

# Sports & Recreation

## Ridgeview softball advances to quarterfinals



BY BRIAN RATHBONE

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It happened again. The Ridgeview softball team advanced to the state quarterfinals, which has been a routine for nearly a decade.

Wednesday's 11-3 win over No. 11 Thurston in the opening round of the Class 5A playoffs marks the fifth time in the last seven softball seasons played since 2014 that the Ravens advanced to the state quarterfinals.

The sixth-seeded Ravens — and still defending 5A state champions after winning the title in 2019, the last time there was a softball postseason — scored the first seven runs of the game in the first two innings. Senior Teeghan Reams broke the game open with a

double that scored two runs in the first inning, then hit a two-RBI triple in the second inning. Reams finished with two hits, two runs and four runs batted in in the win. She even stepped into the pitcher's circle and struck out three batters en route to getting the final six outs of the game.

Senior center fielder Jordyn Looney scored twice and sophomore catcher Chloe Reams scored three times in the Ravens' victory.

Kilby Johns got the ball for the Ravens (15-10 overall) against the Colts (17-9). The sophomore pitcher tossed five innings, allowed two earned runs on three hits, and struck out six Thurston batters.

Ridgeview joins Bend High softball, which advanced to

the 6A quarterfinals Wednesday, as the final two high school teams still playing in the postseason. The Ravens will travel to face No. 3 Lebanon (23-5) Friday at 5 p.m. for a spot in the state semifinals.

### Redmond bows out

Midway through the fourth inning, No. 14 Redmond (15-13) was in a tie on the road with No. 3 Thurston (26-2) in the first round of the 5A playoffs.

However, over the next three innings, the Colts would score 11 runs to pull away with a 14-4 win in six innings.

Sophomore catcher Colton Horner led the Redmond offense with two hits and two runs batted in.

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« Ridgeview's Teeghan Reams connects with a pitch for a two-run homer during the fourth inning against Putnam in Redmond in April.

Ryan Brennecke/The Bulletin

## Doubles teams place second, third in tennis championships

BY MARK MORICAL

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Central Oregon tennis teams and individuals had solid performances Thursday through Saturday at the high school tennis state championships at the Tualatin Hills Tennis Center in Beaverton.

The Redmond boys doubles team of Tanner Jones and Nico Aftin finished second place in the Class 5A state championships.

In the semifinals on Saturday, Jones and Aftin defeated Paul Capek and Paul Kelly of The Dalles, 6-2, 6-4, to advance to the final. In the final, they fell to Crescent Valley's Luke Forester and Richard Wang, 6-1, 6-2.

The Panthers finished fourth place as a team.

"I'm real proud of the boys' efforts and their commitment to get better this season," said Redmond boys tennis coach Nathan Saito. "They just did everything they could at state. I asked them to do all that they can, and they did that. They played well. I'm proud of their efforts."

The Ridgeview girls doubles team of Rachel Lester and Sydney Cassaro finished third in Class 5A on Saturday.

Lester and Cassaro fell to No. 1-ranked Zoe Hughes and Kara Paterson of Crescent Valley, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 in



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Ridgeview's Rachel Lester, left, and Sydney Cassaro celebrate their victory in the third-place match of Class 5A girls doubles at the tennis state championships in Beaverton on Saturday.

the semifinals, then defeated Mia Poppe and Katie Scoggins of Wilsonville, 6-2, 6-3, in the third-place match.

"They won the first set and played really well, and then had a little lapse in the second," said Ridgeview girls tennis coach Barry Laing about their semifinal loss. "They just couldn't quite put games together and lost, 6-1. They started off the third set really strong, they were up 2-0. They had three break points to go to 5-all and couldn't quite do it."

Laing said it was a heartbreaking loss, and they only

had about 45 minutes to recover before playing for third place.

"They really took the loss emotionally hard," Laing said. "I thought, well, we'll see how they play in the third-place match because they were emotionally drained. But they played unbelievably well and won in straight sets to take third place. I was really happy for them. Last year they won districts during the COVID year with no state championships held."

Laing said that Cassaro

and Lester played their best tennis of the season at the state tournament.

"Each time they played they got better," he said. "They're a really good complement to each other."

Ridgeview finished fifth place as a team.

