SPORTS

PENDLETON **T-Wolves split**

East Oregonian

Colton Walker allowed eight hits and three earned runs in eight innings with eight strikeouts as he helped his Blue Mountain Timberwolves manage a doubleheader split with Columbia Basin on Saturday with a 6-4 win in Game 2 following a 10-0 loss to start the day.

Baseball

Columbia Basin

10-4

Blue Mountain

0-6

BMCC (18-24, 9-15 East) managed a meager three hits in the first game, as CBC pitchers Hunter French and Wyatt Wentz efficiently mowed down the Timberwolves lineup. The Hawks (32-11, 17-7) jumped on the Timberwolves with seven runs in the second inning and chasing BMCC pitcher Gunnar Johnson from the game.

In the finale, the game was tied 2-2 in the second inning until BMCC took its first lead of the day in the bottom of the frame. An RBI groundout by Casey Higginbotham brought home Matt Palmer from third to give BMCC

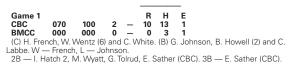
a 3-2 lead, and then TJ Rea scored from third on a wild pitch for a 4-2 lead.

The Hawks cut the lead to 4-3 in the fourth, but the Timberwolves added a pair of insurance runs in the sixth on an RBI single by Andrew Hively and an RBI groundut by TJ Rea for a 6-3 lead.

Nathan Pena pitched an scoreless ninth to pick up the save for the Timberwolves.

UP NEXT

BMCC will host its home finale on Wednesday afternoon when Treasure Valley comes to town for a doubleheader at 1 p.m.





SOFTBALL

BLUE MOUNTAIN 6-5, YAKIMA VALLEY 4-6 - At Yakima, Wash., Tiffany Becker led the offense with a pair of RBI and Tiffany Snyder pitched a complete game to help Blue Mountain to a 6-4 win in the first half of its NWAC East doubleheader on Saturday.

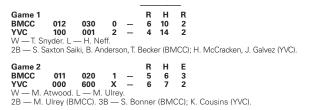
Yakima battle back in Game 2, though, and despite a strong performance from pitcher Megan Ulrey earned a 6-5 win.

Becker, Sydney Saxton Siaki and Brooke Kralman all batted 2 for 4 for BMCC (14-28, 10-19 East) in Game 1, and Lauren Cagle led the offense by going 2 for 4 in Game 2.

Ulrey had four strikeout and no walks, and allowed three earned runs on seven hits in the loss.

UP NEXT

The Timberwolves host Treasure Valley on Wednesday for two games starting at 2 p.m., and then finish the regular season on Sunday by hosting Big Bend for a doubleheader starting at noon.



LOUISVILLE, Ky. -Always Dreaming is headed to the Preakness in two weeks, when the Kentucky Derby

Horse Racing

winner is likely to face several fresh horses that skipped the first leg of the Triple Crown.

By BETH HARRIS

Associated Press

A majority of the 20-horse field that ran on a sloppy Churchill Downs track in Saturday's Derby won't go on to Baltimore.

Trainer Todd Pletcher said Sunday that Always Dreaming will head to Baltimore on Tuesday so the 3-year-old colt has plenty of time to adjust to his new surroundings ahead of the 1 3/16-mile race to be run May 20.

"At Pimlico, there's generally not a lot of horses training there," he said. "It will be a quiet environment, give us time to get him settled in and if we have to make any adjustments, we'll have time to do that."

Always Dreaming will take up residence in stall No. 40, which traditionally houses the Derby winner in the Pimlico stakes barn.

The dark bay colt was difficult to train in the days leading to the Derby, forcing Pletcher to adjust his equipment. Eventually, Always



Fresh horses await Derby winner in Preakness

Kareem Elgazzar/The Cincinnati Enguirer via AP John Velazquez celebrates after riding Always Dream-ing to victory in the 143rd running of the Kentucky Derby horse race at Churchill Downs Saturday, May 6, 2017, in Louisville, Ky.

Dreaming settled down and won by $\tilde{2}^{3}/_{4}$ lengths, equaling the longest streak of favorites to win since five in a row did so in the 1890s.

