

**Local sports schedule**

**THURSDAY, MAY 6**

**PREP SOFTBALL**

Baker/Powder Valley at La Grande, 2 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 7**

**PREP BOYS TRACK AND FIELD**

La Grande Greater Oregon League Invitational, La Grande

**PREP BASEBALL**

Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah at Union/Cove, 3 p.m.

**PREP SOFTBALL**

Wallowa Valley at Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii, 2 p.m.

**PREP BOYS TENNIS**

Baker/Powder Valley at La Grande, 4 p.m.

**Prep girls tennis**

Baker/Powder Valley at La Grande, TBD

**COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD**

EOU at Oregon Twilight meet in Eugene

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL**

Cascade Collegiate Conference Championship, EOU vs. Corban at Ashland, 9 a.m.

**COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Southern Oregon at EOU, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

**PREP BASEBALL**

Baker/Powder Valley at La Grande, 11 a.m.

Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah at Union/Cove, 11 a.m.

McLoughlin at Wallowa Valley, 1 p.m.

**PREP SOFTBALL**

La Grande at Pendleton, 11 a.m.

La Grande at Ridgeview (Pendleton High School) 1:30 p.m.

**COLLEGE TRACK AND FIELD**

EOU at the Canis Latrans Qualifier and Multis in Caldwell, Idaho

**COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Southern Oregon at EOU, 3 p.m.

**EOU in opening game of CCC Championships**

The Observer

ASHLAND — No. 5 Eastern Oregon University softball opens the Cascade Conference Championships on Friday morning, May 7, in Ashland against No. 4 Corban University.

The winner that afternoon goes on to face top ranked Southern Oregon University, and the losers plays Saturday in an elimination game.

The complete 40-team National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Championship field will be revealed Tuesday, May 11, upon the conclusion of conference tournaments across the country. The 10 opening round champions advance to the NAIA World Series, set for May 27 through June 2 in Columbus, Georgia.

Due to Jackson County being in Oregon's "Extreme Risk" category and under SOU policies, only 75 fans will be allowed inside University Field for each game.

For all non-SOU games, seats will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. For all SOU games, there will be 25 available for the visiting team on a first-come, first-serve basis and 50 reserved for a home team guest list.

Fans can watch the

games for free from the areas outside of the large main fence down the left- and right-field lines. Fans must wear masks on SOU property at all times.

The complete Cascade Conference Championships tournament schedule is below:

**FRIDAY, MAY 7**

**Game 1 at 9 a.m.** — No. 4 Corban vs. No. 5 Eastern Oregon.

**Game 2 at 11:30 a.m.** — No. 3 Oregon Tech vs. No. 6 Warner Pacific.

**Game 3 at 2 p.m.** — No. 1 Southern Oregon vs. winner of game 1.

**Game 4 at 4:30 p.m.** — No. 2 College of Idaho vs. winner of game 2.

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

**Game 5 at 9 a.m.** — Loser of game 2 vs. loser of game 3 (loser eliminated).

**Game 6 at 11:30 a.m.** — Loser of game 1 vs. loser of game 4 (loser eliminated).

**Game 7 at 2 p.m.** — Winner of game 3 vs. winner of game 4.

**Game 8 at 4:30 p.m.** — Winner of game 5 vs. winner of game 6 (loser eliminated).

**SUNDAY, MAY 9**

**Game 9 at 11 a.m.** — Loser of game 7 vs. winner of game 8 (loser eliminated).

**Game 10 at 1:30 p.m.** — Winner of game 7 vs. winner of game 9 (championship).

**Game 11** — 30 minutes after completion of game 10 (if necessary).



Ellen Morris Bishop/For the Wallowa County Chieftain

Wallowa Valley pitcher Flynn Nave slides into third just before the tag. He was ruled out on the steal attempt in the first game of a doubleheader at Enterprise's Jensen Field on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Wallowa Valley won that doubleheader and another Tuesday at home against Weston-McEwen.

**Wallowa Valley defeats TigerScots**

JOSEPH — Wallowa Valley playing at home bested the Weston-McEwen TigerScots in a pair of nonleague games, 12-2 and 10-0.

Weston-McEwen was holding strong early in the second game, trailing 4-2 after four innings.

Wallowa Valley hung six runs on the board in the fifth to pull away.

Blane Peal and Willie

Cain hit doubles for the TigerScots, while Ben Hubbard added two singles.

In the opener, Caden Fent threw a complete game three-hitter for Wallowa Valley, striking out five.

Fent and Flynn Nave each drove in two runs for Wallowa Valley, which invoked the 10-run rule in the fifth inning.

The win came on the heels of Wallowa Valley chalking up both wins in a doubleheader Saturday, May 1, sweeping Grant Union 14-4 and 6-3.

In other prep baseball play, Baker/Powder Valley defeated Ontario on the road 18-1 and 5-1.

Baker improved to 6-4 overall.

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**Google deal with WNBA promotes women's sports**

By DOUG FEINBERG  
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The WNBA signed a multi-year deal with Google on Monday to be the presenting partner for the league's playoffs, part of the technology giant's efforts to help champion women's sports.

Twenty-five WNBA games will be televised on ABC and ESPN in celebration of the league's 25th season, with Google as the presenting sponsor. The league will also have 40 games on CBS and CBS Sports Network.

The WNBA will also have 12 games streamed on Twitter and 20 on Facebook.

Google is the latest business to join the league as a "WNBA Changemaker," a program that Commissioner Cathy Engelbert started last year.

Changemakers are intended to provide direct support to the WNBA in its ongoing business transformation across marketing, branding and player and fan experience. AT&T, Deloitte U.S. and Nike were the first three companies to join the program.

Google also will be an associate partner for the All-Star Game and the inaugural WNBA Commissioner's Cup.

Other highlights of the deal include Google becoming the Official Trends and Fan Insights partner of the WNBA, as well as an official marketing partner and technology partner of the league. Google also has an agreement with ESPN to present a weekly montage of the best women's sports highlights each week on "SportsCenter" beginning in May.

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