

Sports shorts

Lackey beats old team, Cubs stay on early-season roll

ST. LOUIS (AP) — John Lackey had a little extra something in the tank for his old team.

The 37-year-old right-hander struck out 11 in seven innings of four-hit ball and delivered an RBI single, leading the Chicago Cubs over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-0 Monday night.

“I’ve been known to be able to focus a little bit, I guess,” Lackey said. “I kind of like this sort of situation.”

“You could tell he was amped up,” Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said.

Dexter Fowler homered for the second time in three days for the Cubs, a major league-best 10-3 and off to their best start since 1970. Chicago has won 15 of its last 16 regular-season road games, going 6-1 this year.



Ethiopians sweep Boston Marathon

BOSTON (AP) — The Ethiopians ran past the Kenyans on their way to the Boston Marathon finish line Monday and nearly swept them off the victory podium.

Lemi Berhanu Hayle won the 120th edition of the men’s race, and Atsede Baysa overcame a 37-second deficit on the women’s side for Ethiopia’s first-ever sweep of the world’s most prestigious marathon.

Hayle finished in 2 hours, 12 minutes, 45 seconds to beat defending champion Lelisa Desisa by 47 seconds. Yemane Tsegay was an additional 30 seconds back to round out an all-Ethiopian top three.

Kenya had dominated the Boston Marathon since the professional era began in 1986, winning the men’s race 14 straight times from 1991-2004.

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Hayle



Baysa

“I’ve been excited about this one, been trying to keep it to myself. Secrets out, I’m grateful and can’t wait to get back to work.”

— Brandon Browner

Seattle Seahawks cornerback announcing his reunion with the team on Twitter on Sunday. After two seasons in New England and New Orleans, Browner has re-signed with the team he won his first Super Bowl with. Browner, 31, has signed a one-year deal.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1897 — John J. McDermott wins the first Boston Marathon in 2 hours, 55 minutes, 10 seconds.

1965 — Five Boston Celtics players score 20 or more points in a 129-123 victory over Los Angeles in Game 2 of the NBA Finals. It’s the first time in Finals history there are five 20-point scorers on one team. John Havlicek leads Boston with 24 points, Tom Sanders and Bill Russell score 23, Tommy Heinsohn 22 and Sam Jones 20. Jerry West leads the Lakers with 45.

1992 — Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls wins his sixth straight NBA scoring title, averaging 30.1 points.

HERMISTON

Bulldogs all smiles after sweep



Hermiston's Jaime Hinkley evades a tag from The Dalles catcher Grace Helyer to score a run during the sixth inning of the Bulldog's 10-8 win over The Dalles on Saturday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Eric Singer

Hermiston tops 2015 league win total on opening weekend

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Hermiston coach Kate Greenough couldn't keep the smile off of her face.

In fact, the entire Bulldogs softball team couldn't hold back the smiles after sweeping The Dalles Riverhawks 10-8 and 7-4 to start Columbia River Conference play on Saturday afternoon at Rocky Heights Elementary. The wins topped Hermiston's league win total from 2015, when they finished 1-11.

"It feels great," Greenough said. "The girls fought through the whole thing and

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The Dalles	Hermiston
8-4	10-7

I think these first wins really set the tone for the girls and the rest of the conference to show we're ready to play."

Jaime Hinkley was a big component to the Hermiston (10-5, 2-0 CRC) offense on Saturday reaching base in five of her eight plate appearances in the two games. Hinkley cashed in with four hits including one double,

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HERMISTON

Hermiston splits league openers

Sexton pitches complete-game shutout to earn win

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The Hermiston Bulldogs kicked off the start of Columbia River Conference play on a clear and sunny day in Hermiston by splitting a doubleheader with The Dalles, losing 2-1 and then winning 2-0.

Consistent hitting has been the one weak link in the Bulldogs game this season, and it showed again on Saturday as Hermiston (8-6, 1-1 CRC) cranked out just six hits and the three runs in the two games combined. However, the coaches believe the team is right on the cusp of breaking out of the funk.