Also in 5A girls doubles, the Redmond team of Dagne Harris and Yudith Gradilla defeated Shayla Nguyen and Cindy Nguyen of Parkrose to advance to the consolation finals, where they fell to Lindsey Gardner and Paige Davis-

son of Silverton, 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.

In a 5A boys singles consolation semifinal, Ridgeview's Austin Allen fell to Rowan Mosher of Corvallis, 8-1.

Also on Saturday at the state championships in Beaverton, in Class 6A boys doubles, the Summit team of Hudson Snyder and Zack Olander defeated Lincoln's Sebastian Morse and Alden Russell 8-4 to advance to the consolation final.

In the consolation final, Snyder and Olander fell to Reif Larson and Chase Bald-

occhi of Jesuit, 6-0, 6-0.

Summit's Jake Seals and Owen Gurley also reached the 6A doubles consolation semifinals, but lost to Larson and Balldocchi, 8-0.

In Class 6A boys singles consolation semifinals Saturday, Caldera's Aiden Cruz fell to Jonathon Nguyen of David Douglas, 8-4.

In a Class 6A girls singles consolation semifinal, Bend High's Marin Montagne lost to Marina Seidl of Grant, 8-6.

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### OBITUARY

#### Mary Louise Bliven (nee Delger)

March 15, 1944 - May 13, 2022

Born March 15, 1944, in Fort Worth, Texas, Mary moved to St. Paul, Minnesota in early childhood and graduated from St. Paul Murray High School in 1962. She attended the University of Idaho, graduating in 1966 with a bachelor's degree in Art. It was there that she met her first husband, Jerry Bliven. They moved to Redmond, where Jerry taught at Redmond Junior High School, and Mary taught Art for 25 years at Redmond High School.



After Jerry's passing in 1983, Mary married Chancy Ball in 1986. Chancy also taught in the Redmond School District and coached wrestling for many years. After retirement, they enjoyed travelling the United States and to many places around the world. Mary loved her historic Redmond home, the yard in the summer, and her time with friends and family.

Mary was an accomplished watercolor artist. She was a past President of the Watercolor Society of Oregon, the Juniper Literary Club and the Central Oregon Retired Educators. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity.

Mary is survived by her husband, Chancy Ball, of Oro Valley, Arizona; son, Max Bliven, of Redmond; daughter, Sara Califf (Mathias) of Camas, Washington; four grandchildren; sister, Anne Hilton (Robert) of Tucson, Arizona; sister Jane Delger (Jens) of Apen, Germany. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Josephine and Arnold Delger, and her first husband Jerry Bliven.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the University of Minnesota School of Pharmacy - Arnold D Delger Fund for Pharmacy Student Leadership - Fund #2315 are suggested.



### OBITUARY

#### Dolores Elaine Grotjan

July 20, 1936 - May 20, 2022

Dolores was born in Decatur, Illinois to Rufus and Clara Harrison. She lived most of her life there until retirement in 1991 which brought her and husband, Stan, to Tumalo.

Dolores attended St. Paul's Lutheran School, Steven Decatur High School, Millikin University and spent her working years in accounting at The Decatur Herald and Review, Caterpillar, Staley Manufacturing Company, and St. Mary's Hospital. What she enjoyed most though was her pioneering role as a steel purchasing agent for Mason Steel.

Dolores and Stan married on May 11, 1973 and combined their families to include Dolores' two daughters, Becky and Debbie and Stan's four children, Lori, Karen, Phil and Kirt.

Dolores and Stan worked side by side and built their home overlooking the Deschutes River. Dolores spent many hours enjoying the river, the mountains and being able to be outdoors. She loved walking by the river, accompanied by her faithful Scottie dog, Fergie.

She was a keen bridge player, loved her church, and was devoted to her family. Dolores never met a stranger and was loved by all who met her. Meals, cards, and loving hugs were her way of caring for others. Her gift to the world was a heart that cared and an ability to bring that to action.

Dolores is survived by her husband, Stan, her daughters Becky (Rob) Overstreet and Debbie (Steve) Schendel and children Phil (Karen) Grotjan, Lori Hively, Karen Hawkins, and Kirt Grotjan. She is admired and loved by twelve grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Services will be on Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 11:00 AM at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Sisters, followed by a graveside service at 1:00 PM at Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.

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