

# BASEBALL

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delivered nine strikeouts. The Tigers (7-6 overall, 3-1 GOL) host McLoughlin Friday.

**Wallowa Valley splits with Vale**  
The Wallowa Valley Eagles baseball team split a doubleheader against Vale at home in Special District 5 play Friday, winning the opener 6-5 in nine innings before losing the second game, 12-2.

**WALLOWA VALLEY 6, VALE 5**  
The Eagles rallied from behind three times, with the final comeback in extra innings boosting them to a win.

Down 5-4 in the ninth, Gus Ramsden singled, and Zeb Ramsden walked. Flynn Nave then hit a game-tying RBI single, and David Salim won the game with a walk-off RBI single.

Vale had taken an early 2-0 lead, but the Eagles scored twice in the fourth on a Kaden McClure RBI groundout and an error. Vale retook the lead, 4-2, in the sixth, before Gus Rams-

den hit a two-run single in the home-half of the sixth to tie the score. Gus Ramsden and Salim each had two hits, and Chris Nobles turned in a three-hit day. Ramsden also had two RBIs.

Trace Evans pitched four innings of relief for the win, allowing three runs on four hits with three walks and two strikeouts.

**VALE 12, WALLOWA VALLEY 2**  
The Eagles were unable to maintain an early lead as Vale piled on the runs late to salvage a split.

Nobles hit a two-run single in the first for an early lead, but the Eagles failed to score again. The Vikings scored a run in the second and three runs in the third to pull ahead, then scored eight runs in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to turn the game into a rout.

The Eagles (7-2 overall, 3-1 SD5) travel to La Pine Tuesday.

**Bobcats record split on the road**  
The Union/Cove Bobcats softball team split a doubleheader at Sherman/Arlington/Condon

## LOCAL SCHEDULE

**Tuesday**  
**PREP BASEBALL**  
Wallowa Valley at La Pine (2), 1 p.m.  
**PREP SOFTBALL**  
La Grande at Ontario (2), 2 p.m.  
**PREP BOYS GOLF**  
La Grande at Mac-Hi Invitational, Milton-Freewater, noon  
**PREP GIRLS GOLF**  
Wallowa/Joseph at La Grande Invitational, 1 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
**PREP TRACK AND FIELD**  
Imbler, Elgin, Cove at Buckaroo Small School Invite, Pendleton, 2 p.m.  
**PREP TENNIS**  
Ontario at La Grande, 3 p.m.  
— Subject to change

Saturday, eking out a 8-7 win in the opener before dropping the second game, 16-2.

Stats were not provided.

Union/Cove (3-3 overall, 1-2 Special District 7) host Dufur/South Wasco County Saturday. ■

# SOFTBALL

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Bell's two-run blast and Neer's three-run homer highlighted a seven-run fifth.

Alaina Carson had four hits and scored five runs to lead La Grande, and Seavert, Howton, Hafer and Felicity Houston had three hits apiece. Seavert also had a team-best six RBIs, and both Brock and Neer drove in three runs. Gooderham, Hafer and Houston also scored three runs each.

La Grande (9-1 overall, 2-0 GOL) travels to Ontario Tuesday to make up a previously rained-out doubleheader.

**Outlaws swept by Vale at home**  
The Enterprise Outlaws softball team suffered a doubleheader sweep at home in Special District 2 play Friday, losing to Vale 11-5 and 22-19.

**VALE 11, ENTERPRISE 5**  
The Outlaws had just five hits — two from Liz Rowley — in the opening game Friday. Rowley finished with a double and a team-best three RBIs in the contest.

Lexie Gassett, who took the loss, gave up eight runs on eight hits with two walks and five strikeouts in 5-1/3 innings. Six of the runs, however, were unearned as the Outlaws commit-

ted four errors.

**VALE 22, ENTERPRISE 19**  
Despite a career day at the plate by Rylin Kirkland, the Outlaws fell short in a shootout.

The contest was Enterprise's second this year, third in two years and seventh in five years in which the two teams combined to score 30 or more runs.