"He's really got some spring in his step this morning," Pletcher said. The 49-year-old trainer and

jockey John Velazquez won their second Derbies. Pletcher was still sorting through hundreds of congratulatory text messages, including ones from Hall of Fame basketball

coach Lute Olson and Dallas Cowboys coach Jason Garrett.

No horse asserted his dominance in the winter prep races leading up to the 143rd Derby. As the winner, Always Dreaming certainly commands respect. However, the colt isn't scaring away the competition in the Preakness.

The field for the second leg of the Triple Crown is capped at 14 - six fewer than the Derby. "There's not that much

separation from this bunch of

3-year-olds right now, from what I can see, other than maybe the winner yesterday,' said trainer Ken McPeek, who is pointing Lexington Stakes winner Senior Investment toward the Preakness.

Among Always Dreaming's Derby rivals, secondplace finisher Lookin At Lee and 13th-place Girvin are possible for the Preakness. If an issue with fourth-place Classic Empire's right eye clears up, he could join them.

Classic Empire got banged into by McCraken in the start of a chain-reaction collision and his eye was nearly closed shut on Sunday.

"I'd like another crack at everybody because he had a trip from hell," trainer Mark Casse said. "He looks a bit like Muhammad Ali after a rough night."

Southern California-based Royal Mo, who didn't get into the Derby, will run in the Preakness.

Gunnevera, who was seventh in the Derby, is another possibility.

Other possible new shooters include IÎlinois Derby winner Multiplier, Cloud Computing, Conquest Mo Money and Lancaster Bomber from the barn of Irish trainer Aidan O'Brien.

Warriors sweep Jazz from playoffs

Associated Press

NBA

SALT LAKE CITY -Stephen Curry scored 30 points and the Golden State Warriors completed a secondround sweep of the Utah Jazz with a 121-95 victory Monday night.

The defending Western Conference champions have won both their series in four games and now await the winner of the Rockets-Spurs series that is tied at 2-2.

The Warriors kept pace with defending champion Cleveland in what has appeared like an inevitable third straight NBA Finals matchup. Both teams are 8-0 thus far.

Interim head coach Mike Brown said before the game he hoped his team would get out to a fast start and the Warriors did exactly that. Golden State led 39-17 at the end of the first quarter after an onslaught from



Klay Thompson and Curry. They combined to shoot 6 for 8 in the opening period.

Thompson finished with 21, Kevin Durant scored 18 and Draymond Green posted his third career postseason triple-double with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists.

Gordon Hayward led the Jazz with 25 points and Shelvin Mack chipped in 18.

Curry entered the game averaging 26.7 points in the playoffs, but Thompson had struggled against the Jazz. That ended Monday.

rebounded Thompson from a six-point effort in Game 3 with back-to-back jumpers out the gate. Curry

then drained consecutive 3s and the rout was on.

The Jazz started 3 for 16 from the field as Golden State hit from all areas and finished shooting 57.1 percent in the first quarter.

Curry picked up right where he left off after an 11-point fourth quarter in Game 3 with a 14-point first quarter. He, Thompson and Green combined for 29 points in that first 12 minutes.

The Jazz tried to put off their vacation. They used a 14-0 run early in the second quarter, sparked by the suddenly active Dante Exum and Derrick Favors, to cut the lead to 10 points. Utah closed the half with a 12-2 run to trail 60-52 at halftime, but every time the Jazz made a significant run the rest of the way, the Warriors answered and pushed the lead back to double digits.

BRIEFLY

Fundraiser hot dog contest at PHS baseball finale

PENDLETON - Pendleton baseball fans have a chance to support the program while enjoying a classic game-time meal at Friday's conference finale against Hermiston.

The concession stand will sell three specialty hot dogs named after coaches, with all the proceeds going to the baseball program.

The options are: Z-Dog (Travis Zander), hot dog with chili and cheese; Dog-wood (TJ Haguewood), sausage dog with all the fixings; and Hodge-pup (Mike Hodgen), a hot dog with mustard and relish only.

Each dog is \$3 and counts as a vote toward your

favorite coach.



GOLF: Pendleton boys team making its fifth straight appearance in state field

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took second in team scoring last season at state. The Bucks will be seeking to have another strong performance again this year. Prouse has led Pendleton's girls to state five times.

