

College Softball

Kline makes all-CCC for Mounties

EOU softball seeded 4th for NAIA regional round

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LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University sophomore pitcher Hailey Kline was one of four Mountaineers to earn All-Cascade Collegiate Conference recognition this week as the team prepares for the start of the NAIA national tournament.

Kline, a 2014 Pendleton High graduate, was named to the All-CCC second team, and was joined there by junior utility C h e y e n n e Barker. Senior infielders Haley Hess and Marisa Gonzalez were both named to the first team.

Kline has pitched for a 16-7 record in 27 appearances with 21 starts this season. She led the CCC with five shutouts and was second with 108 strikeouts. Her 2.55 ERA is a staff-low, and she’s holding opponents to a .254 batting average.

Hess leads EOU on offense with a .410 average, 66 hits and 50 runs. Gonzalez is batting .354 (5.85 slugging) with 42 runs batted in, 52 hits and eight home runs. Barker leads the team in slugging (.587), home runs (10), and RBI (56), and is batting .320 with 48 hits.

Eastern, which also features former Pendleton Buckaroo Mykal Weissenfluh as a reserve catcher/outfielder, is coming off its first CCC championship in program history as it prepares for the national bracket.

The Mountaineers were tabbed as a No. 4 seed during the NAIA National Championship selection show on Tuesday.

They’ll enter the regional round in the Simpson Bracket and will play No. 1 seed Simpson at noon on Monday, May 16 in Redding, California. The four-team bracket also includes No. 2 Dickinson State (North Dakota) and No. 3 Oregon Tech.

Also making the 40-team national field from the CCC was league runner-up Great Falls (Montana) and Southern Oregon.

BRIEFLY

Pro bull riders come to Umatilla County Fairgrounds on Saturday

HERMISTON — Professional bull riding comes to the Umatilla County Fairgrounds on Saturday in Hermiston.

The Challenge of Champions Professional Bullriding Tour will pit 35 of the best cowboys in the Northwest against 50 of the rankest bulls with action starting at 7 p.m.

The scoring will continue past the horn too, and for the first time freestyle bullfighting will be included as an excursion event.

A meet and greet with competitors will be held on Saturday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bonney’s Ag & Auto in Hermiston at 81600 N. Highway 395.

Tickets are \$14 in advance and \$18 at the door. Kids five and under get in free.

Tickets are available in Hermiston at Bonney’s, Midway Bar and Grill, and Northwest Farm Supply, at Pendleton Tom Denchel’s Ford, and Tom’s Country Ranch & Home (Pasco).

Local PEO chapters sponsor upcoming golf tournament

MILTON-FREEWATER — The 5th Annual P.E.O. Golf Tournament will be sponsored by Chapters AP and EV on Saturday, May 21 at Milton-Freewater Golf Course.

The tournament is two-person, modified alternate shot play in men’s, women’s and mixed divisions.

Play begins at 9 a.m., and cost is \$50 per a player which includes greens fees and lunch.

Proceeds will support P.E.O. scholarships for women, which have totaled more than \$90,000 in the last 10 years.

Entry deadline is Thursday, May 19.

Fore more information or to register call George Gillette at M-F Golf Course at 541-938-7284.

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STANFIELD

Stanfield dojang wins 21 medals at NW championships

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Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo was well-represented at the 43rd Annual Northwest Martial Arts Championships held May 7 in Gresham at Mt. Hood Community College. Pictured from left to right are: BACK ROW, Coach Kameron Watson, Rene Sanchez, Mario Sanchez, Melissa Shilhanek, Coach Erwin Watson; MIDDLE ROW, Coach Lorry Watson, Luis Ibarra, Natividad Sanchez, Miseal Sanchez, Osvaldo Sanchez, Coach Bailey Watson; FRONT, Aaron Sanchez.

GRESHAM — Eight members of the Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo dojang earned 21 medals at the 43rd Annual Northwest Martial Arts Championships held May 7 at Mt. Hood Community College.

Six of those medals were gold, two apiece won by Aaron Sanchez (6-7 age group, green belt division) and Natividad Sanchez (12-13, blue). Luis Ibarra (12-13, blue) and Osvaldo Sanchez (10-11, green) also won gold. Natividad added a silver to his haul, Ibarra added a silver and bronze, and Osvaldo also pushed his medal count to three with two bronze.

Melissa Shilhanek (18+, blue) added three silver medals, and Miseal Sanchez (10-11, green) and Rene Sanchez (12-13, green) each had two silver.

Contestants competed in weapons, forms, sparring and board breaking.

Eastern Oregon Family Taekwondo is located on W. Coe Street in Stanfield and is coached by the Watson family (Erwin, Lorry, Kameron and Bailey). It will offer family rates during the month of June and a free one-week class for beginners.

