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Heppner's Jaiden Mahoney competes in barrel racing and is one of five Intermountain members that will compete at National Finals.

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Five locals go for national title

National HS Finals Rodeo starts on Sunday

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When the National High School Finals Rodeo gets underway Sunday in Wyoming, five kids from Umatilla and Morrow counties will be gunning for the title of national champion.

Intermountain High School Rodeo team members including Echo seniors Hayden Hilliard and Daylon Eng, Heppner juniors Jacee Currin and Jaiden Mahoney and

Pendleton junior Trent Sorey will be in attendance, as all five qualified with exceptional performances at the Oregon High School Rodeo Finals in Prineville on June 6-10. They will be competing against approximately 1,500 high school cowboys and cowgirls from across the country at the Sweetwater Event Center located in Rock Springs, Wyoming, from July 15-21.

To secure a qualifying spot for the national finals, competitors needed to finish in one of the top four spots of each event at the state finals. Hilliard was a co-state champion in bull riding, while the

remaining four — Eng in saddle bronc (110 points), Currin in goat tying (145 points), Mahoney in barrel racing (141 points), and Sorey in tie-down roping (131 points) — were reserve champions.

It's the second consecutive year that both Currin and Mahoney will be competing for a national championship. In 2017, Mahoney finished 75th in the barrel racing average with a time of 36.195 seconds, while Currin was 120th in goat tying with a time of 8.55 seconds.

The top 20 competitors through the first round of performances will advance to the finals on July 21st.

Angels bullpen quiets M's

Angels overcome injury to Richards, beat Mariners 9-3

By JILL PAINTER LOPEZ
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Kole Calhoun and Andrelton Simmons each had three hits and two RBIs to lead the Los Angeles Angels over the Seattle Mariners 9-3 on Tuesday night.

The Angels got 15 hits and overcame an injury to starting pitcher Garrett Richards, who left in the third inning with right forearm irritation. He is scheduled to have an MRI on Wednesday.

Simmons, seeking his first All-Star appearance as one of five candidates in online balloting for the final AL roster spot, hit a go-ahead double in a four-run fourth.

Calhoun and Albert Pujols both homered to lift a Los Angeles offense that needed a boost. The Angels have won three of their past four games.

Seattle All-Star Mitch Haniger hit a three-run homer, his 18th of the season, in the first inning for a 3-0 lead against Richards, who allowed three consecutive hits to begin the game. He exited in the third while pitching to Nelson Cruz.

Richards' velocity was down. After a 92 mph pitch, a trainer and Angels manager Mike Scios-

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AP Photo/Alex Gallardo
Seattle Mariners' Guillermo Heredia, right, reacts after being called out on strikes, as Los Angeles Angels catcher Martin Maldonado throws the ball during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., on Tuesday.

Columbia Juniors head to regionals

The Columbia Junior League softball team will be representing Oregon in the 2018 West Region Junior League Softball Tournament in Tucson, Arizona, July 13-19. After finishing second in the state tournament, Columbia was chosen by the board to advance to regionals. The team's first game will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. and will live stats will be available on Gamechanger.com by searching "Columbia Little League (OR)." Pictured from left to right: (back row) Jennifer Flores, Taylor Longhorn, Courtney Gregerson, Alexis Shelby, Zuri Reeser, Katelyn Griffin, Zoe Ramos, Morgan Gaines, Faith McCarty; (front row) Rheanna Rivera and Myla McAdams.

Photo courtesy of Karissa Porter



PENDLETON

All-Stars cruise to semis

12U softball team stays perfect

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The Pendleton 12U Little League Softball All-Stars kept their dominance going at the state tournament on Tuesday in Baker City, as the team thumped Klamath Falls 14-2.

The win ends pool play for Pendleton, which locked up the top seed for the four-team bracket play after a perfect 5-0 record, winning by a combined 67-19 score.

Bailey Moore led Pendleton's offense on Tuesday as she went

3-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored from the No. 9 spot in the batting order. After her, Samantha Wilks was 2-for-4 with a triple, two RBI and two runs. Melanie Boatman was 1-for-4 with a home run and two RBI and Madaline Schumacher was 1-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored.

Trailing 1-0 in the top of the second, Pendleton took control of the game when Lily Brooks, Nessa Neveau and Moore all scored on errors and Lanie Burke scored on a passed ball for a 4-1 lead. Wilks' RBI triple helped

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Sports shorts

Tri-City Dust Devils' stadium wins award

The Tri-City Dust Devils' Gesa Stadium was voted as the best Short Season-A ballpark by fans as part of Ballpark Digest's "Best of Ballparks 2018" competition this week, edging out Spokane's Avista Stadium in the finals.

Gesa Stadium, located in Pasco since it opened in 1995, started the fan voting process as the No. 20 seed for the online fan voting competition, upsetting five higher seeds along the way.

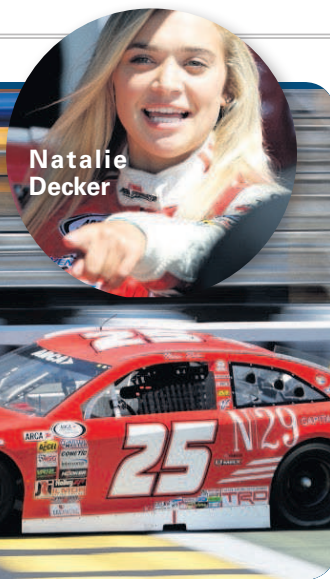
Stock car racing team makes history, starts 3 female drivers

NEWTON, Iowa (AP) — Stock car racing team Venturini Motorsports has had a tradition of employing women that stretches back for decades.

On June 29, the ARCA outfit made history — starting three female drivers in the same race for the first time in the modern era of the sport.

Natalie Decker, Leilani

Münter and Toni Breidinger finishing 12th, 18th and 20th respectively at Chicagoland Speedway. By starting as a trio, they helped raise the profile of women in a sport long dominated by men.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1914 — Babe Ruth makes his major league pitching debut for the Boston Red Sox against Cleveland, getting the 4-3 victory over the Indians.

1967 — Tony Perez homers in the 15th inning off Catfish Hunter to give the National League a 2-1 win in the longest game in All-Star history.

1985 — Nolan Ryan of the Houston Astros becomes the first pitcher in major league history to reach 4,000 strikeouts.

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