"The girls had a pretty good day, we did a good job in getting third place and we're excited about going to state,' said Prouse. "We're going to go home and work on a few things that will hopefully, help us to lower our scores. We need to work on our short game on the greens and focus on getting better on our drives a little. Improving in those two things will help us prepare for state. We'll practice really hard this week and fix some things that we need to improve on."

Greb had a rough start on the front nine Saturday in shooting a seven-over-par 43. She had a few bogeys, and then a visit to a sand trap had her looking a little bit out of sync. However she came back with a strong effort on the back nine, capping the day with a birdie putt on the 18th hole.

The Buckaroo boys, led by the senior duo of Nathan Som and Brayden Pulver, powered their way to a strong finish to advance to state. Pulver led the Bucks with an 80 on Saturday for a team-best, two-day score of 163. Som shot a 167 and junior Jared Geier shot 169. Junior Trevor Reyes had a 186 and senior Brandon Cox had a 206

"I finished pretty rough and I just didn't have my best day," said Som, who has qualified for state all four years. "I had a triple bogey on the 15th hole and I had a bogey on the 16th too. I did OK on the front nine, but the last four holes on the back nine really gave me some trouble. It's was tough playing in the windy weather today too. I played OK most of the year and our team won one tournament during the regular season, but we could've done a little better. We played good today and it's nice that we were able to get the job done to reach state."

Pendleton, guided by longtime (35 years) coach Nels Nelson, reached the state tournament for a fifth straight year. The Bucks took third place last year, led by Som, who finishd third individually.

"We held our own today and I'm really happy that the boys qualified for state again," said Nelson. "I'm very proud of our seniors. who really capped the season with a strong perfomance today. It's been kind of a crazy year regarding the weather conditions that we've had to play in."

The Hermiston girls, with third-year coach Josh Browning, took fourth in team scores with 790. The Bulldogs, led by the seniors Sydney Adams and Makenzie Lind, tallied a 397 Saturday.

Combined with Friday's score of 393, Hermiston secured the final qualifying spot, just ahead of Crater (812). Adams led Hermiston with a 97 and Lind shot a 99, while Sonja Peterson (100) and Grace Blackhurst (101) also had strong efforts to help Hermiston get fourth.

For the five-member Bulldogs squad, which also includes junior Leslie Browning, it marks the first ever appearance in the state tournament for all five golfers.

"I've told the girls every year that if we are under 400 as a team, then we can be very competitive and have a chance of making it to state,' said Browning. "We had a 393 on the first day and a 397 today, so they met my goals and they did a great job. The girls didn't play as well today because I think that they felt a little more pressure, but they played OK. I'm excited about going to state and it's going to be a great experience, especially for our two seniors, so it's great that they can go there and compete at that level.

Hermiston's boys squad came up just short of qualifying for state. For senior Jared Thacker, it was a rather heartbreaking event as he had a chance to qualify individually. Thacker shot a 166 total score and finished 11th overall individually. Justin Potwora (164) of Marist, grabbed the 10th and final qualifying spot, just two strokes ahead of Thacker.

"We played very well in some pretty tough conditions, but it just wasn't good enough," said Lind. "We struggled a little mentally, but then we started playing better near the end, but we still came up a little short. I'm happy to see the way that Anders, Jared and Kayden stepped up and were leading our team today and that's what we wanted to see from them. Cody Thacker (196) and Garrett McClannahan

(186) both played solid for two days and they'll return to our team next year. It wasn't the best golf that we played, but there's 15 teams here and only five go to state."

For seniors Anders Lind, Kayden Mecham and Thacker, the district event represented the final golf tournament of their Hermiston High School career.

"It's been a really good season and we've shown a lot of improvement all year," said Anders Lind. "I feel like we played our best today and we all did a good job with our mental game as well in trying to pull through. This is one of the toughest courses that we've played on all year. The 10 through 15 holes are really a challenge and you just have to grind through them."

Boys Team Scores 1. Summit 622, 2. Marist 681, 3. The Dalles 682, 3. Thurston 682, 5. Pendleton 685. 6. Hermiston 698.

Girls Team Scores 1. Bend 721, 2. Summit 731, 3. Pendleton 756, 4. Hermiston (790), 5. Crater 812, 6. Ashland 858, 7. Eagle Point 878, 8. Mountain View 978.

