

La Grande rolls to dominant sweep

Observer staff

The La Grande Tigers softball team posted two more 20-run performances in Greater Oregon League play, trouncing Ontario on the road Tuesday, 20-1 and 22-0.

"Offensively our bats were working top to bottom," Head Coach Woody Wright said. "We had good pitch selection at the plate and put the ball in play and made things happen. (It was) our best outing offensively by far."

LA GRANDE 20, ONTARIO 1

Alaina Carson and Jayce Seavert both drove in five runs as La Grande pounded out 21 hits to bury Ontario.

La Grande broke the

game wide open with a 10-run fourth inning. Seavert and Lexee Gomes hit two-run singles around an Allie Brock RBI single, and Carson hit a three-run double for a 14-1 lead. Seavert added another RBI single and Brock hit an RBI double for a 16-1 margin.

Seavert, who went 4-for-5 and also scored three runs, hit a two-run home run as part of a three-run second inning for an early 5-0 lead.

Carson, Gomes and Grace Neer each added three hits. Gomes had three RBIs, and Carson and Neer scored three times. Seven players for La Grande had at least two hits, and eight players

scored at least twice.

Brock struck out 11 batters and allowed one unearned run on two hits in four innings.

LA GRANDE 22, ONTARIO 0

Kara Gooderham, Jacie Howton and Jaideen Hafer sparked the offense as La Grande again piled on late — scoring 17 runs in the fourth and fifth innings — for the sweep.

Gooderham and Howton both had four hits, and Hafer had four RBIs and added a three-run home run during a 10-run fourth.

An error and a Brock sacrifice fly before Hafer's home run gave La Grande a 10-0 lead in the fourth. Gomes, Carson and Goo-

derham followed with RBI singles, and Seavert capped the frame with a two-run single.

Gomes, Felicity Houston and Hafer each hit RBI singles, Brock doubled home a run, and Gooderham had an RBI groundout during the fifth. Gooderham also had a first-inning RBI triple, and Howton added a third-inning two-run double.

Brock and Neer combined to throw a one-hitter, Brock with four hitless innings and 10 strikeouts and Neer with four strikeouts in the fifth.

La Grande (11-1 overall, 4-0 GOL) hosts McLoughlin in a doubleheader moved to Thursday. ■

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Wallowa/Joseph's Tori Suto took second at the La Grande Invite with a score of 81.

GOLF

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Goss said one of the challenges the wet course provided was that players wouldn't get the normal roll on a shot — sometimes, she said, 20-30 yards' worth — making the course play longer.

"I saw balls just stop," Goss said. "You don't get the distance you normally would. It makes it harder."

Wallowa/Joseph's Tori Suto, who was second with a score of 81, didn't use the wet conditions as an excuse for what was a high score for her as she's been in the 70s most of the season. In fact, she said the course was in good shape.

"I was in a funk," she said. "I didn't play bad, I just missed shots."

Suto finished five shots behind individual winner Megan George of Pendleton, who shot a 4-over 76. La Grande returns to the

course Monday at Baker, while Wallowa/Joseph travels to Grant Union Friday.

TIGER BOYS WIN AT MAC-HI INVITE

Cruz Gallegos shot a round of 69 on a par-60 course to earn the top spot individually and lead the La Grande Tigers boys golf team to victory at the McLoughlin Invitational Tuesday in Milton-Freewater.

The rest of the Tigers shot in the 80s: Tristen Shepherd carded an 81, Bradon McCall an 83, Braden Bell an 84, and Anton Evans an 89. Shepherd's score tied him for third, and McCall finished in fifth.

"A couple kids didn't play as good as they wanted, but that's golf," Head Coach Ron Evans said. "Overall as a team I'm happy with all of them."

The LHS boys are back in action Friday when they host the La Grande Invitational. ■

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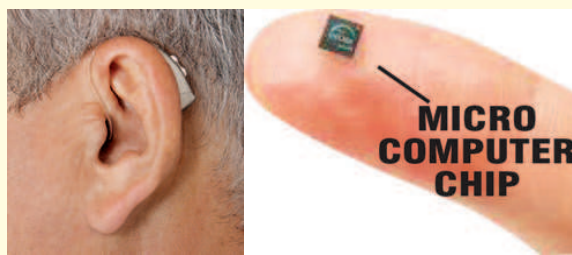
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