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Ridgeview taps into newfound success

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Ridgeview's Jace Nagler connects with a pitch during the first game of a doubleheader against Hood River Valley in Redmond on Friday.

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Ridgeview's Olen Nofziger runs down a fly ball hit to center field during the first game of a doubleheader against Hood River Valley in Redmond on Friday.

Ridgeview's Mason Scott fields a ground ball during the first game of a doubleheader against Hood River Valley in Redmond on Friday.

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BY BRIAN RATHBONE
FOR THE SPOKESMAN

REDMOND — There is a new, young batch of players, a new coaching staff and a newfound sense of confidence for the Ridgeview baseball program hoping to turn a corner this spring.

Prior to dropping both games of Friday's doubleheader in their Intermountain Conference opening series against Hood River Valley (falling 6-3 and 10-6), the Ravens had won seven consecutive games — nearing the total number of wins, 10, in the previous three seasons combined.

"My first goal when I started in the fall was building trust," said first-year coach Shane Nakamura. "Coming from the softball program, I've never seen most of them play. So during the winter and fall you start, you get to know them, and then start to change the culture."

Through the first month of the season, Ridgeview is off to its best start since the 2014 season, when the team won 21 games and advanced to the Class 4A state semifinals.

That was also the last time the Ravens made the playoffs.

During the recent winning streak, Ridgeview outscored its opponents — Franklin, Cascade, Tillamook, Crook County, Roosevelt, Benson and St. Helens — 96-13, showcasing one of the more potent lineups in Class 5A.

"We have just been in the batting cages a lot," said junior shortstop Jace Nagler. "After the first two losses of the season, we said, 'screw it, let's ball out,' and we just got rolling."

Before taking the reins of the baseball program, Nakamura was an assistant on the Ridgeview softball coaching staff, which has been a juggernaut for nearly a decade in 5A.

So far, the change has been effective. The team is improving on the diamond and growing closer as a team.

"Everyone is working together, loving each other, everyone is wanting to work together," said junior pitcher Colton Chastain. "It really helps a baseball team come together. We were mostly individuals when we started but something clicked as we figured it out."

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The Ravens could just be getting started because the team makeup is very young. There are no seniors on the squad, and over half the players are freshmen or sophomores.

"I think that is a good thing because next year we won't be losing anyone; if anything, we will be adding people," Nagler said. "That is what we want. But I still think we can have a good season this year."

IMC play will prove to be more of challenge. Four of the six conference teams have winning records — only three IMC teams earn a postseason berth — and are considered top 15 teams in the 5A coaches poll.

"Being young and competing at the level that they have been competing at has me really excited for what's coming up for this group," Nakamura said. "They have been buying into what we are selling as a coaching staff. They put in all the time, all of the hours and they have been giving me everything they got."

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Calendar

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Open Hub Singing Club: This is an opportunity to get together to give ourselves the neurochemical and emotional reboot of making beautiful sounds in a group; 6-7 p.m.; free; Redmond Public Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave., Redmond; deschuteslibrary.org or 541-312-1029.

Tony Buckman: The local country singer will perform; 6 p.m.; free; Jersey Boys Pizzeria, 527 NW Elm Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/tonybuckmanmusic or 541-548-5232.

Bingo Night: Join to play bingo with Bend Cider Co.; 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Kobold Brewing — The Vault Taphouse, 245 SW Sixth St., Redmond; koboldbrewing.com or 541-504-9373.

Thursday 4/21

Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 4:30-6 p.m.; free; Redmond City Hall, 411 SW Ninth St., Redmond; redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7710.

Britnee Kellogg — Range Music Series: The local country musician will perform; 5:30-8:30 p.m.; free; Brasada Ranch, 16986 SW Brasada Ranch Road, Powell Butte; brasada.com or 855-318-4960.

The Ballybogs: The Irish traditional music band will perform; 6-8 p.m.; free; Porter Brewing Co., 611 NE Jackpine Ct. 2, Redmond; porterbrewingco.com or 541-504-7959.

Live Music on the Patio — Tony Buckman: The local country singer will perform; 6 p.m.; free; Kebold Brewing — The Vault Taphouse, 245 SW Sixth St., Redmond; koboldbrewing.com or 541-504-9373.

Bow Wow Bingo: Join for Bow-Wow Bingo every Thursday evening benefiting BrightSide Animal Center; 6:30-8 p.m.; $1 each card for first two games, $2 each for second two games; Cascade Lakes at Seventh St., 855 SW Seventh St., Redmond; facebook.com/CascadeLakesBrewingCo or 541-923-3110.

