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La Grande's Bradon McCall had a team-best eight-stroke improvement Tuesday.



Photo courtesy of Kyle Crawford

Boone Harrod shot a two-day score of 184 to lead the Enterprise boys at state.

TIGERS

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the tournament Monday with a score of 93, firing a 45 on the front nine and following with 48 on the back, but adding a birdie on the par-5 13th to help his cause.

Cruz Gallegos, the Tigers' leader after an opening round of 90 that saw him shoot 45 on both the front and back nine, finished with a 99 on Tuesday, opening with a 51 on the back nine and finishing with a 48 on the front despite three late triple bogeys. His two-day total of 189 put him in a tie for 27th.

Tristen Shepherd followed with a total score of 205 to place 40th. The freshman, like Gallegos, had a balanced first round, shooting 96 with a 48 on both the front and back nine, including a birdie on the par-4 10th. He followed with a 109 on Tuesday, posting a 53 on the back nine and finishing with a 56 on the front nine.

Bradon McCall finished with the best improvement from the first round to the final, bumping his score of 109 on Monday down to 101 on Tuesday for an overall score of 210 to place 45th. The senior inched his score down each nine holes, opening with a 55 on the front nine Monday and following with a 54 on the back that featured a birdie on the par-3 17th. He turned around Tuesday with a 53 on the back and saved his best for last with a 48 on the front nine.

"It's hard (to see their final round) when they're seniors, because they're done, and today was one of those days," Evans said of Bell and McCall, adding it was "awesome" the way McCall's score improved throughout the tournament.

The Tigers split their No. 5 position on the team between two players. Anton Evans played Monday's first round and shot a 112, opening with a 54 on the front and a 58 on the back nine. Jack Seydel followed

with a score of 106 to place fourth on the team for the day, posting a 55 on the back and finishing with a 51 on the front nine.

"It was a great experience, and (I) can't wait for next year," Ron Evans said.

Marist took home the team title, finishing with a two-day score of 627 to top Seaside by 32 shots and Valley Catholic by 80 strokes.

OUTLAWS POST 41-STROKE IMPROVEMENT IN FINAL ROUNDT O COME AWAY IN NINTH

The final day of the season for the Enterprise Outlaws boys golf team was arguably its best.

The Outlaws shot a final round score of 404 — a 41-stroke improvement over its score of 445 during the opening — to move up to ninth place at the 3A/2A/1A state boys tournament Monday and Tuesday in Creswell.

"I'm extremely proud of our team," head coach Kyle Crawford said.

The final round improvement was the biggest move of any team over its first-round score, and enabled the Outlaws to leapfrog Blanchet into ninth place with a two-day total of 849. Enterprise had been 15 strokes behind the Cavaliers after day one, but outshot Blanchet by 27 strokes in the final round.

All five EHS golfers shot a better score during the final round to help the cause, but the most notable day-two surge came from Zion Mark. After an opening round total of 119 Monday, Mark shot an even 100 Tuesday, and his individual 19-stroke improvement over the prior round was the best of any player in the tournament.

"I asked him what his secret was, and he said, 'I just got into a groove,'" Crawford said of Mark.

In fact, the junior gradually improved as the tournament progressed. After shooting a 61 on the back nine Monday — he played the back nine first in both rounds — Mark moved up to a 58 on the front nine. Tuesday's moves were even

better, as he shot 55 on the back nine and improved to 45 on the front nine to close the tournament. Mark finished with a score of 219 and placed 47th.

Boone Harrod led the Outlaws with a score of 184, himself improving to 89 in the final round after shooting 95 in the opening round, to place 22nd. Harrod opened on the back nine Monday with a total of 52, then moved up to 43 on the front nine. The senior was much more consistent Tuesday, shooting 44 on the back nine, including a birdie on the par-5 18th, and a 45 on the front nine, with a birdie on the par-4 eighth.

Jacob Amaro had an 11-shot swing in the right direction, following a 113 Monday with a 102 Tuesday to finish at 215 and place 44th. Amaro, like Mark, also gradually improved over the 36 holes, jumping from 58 on the back nine Monday to 55 on the front, then posting 54 on the back Tuesday before finishing with a 48 on the front.

Tyler Gray, who placed 52nd, had a 118 Monday and a 113 Tuesday for a score of 231. Gray started with 55 on the back and followed with 63 on the front on Monday, then added a 59 and a 54, respectively, on Tuesday.

Alex Albanez, a freshman who placed 63rd, shot a 138 and a 133 for a total of 271. Albanez had a 70 on the back nine and a 68 on the front Monday, and concluded with a 60 and 73 on Tuesday.

"We gained a ton of quality experience, and I'm excited to see how our golf program does next year," Crawford said.

Oregon Episcopal, the team champion, won by 66 strokes with a score of 664. ■

M's hit three homers in win

By Chris Talbott
The Associated Press

Daniel Vogelbach, Tim Beckham and Mitch Haniger homered, Roenis Elias pitched out of a bases-loaded jam and the Mariners beat the Oakland Athletics 4-3 Tuesday night.

Haniger's deep two-run shot into the second deck in left field in the fifth inning broke a 2-2 tie, and Elias stopped a bases-loaded threat with two outs in the seventh with a strikeout, as the Mariners sent the A's to their third straight loss, and fourth in six games.

Mike Leake (3-4) earned the win with an efficient start that was marred by a two-run error. Leake gave up five hits and struck out six. He was chased after 6 2/3 innings when Oakland cut it to 4-3 on an RBI single by Robbie Grossman in the seventh inning.

Vogelbach led off the second inning with a line-drive home run to right field, his 11th of the season, before Beckham

hit his seventh homer of the season two batters later. The solo shots gave the Mariners a 2-0 lead that stood up until Leake issued his only walk, to Ramon Laureano, with one out in the fifth.

Robbie Grossman singled one out later and the Mariners compounded those mistakes with their 46th error of the season on a routine throw. Beckham, playing out of position at second base while Dee Gordon recuperates from injury, bounced the throw to first baseman Edwin Encarnacion on Marcus Semien's weak grounder for what could have been the third out.

Stephen Piscotty doubled on a weak pop fly to right field to lead off the seventh for Oakland, and Grossman chased Leake with a single that made it 4-3. Seattle reliever Corey Gearin allowed a single and a four-pitch walk to load the bases. But Elias entered and struck out pinch-hitter Chad Pinder on three pitches to end the threat and went on to earn his fifth save. ■



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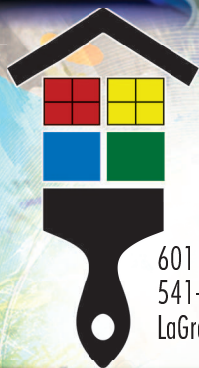
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