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Pendleton softball, Hood River baseball take CRC's top honors

League coaches honor 17 Buckaroos, 11 Hermiston Bulldogs

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The Pendleton softball and Hood River Valley baseball teams were dominant in their runs to Columbia River Conference championships in 2017, and both teams swept the top conference postseason honors when they were announced on Tuesday morning.

Pendleton senior Payton Hergert

was named the CRC's Softball Player of the Year, junior Lauren Richards was named Pitcher of the Year, and Tim Cary was awarded Coach of the Year after guiding the Buckaroos to a 10-2 league record.

In baseball it was Hood River senior Isaiah Enriquez who earned both Pitcher and Player of the Year honors, and Eagles skipper Erich Harjo was named Coach of the Year.

In total Pendleton had 17 athletes honored on one of the All-CRC teams, and the Hermiston Bulldogs garnered 11 selections. Hood River Valley tied Pendleton for the most players honored with 17, and The Dalles pulled in 12.

Pendleton senior Wyatt Morris finished third in Player of the Year voting in baseball, and was one of three Bucks to make the first team along with first baseman Nick Bower and outfielder Shaw Jerome, both juniors.

Morris, a shortstop and pitcher, made the first team in the infield and was selected to the second team as a pitcher.

Hermiston's two first-team baseball selections went to junior Lukas Tolan as an infielder (he also is a second-team pitcher), and junior Joel Mendez in the outfield.

The Pendleton softball team took

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In this April 22, 2017 file photo, Pendleton's Lauren Richards warms up before facing Hood River as her teammates and coach Tim Cary look on.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

OSAA State Golf Championships

Grebb goes out as champion

Pendleton girls take second in shortened final round

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CRESWELL — In the first three years of Haley Grebb's prep golf career, the Pendleton Buckaroo established herself as one of the top golfers in Class 5A.

After her final championship round on Tuesday at Emerald Valley Golf Club, Grebb ended her career by cementing herself as the best.

In a weather-shortened second round that limited the 5A girls to just nine holes, Grebb scored a two-over 36 on the front nine to finish with a 75-38—113 to claim her first state championship.

"It's very indescribable," Grebb said afterward. "It's always been a goal of mine to be a state champion and no matter how you get it to have that title is special. I owe a lot to my coaches and teammates and my parents, and it's nice to know all the hard work paid off."

The Pendleton senior wasn't alone at the top, though, as she tied with Summit's Olivia Loberg to make the duo co-champions. They both overtook Wilsonville's Kaitly Howe, who shot a five-over par 41 on Tuesday to wipe out her first-round, two-shot lead into a second place finish.

Grebb and Loberg have battled at the top of various tournaments all season long, trading wins back-and-forth, and Grebb said it was fitting that they finished the season on top together.

"She's a great gal and a great golfer and we've definitely had some good, positive battles," Grebb said, "so it was pretty cool to end it."

Behind Grebb, Pendleton's team turned in a second place finish after shooting 363-190—553 and finished just seven strokes behind champion Wilsonville at 359-187—546. Individually, sophomore Megan George finished tied for fifth individually with a 86-44—130,

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Pendleton's Haley Grebb poses with a pin flag from the 5A girls golf OSAA State Championships after she tied Summit's Olivia Loberg for medalist on Tuesday at Emerald Valley Golf Club in Creswell.

Contributed photo courtesy of Haley Grebb



The Pendleton girls' golf team poses with its second-place trophy from the 5A OSAA State Championships on Tuesday at Emerald Valley Golf Club in Creswell. Shown from left to right are coach Terry Prouse, Haley Grebb, Megan George, Rylee Harris, McKenzie McLeod and Kendall Blair.

Contributed photo courtesy of Haley Grebb

STANFIELD

La Grande stops Stanfield's win streak

Grogan homers in loss

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The Stanfield baseball team's winning streak was stopped at 21 games on Tuesday when La Grande scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to win 9-5 in non-league play at Madigan Field.

