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Gritz continues late-game magic

Hermiston senior records second walk-off hit as Bulldogs split doubleheader

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Slade Gritz has made a new name for himself this baseball season and it's Mr. Clutch.

With Hermiston and Heritage (WA) tied at 11-11 in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Bulldog senior catcher hit a one-out chopper past the Timberwolf shortstop and into left field, bringing home Lukas Tolan for a walk-off win in Game 1 of Friday's doubleheader at Armand Larive ball park. It's Gritz's second game-win-

ning hit of the season, and third overall contribution to a Hermiston (5-7) walk-off win, after scoring the winning run on a walk-off wild pitch in Hermiston's season opener.

So with those two previous game-winning contributions in his back pocket, Gritz said he stepped to the plate in the seventh looking at his teammate standing on second base and expected something good to happen.

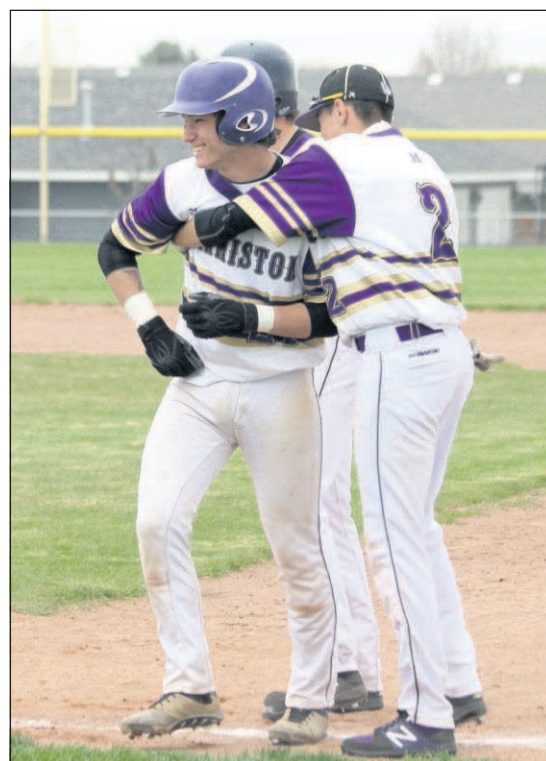
"I just know I need to get a job done every time I go up there and if I'm the one that's got to do it, then I'll gladly

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 Heritage (WA)	 Hermiston
11-12	12-2

do it," Gritz said. "I'm not trying to steal anything from my teammates, I wouldn't mind somebody else to hit a winning run, but I'm definitely not complaining about it, I'll take it for sure."

Just prior to Gritz's heroics at the plate, sophomore Wyatt Noland had his own heroics on the pitching mound. Heritage had scored three runs in the top of the inning to tie the game at 11-11 and had the go-ahead run at

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Hermiston's Slade Gritz is congratulated at first base by teammate Joel Mendez (2) after driving in the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning in the first game of a baseball doubleheader against Heritage on Friday in Hermiston. Hermiston won 12-11.

Staff photo by Eric Singer

MILTON-FREEWATER

Bucks, TigerScots win Carnival of Speed

Personal records highlight windy meet for locals

By MATT ENTRUP
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After limping to the finish in her junior season, Pendleton's Kiara Glover is back stronger than ever as a senior.

The Buckaroo obliterated her personal record in the long jump with her first attempts of the season on Friday at Mac-Hi's Carnival of Speed, and Pendleton got big days from several girls to win the team title by four points over Enterprise.

A hyperextended right knee put a damper on Glover's run-up to state last year, and despite making it to Hayward Field in both high jump and long jump, she went into the offseason with some of her lowest distances of the season.

So there may have been no one more surprised than Glover when she beat her state mark by more than a foot and her former PR by eight inches with a winning long jump of 16 feet, nine inches on Friday.

Making it even more impressive is that fact that she hadn't even attempted a jump in the 11 months since state — not even in practice.

"Actually that was my first time jumping, but I have practiced doing pop-ups off the board," she said. "I started a new kick from when I jump off the board and it definitely showed a lot of progress."

