

BMCC: Timberwolves' play in Game 2 showed their potential

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that have the right work ethic and are competitive.”

The biggest hurdle the Timberwolves have yet to clear is keeping their focus for all 18 innings of double-headers in regional play. They have played three double-headers so far and have split each one of them, featuring one game of fantastic baseball while the other game falls off the rails.

“I’ll keep thinking of how to get them to play the full 18,” Baker said. “But once we get there and play like we’re capable of playing, we’re going to be tough to beat.”

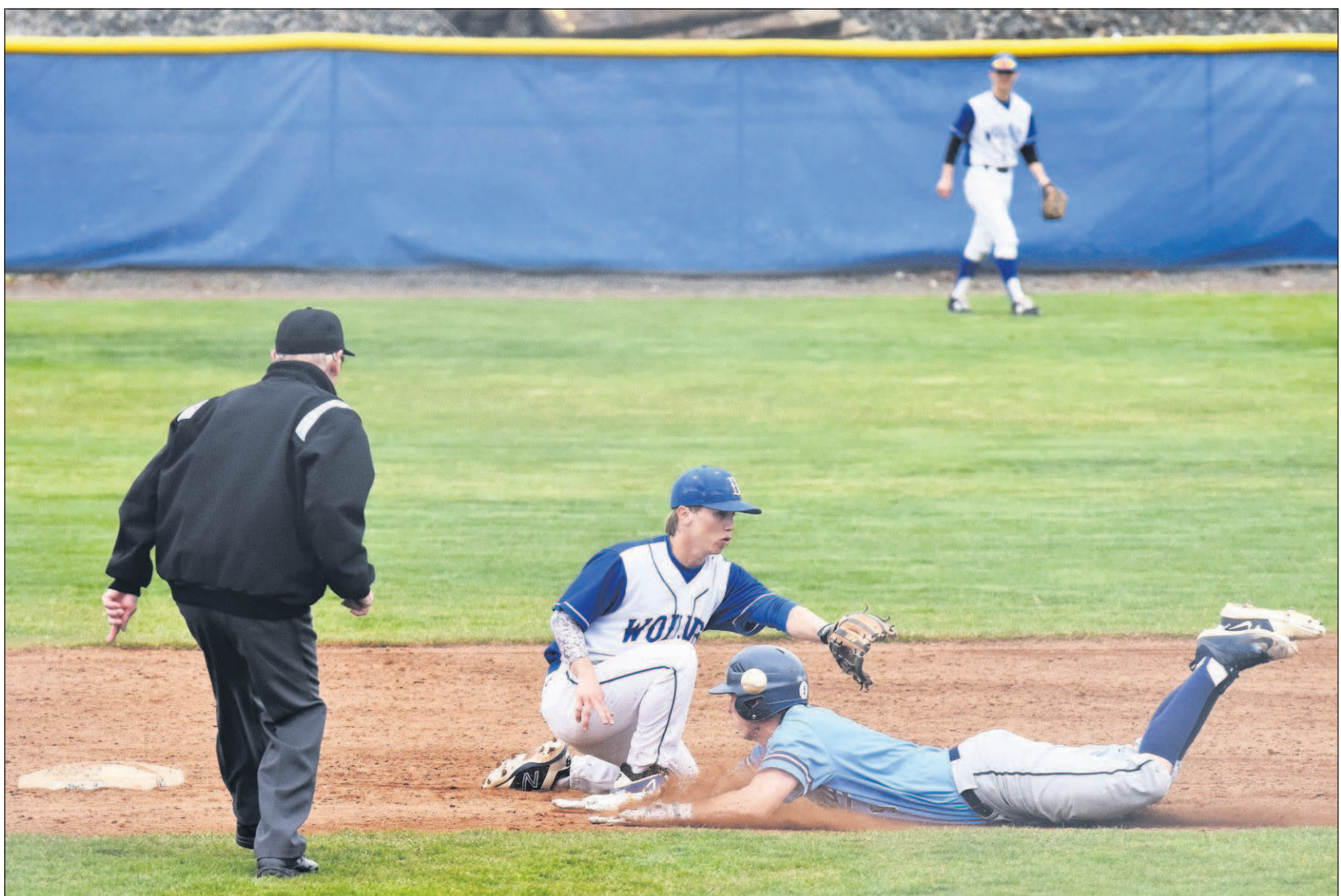
The way the Timberwolves played in Game 2 against Spokane certainly showed their potential, where they cranked 15 hits and scored 11 runs in an 11-3 victory over the Sasquatch. This was on the heels of a 10-4 loss in Game 1.

