

## EOU hosts high school camp



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Prep football players from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Nevada are receiving a wealth of instruction from college and high school football coaches this week at the Eastern Oregon University 11-Man Team Camp. EOU head football coach Tim Camp, top photo, talks with Lucas Shepard, center, and Moses Estrada, both of Capital High School in Boise. Baker High School assistant coach Joel Richardson, bottom, speaks with Blake Swanson of Pendleton High School. About 500 players are attending the camp, which started Monday and runs through Thursday.



## Junior all-stars battle back into championship game

### La Grande faces Murrayhill for state championship

By Jayson Jacoby  
Baker City Herald

La Grande's junior baseball all-stars decided to stick around Bend for a few more days, and now they're on the brink of a state championship.

After losing their first game, 8-6 to Del Norte, California, on Saturday, La Grande rallied to win three straight games in three days, culminating in an avenging 6-2 victory over Del Norte on Tuesday.

La Grande advanced to today's championship round and will play Murrayhill at 2 p.m.

If La Grande wins that game the two teams will face off again, around 5 p.m. today, for the state title.

"The kids never gave up, and I'm really proud of them," La Grande Coach Doug Schow said after Tuesday's win over Del Norte.

The Oregon Juniors champion advances to the West Region championships, to be held July 26-Aug. 3 in San Jose, California.

Although La Grande has to win two straight games to claim the state title, Schow said he believes his team is prepared and confident.

"I think they're pretty calm and collected right now," he said Tuesday evening as the players unwound with a game of — naturally — baseball on a Wii.

"They're ready for the game already," he said Tuesday. They know what they need to do."

Schow said that even after playing four straight days, his pitching rotation is in better shape than he expected it might be following Saturday's loss to Del Norte.

One of his top pitchers, Sam Tsiatsos, threw just 16 pitches through the first

four games. He'll start today against Murrayhill.

If La Grande wins to force a winner-takes-all final, the coach's son, Jace Schow, who started Tuesday against Del Norte, would take the mound.

Although Jace was limited to 20 pitches Tuesday to ensure he would be eligible today, he didn't allow a baserunner in 2-1/3 innings.

He gave way to Lakoda Huff, who "just dominated" and pitched the rest of the game, Coach Schow said.

"It's the best game I've seen that kid throw," he said.

After analyzing Saturday's loss to Del Norte, Schow said he told his pitchers Tuesday to mix inside fastballs with off-speed pitches outside.

The strategy worked as Del Norte managed just three hits.

"They were frustrated," Schow said. "They couldn't hit that inside pitch."

La Grande's Cole Shafer had no such trouble.

His three-run home run in the third inning accounted for half of La Grande's runs.

Shafer, whose smash came with two outs and two strikes, said he swung on a high inside pitch and tucked the ball just inside the left foul pole.

Tsiatsos had two hits, Jarrett Armstrong was 2-for-4 with a double, Carter Peasley had a clutch RBI hit and Owen Rinker had a key sacrifice fly to give La Grande a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

"With two strikes, I was just trying to put the ball in play and get the run around," Rinker said.

Rinker, who hit a homer in La Grande's 12-8 win over Bend North on Monday, said the team has completely recovered from the jitters that affected them in the first-game loss.

Shafer said he and his teammates are excited about

today.

"I think that our team does feel very confident," Shafer said. "We have two of our best pitchers able to pitch."

Schow said his team's resilience was apparent even in the 8-6 loss to Del Norte.

La Grande actually fell behind 8-0 before nearly rallying for the win with six runs in the seventh inning.

And La Grande loaded the bases with two outs.

The team rebounded Sunday to rout Salem 11-1. Jace Schow was dominant on the mound, Tsiatsos hit a three-run homer and Owen Rinker was 3-for-3.

In Monday's 12-8 win over Bend North, Shafer pitched into the sixth inning.

"He threw a phenomenal game," Schow said.

La Grande also rallied in that game after trailing 8-6.

## SPORTS BRIEF

From staff reports

### Justin Herbert on Davey O'Brien award watch list

EUGENE — Justin Herbert earned another preseason honor Tuesday as one of the 30 quarterbacks named to the Davey O'Brien Award watch list.

The Oregon quarterback is one of five Pac-12 QBs on the watch list, along with Stanford's K.J. Costello, USC's J.T. Daniels, Colorado's Steven Montez and Arizona's Khalil Tate, for the award that recognizes the top collegiate quarterback.

Herbert, who was previously named to the Maxwell Award watch list, threw for 3,151 yards and 29 touchdowns and eight interceptions last season.

Half of the honorees are seniors, along with nine juniors and six sophomores. The Pac-12 leads all conferences with five honorees, four from the Big XII and three from the Big Ten.

UO's Marcus Mariota won the 2014 O'Brien award, which was won last year by Oklahoma's Kyler Murray.

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Megan Brassine, NP-C

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