Kirkland couldn't miss at the plate, going 6-for-6 with two home runs, two doubles, five RBIs and four runs scored. Claire Farwell also homered and drove in five runs and Aisya Salim had three hits and drove in three runs. Rowley also had three hits, and as a team, the Outlaws finished with 17 hits. Gassett and Samantha McFarland also finished with three runs apiece.

Enterprise again hurt itself with four errors, which resulted in 10 unearned runs between three pitchers.

The Outlaws (5-4 overall, 2-2 SD2) travel to Irigon Saturday.

**Ladycats drub Heppner**  
The Union/Cove Ladycats softball team twirled a pair of shutouts to sweep Heppner in Special District 6 play Friday in Heppner, 11-0 and 5-0.

**UNION/COVE 11, HEPPNER 0**  
The Ladycats scored

all of their runs in the fourth inning to break a scoreless tie. Harley Creech's RBI double, Brianna Kohr's RBI single and Taylor Daggett's RBI groundout made it 3-0. Union/Cove then hit four straight RBI singles — from Kierra Moore, Natasha Thiesfeld, Callie Glenn and Kaylin Nowak — and a Creech two-run double for a 9-0 edge before Daggett added a two-run single for the final margin.

Glenn, Creech and Kylie Bruce had two hits each, and both Daggett and Creech had three RBIs. Glenn was also dominant in the pitcher's circle, allowing just two hits, one walk and nine strikeouts in five innings.

**UNION/COVE 5, HEPPNER 0**  
Glenn shut down the Mustangs for the second time, striking out 12 and allowing just three hits in seven innings for the win.

Kohr went 3-for-3 and drove in two runs, including an RBI single in the first for a quick 1-0 lead. Three runs in the third on RBI singles by Nowak and Kohr and a Daggett RBI groundout made it 4-0. Autumn Daggett added an RBI single in the fourth.

Union/Cove (9-3 overall, 3-1 SD6) hosts Weston-McEwen Friday. ■

# EASTERN

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game, allowing one run on five hits in five innings with two walks and four strikeouts.

**Saturday**  
**EOU 7, PROVIDENCE 1**  
The Mountaineers rolled from start to finish to earn a crucial win in the final CCC game of the weekend.

Ebner went 3-for-3 with three RBIs, including a first-inning single to drive in the game's first run and a two-run single in the sixth to cap off the scoring. Spencer and Hannah Rothwell both drove in runs on fielder's choices in the second and third innings, and Bonner added a two-run double in the fifth.

Bowling added a 2-for-3 effort on the afternoon and scored three times for the Mountaineers.

Lauren Spencer, meanwhile, shut down the Argos for the complete-game victory, surrendering just one run on five hits and striking out four batters. She did walk five, but worked around the free passes.

**EOU 12, PROVIDENCE 3**  
Eastern capped the weekend with its first mercy-rule victory of the season as

it scored seven runs in the first inning to take control of the game and cruise to the win.

The Mountaineers responded quickly after Olivia Warren hit a three-run home run in the first for an early 3-0 Argos' lead. Ebner hit an RBI single, Bonner drove in a run on a fielder's choice and both Rothwell and Shelby Starr worked bases-loaded walks to force in two more runs for a 4-3 lead. Julie Hernandez followed with an RBI single and two more runs scored on a pair of Providence wild pitches.

An error, a sacrifice fly by Bonner and a two-run double by Starr made it 11-3 in the second inning, and Ebner added an RBI groundout in the third for the final margin.

Eastern registered just six hits in the game, but was issued 10 walks and took advantage of three Argo errors. Starr finished with three RBIs, and both Bonner and Ebner drove in a pair of runs.

Smith shook off the early home run to get the win, allowing six hits in four innings with a pair of strikeouts.

The Mountaineers (10-27 overall, 5-16 CCC) travel to Northwest Christian Friday and Saturday for their final road trip of the regular season. ■

# Suto records another victory

Observer  
Wallowa/Joseph's Tori Suto shot a 77 to win the girls title at the Big River Invitational Friday in Umatilla.

Michael Diggins, meanwhile, shot 102 to lead a trio of Wallowa/Joseph boys golfers. Frank Westerman followed with 131 and

Willie Gibbs had 140, both playing their first tournament.

Imbler's Will Coston was third with 95.