SHOOTING: Insurance issues limit initial participation

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The program was started by Hermiston Gun Club member John Adams, who saw the results of the Clay Target League following its start-up in the state of Minnesota and thought Oregon could develop a league with similar results.

“They started (the USA Clay Target League) about 10 years ago and over the course of those 10 years they’re up to almost 10,000 kids to shoot trap as a high school sport,” Adams said. “They’ve developed a scoring software and everything and it’s branched out 17 states now and it won’t be long until it’s in all 50.”

In total, the national league has more than 13,000 students from 446 different schools in those 17 states in 2016, which is an increase of 14 states and more than 3,700 students from the 2015 totals according to USAClay-Target.com.

Adams said those statistics and seeing the interest from students so far in Hermiston has him excited for the future of the sport.

“I’ve been involved in trap shooting for at least 20 years and it’s a sport that really has been on the decline,” Adams said. “I mean the average age of a trap shooter is an old retired guy that travels around in a motorhome around the country to shoot. This program has brought so many youth into the sport and has helped clubs bring in many more members.”

The idea to put together a team came to Adams last year, when he started to get into contact with the Clay Target League. Then in December of 2015, Adams inquired with Hermiston athletic director Blaine Ganvoa about having the school-sponsored team for the spring season, with the



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Coach John Adams talks with Senior Josh Roberts about keeping his eye on the target Thursday during a practice session for the Hermiston High School shooting team.

only roadblock being insurance.

“For us the biggest challenge was insurance for the school district,” Adams said. “The Clay Target League covers the students and the coaches, but the districts had to get their own coverage.”

After weeks of meetings with the school board and other school officials, Ganvoa gave Adams the go-ahead in February with full support from the school.

“Any time we can keep kids active is a good thing,” Ganvoa said.

Adams then went through various conference calls with other gun clubs in Oregon trying to gauge interest on starting a league in the state and at one time had 14 clubs with interest — however a lot of that interest hit a snag when it came to insurance.

Insurance was the main snag for other schools in Oregon as well. In the end only Echo and Oregon City joined into the Oregon State High School League.

Each of the three teams will compete in a nine-week schedule, with four practice weeks followed by five weeks of league events where the teams keep score. As of printing they are in their third week of competition with Hermiston leading the pack with 166 points, Echo in second with 92.5 and Oregon City with 83.5.

The season will conclude with a state championship shoot in Hillsboro on June 25, where any of the team’s shooters are eligible to compete.

The Hermiston program is primarily funded through grants awarded by the NRA, with the most recent award of nearly \$23,000 going towards the purchase of two new traps and trap fields for the gun club, as well as all the targets and ammunition for the high school team.

Trapshooting is not necessarily new to Hermiston youth, as the 4-H program and Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) have

PREPS: Heppner, Nixyaawii, Mac-Hi golfers headed to state

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Golf

PENDLETON — Riley Lankford opened the final round at the 3A-1A Special District 3 boys golf championships with eight straight pars, and by the time he tapped in his putt on the eighth green he had taken a lead he would not relinquish.

The Nixyaawii sophomore held off Heppner junior Logan Grieb the rest of the way to win the title with a two-day total of 72-78—150, putting him just six over-par for the 36-hole event, which wrapped up Tuesday at Pendleton Country Club.

Grieb shot a two-under 70 in his opening round on Monday, but ran into trouble on five straight holes and finished with an 86 on Tuesday. His 156 combined was still 10 better than the third-place finisher.

Both golfers will head to state with their entire team in tow as Heppner and Nixyaawii each qualified. Heppner was second with a two-day total of 780 and Nixyaawii was fourth with 796. Vale won the team title with 756,

78—150; Logan Grieb, Heppner, 70-86—156; Alex Falley, Burns, 85-81—166; Cade Gorham, Imbler, 89-83—172; RJ Raven, Vale, 85-87—172.
Nixyaawii — Riley Lankford 72-78—150; Blake Kannier 91-105—196; Lennox Lewis 107-103—210; Justin Wells 122-118—240, Wilbur Oatman 122-126—248.
Heppner — Logan Grieb 70-86—156; Dan Bretsch 101-89—190; Reno Ferguson 98-110—208; Cason Mitchell 113-113—226; Logan Burright/Charles Cason, 118-133—251.
Echo — Ian Faulkner 102-98—200; Kyle Ranger 98-104—202; Robert Lowrance 96-107—203; James Stradley, 137-122—259.

PENDLETON — Sophie Grant and Amanda Rea finished in the top five to lead the Heppner girls golf team to the 4A-1A District 3 championship on Tuesday at Pendleton Country Club.

Grant held on in the final round for a second-place finish by shooting a two-day total of 85-89—174, and Rea was comfortably in fourth with 90-92—182.

Madison Combe and Claire Grieb both trimmed their scores from the first round, and the Mustangs cruised past runner-up Ontario 815-840. Both teams will advance to the state tournament.