In the bottom of the third inning, the Timberwolves came to bat after the Sasquatch had just scored a run in the top half to make it a 2-1 game. However, instead of letting the Sasquatch gain the momentum this time, the Timberwolves hung on to it.

Dustin Durlflinger and TJ Rea hit back-to-back singles and one batter later, Alex Salsman turned on a first-pitch curveball and blasted it 350 feet over the left-center field fence for a three-run home run and a 5-1 lead.

“I always have a mindset for first-pitch fastball, but I just tried to get my pitch and it was there and I put my swing on it and it happened to go out,” Salsman said. “It felt great.”

Spokane then added two runs in the sixth to make it a 5-3 game, but once again the Timberwolves didn’t give up the momentum. Joe Hixenbaugh hit an RBI double to left and Brady White had an RBI single to right field to push the



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

BMCC's T.J. Rea misses the ball as Spokane's Aaron Fritts slides into second base in the Timberwolves' 10-4 loss to the Sasquatch in the first game of a doubleheader Wednesday in Pendleton.

lead back to four runs.

But the Timberwolves' bats weren't finished.

In the seventh inning, nine batters stepped to the plate and four of them scored after Hunter Hughes' two-RBI single and Durlflinger's two-RBI single.

Durlflinger reached base in all five plate appearances in the game, with four singles, one hit-by-pitch and he scored twice. In 26 games this season, Durlflinger holds a .320 batting average and an outstanding .416 on-base percentage, which is great production for

a leadoff hitter.

“That guys has been the ultimate warrior,” Baker said of Durlflinger. “He does everything you want as a coach. He works hard, he’s tough, he’s a great student and he’s been a real table-setter for us.”

BMCC also had some solid pitching efforts, with Fabian Green earning the win after five innings of three-hit one-run ball with six strikeouts, and Brooks Juhasz throwing three innings of relief with three hits and two runs allowed with three strikeouts.

In Game 1, things didn't go

the Timberwolves' way after a solid start to the game.

Tanner Broom had two RBI singles in the first and third innings to give the Timberwolves a 2-0 lead, however the pitching couldn't hold off the Sasquatch's offense. BMCC starter Colton Walker was tagged with five hits, five runs and five walks allowed over 5 2/3 innings, while relievers Tyler Poe and Austyn Wayenberg allowed five more hits and five more runs in 3 1/3 innings of relief.

The Timberwolves scored twice more in the seventh

inning on an RBI groundout by Durlflinger and an RBI single by Nate Cantonwine, but that was it for the offense.

The Timberwolves stranded seven runners in the game and were 3-for-10 hitting with runners in scoring position (they were 5-for-7 with runners in scoring position in Game 2). Salsman believes that once the Timberwolves can be more consistent in that department, then more games will turn into wins.

“I feel like we're doing good, it's just the timely hits,” Salsman said. “We get more

timely hits in the games we win and I feel like as a team we're going to push through that and get some sweeps here soon.”

Game 1 scores table with columns for CCS, BMCC, R, H, E.

(S) M. Gulberson, R. Frey (5), C. Grytdal (7) and R. Gross. (B) C. Walker, T. Poe (6), A. Wayenberg (8) and N. Cantonwine. W — Gulberson, L — Walker.

2B — A. Fritts, L. Brenneman (CCS). 3B — C. Padilla (CCS). HR — C. Padilla (CCS).

Game 2 scores table with columns for CCS, BMCC, R, H, E.

(S) C. Wagner, E. LaValley (6), R. Mount (7) and R. Gross. (B) F. Green, B. Juhasz (6), N. Kouigh (9) and D. Durlflinger. W — Green, L — Wagner.