**LA GRANDE INVITE RESCHEDULED**  
The La Grande Tigers boys Invitational was moved back a week to Friday, April 19, due to weather and course conditions.

# TRACK

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team of Hallgarth, Andres Schmittle, Jordon Palmer and Simpson was fourth in 46.37. Hallgarth was also fourth in the 200 (25.10).

The Joseph Eagles, in fourth with 54 points, turned in second-place finishes from Tyler Homan in the 300 hurdles (43.59) and Henry Coughlan in the 3,000 (9:39.29). Coughlan was also third in the 1,500 (4:23.06), and T.J. Grote was third in the pole vault (11-feet-6).

Jaxon Blackburn (12-feet-0) and Carter Blackburn (10-feet-6) went 2-4 in the pole vault to pace the Union Bobcats, who were seventh with 28 points. Israel O'Reilly added a third-place finish (9:43.72) in the 3,000, and Griffin Nash was fourth in the shot put (39-feet-3).

The Enterprise Outlaws took third in the 4x100 relay with Shane Lund, Foster Hobbs, Jericho Peters and Garrett Thorne finishing in 46.12, while Colby Harris took third in the triple jump (38-feet-6), and Zac Knapp was fourth in the 1,500 (4:25.58). The efforts helped boost the Outlaws to eighth with 23.5 points.

Dominick Grende was second in the high jump (5-feet-10) to lead the Powder Valley Badgers, which scored 19 points for 10th, and Calvin Martin was third in the javelin (136-feet-0-1/2) to lead the Imbler Panthers, who had nine points for 13th.

The Cove Leopards' top finish was a 12th-place effort by Blake Witten, Quinn Dobbs, Grady Fite and Jack Deem in the 4x100 relay (51.11).

The girls team title was a much closer race, with La Grande taking second with 129.5 points, just 0.5 points behind rival Baker. The team title came down to the 4x400 relay, the final, with Katie Brown, Alexys Chamberlain, Cecelia Aguilera and Jacki Martini finishing in 4:29.85, just 0.18 seconds behind Baker.

The close finish Saturday could be indicative of how the Greater Oregon League district meet could go in a month.

"I think Baker is going to give us a run at district, as is Ontario," Bodfish said. "It's anybody's guess who is going to win the district in the women's (side)."

Even with missing the team title, the Tigers still had a strong effort with six victories. Brown had the top spot in both the girls 100 (13.13) and 200 (28.06), while Martini won the 400 (1:02.24). Rachael Keniry meanwhile, won the 1,500, pulling ahead in the final 300 meters to finish in 5:11.97. Chamberlain won the 300 hurdles (52.04), and Anna Green was first in the javelin (106-feet-1-1/2). Keniry was also second in the 3,000 (11:42.21), Martini was third in the 800 (2:35.93), and Uma Gnadinger was third in the triple jump (26-feet-10-1/4).

Enterprise, which was third with 71 points, won the 4x100 relay with Hero Peters, Savannah Vaughn, Charlotte McDonald and Shelby Moncrief finishing in 53.51. The Outlaws also earned a win from Karli Bedard in the high jump (5-feet-0). Moncrief and Peters went 2-3 in the 100 (13.57 and 13.63) and Kyla Hood was second in the 1,500 (5:12.97). Placing third were Peters in the 200 (29.17) and Gianna Espinoza in the discus (87-feet-1-1/2). In fourth were McDonald in the long jump



Ronald Bond/The Observer  
La Grande's Rachael Keniry, right, pulls ahead of Enterprise's Kyla Hook, left, late to win the girls 1,500.

(14-feet-4) and Ashley Wilson in the 800 (2:39.51).

Austin Kendall led Cove, which was fifth with 41.5 points, by winning the 100 hurdles (18.05) and taking second in the high jump (4-feet-10). Mykiah Overton (100-feet-10) and Allie Best (97-feet-8) went 3-4 in the javelin, and Rylie Overton (86-feet-4-1/2) was fourth in the discus.

Joseph picked up dominant wins from Ellyse Tingelstad in the 3,000 (11:07.44, winning by 35 seconds) and Ella Coughlan in the 800 (2:27.75, winning by five seconds) on its way to 10th place and 24 points.

