a sacrifice fly by Tiler Voigt, then scored six runs in the fourth on just one hit, taking advantage of two errors, two bases-loaded walks, two passed balls that led to runs and a hit batter with the bases loaded. All the runs were

scored with two outs.

Kohr's RBI single and Taylar Daggett's two-run single in the fifth gave Union/Cove a 14-10 lead, but home runs by Taylor Allen and Young and a Marissa Smith RBI single for the Prospectors tied the score at 14-14 in the fifth. McKrola hit what ended up being the game-winning RBI double in the sixth.

Nowak, Kohr and Daggett each had two RBIs, and Kohr had a team-best three hits. Glenn allowed 12 runs — though nine were unearned — on eight hits in 5-2/3 innings.

Union/Cove (7-3 overall, 1-1 SD6) travels to Heppner/Ione Friday for a doubleheader.

Tigers' Saturday games postponed

The La Grande Tigers softball team's doubleheader against the Ontario Tigers Saturday was postponed due to poor weather and field conditions.

A makeup date has not yet been set.

The Tigers (7-1 overall) travel to Baker/Powder Valley Friday. ■

Tigers earn a pair of wins at Yakima meet

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The La Grande Tigers boys track team posted two victories and four second-place finishes during the Davis Invitational Saturday in Yakima, Washington.

Sajun White had a hand in both wins, taking the top spot in the boys 400 (53.06 seconds) and running on the winning 4x100 relay team with Nick Tsiatsos, Josh Zollman and Hunter Youngblood (44.55). White, Tsiatsos, Youngblood and Westin Blake also took second in the 4x400 relay in 3:35.11. Their 4x400 time is currently the top mark in Class 4A in Oregon, while the 4x100 time is second-best.

Tsiatsos, meanwhile, placed second in the long jump (20-feet-10-1/2) and third in the triple jump (42-feet-10), which leads the state in the event. Jacob Huntsman cleared 13-feet-0 in the pole vault for second, and Jarom Huntsman was second in the javelin at 147-feet-1. Luke Bloodgood placed third in the 400 at 54.22, and the sprint medley relay team of Eli McLean, Maxon Huxoll, Julian Harris and Carter Perry placed fourth (5:22.22).

The LHS girls, meanwhile, notched four top-four finishes. Katie Brown came in third in the 200 at 27.07, and Anna Green was third in the javelin with a throw of 109-feet-9. In fourth was Jenna Ault in the 800 (2:48.30)

and Jacki Martini in the 1,600 (5:34.57).

The Tigers are back in action Saturday when they host the La Grande Invitational.

Badgers place eighth at Vale

Both the Powder Valley Badgers boys and girls track and field teams placed eighth place at the Oregon Trail Invitational Saturday in Vale.

The Badger boys scored 32 points to tie for eighth. Their 4x400 relay team of Damon Fetter, Justin Ash, Omar Benites and Ty Maddox placed second with a time of 3:43.55. Reece Dixon was third in the high jump (5-feet-8), Case Olsen was fourth in the 400 (56.50 seconds), and Kaiden Krieger was fourth in the 200 (25.20).

The girls team scored 25 points, with Megan Bingham taking second in the triple jump (31-feet-0-1/2) to lead the Badgers. Powder Valley also snagged a fourth-place finish from Bailey Cole in the shot put (26-feet-7).

The Badgers return to the track Friday at the River's Edge Invitational in Umatilla.

Panther boys take seventh at Prairie City

The Imbler Panthers boys track and field team scored 26.5 points to come in seventh place at the Prairie City Invitational Friday.

Calvin Martin had the top finish for the Panthers, taking second in

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Tigers open GOL play with road split

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The La Grande Tigers baseball team opened Greater Oregon League play with a road split against the Ontario Tigers, seeing a five-run lead vanish in a 7-6 loss in the opener before rebounding to escape with a 12-10 win in the second game.

ONTARIO 7, LA GRANDE 6

La Grande was in command in the first game before Ontario scored six unanswered runs — including three in the bottom of the seventh — to steal the win.

A bases-loaded hit batter and an RBI single by Israel Rodriguez brought home two runs for Ontario to tie the score in the seventh, and Trey Trejo won it when he scored on a wild pitch.

La Grande was in control early, taking a 2-1 fourth-inning lead on an error and a Devin Bell RBI single before scoring four times in the fifth for a 6-1 lead. Isaac Zamora hit a two-run single in the fifth, and Brody Kincade and Payton Cooper added run-scoring singles later to extend the margin to five.

