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Frontier coaches rank EOU third

WHITEFISH, Mont. — The Eastern Oregon University football team was picked to finish third in the 2015 Frontier Conference Preseason Coaches' Poll which was released Wednesday. It's the fifth time in the last seven years the Mountaineers have been a preseason top-3 pick.

It would match their finish from 2014 when they went 7-3 in Frontier Conference play.

The Mountaineers received 36 points in the poll. Defending conference champion Carroll College (47) was ranked No. 1 by the coaches, followed by NAIA national champion Southern Oregon (44).

EOU opens the 2015 slate on Aug. 29 against College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho, at noon.

Hamels dealt after throwing no-hitter

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Two people familiar with the deal say the Philadelphia Phillies have agreed to trade ace left-hander Cole Hamels to the Texas Rangers for a package of prospects.

Both people spoke to The Associated Press late Wednesday night on condition of anonymity because the trade has not been finalized. Hamels has a limited no-trade clause but does not have to approve a deal to the Rangers.

Hamels would become the first pitcher in major league history traded during a season immediately after throwing a no-hitter — he no-hit the Chicago Cubs on Saturday at Wrigley Field. The 2008 World Series MVP was an integral part of the greatest run in franchise history when the Phillies won five straight NL East titles, two pennants and one World Series from 2007-11.

“Everybody wants you to be strong in this situation, but you can't be strong every day. If you want to be mad today, be mad. If you want to be sad, be sad. But the thing is, don't stay that way. Get it out of your system and go back to work.”

— **Eric Berry**
Kansas City Chiefs safety speaking to reporters for the first time since being diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma eight months ago. Berry underwent six round of chemotherapy and was cleared by team doctors to resume playing football on Tuesday. He reported to training camp with rookies on Wednesday.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS
1864 — The first Travers Stakes at Saratoga is won by Kentucky, a horse that scores 20 consecutive victories.

1967 — The New Orleans Saints play their first preseason game and lose to the Los Angeles Rams, 77-16.

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MISSION

Sweatin' with Schimmel



Athlete Jude Schimmel speaks to an audience of kids at the Nixyaawii Community School gym Wednesday morning, next to Nike master trainer Benjamin Monk. Schimmel visited the school as part of Nike's N7 initiative on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

Staff photo by Jonathan Bach

Nike N7 initiative comes to CTUIR

By JONATHAN BACH
East Oregonian



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Nike master trainer Benjamin Monk shows kids a body-weight exercise at the Nixyaawii community school gym Wednesday morning. Monk was part of a Nike crew who visited the school this week for the athletic wear company's N7 initiative.

Sweat, hydrate, listen up, repeat. That was the cadence Wednesday at the Nixyaawii Community School gym as Nike master trainer Benjamin Monk ran young some 40 kids and teens through an intensive body-weight workout.

With its N7 ambassador Jude Schimmel, a Nike crew from Beaverton made its way to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation this week to host a community workout and query locals about American Indian culture for its international brand.

The purpose of the Nike N7 initiative is to give money back to American Indian and Aboriginal

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PENDLETON

D-Jaxx roll in first round

Bradt pitches complete game to open state

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GRANTS PASS — Wyatt Morris led off with a triple and the Pepsi DiamondJaxx never looked back in a 7-1 win over Ashland on Wednesday in the first round of the American Legion Baseball state tournament.

Jack Peterson drove Morris in on the game's second at-bat and the DiamondJaxx controlled the momentum thanks to a fast-working James Bradt on the mound.

“It was huge, and then Jack singled him in and, man it was a good day for Buckaroo baseball,” DiamondJaxx manager Travis Zander said of Morris' triple.

Bradt gave up just three hits in a complete-game effort and struck out three while walking two.

“He did a great job pitching to contact and kept his pitch count down early,” Zander said of the late switch, who got the call in place of scheduled starter Quinn Cockburn.

“We talked (Tuesday) night as a staff and I talked with the kids and we had a

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MISSION

Bomar takes lead at Senior Oregon Open

Idaho pro leads tight grouping at top

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Billy Bomar matched the lowest round of the tournament with a 64 on Wednesday to move one stroke in front of defending champion Todd Erwin at the Senior Oregon Open Invitational at Wildhorse Resort and Casino Golf Course.

The PGA professional from Post Falls, Idaho shaved six strokes from his opening round and heads into today's final round 10-under par at 70-64—134.

Erwin briefly moved into the lead Wednesday, but added five strokes to his opening-day 65 by the time

he'd come off the back nine and held steady in second at 65-70—135.

The field saw a little more separation at the top after 13 golfers came into the clubhouse within three strokes of the lead on Day 1, but 11 players are still within four strokes of Bomar and only eight strokes separate No. 1 from No. 31.

First round leader Bob Christensen continued to hold highest spot for an amateur in the field and was alone in third at 64-72—136.

Past Senior Oregon Open Champions Chuck Milne (2005, 2010) and Rob Gibbons (2008) were tied for fourth with two-round 137 totals.

For the second day in a row there was a hole-in-one. This time it was Jack Schneider of Portland using his

See SENIOR OPEN/2B



Todd Erwin, of Tacoma, smiles after driving off the 17th tee Wednesday during the Senior Oregon Open at the Wildhorse Golf Course.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

HERMISTON

La Grande wins first state championship

Victory over Mt. Angel gives program first title at age group

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

When the game ended, parents, grandparents, siblings and any other form of relative piled out onto the main field at Hermiston's Field of Dreams to welcome the 9/10-year-old Oregon state champion La Grande Little League all-stars on Wednesday.

One particularly excited grandmother pumped her first and said, “First-ever state championship!” Photos were taken on the mound. La Grande's manager, Doug Schow, was given an ice bath in the center of the infield. La Grande had just beaten



After recording the final out, La Grande celebrates its first state championship in league history after a 10-3 win over Mt. Angel on Wednesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Sam Barbee

Mt. Angel handily 10-3 for its league's first state championship that anyone could remember.

“The kids have been working really hard,” Schow said, dripping. “It's a big relief. I've had a knot in my stomach all

weekend.”

That knot was released quickly in the second inning. Tied at one, La Grande put together a frame that Mt. Angel couldn't equal.

After two singles and a hit-by-pitch, La Grande

had the bags packed with no outs. A sac fly got one in, and a single got another for a 3-1 lead. Jace Schow's two-run single put La Grande up 6-1 and he would later score on a

See LA GRANDE/2B

Murrayhill cruises past Bend South

State final ends in walk-off fashion

By SAM BARBEE
East Oregonian

On the back of each Murrayhill cap is a pink ribbon denoting breast cancer awareness. It's a reminder of the adversity faced by a couple players' mothers who have battled the disease.

Murrayhill honored their fight with a dominant 11-1 win over Bend South of Wednesday, clinching the 10/11-year-old state tournament in Hermiston.

The championship run also hit close to home for manager Jeff Keller, who was honoring a literal soldier

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