2B — J. Hixenbaugh (BMCC). HR — J. Vandervert (CCS); A. Salsman (BMCC).

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and eventually wore down the their pitcher and got the pitches we wanted to see. It was a good night for us.”

UP NEXT Pendleton next hosts Mac-Hi on April 10.

Baseball score table for PHS vs LGHS with columns for R, H, E.

BASEBALL

BEND 3, PENDLETON 1 — At Hood River, the four-game win streak that Pendleton put together at the Red Lion Buckaroo Classic over Spring Break came to a stop on Wednesday in a tough loss to Bend.

The Buckaroos (5-6) were the first on the board after Gabe Umbarger hit an



Photo by Ronald Bond/La Grande Observer

Pendleton's Alexi Brehaut (16) is surrounded by her teammates at home plate after hitting a home run during the Buckaroos' 7-0 win over La Grande on Tuesday in La Grande.

RBI single to right field that scored Shaw Jerome in the bottom of the second inning.

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Pendleton's eight total hits on the day.

In the third, the Lava Bears (4-3) answered to knot the game at one run apiece. Reese Gordon hit a ground

ball to shortstop, and reached first on an error, which gave Kyle Reed — who also hit a grounder and reached base on an error — enough time to score. It was the Buckaroos' only two errors of the game.

Pendleton had chances in both the bottom of the third and the fourth inning but left four runners stranded, two of which were in scoring position.

The winning run for Bend came off the bat of Tysen Scott, who hit an RBI single to right field but not before Gordon got in on the action one more time. A sacrifice fly to center field scored Austin Jones, which put the Lava Bears up for good.

Chris Large pitched well for Pendleton, striking out three and allowing only three hits and three runs in 4 2/3 innings. Ryan Stahl pitched 2 1/3 innings of scoreless ball in relief.

Bend's Caden Mathison was rewarded the win after toeing the rubber for the entire game, and having surrendered a lone run and striking out nine.

Baseball score table for BHS vs PHS with columns for R, H, E.

TENNIS

THE DALLES — The Hermiston girls tennis team was perfect on the road Wednesday. The Bulldogs swept The Dalles Riverhawks, 8-0, and gave up at most four set points.

In singles, Mackenzie Hill handily defeated Yahaira Alvarez 6-0, 6-2. Lindsay McAllister and Adriann Stewart both defeated their respective opponents, and let their Riverhawk counterparts each win only three sets each. Olivia Thomas battled

Arlette Santillian to round out the first half of play with a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

In doubles, Reed Middleton and Breena Wadekamper defeated Lupita Contreras and Natalie Varland 6-2, 6-3. Bulldog duo Breckyn Mecham and Alyssa Perkins took their match 6-2, 6-2 over Mireya Huila and Lizbet Leo.

Emery Snyder and Katie Bradshaw, along with Ashlyn Hofbauer and Violet Mitchell worked to keep Hermiston spotless on the day.

Tables for Singles Results and Doubles Results listing player names and scores.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

Table of local sports events including Prep Baseball, Prep Softball, Pretrack & Field, Prep Golf, and Preptennis.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday BMCC at Walla Walla CC (DH), 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Friday EOU at Northwest (DH), 11 a.m. Saturday EOU at Northwest (DH), 10 a.m. Columbia Basin at BMCC (DH), 12 p.m.

Basketball

Tables for NBA Eastern Conference, NBA Atlantic Division, NBA Southeast Division, NBA Central Division, NBA Pacific Division, and WNBA Western Conference.

Hockey

Tables for NHL Eastern Conference Atlantic Division, NHL Metropolitan Division, NHL Central Division, NHL Pacific Division, and NHL Western Conference.

Baseball

Tables for MLB American League, MLB National League East Division, MLB National League Central Division, MLB National League West Division, MLB Wednesday's Games, and MLB Thursday's Games.

Soccer

Table for MLS Wednesday's Games and Thursday's Games.

Baseball

Tables for MLB American League, MLB National League East Division, MLB National League Central Division, MLB National League West Division, MLB Wednesday's Games, and MLB Thursday's Games.

Golf

Tables for PGA TOUR The Masters and the Masters Site.