PREPS: Helix's Erik Jones defeats teammate Cody Dunn for sub-district tournament title

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LA GRANDE 13-11, MAC-HI 0-0 — At La Grande, the Pioneers remain winless in Greater Oregon League play after getting swept by the La Grande Tigers 13-0 and 11-0 on Saturday afternoon.

The Pioneers (4-14, 0-10 GOL) managed just four hits on the day, with Keaton Smith and Taylor Turner getting one each in Game 1 and Jesus Vela picking up two in Game 2.

UP NEXT

Mac-Hi will finish off the regular season on Friday when it hosts Baker for a doubleheader at 3 p.m.

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 2B
 G. Vaughn, A. Peasley, I. Champerlain (LAG).
 3B
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 Z. Jacobs, A. Peasley
 (LAG).

SOFTBALL

LA GRANDE 12-1, MAC-HI 3-0—At La Grande, the high-powered Mac-Hi offense was shut down by La Grande pitchers Mady Bell and Allie Brock as the Pioneers managed just three runs and 13 hits in a pair of losses to the Tigers on Saturday.

The Tigers roughed up Mac-Hi (15-5, 8-2 GOL) pitcher Mallory Copeland in Game 1, as Copeland allowed eight hits and seven runs (just two earned) in four innings. Sydney Earls pitched the final two frames and allowed three hits and five runs

All of Mac-Hi's runs came in the top of the second. Faith Kelly had an RBI bunt single to bring in the first run, and then a pair of Tiger (17-4, 8-2) errors produced the final two runs.

In Game 2, the Pioneers had a tremendous perforpitcher mance from McKenna Stallings who allowed just five hits and one run in six innings with three strikeouts. But Brock out-dueled her, striking out 13 Pioneers in seven innings.

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TENNIS

KENNEWICK, Wash. -The Special District 4 sub-district tournament wrapped up on Saturday and the Helix Grizzlies, Mac-Hi Pioneers and Weston-McEwen TigerScots all finished with three berths to the district tournament.

For Helix, Erik Jones and Cody Dunn wrapped up the top two spots in boys singles after Jones beat Dunn 6-3, 6-4 in the finals. On the girls side, Lynne Roberts finished third after she beat Mac-Hi's Yaniva Garcia 6-1, 6-4.

Also for Mac-Hi, the

Pioneers earned two spots in doubles as Joci Alvarez and Jennifer Robles grabbed the No. 4 spot for the girls and Humberto Villagomez and Julian Villegas finished third for the boys. Villagomez and Villegas held off Weston-McEwen's Michael Shafer and David Froese 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 to claim third.

Weston-McEwen also earned a spot in girls singles as Johanna Albert finished second to Sherman's Megan Belshe 6-0, 7-6, as well as girls doubles with Mary Bagdon and Christina Swafford finishing third.

Elsewhere, Umatilla's Douglas Gomez finished third in boys singles as he defeated Ione's Bryan Fowler 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, and the Vikings' top doubles team of Gio Armenta

and Elian Armenta took first after beating Riverside's Adolfo Bedolla and Bryan Altamirano 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

The district tournament will be held at Whitman College on May 12-13 in Walla Walla, Washington.

District entries

Girls Singles 1. Meghan Belshe, Sherman

- Johanna Albert, Westnah
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 Lynne Roberts, Helix
 Yaniva Garcia, Mac-Hi
 Girls Doubles
 Savannah Johnson/CJ Moe, Sherman
- Emily Cuellar/Janelle Martinez, Mac-Hi
 Mary Bagdon/Christina Swafford,
 - Weston-McEwen

4. Joci Alvarez/Jennifer Robles, Mac-Hi

- Boys Singles 1. Erik Jones, Helix 2. Cody Dunn, Helix
- S. Douglas Gomez, Umatilla
 Bryan Fowler, Ione
 Boys Doubles
 Gio Armenta/Elian Armenta, Umatilla

- 2. Adolfo Bedolla/Bryan Altamirano Riverside 3. Humberto Villagomez/Julian Villegas,
- Mac-Hi
- 4. Michael Shafer/David Froese Weston-McEwen