Even though she could tell she'd made a good jump, Glover said she was shocked to hear 16-9.

"Oh yeah, I definitely did not think I would be getting that mark, especially since I had injured myself from last year. I was hoping to get low 16's," she said. "This definitely makes me think I can get 17 this year."

Glover's high jump left her unsatisfied, but at 4-10 was still good enough for second place.



Kiara Glover, of Pendleton, long jumps Friday during the Carnival of Speed in Milton-Freewater. Glover took first place with a leap of 16 feet, nine inches.

Pendleton had no other event winners for the girls, but had several podium finishes and 10 personal records. Pendleton coach Larry Brizendine said it was a banner day considering what the team was missing.

"I think we have 21 kids not here today at FBLa and speech

debate and I don't know what, all sorts of stuff took kids everywhere so I'm surprised we're doing this well," he said. "But I'm glad, the kids stepped up I think."

Oceane Schreier was third in triple jump and bettered her former PR by nearly two feet

with a distance of 31-8. Megan Burchard was second in pole vault (7 feet), and Elisabeth House placed in three events taking second in the 100 meters (14.26), fourth in the 200 (28.73) and fifth in the 400 (1:06.77).

Weston-McEwen won the

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Jacob Speed, of Weston-McEwen, cruises to first in the 400-yard dash Friday during the Carnival of Speed in Milton-Freewater.



Soren Wolf de Gavia, of Pendleton, leads the final heat of the boys 100-meter dash Friday during the Carnival of Speed in Milton-Freewater. De Gavia is flanked by Alex Walls, of Irrigon, Colin Rickman, of Pendleton, and Jacob Speed, of Weston-McEwen.



Aleesha Watson, of Umatilla, throws the javelin Friday during the Carnival of Speed in Milton-Freewater. Watson ended up third with a toss of 105 feet. Blanca Garcia, of Mac-Hi, won the event with a throw of 118 feet, three inches.

Golf

Defending champ Willett leads parade exiting Masters early

Several former champions miss cut

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Defending champion Danny Willett's morning got off to an appropriately chilly start.

The Englishman made a snowman at the first hole, never quite recovered from that quadruple bogey en route to a 78 on Friday and wound up leading a cast of dozens headed for the exits at Augusta National after failing to make the cut. At least Willett will be back on Sunday to put the green jacket on the new champion.

Two days of cool, wind-whipped

Masters Leaderboard

1. Charley Hoffman	-4
1. Sergio Garcia	-4
1. Thomas Peters	-4
1. Rickie Fowler	-4
5. William McGirt	-2
6. Ryan Moore	-1
6. Jon Rahm	-1
6. Fred Couples	-1
10. Adam Scott	E
10. Jordan Spieth	E
10. Phil Mickelson	E

conditions tested the golfers' patience and left plenty shaking their heads on the way out.

"Three-putt on the first hole doesn't help and then misjudged the wind with clubs at least three times," said two-time champion Bubba Watson, who finished 8 over.



Danny Willett of England, watches his drive on the fourth hole during the second round of the Masters golf tournament Friday, April 7, 2017, in Augusta, Ga.

AP Photo/Chris Carlson

"Could have been four. I remember three in my head."

Watson had plenty of company. In fact, the parade of former champions and other luminaries who

posted scores of 151 or worse and will be skipping the weekend was almost large enough to fill out a consolation bracket.

"We've had two fabulous years

and when you have a bit of a downturn, it feels like the world is coming to end," said Willett, who became the first reigning champ to depart early since Mike Weir in 2004.

Considering his poor form over the past year, Willett wasn't even the biggest surprise. That dubious honor belongs to Watson, who had made the cut in all eight of his previous Masters appearances.

There was no shortage of other former winners who won't be making use of their green jackets come Sunday.

They include Angel Cabrera (2009), Trevor Immelman (2008), Zach Johnson (2007), Vijay Singh (2000), Jose Maria Olazabal (1999, 1994) Mark O'Meara (1998) Bern-

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