Cooper finished with two hits and Zamora had two RBIs to lead La Grande. Zamora pitched five innings, allowing three runs on five hits with two walks and six strikeouts and left with the lead, but took a no decision.

LA GRANDE 12, ONTARIO 10

Kincade went 3-for-4

and drove in four runs, Kyler Malone and Justin Frederick also had three hits apiece, and La Grande again built a sizeable lead, but this time held on for the win.

Zamora added three RBIs and Malone drove in two runs for La Grande, which scored the game's first five runs and took as much as a 12-4 lead in the seventh when Zamora and Kincade hit RBI doubles and an error allowed a third run in the frame.

Ontario scored six runs in the bottom of the seventh, getting within two on a Nick Esplin RBI single, but Wyatt Earp got a strikeout to end the game.

A Zamora sacrifice fly, a two-run double by Malone and a run scoring on an error gave La Grande a 5-0 lead in the third inning. Kincade, who also had a first-inning RBI single, hit a two-run single in the fourth, and both Frederick and Zamora drove in runs in the fifth for a 9-3 advantage.

Parker Robinson pitched 4-2/3 innings, allowing for unearned runs on two hits with five walks and three strikeouts for the win. Eight of the 10 runs allowed by La Grande were unearned.

The Tigers (5-6 overall, 1-1 GOL) are slated to host Pendleton Tuesday, but the forecasted weather could cancel that matchup.

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Mountaineers earn softball split at C of I

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The Eastern Oregon softball team split a weekend series against the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho, with one of the wins coming in the opener of the series to end a seven-game losing streak in Cascade Collegiate Conference play.

EOU rallied for a 6-5 win in Friday's opener before losing 6-1 in the day's second game, then dropped Saturday's first game 7-1 before taking the finale in a nonconference game, 3-1.

EASTERN OREGON 6, COLLEGE OF IDAHO 5

Sarah Bonner's two-run home run in the top of the sixth boosted EOU to a win Friday after the Mountaineers blew a four-run lead.

An error, an RBI single by Shevan DeFreitas and a two-run single by Brandi Bowling gave Eastern a 4-0 first-inning lead. The Coyotes rallied to pull even, and eventually took a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the fifth on a Hannah Mc Nerney RBI single.

But Bonner gave the Mountaineers the lead back with a home run, her first of the season, and Amanda Smith, who threw a complete game for EOU, made the lead hold up.

Smith allowed five runs on 12 hits, walked three and struck out four for her second win. DeFreitas, Bowling and Haley Ebner each had two hits for the Mountaineers.

COLLEGE OF IDAHO 6, EASTERN OREGON 1

EOU managed just four hits against College of Idaho ace Colette Robert as it fell in the second game Friday.

Bonner provided EOU's only run with a solo home run in the fifth inning — her second of the series — that brought the Mountaineers within 2-1. The Coyotes, though, responded with four runs in the bottom of the fifth, including a Marissa Maddox two-run shot for the Coyotes, for the final margin.

DeFreitas had half of EOU's four hits in the loss. Lauren Spencer allowed six runs on nine hits with a walk and two strikeouts in 4-1/3 innings in the circle for Eastern.

Saturday COLLEGE OF IDAHO 7, EASTERN OREGON 1

Ebner drove in a first-inning run on a fielder's choice to give Eastern an early lead in the final CCC game of the weekend, but the Coyotes

responded with seven unanswered runs to pull away and take the series.

Maddox's RBI single tied the game in the bottom of the first, and Emily Aspden hit an RBI single in the second to give the Coyotes the lead for good.

Bowling had two of Eastern's five hits in the loss. Smith pitched five innings, allowing five runs — four earned — on eight hits with five strikeouts.

EASTERN OREGON 3, COLLEGE OF IDAHO 1

Spencer allowed 10 hits, but limited College of Idaho to just one run and struck out two for a complete-game victory in the final game of the weekend.

Ebner hit an early RBI single, but Eastern took the lead for good with two runs in the fifth on an error and a Rayne Spencer sacrifice fly. EOU won despite having just four hits, two of which were from Madison Barr.

The Mountaineers (7-25 overall, 3-15 CCC) host University of Providence Friday and Saturday, likely needing two or three wins to boost their chances of making the CCC tournament. ■

