

# Races: Night of Destruction July 17

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capacity, which is approximately 1,050 fans. Concessions will be boxed in a to-go manner for the spectators.

"We had three events last year, and the health department limited us to 250 fans and 250 people in the competitor area," Walden said. "When there were only 250 in the stands, it looked pretty thin. There is hope if things keep going in the right direction that we might be able to add more fans."

While the raceway was shut down, Walden and his crew made much-needed improvements to the three-eighths mile asphalt oval track, and sponsors are back on board for another season.

"The track was built in 1967," Walden said. "There has really been no improvement since then. We had about a quarter of it resurfaced so that there is a better surface for them to race on."

The back side of the track, and a 6-foot stretch between the wall and the track, which was a huge source of dust when cars went through, has been resurfaced. The starting line also has a fresh coat



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**Super mini stock drivers warm up before their main event race at the Hermiston Raceway in 2019.**

of paint.

"That small section was dirt for years," Walden said. "The cars would kick up dust. This will be better for the fans in the stands. The place has been beat up for so long. We are treating it the way it should be. The sponsorships and competitors reflect that. The Hermiston people have been great."

Walden said he has businesses in line to help put on

a good show and entertain people.

Other events on tap for the raceway include Night of Destruction, starring Mr. Dizzy on July 17, Saturday Night Thunder on July 31, the Labor Day Spectacular on Sept. 4-5, and Championship Night on Sept. 12.

The final event of the racing season will be Oct. 23 with the Racing Dynamik's Prolate Challenge, featur-

ing pro lates, hobby stocks, legends, mini-stocks and hornets.

Gates open at 4:30 p.m. each night, with racing commencing at 6 p.m.

Walden, a former racer who used to compete at the raceway, has leased the raceway since 2018 with an option to buy.

The raceway opened as the Umatilla Speedway on April 30, 1967.

## LOCAL STANDINGS

Through games played April 15

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Corban	5-1	10-2
Oregon Tech	6-2	6-2
Eastern Oregon	3-3	7-5
Warner Pacific	3-3	5-6
Southern Oregon	2-2	2-2
Bushnell	3-5	3-5
Multnomah	0-6	1-22
#Lewis-Clark State	0-0	22-2
#Northwest	0-0	4-3
#College of Idaho	0-0	8-9

Note: Due to COVID-19 concerns, Evergreen and Walla Walla have elected to opt out of the 2020-21 season.  
#Teams that have opted out of spring conference schedule

#### NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
North Idaho	2-0	2-0
Treasure Valley	1-0	1-0
Walla Walla	1-0	1-0
Columbia Basin	1-1	1-1
Wenatchee Valley	1-1	1-1
Big Bend	0-0	0-0
Yakima Valley	0-0	0-0
Blue Mountain	0-2	0-2
Spokane	0-2	0-2

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Eastern Oregon	6-0	12-2
Bushnell	7-1	9-2
Oregon Tech	2-4	2-4
Corban	2-4	3-4
Warner Pacific	1-5	5-7
Multnomah	0-4	0-8
#Lewis-Clark State	0-0	14-6
#Northwest	0-0	6-3
#College of Idaho	0-0	4-14

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#Teams that have opted out of spring conference schedule

#### NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Big Bend	4-0	4-0
Treasure Valley	1-0	1-0
Wenatchee Valley	2-1	2-1
Walla Walla	1-1	1-1
North Idaho	0-0	0-0
Columbia Basin	0-1	0-1
Yakima Valley	0-1	0-1
Blue Mountain	0-2	0-2
Spokane	0-2	0-2

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

#### CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Lewis-Clark State	23-1	30-2
College of Idaho	10-14	18-21
Corban	10-14	11-25
Oregon Tech	9-11	14-20
Eastern Oregon	4-16	4-20

#### NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Spokane	4-0	11-1
Yakima Valley	5-1	5-1
Columbia Basin	5-1	5-5
Treasure Valley	3-1	3-1
Big Bend	1-3	2-6
Walla Walla	1-3	1-3
Wenatchee Valley	1-5	1-5
Blue Mountain	0-6	0-6

### COLLEGE SOFTBALL

#### CASCADE COLLEGIATE CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
x-College of Idaho	18-0	30-8
x-Southern Oregon	17-1	34-2
Oregon Tech	14-4	29-5
Corban	12-6	19-15
Warner Pacific	6-12	13-18
Carroll	6-12	11-23
Eastern Oregon	6-12	10-24
Bushnell	4-14	7-27
Providence	4-14	4-19
Northwest	3-15	4-22

#### NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
North Idaho	6-0	7-0
Big Bend	2-0	2-4
Walla Walla	5-3	5-3
Wenatchee Valley	2-2	3-3
Columbia Basin	2-2	2-2
Treasure Valley	1-3	3-7
Yakima Valley	0-2	1-2
Spokane	0-6	0-7
Blue Mountain	0-0	0-0

### COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

#### NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Blue Mountain	1-0-1	1-0-1
Spokane	1-0-1	1-0-1
Wenatchee Valley	1-0-1	1-0-1
Columbia Basin	1-2-1	2-2-1
North Idaho	0-1-0	0-2-0
Treasure Valley	0-1-0	0-1-0
Walla Walla	0-0-0	0-0-0

### COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

#### NWAC EAST DIVISION

Team	League	Overall
Spokane	2-0-1	2-0-1
Walla Walla	2-0-1	2-1-1
Columbia Basin	2-2-0	2-2-0
Yakima Valley	1-1-0	1-1-0
Blue Mountain	1-2-0	1-2-0
North Idaho	0-1-0	1-1-0
Treasure Valley	0-2-0	0-2-0
Wenatchee Valley	0-0-0	0-0-0

### PREP BASEBALL

#### 5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Pendleton	1-0	1-0
Crook County	0-0	0-1
Ridgeview	0-0	0-1
Hood River Valley	0-1	0-1
Redmond	0-0	0-0
The Dalles	0-0	0-0

#### 4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

Team	League	Overall
Richland	3-1	3-1
Chiawana	3-1	3-1
Kamiakin	4-2	4-2
Kennewick	3-2	3-2
Hermiston	3-3	3-3
Hanford	3-3	3-3
Walla Walla	2-2	2-2
Southridge	2-4	2-4
Pasco	0-5	0-5

#### 3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 5

Team	League	Overall
Burns	0-0	1-0
Riverside	0-0	1-0
Nyssa	0-0	0-1
Vale	0-0	0-1
Umatilla	0-0	0-2
Irrigon	0-0	0-0
Wallowa Valley	0-0	0-0

#### 2A/1A SPECIAL DISTRICT 7

Team	League	Overall
Sherman/Arlington/Condon	2-0	2-0
Heppner/One	1-0	1-0
Stanfield/Echo	0-0	1-0
Grant Union/Prairie City	0-0	0-1
Weston-McEwen	0-0	0-1
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii/Ukiah	0-1	0-1
Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat/Trout Lake	0-2	0-2
Adrian	0-0	0-0
Dufur/South Wasco Co.	0-0	0-0
Glenwood	0-0	0-0
Union/Cove	0-0	0-0

### PREP SOFTBALL

#### 5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

Team	League	Overall
Pendleton	1-0	1-0
The Dalles/Dufur/Sherman/Wasco Co.	1-0	1-0
Ridgeview	0-0	1-0
Crook County	0-0	0-1
Hood River Valley	0-1	0-1
Redmond	0-1	0-1

#### 3A SPECIAL DISTRICT 2

Team	League	Overall
Burns	0-0	1-0
Wallowa Valley	0-0	1-0
Riverside	0-0	1-0
Nyssa	0-0	0-1
Umatilla	0-0	0-1
Vale	0-0	0-1
Crane	0-0	0-0
Irrigon	0-0	0-0

#### 2A/1A-SD6 SPECIAL DISTRICT 6

Team	League	Overall
Weston-McEwen	0-0	0-1
Adrian	0-0	0-0
Stanfield/Echo	0-0	0-0
Elgin	0-0	0-0
Grant Union/Prairie City	0-0	0-0
Heppner/One	0-0	0-0
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii	0-0	0-0
Union/Cove	0-0	0-0

### PREP BOYS SOCCER

#### 4A/3A MID-COLUMBIA

Team	League	Overall
Richland	4-0-0	5-0-0
Pasco	3-0-0	3-1-0
Kamiakin	3-1-0	4-1-0
Chiawana	3-2-0	3-2-0
Kennewick	3-2-0	3-2-0
Hermiston	2-3-0	2-3-0
Hanford	1-4-0	1-4-0
Southridge	0-4-0	0-5-0
Walla Walla	0-3-0	0-4-0

## OSU:

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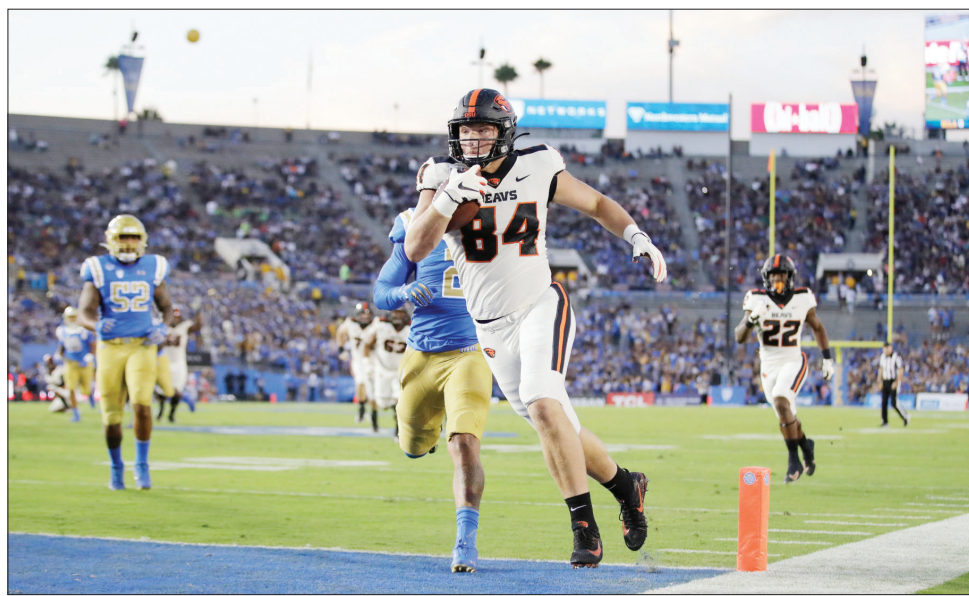
yards per play, second best in the Pac-12.

