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HIGH SCHOOL RODEO



Jaiden Mahoney, of Heppner, competes in barrel racing Saturday at the 2018 Intermountain High School Rodeo at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center in Hermiston. Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Prep Roundup

Garton's HR helps Bucks sweep Eagles

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Lauren Richards threw two complete games and Aspen Garton hit a clutch seventh-inning home run to help Pendleton earn a doubleheader sweep 7-3 and 6-5 of Hood River Valley on Saturday.

In Game 2 the Buckaroos (15-1 overall, 5-0 Columbia River Conference) were trailing 5-3 in the top of the seventh when the rally began. With one runner on and two outs, Richards hit an RBI double to score Carissa Cooley to make it 5-4. Then with Garton at the plate with a 1-2 count, she launched a two-run home run to put the Buckaroos in front 6-5.

"It was a huge clutch hit by Aspen," Pendleton coach Tim Cary said. "But it was a full team effort to battle and not give in, especially with two outs."

In Game 1, Richards struck out 14 batters and allowed only four hits and five walks in the circle and then was 2-for-3 with two doubles as a batter. Alexi Brehaut was key, too, going 2-for-4 with a pair of singles.

Hannah McNeerney earned the loss in both games for the Eagles (14-3, 2-3).

HERMISTON 7-15, THE DALLES 6-5 — At Hermiston, a big day for Bailee Noland helped the Hermiston Bulldogs to a doubleheader sweep of The Dalles 7-6 and 15-5 on Saturday afternoon.

Noland tallied five hits for the Bulldogs (10-5 overall, 3-2 Columbia River Conference), two of which were home runs, and earned the win in the circle in Game 1 after throwing seven innings with four strikeouts and six runs allowed. Noland also scored the game-winning run in Game 1, breaking from third on a passed ball to complete the two-run rally to win the game.

Sydney Stefani tallied six hits out of the leadoff spot in the Bulldogs' order and Janelle Almaguer earned the win in Game 2 with a five-inning outing and added four hits and four RBI as a hitter.

ECHO 18-20, BURNS 0-2 — At Echo, the Cougars broke out the bats for the second straight day to sweep a doubleheader with Burns on Saturday, winning 18-0 and 20-2.

Alyssa Ray threw a one-hit

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Currin, Sorey fare well at Hermiston

Intermountain High School Rodeo Association hosted its annual event

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HERMISTON — The Intermountain High School Rodeo Association hosted its annual rodeo at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo arena in Hermiston Friday through Sunday afternoon — and a few local competitors finished at the top of some leaderboards.

Heppner's Jacee Currin had the busiest

and most successful weekend, as she finished sixth or better in five different events. Currin began the weekend on Friday when she finished second in girls cutting with 141 points, only three points behind Haines' Samantha Kerns with 144. Currin then finished first in breakaway roping (2.65 seconds), second in goat tying (7.81 seconds), fourth in barrel racing (18.029 seconds), and sixth in pole bending (21.49 seconds).

Pendleton's Trent Sorey had a productive weekend for the Intermountain boys. He soared to a win in the tie-down roping with a time of 9.74 seconds — with nearly

a two-second cushion on second place. Sorey also finished fourth in team roping as the header with heeling teammate Zane Taylor in 11.17 seconds.

Both Currin and Sorey were in the top 11 of all-around standings heading into the weekend, with Currin 11th in the girls standings and Sorey sixth in the boys. So both competitors' performances this weekend will surely give them a boost.

Also for Intermountain, Heppner's Jaiden Mahoney finished in second place in barrel racing with a time of 17.886 seconds. Her time was just one-tenth of a second behind Kerns for first place.

College Baseball

BMCC splits with Wenatchee Valley

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Staff photo by Eric Singer

BMCC pitcher and Hermiston alumnus Nychal Gritz fires a pitch toward the plate during Game 1 of the Timberwolves' doubleheader with Wenatchee Valley on Saturday in Pendleton. BMCC won the game 13-11.

PENDLETON — Saturday was an important day for the Blue Mountain baseball team.

With its league schedule flipping over toward the second half, the Timberwolves need all the wins they can get as they stay in the hunt for a playoff spot. Saturday started off positively, as BMCC defeated Wenatchee Valley 13-11 to start a doubleheader, but it ended sourly with a 2-1 loss.

The split, coupled with two wins from Spokane on Saturday, leaves the Timberwolves (19-17 overall, 8-8 NWAC East) four games back of the second playoff spot in the region with 12 games left to play.

In the opener, the Knights (20-14, 7-9) jumped on BMCC starting pitcher Nychal Gritz for five runs in the first two

frames. Gritz was peppered for six hits and three walks to start, however after that he settled in.

Gritz threw six innings total, but over his final four innings he allowed only one hit and struck out six. For the game, Gritz finished with a season-high nine strikeouts.

And as Gritz settled in, the Timberwolves' offense did, too. The Timberwolves tied the game in the third on an RBI single from Brady White, and then took their first lead of the game one batter later when Hunter Hughes scored on a passed ball.

One inning later the Timberwolves took control of the game with a four-run inning. Tanner Broom and White each picked up RBI singles in the inning, while Dustin Durlinger hit a sacrifice fly RBI and Hughes again scored on a passed ball for a 11-5 lead. Two insur-

ance runs added in the seventh on a sacrifice fly RBI by Hughes and a steal of home by Joe Hixenbaugh made it a 13-5 game, and both runs proved to be crucial for the home team.

That was because the Timberwolves' bullpen was very shaky. Jacob Severance pitched the seventh and allowed a run, and the combination of Brooks Juhasz and Tyler Poe allowed five hits and five runs in the eighth inning to get the Knights within two runs.

In the ninth, the Knights loaded the bases with two outs against BMCC closer Nate Keough, though Keough escaped with a pop fly out to the short-stop to clinch the win.

Alex Salsman and Enriquez led the Timberwolves offense with three hits in the game, while TJ Rea, Hughes, White and Broom each had two.


See BMCC/2B

Sports shorts

49ers: Foster will be cut if proven he hit woman

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco general manager John Lynch said Monday the team will be patient through linebacker Reuben Foster's legal issues in a domestic violence case but stressed he won't remain on the 49ers if the team determines he hit a woman.

Lynch spoke publicly for the first time since Foster was charged with felony domestic violence on April 12 after being accused by authorities of dragging his girlfriend and punching her in the head, leaving her with a ruptured eardrum.



White Sox beat Mariners 10-4, stop 7-game skid

CHICAGO (AP) — **Jose Abreu** had four hits that included a pair of home runs, **Yoan Moncada** was a single shy of the cycle and the **Chicago White Sox** beat the **Seattle Mariners** 10-4 Monday to end a seven-game losing streak.

Chicago became the first big league team to open a game with seven straight hits since Colorado against the visiting Los Angeles Dodgers on Sept. 17, 2014, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Moncada's leadoff triple was followed by five straight singles and Matt Davidson's double off Mike Leake (2-2) in a five-run first inning.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1974 — Tampa, Fla., is awarded the NFL's 27th franchise.

1993 — George Branham III becomes the first black bowler to win a PBA Triple Crown event when he defeats Parker Bohn III 227-214 in the Tournament of Champions.

1994 — David Robinson scores 71 points to win the NBA scoring title as the San Antonio Spurs end the regular season with a 112-97 win over the Los Angeles Clippers. He becomes the fourth NBA player to score more than 70 points in a game.

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