

GROGAN: Played one year at BMCC

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with some friends when he received a call from the Twins' Pacific Northwest Scout Trevor Brown to give him the news of his selection, which led to plenty of celebration.

Dylan Grogan, Quin's younger brother who just finished his junior year at Stanfield High, said seeing his brother get drafted was one of the coolest things of his lifetime.

"It was really special, especially with him coming from Stanfield," Dylan said. "It shows kids how far you can go, even from a small town like Stanfield. Everyone knew he could get to this point, but to see it happen is great."

There have been many late-round draft picks in MLB history that have turned into solid players, including pitcher Mark Buehrle (38th round, 1998), pitcher Kenny Rogers (39th round, 1982), outfielder Raul Ibanez (36th round, 1992), and current Tampa Bay Rays outfielder Kevin Kiermaier (31st round, 2010) just to name a few. Former Warriors Blaine Hardy (Detroit Tigers) and Brendan Ryan (Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim) are the only two players currently in the big leagues with nine more players working their way through the minor leagues.

Grogan, who spent one year at Blue Mountain Community College before transferring to Lewis-Clark State, was one of 17 pitchers drafted by the Twins during the three-day draft, and said he will report to the Twins' Spring Training facility in Fort Myers, Florida later this week to sign his contract, complete his physical, and begin his team workouts. He expects to start the season with the Twins' Gulf Coast League rookie team in Fort Myers as well.

Grogan was not the only player on the Warriors to be drafted as teammates Jacob Zanon (15th round by New York Mets), Jake Barnett (20th round by Washington Nationals), and Noel Gonzalez (29th round by St. Louis Cardinals) made up the school's biggest draft class since 2010 when seven Warriors were drafted.

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Rodeo Roundup

Lewis wins first round at CNFR

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CASPER, Wyo. — The Blue Mountain Community College women's rodeo team jumped out the early lead in an effort to defend its 2015 national title at the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) at Casper Events Center.

With one third of the three-round long go in the books, the Timberwolves sit atop the team leaderboard with 165 points thanks to a strong showing by its barrel racers.

Jessica Lewis won the first round with a time of 13.95 seconds, and was the only rider break 14 seconds in Monday's slack. Danyelle Williams was eighth in the round with 14.34, and is tied for the lead Round 2 of breakaway roping with a time of 2.1. Emily Sorey was 15th in the first round of barrels with 14.51, and in goat tying Lauren Leyva was 10th



Lewis

140. BMCC entered the CNFR trailing Cochise by about 800 points in the national standings.

Blue Mountain's nation-pacing men's team was in 15th after Monday's action with 85 points. Panhandle State leads with 210, and Feather River College, which BMCC leads by more than 3,000 for the national title, is second with 200.

Bareback riders Tyler Potter and Kenny Haworth finished outside

(6.6) while Quincy Pendergrass was 22nd (7.0).

Black Hills State and Southwestern Oklahoma State are tied for second in women's team points with

of the points in the first round, but were in the top five for Round 2. Potter, who had a no-score on his first ride, put up 70.5 points to move into the round's fourth spot, and Haworth was tied for fifth with 69.5. That gives Haworth 134.5 on two, good for ninth place in the aggregate standings.

Jared Parke was 11th in the first round of tie-down with 10.3, and Jordan Tye was 15th with 11.2. An 8.4 leads the event, and Hermiston native Michael Pederson is also in the hunt in 17th with 11.5.

JT Garland was 17th in the first round of steer wrestling, 3.1 seconds off the lead with 7.2, and Parke was 29th (14.5). Both of BMCC's team roping duos missed on their first attempts.

The second round will finish up with today's slack, and the third round will begin Wednesday.

T-Wolves men coming off big weekend

SISTERS — Jared Parke turned in a great tune-up for the CNFR by winning all-around cowboy honors over the weekend at the Sisters Rodeo.

Parke won \$1,745 in tie-down and team roping to claim the prize, and added \$1,581 to his weekend haul at the one-round Eastern Oregon Stock Show in Union by winning tie-down roping in 8.1 seconds.

Chase Hansen paired with his brother Clayton to win team roping in 6.1 seconds, for \$1,295 each. Chase is competing at the college finals with BMCC teammate Chase Robbins. Robbins didn't rope, but he did place second in bull riding with an 83.5 that paid out \$1,889.

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short-go at the state finals despite catching their second steer in 6.83 seconds. They had enough of a lead in the season points that it didn't matter though.

They held off Intermountain teammate Phoenix Everano and his heading partner Will Gallagher for the championship, and Smith also qualified for the NHSFR in

tie-down where he placed second. Sorey was tied for seventh in the event.

Everano won Boys Rookie of the Year and also placed sixth in tie-down.

Kolby Currin of Heppner also qualified for nationals by finishing second in steer wrestling, third and boys cutting and second in rifle shooting.

His younger sister Jacee, will join him there after placing third in breakaway and goat tying, and placing fourth in pole bending to earn her Girls Rookie of the Year honors.

Also with top-10 season finishes was Heppner's Jaiden Mahoney with fifth in pole bending and sixth in barrel racing.

Ivy Sandford of Ione won the

queen competition as well.

Haines' Samantha Kerns was the All-Around Cowgirl.

The top four placers in each event qualify for the NHSFR which will be held July 17-23 in Gillette, Wyoming. Contestants that finished in 5th-15th places qualify for Silver State in Winnemucca, Nevada on June 27-July 3.

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day a lot of the times. She was a fixture from when she was a little girl just playing around with her sister," said Hodgen Distributing coach T.J. Haguewood, who graduated from Pendleton High and played for her father. "When I was a senior in high school she was the little three-year-old, four-year-old running around. I've got a picture during graduation of me sitting on a curb and she's right next to me, just her and me.

"She was a special girl, and that hit our baseball family pretty hard."

With the letters AH chalked onto the pitcher's mound, eight teams took the field over three

days with La Grande eventually topping Meridian 13-11 in the championship.

Although her boys didn't pull out the title, the players who consider themselves fortunate to have known "Brite Eyes" said there's no questioning what Ashlee's reaction would have been.

"The thing I remember the most about Ashlee is she was always positive, no matter what happened," said Hodgen infielder Nick Lani. "She would always tell me, 'Good job,' and give me a high five. She was just a great girl to be around and to have around the team."

Lani's experience is far from unique.

"On game days she would always send you a little message on Facebook, 'Play well today, I'm proud of you,'" said pitcher Austin Zaugg. "And at the end of games she would be like, 'Great job today, way to do it. Love you guys.' She was a team player."

"She just made everybody happy, made everybody laugh," said catcher Jared Beveridge.

Her positivity wasn't limited to Pendleton players, though, as Wyatt Morris found out when he met her as a member of the opposing team when he as a freshman at Roseburg.

"I met her when we had a tournament here," said Morris, who moved to Pendleton for his

sophomore year. "She was always nice, always coming over to the team, it was awesome. You don't find very many people like that."

Ashlee's sunny disposition will continue to be a fixture at Bob White Field for years to come as well, in the form of a banner — a smiling portrait — that has hung in center field since shortly after her passing.

"It's hard to talk about in the past tense because it's a life that went a little too early," Haguewood said. "You just remember those special moments that I know a lot of people had and I had too."

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