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Little League teams to vie for District 3 title

Umatilla County teams to take part in six-day tournament in Baker City

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Baker City Herald

BAKER CITY — A total of 34 Little League baseball and softball teams from across Eastern Oregon will gather in Baker City Saturday, June 19, through Thursday, June 24, for the District 3 tournament.

Games will be played at the Baker Sports Complex and at Wade Williams Elks

Memorial Park.

The tournament includes seven divisions:

- Baseball: ages 8-10, 9-11, 10-12 and juniors.
- Softball: ages 8-10, 10-12 and juniors.

In addition to the Baker City teams, there will be squads competing from Harney County, Hermiston, La Grande, Milton-Freewater, Pendleton, Wallowa Valley,

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

More information is available at the Baker Little League Facebook page, including a link to full tournament coverage at <https://tourneymachine.com/R92074>.

Grant County, Pilot Rock and Columbia.

Baker Little League was scheduled to host the 2020

district tournament, but those plans were derailed when the Little League season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

That gave Baker Little League officials additional time to prepare for the event.

“We’ve known about the tournament for a couple of years now, approaching two years,” Baker Little League President Jason McClaughry said.

This is the first major tournament Baker City has hosted since the 2018 state

softball event.

“The planning of course starts at the Baker Little League level, as the host we have to plan concessions, we have to plan out field maintenance, who is going to do the score keeping as far as scorebooks and scoreboards,” McClaughry said. “Any training that we’ve done to do those things, hosting the umpires, finding accommodations for them. Just kind of the basic supplies that go into hosting an event, whether it’s trash cans to trash bags, spoons, forks,

baseball equipment to chalk, to lining fields, there’s a lot of little details that go into it.”

McClaughry credited the constructive feedback and advice of other leagues, and the District 3 administrator Matt Martin for help in preparing for the tournament.

“He’s got a big role in connecting with the western region of Little League and Little League International, down to us at the local league so there’s all sorts of planning

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LES SCHWAB BOWL



Ben Lonergan/East Oregonian, File

Pendleton’s Tyasin Burns (23) picks up yardage on a run during the first half of a 20-12 win over the Ridgview Ravens March 12, 2021, at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. Burns was selected as a running back/defensive back for the South team for the Les Schwab Bowl on July 3, 2021, at Linfield University in McMinnville.

BOWL BOUND

Pendleton’s Burns, Heppner’s Wilson to play for South team

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Tyasin Burns made people take notice when he played at the 1A level. When he arrived at 5A Pendleton, a whole new group of football fans got to see him work his magic on the field.

His talents did not go unnoticed. Burns was selected as a running back/defensive back for the South team for the Les Schwab Bowl on July 3 at Linfield University in McMinnville. Game time is 6 p.m.

Pendleton’s Erik Davis was chosen as an assistant coach for the South team.

“This is unexpected,” Burns said. “I didn’t think they were going to have a game.”

LES SCHWAB BOWL

SOUTH ROSTER

Coaches — Justin Stark, Thurston; Brian Crum, Mountain View; **Erik Davis, Pendleton**; Scott Gray, Thurston; Chris Newell, Thurston; Steve Turner, North Medford.

Quarterbacks — Jayden Wilson, Heppner; Jakoby Moss, Mountain View.

Running backs/defensive backs — DeMarcus Phillips Housron, West Albany; Dawson Muggy, Thurston; Gavin Knights, Thurston; DJ Daugherty, Marshfield; **Tyasin Burns, Pendleton**; Devin Bradd, North Medford; Gunner Yates, Coquille; Dane Sipos, Lebanon; Ja’Marr Flippen, Banks.

Offensive/defensive linemen — Emilio Castaneda, Hood River Valley; Samiu Letisi, South Salem; TJ Zimmerman, West Albany; Keenan

O’Donnell, Thurston; Jalen Steadmon, South Medford; Kross Galago, Thurston; Josiah MacPherson, Marist; Jimmy Jordahl, Crater; Bryson Kievit, Sprague; Brian Jenkins, Thurston; Adrian McConnell, West Salem; Kale Pasley, Marist; Robert Silva, Camas (WA); Jackson Bailey, Summit; Alexis Plummer, Mountain View (WA).

Linebackers — Lucas Tuski, Marist; Dante Haven, Grants Pass; Zak Gable, Mountain View (WA); Chance Hendrickson, West Albany; Thurman Bibens, Union; Brycen Indell, Willamette.

Tight ends/receivers — Trenton Hughes, Hood River Valley; Jake Bowen, Union; Jacob Newell, Thurston; Cole Brosterhaus, Mazama; Kasey Robinson, Springfield; Dawson Douglas, Crater.

Kicker — Soren McKee, Summit.

In a unique twist this year, the Les Schwab Bowl, which typically is for 6A and 5A players, has chosen a few select underclassmen to play in the

game, as well as a few small-school players.