Friday 4/22

Sanctuary Barrel Races: The second annual High Cascades Futurity and Benefit race will take place; 10 a.m.; Deschutes County Fair & Expo Center, 3800 SW Airport Way, Redmond; expo.deschutes.org or 541-548-2711.

Earth Day Clean-up 2022: To celebrate Earth Day Redmond City will be hosting a clean-up along the canal trail from Highland Ave to Veteran's Way; 3:30-5:30 p.m.; free; Flag Monument Downtown, Redmond; redmondoregon.gov.

Central Oregon Comedy Scene presents Standup Comedy: Local comedians will perform; 7-10 p.m.; $15-$20; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/Generalduffys or 541-527-4345.

Shepherd's House Redmond Open House: Meet Shepherd's House staff and board members and learn about our plans for a new year-round homeless services center right here in Redmond; free; Shepherd's House, 1350 S Highway 97, Redmond; visitredmondoregon.com.

Saturday 4/23

Spring Gardening Seminar — Native Bees and Plants: OSU Master Gardeners will offer their insight into the world of Bee and Plants in Central Oregon; 10 a.m.; $5-$35 Choose 1 class ($5) or up to 7 ($35); OSU Extension Service, Online, Redmond; gocomga.com or 541-548-6088.

Wild Ride Classic Car Show: This show features classic 1989 and older cars, trucks and motorcycles; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; free, register a vehicle for $17-$20; Wild Ride Brewing Co., 332 SW Fifth St., Redmond; wildridebrew.com or 541-610-2520.

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Justy's Jelly & Friends Spring Open House: The shop will be offering something sweet to eat and drink while you shop around at the various vendors; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; free; Justy's Jelly, 836 SW Twelfth St., Redmond; visitredmondoregon.com or 541-408-3859.

Spring Gardening Seminar — Composting: OSU Master Gardeners will offer their insight into the world of composting in Central Oregon; 1 p.m.; $5-$35 Choose 1 class ($5) or up to 7 ($35); OSU Extension Service, Online; gocomga.com or 541-548-6088.

Live in the Tasting Room — The Substitutes: The local classic rock band will perform; 5-8 p.m.; $15 adults, children 12 and under free; Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyards, 70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne; faithhopeandcharityevents.com or 541-526-5075.

Sleepless Truckers: The outlaw country band will perform; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; $10; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; generalduffys.com or 541-527-4345.

Sunday 4/24

Sunday Brunch and Karaoke: Join for brunch and then later Karaoke; 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; free; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; facebook.com/Generalduffys or 541-527-4345.

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Monday 4/25

Hemp Education Workshop: If you're interested in hemp production, business & economics join this two day workshop; 8:30 a.m.-Noon; free; OSU Extension Service, 3893 SW Airport Way, Redmond; extension.oregonstate.edu or 541-548-6088.

Aging Well Class: Learn more about how we change with age and what we can do to help us live and enjoy life; 11 a.m.-Noon; free; Redmond Senior Center, 325 NW Dogwood Ave., Redmond or 541-584-6325.

Photo by Tim Trainor/Redmond Spokesman

Ginny Weeber, a member of the GWFC-Central Oregon, leads an auto tour of a dozen stops where people can learn about a dozen important women in the history of Redmond.

History

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The quest starts at Redmond Airport, then winds its way downtown and then off to Dry Canyon. It includes stops at the Becky Johnson Center, Dr. D.F. Hosch House and Homestead Park, among others. You could complete the tour on foot or with a vehicle.

At each location, participants must try to figure out which historic woman of Redmond corresponds to the landmark. Once you visited all 12 stops and made your best guess, participants should drop off their answer sheet at Centennial Park by 2 p.m. on April 30.

Winners will be drawn randomly at 3 p.m., and one person from the team must be present to win. Prizes include a blizzard party at Dairy Queen or a pizza party at Pappy's Pizza. An auction at the park will also help raise funds. Find the auction online at: http://fundraiser/bid/ladieslegacieslandmarksauction.

According to Weeber, a number of Girl Scout troops have already completed the quest, and local history teachers have also challenged their students to finish the tour.

GFWC is an international women's organization dedicated to volunteerism. For the last 18 years, the Central Oregon club has supported Jericho Road, Central Oregon Veterans Ranch, Sparrow Clubs and Redmond schools, among other community organizations.

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