La Grande’s Trinity McCarthy was medalist, shooting 81-78—159, and Wallowa’s Tori Suto earned the only other at-large state berth by finishing fourth.

The state tournament will be held May 16-17 at Eagle Crest Resort’s Ridge Course in Redmond.

May 9-10, at Pendleton Country Club
Teams scores (Top 2 to state) — Heppner 409-406—815; Ontario 416-424—840; La Grande 445-434—879; Vale 476-489—965; Enterprise 496-476—972; Baker 496-479—975; Burns 572-570—1,142
Individual Top 5 — Trinity McCarthy, La Grande, 81-78—159; Sophie Grant, Heppner, 85-89—174; Tori Suto, Wallowa, 85-91—176; Amanda Rea, Heppner, 90-92—182; Mackenzie Curtis, Ontario, 99-93—192.
Heppner — Sophie Grant 85-89—174; Amanda Rea 90-92—182; Madison Combe 107-105—212; Claire Grieb 129-120—249; Riane Dompier 127-131—258.
Mac-Hi — Megan Norton 117-107—224.

UNION — The Mac-Hi Pioneers placed two golfers in the top three and took second as a team at the 4A District 4 boys’ golf championships on May 5-6 at Buffalo Peak Golf Course.

Riley Chester shot a two-round 80-87—167 to take runner-up and Evan Kain shot 88-84—172 for third. The Pioneers shot 363-359—722 to finish 11 strokes off the pace of tournament champion Baker.

Baker senior Rylee Gassin was medalist with 76-82—158. La Grande’s Elias Siltanen earned the only at-large state berth by placing fourth with 84-89—175.

The state championships are May 16-17 at Emerald Valley Golf Course in Creswell.

Mac-Hi — Riley Chester 80-87—167; Evan Kain 88-84—172; Armando Garcia 96-98—194; Kodi Leidenfrost 99-105—204; Noah Wilson NS-90

Baseball

MAC-HI 13, RIVERSIDE

4 — At Boardman, Justin Carlson threw a complete game and struck out 15 batters to subdue the Riverside Pirates in non-league action on Wednesday.

The Pirates (3-20) didn’t go quietly in their season finale, though, and knotted the score 3-3 in the third inning. Aramis Corpus and Ulises Calvillo each drove in runs and then Corpus scored on a wild pitch.

The Pioneers (5-15) regained the lead in the top of the fifth when Keaton Smith scored on a groundout by Levi Gregerson. Smith had reached on an error and went to third on a double by Jesus Vela.

Mac-Hi then piled on with eight runs in the sixth, a rally that featured four hits, two walks and four errors. Mac-Hi scored five runs with no outs on a double by Hunter Yensen, a two-RBI single by Vela (3 for 5), an error and a passed ball.

Miguel Garcia added a 3 for 4 game with two runs for Mac-Hi.

Corpus led Riverside going 2 for 4 with one run and on RBI.

Mac-Hi finishes its season on Friday in a home doubleheader against Baker that will start at 3 p.m.

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J. Carlson and R. Esparza, D. Bingham, VV. Killion (6) and S. Bither, WV — Carlson, L. — Bingham, 2B — J. Vela, H. Yensen (M-H).					

BLAZERS: Draymond Green backs up guarantee with double-double

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with a 125-121 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers in Game 5 on Wednesday night.

Curry finished with five 3s a day after becoming the first unanimous MVP in NBA history. He added 11 assists after returning to the starting lineup for the first time all series because of a knee injury.

Draymond Green, who had his left ankle re-taped in the fourth quarter, had 13 points, 11 rebounds

and six assists after guaranteeing Golden State would advance from this game.

Damian Lillard scored 28 points and CJ McCollum had 27 for the Trail Blazers.

The Warriors got past Portland playing without Curry for the first three games as he recovered from a sprained right knee.

Now, Golden State will wait for the conclusion of the Oklahoma City-San Antonio series, led 3-2 by the Thunder. And the banged-up

Warriors could use the time to get healthy.

They lost 7-foot center Andrew Bogut for the second half because of a right leg injury.

Thompson shot 13 for 17 and became the first player to have at least five 3s in seven straight games, also recording his fourth 30-point game this postseason. Marreese Speights provided key minutes off the bench and made a 3-pointer with 8:19 to play after a layup the previous possession.

“Klay’s shooting was incredible tonight,” Warriors coach Steve Kerr said.

Curry’s 3-pointer to beat the third-quarter buzzer gave Golden State a 93-91 lead heading into the final 12 minutes, then the Warriors made sure their raucous crowd at Oracle Arena got to celebrate another series-clincher after they eliminated Houston at home — also winning that best-of-seven series 4-1.

The Trail Blazers were 16 of 36 on 3-pointers.