Powder Valley scored 17 points for 12th and was strongest in the relays. Brook Allen, Keanna Bingham, Sonora Blair and Belle Blair were third in the 4x400 (4:32.96), and Keanna and Megan Bingham ran with the Blairs to take fourth in the 4x100 (54.89).

Maddison Harvey took fourth in the 100 hurdles (18.66) to lead Elgin, which came in 13th with 14.5 points. Imbler, which was 14th with 4, was led by seventh-place finishes from Gracey Smith in the shot put (28-feet-1-1/2) and Hedda Anderson in the triple jump (25-feet-2-1/2).

**TWO LEOPARDS RUN IN PASCO**  
Two Cove Leopards — Tim Stevens and Jack Silveira — ran at the more than 100-team Pasco Invitational Saturday in Pasco, Washington.

Stevens took second in the boys 800 in 1:58.58 and was seventh in the 1,600 in 4:19.72.

Silveira was 33rd in the 3,200 in 10:27.44.

**Friday**  
**BADGERS COMPETE IN UMATILLA**  
The Powder Valley Badgers girls track team took third with 53 points at the River's Edge Invitational Friday in Umatilla, while the boys tied for fourth with 43 points.

The girls were led by three second-place finishes from Belle Blair in the 200 (27.66), Brooke Allen in the javelin (99-feet-4-1/2) and Keanna Bingham in the long jump (15-feet-6-3/4). Coming in third were Bailey Cole in the shot put (31-feet-0) and Megan Bingham in the triple jump (30-feet-7), and taking fourth was Keanna Bingham in the 400 (1:05.91).

On the boys side, Dominick Grende won the 300 hurdles (45.87), and in third were Kaden Krieger in the 400 (54.90), Ethan Stephens in the high jump (5-feet-8) and Sam Carlile in the triple jump

(36-feet-10-1/2).  
**UNION HOSTS TWILIGHT MEET**  
The Joseph Eagles swept both the boys and girls sides of the docket at the Union Twilight Invitational Friday night.

Joseph coasted on the boys side, winning seven events and scoring 177.5 points. Both Juston Rodgers and Tyler Homan posted a pair of victories, with Rodgers taking the 200 (24.5 seconds) and the 400 (55.24), and Homan winning the 110 hurdles (18.38) and the long jump (18-feet-6). Jonah Staigle added a win in the discus (98-feet-11), Bayden Menton took the 1,500 (4:35.93), and Kade Kilgore and T.J. Grote shared top honors in the pole vault (10-feet-6).

Elgin, which was second with 120 points, recorded three victories, two from Tristan Simpson in the 100 (12.04) and the javelin (153-feet-5). The Huskies also claimed the top time in the 300 hurdles with Andres Wintersteen winning in 49.09.

The Union Bobcats, in third with 84.5 points, saw Griffin Nash win the shot put (40-feet-2) and Jace Phillips take the triple jump (33-feet-4). The Cove Leopards, in fourth with 62 points, picked up a win from Blake Witten in the high jump (5-feet-8) and in the 4x800 relay from Jack Deem, Tim Stevens, Jack Silveira and Witten (8:55.66).

The battle for the top mark on the girls side was much closer, with Joseph scoring 119.5 points to edge Cove by 0.5 points.

The Eagles won four events, with Kylee Braden taking the 100 (14.64), Haley Miller the 400 (1:08.39), Ellyse Tingelstad the 1,500 (5:05.80) and Sabrina Albee the long jump (13-feet-9).

Cove, meanwhile, posted the top mark in six events, with Rylie Overton leading the way by taking both the shot put (27-feet-1) and the discus (81-feet-11). Rachel Baird took first in the 200 (29.91), Austin Kendall won the 100 hurdles (18.49), Mykiah Overton claimed the javelin (110-feet-7), and Allie Best took the high jump (5-feet-0).

Third-place Union, which scored 70.5 points, won the 4x800 relay with Jaimee Baxter, Kaitlin Martens, Abriel O'Reilly and Audrey Wells finishing in a time of 10:36.36. Elgin, which had 55 points, saw Maddison Harvey win the 300 hurdles in 58.82. ■