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Three local players compete in All-State baseball series

Heppner’s Lehman and Hyatt, and Umatilla’s Wilson will play on the National team

By ANNIE FOWLER
East Oregonian

HEPPNER — Heppner’s Jackson Lehman and Hayden Hyatt, along with Umatilla’s James Wilson, have been selected to play on the National team in the Oregon 3A/2A/1A All-Star Baseball Series.

The games will be played June 22 at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer at 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Coaching the National team are Keith Wallin of Brookings-Harbor, and Jeremy Werner of Central Linn.

Lehman and Hyatt are the first two Heppner players chosen to play in the series in the past five years, according to Mustangs coach Tim Wilkins.

The same goes for Wilson.

“This is a first in the five years I have been here,” Vikings coach Jon Garrett said. “James was one of my main pitchers, my starting catcher and he also played shortstop.”

Lehman and Hyatt helped the Mustangs to a third-place finish at the 2A/1A state tournament, beating Western Christian 5-0 in their final game. Heppner finished the season 15-4.

Hyatt was a big reason behind the Mustangs’ success.

The right-hander threw 51.1 innings with a 9-2 record and a .409 ERA. He allowed just three earned runs all season. He also struck out 64 and walked 23.

In 59 at-bats, Lehman hit .525 with a team-high 31 hits

that included six doubles, a triple and 19 RBIs. He also scored 26 times, and struck out just four times.

On the mound, Wilson was 3-1 with a 4.50 ERA for the 8-7 Vikings. He struck out 36 and walked 21. At the plate, he hit .574 with five doubles, one triple and 24 RBIs. He only struck out twice.

It will be a busy week for Lehman, who will have a 2A state basketball game against Knappa on Monday in Portland, then the All-Star Game on Tuesday.

If the Mustangs should win their basketball game Monday, they would play again Wednesday.

“It’s coming up pretty quick, we’ll see how it goes,” Lehman said. “Basketball will be tough on Monday, but if we play our game, we should be OK. I’m excited to play against Knappa. They were fun to watch at state last year. We will see how our defense goes. We are all athletes, but not pure baseball players.”

Lehman and Hyatt haven’t played baseball since the state tournament, but recently they went to the field to get in a few swings.

“We threw each other BP and our hitting was fine,” Lehman said. “His dad hit us some ground balls and our fielding was good.”

This is the first year Lehman had played baseball since he was in the seventh grade, but with a little encouragement from his friends, he joined the team.

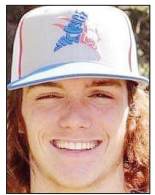
“My senior year is my first year back,” he said. “I told them if they would put in the effort I saw in practice that I would play. It was cool. Those are guys I played with my whole life. It was fun to play with them again.”



Hyatt



Lehman



Wilson

SPORTS SHORT

Brady, Mahomes share cover of Madden NFL 22

By ARON YOHANNES
The Oregonian

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — The last time football fans watched an NFL game, it featured Tom Brady and Patrick Mahomes dueling in Super Bowl LV. Leading up to next season, they’ll face off again on the new cover of Madden.

EA Sports teased the cover on Monday by posting a video featuring former Cleveland Browns running back and Madden cover star Peyton Hillis and two goats leaving a barn.

“Whenever you first get on the cover, that’s a special moment,” Mahomes told ESPN. “So to be on it again, twice, with an all-time great like Tom Brady, it’s a special moment that I’m glad that I’m able to do so soon after I had done it the first time.”

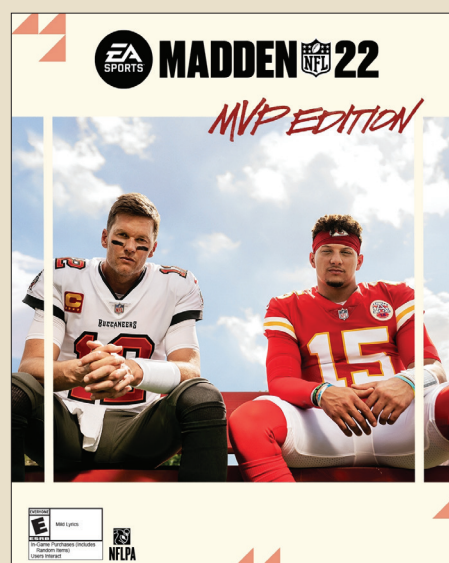
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Mahomes and Brady have each been on Madden covers in previous years. Mahomes’ first cover

was Madden 20. Brady’s first cover (finally) came in Madden 18. They’re the first duo to don the video game cover since Pittsburgh Steelers safety Troy Polamalu and Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald went head-to-head in Madden 10.

Madden typically has a single athlete on the cover. Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson, Mahomes and Tampa Bay wide receiver Antonio Brown have been the faces the last three years.

Madden NFL 22 is set to be released Aug. 20.



EA Sports revealed on Thursday, June 17, that Tom Brady and Patrick Mahomes are sharing the cover of the “MVP Edition” of Madden NFL 22, the latest copy of the legendary football video game series.

The Associated Press