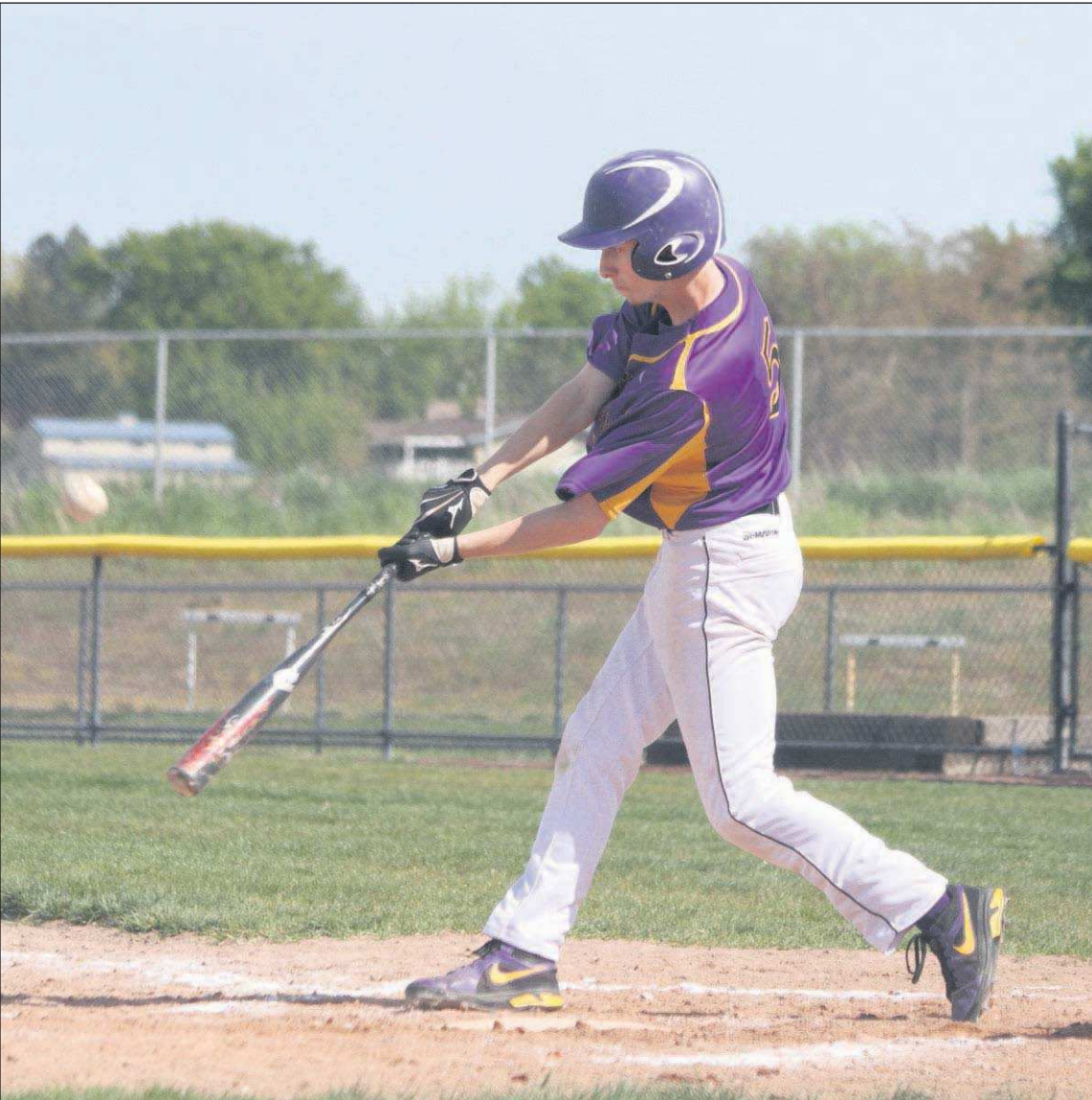
"We're real close," said assistant coach John Christy. "We're literally one step away from where we need to be and you can see a lot better approaches today, especially in the second game."