La Grande, the No. 4 team in Class 4A, pushed its own winning streak to eight games as both teams played their final game before the state playoffs.

Dylan Grogan hit a solo home run in the first inning for Stanfield (21-2), which out-hit La Grande 8-5, but pitchers Brad Bell, Jon Gonzalez and Garrett Vaughn combined to strike out seven batters and Stanfield stranded eight runners in the game — two each in the fourth through sixth innings.

Stanfield's pitchers struggled to stay in the strike zone, and starter Klay Jenson walked eight before leaving in the fifth having allowed six runs on just two hits.

The switch to Tony Flores stymied La Grande (18-3) for a couple of innings, but three runs in the top of the seventh when Zack Jacobs hit a bases-loaded triple provided plenty of cushion for Vaughn to close out the win.

La Grande never trailed after scoring four runs in the top of the first inning. Stanfield scored twice in the fifth to pull within 5-6 with Ryan Bailey and Brody Woods driving in runs, but back-to-back fly balls ended the inning with the tying run on second base.

Woods was 3 for 3 to lead Stanfield at the plate, and Flores was 2 for 4. Gonzalez went 2 for 4 to lead La Grande.

UP NEXT

Stanfield hosts the Eastern Oregon League district tournament on Friday and will play the winner of the 1 p.m. game between Irrigon and the winner of a play-in game between Nyssa and Enterprise.

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W — Bell, L — K. Jenson.
2B — B. Woods, T. Flores (SHS), 3B — Jacobs (LGHS), A. Renner (SHS), HR — D. Grogan (SHS).

Sports shorts

Sharapova to miss French Open

PARIS (AP) — Two-time champion Maria Sharapova has missed out on a wild-card entry for the French Open because of her doping ban.

Announcing the decision on a live Facebook broadcast on Tuesday, French Tennis Federation president Bernard Giudicelli said he told Sharapova in person.

"I decided not to give Maria Sharapova a wild card. I'm very sorry for Maria, very sorry for her fans. They might be disappointed, she might be very disappointed," Giudicelli said. "But it's my responsibility, it's my mission to protect the game and protect the high standards of the game."

Sharapova returned to tennis only last month following a 15-month ban for doping.

Thanks to wild cards at her first two tournaments, she got her world ranking to outside the top 200 this week, but that wasn't good enough.



Sharapova

"I think a person that's dedicating their life to creating change, why wouldn't you want that type of leadership in your locker room? I think that Kaepernick getting the opportunity to be on our team would be a good place for him because you have a coach like coach (Pete) Carroll who is up for challenges like that."

— Michael Bennett
Seattle Seahawks defensive end told 710 ESPN that he supports the Seahawks signing Colin Kaepernick as a backup QB.

ESPN Radio's 'Mike & Mike' ending after 17 years

NEW YORK (AP) — ESPN Radio's "Mike & Mike" are going their separate ways.

The network announced Tuesday that Mike Greenberg would be leaving the longtime morning radio show he co-hosts with Mike Golic to host a new morning TV show on ESPN TV that will premier Jan. 1. Golic will stay in the morning radio spot and will be joined by the network's NFL host Trey Wingo. The radio show will be simulcast on television.

Greenberg and Golic have been teamed since 2000. The show will end later this year. Greenberg says his "run with Golic has been an incredible experience," but he's looking forward to a new challenge.

The network also says Golic and Wingo have multiyear extensions to stay with ESPN.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1875 — Aristides wins the first Kentucky Derby by a quarter length over Volcano. The day marks the opening of Churchill Downs before an estimated crowd of 10,000.

1970 — Hank Aaron gets an infield single off Cincinnati's Wayne Simpson for his 3,000th hit.

1992 — Betsy King captures her first LPGA Championship by a record 11 strokes over JoAnne Carner, Liselotte Neumann and Karen Noble. King's margin of victory breaks the LPGA championship mark of 10 set by Patty Sheehan in 1984.

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