"We feel really good about that group, and we're building depth there as well," offensive coordinator Brian Lindgren said.

With its depth at tight end, Lindgren said it affords OSU's offense incredible flexibility. Lindgren particularly loves it when he can put two tight ends on the field, which in most cases is Quitoriano and Musgrave.

"It puts some pressure on the defensive coordinator," Lindgren said.

Quitoriano is looking to diversify his game this offseason and spring. The former Sprague of Salem High standout was an immediate success as a freshman blocking in the run game. But to complete the package, Quitoriano has to threaten as a receiver. He has slowly evolved. In his second college season in 2019, Quitoriano caught five passes for 100 yards, two for touchdowns. During the seven-game 2020 season, Quitoriano improved to 14 catches for 185 yards.



Marcio Jose Sanchez/Associated Press, File

**Oregon State tight end Teagan Quitoriano (84) makes a touchdown catch against UCLA in 2019 in Pasadena, Calif.**

"I think I've made big jumps, every year. There's always room to improve," Quitoriano said. "I think I've gotten a lot better, and I'm gonna try to only go up from here."

Lindgren said Quitoriano's pass catching ability is somewhat overshadowed because of Musgrave's downfield playmaking ability.

"I look for his catches to grow, for sure," Lindgren said. "There's some situations where I feel kind of

bad for him because Luke is such a talented guy in the pass stuff. Sometimes, Teagan doesn't always get the opportunities."

Such was the case during the first padded 11-on-11 play period of the spring. Musgrave was one of the receiving highlights, as he made big plays, particularly in third-down situations.

"That was really good to see," Lindgren said. "I think continuing to get those guys more involved in the pass game is something

we're continuing to look at through the spring."

Coach Jonathan Smith said last week when it came to those who caught his eye physically, Quitoriano topped the list. He's down 9 pounds from his roster weight of a year ago, but Quitoriano's speed and power have increased.

"My main focus during this offseason was my mobility and flexibility," Quitoriano said. "Trying to be the model worker in the room, as much as I can be."

## Indy:

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Dixon will be trying to tie A.J. Foyt's record seven championships while leading an expanded Ganassi organization. The team will field four cars this season with only Marcus Ericsson returning for a second year. Dixon will be acclimating to new teammates Johnson and second-year IndyCar driver Alex Palou.

Dixon in 20 seasons has never won back-to-back titles, but his current streak of two in the last three years is the best of his career. He turns 41 in July, but noted Tom Brady recently won a sixth Super Bowl at 43.

"I don't think you can ever really put a time scale on it or an age or anything like that," Dixon said. "I think we've seen the longevity, not just

in our sport but across sports in general, there's so many different ways, whether it's the mental game or training or anything like that."

Penske has three IndyCar champions on its roster: Josef Newgarden has two titles, while Simon Pagenaud and Will Power each have one. Power has confirmed he's in a contract year this season, while Pagenaud declined to comment; Roger Penske said contract talks are ongoing with all his drivers, but he's generally been on record as opposed to fielding four teams.

Penske has plenty on his plate beyond driver contracts as he begins his second season as owner of both IndyCar and Indianapolis Motor Speedway. His first year of ownership was decimated by the pandemic and he was forced to host the Indianapolis 500 without spectators for the first time in history.

## SPORTS BRIEFING

### Arlington Rodeo returns May 1-2

ARLINGTON — The Arlington Saddle Club announces the return of their Jackpot Rodeo after last year's cancellation. The 73rd Arlington Jackpot Rodeo will be held May 1-2, in Arlington.

Events for this year will begin on Saturday, May 1, with the parade through downtown Arlington at 10 a.m. and the Queen's luncheon immediately following the parade at the North Gilliam County Rural Fire Department Hall on Railroad Avenue. Rodeo action begins at 12:30 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, May 2. A cowboy breakfast will be served on May 2 at the Masonic Hall from 7-10 a.m.

Arena action will

feature the traditional rodeo events, including bull riding and ranch bronc riding, with added money each day. The specialty events will be mutton bustin', junior and pee wee barrel racing, buddy barrels and mini bulls. A \$500 gas card will be awarded to the All-Around cowboy or cowgirl. The cook shack will be serving food both days.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. A two-day pass is available for \$9 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under.

For additional information on the Arlington Jackpot Rodeo, call 256-438-0572. For royalty-related information, call Shania Drinkwine at 541-993-6875.

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