In that second game, senior Tyler Sexton was the star for the Bulldogs, pitching a complete game shutout with 11 strikeouts while allowing just seven hits and three walks, while also smashing a two-run double in the first inning to drive in the only two runs of the game.

Baseball

The Dalles	Hermiston
2-0	1-2

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Hermiston's Hayden Edmiston connects with a pitch during Hermiston's 2-0 win against The Dalles on Saturday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by Eric Singer

Prep Roundup

Bucks post season-low at Tetherow

Kung paces Pendleton boys golf to fifth-place finish

East Oregonian

BEND — The Pendleton boys golf team turned in its lowest score of the season, but a 309 was good for just fifth place at the Tetherow High Desert Challenge on Monday.

Summit was out in front with a 295, Lincoln was second with 299, and Clackamas (302) and Bend (304) completed the top four. Hermiston was 11th with 364.

Taiwanese exchange student Sam Kung shot his lowest score as a Buckaroo to lead the team with a 74 that placed him in a tie for 10th with three other players.

Bend's Max McGee, Lincoln's Ben Stickney and Clackamas' Jaiveer Singh shot 71 to tie for the win.

"That was pretty darn good on a tough course," said Pendleton coach Nels Nelson. "It tough conditions as far as the undulation on the greens."

Pendleton's team score was

completed by Reilly Hegarty and Nathan Som with 76 each and Brayden Pulver with an 83. Jared Geier shot 85 as the Buckaroos' alternate.

Hermiston's low shooter was Jared Thacker with an 84. Anders Lind (88), Tyler Cameron (95) and Kayden Meacham (97) rounded out the team score.

PENDLETON GIRLS THIRD AT BEND INVITE

BEND — Two Buckaroos finished in the top 10 but there was no way Pendleton's girls golf team would catch Summit on Monday at the Bend Invitational at Bend Golf and Country Club.

The Storm shot 311 to run away with the team title while Crater was a distant second with 341. Pendleton and Bend tied for third with 354.

Leading the Bucks was junior Haley Greb who was one off the lead with a 73 that tied her for third.

Greb birdied both par fives on the back nine, but couldn't catch Summit's Olivia Loberg, who had four birdies to shoot three under on the back nine and come in with a 72.

Crater's Kiana Oshiro had three birdies and three bogeys in her round to tie for the win.

Senior Shelby Greb was tied for 10th for the Bucks with an 87. Rounding out Pendleton's score were Megan George (94) and McKenna Pratt (100).

Softball

HERMISTON 14, KENNEWICK 2 — At Kennewick, Wash., Mikayla Kopacz and Sydney Stefani combined for eight hits, seven RBI and five runs as the Bulldogs poured out 19 hits in a runaway non-league win on Monday.

Kopacz was 4 for 4 with two doubles and a triple, three RBI and three runs. Stefani was 4 for 5 with a triple, four RBI and two runs.

Breanna Naylor pitched the complete game for the win and helped her cause by going 3 for 4 with an RBI at the plate.

Rebecca Englebrecht also had a big game with the bat going 3 for 5 with two RBI and three runs. Kiley Hinkley added a 2 for 3 day with two steals, one RBI and two runs.

Hermiston (11-5) resumes league play today at The Dalles

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PENDLETON

EOU's Kline earns Pitcher of Week honors

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LA GRANDE — Hailey Kline's big weekend resulted in a pair of wins for the Eastern Oregon University softball team and Cascade Collegiate Conference Pitcher of the Week honors for the sophomore transfer the league announced on Monday.

Kline tossed her fourth shutout of the season on Friday in a 2-0 win over British Columbia in the second half of a doubleheader split. She had also thrown the first game, but EOU (24-20, 13-9 CCC) lost 11-7.

Kline came back to pitch the second half of a doubleheader on Saturday and struck out 11 batters in 11 innings to earn the 5-3 win over Northwest.

Kline totaled 20 strikeouts in the three games and is second in the CCC with 88 for the season.

Kline, a former Pendleton Buckaroo and Blue Mountain Timberwolf, leads EOU pitchers with a 2.74 ERA and 12-7 record.



Kline