

Coach:

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Mitchell spent three seasons at Hermiston, and matched wits with Pendleton's legendary Don Requa. "Of all the jobs I've had, I enjoyed Hermiston as much as any," Mitchell said. "I had some great games against Don Requa. We had a great game my first year. We had a lead on them, but they beat us 21-18. It was a great, great team we had. It was a tremendous effort, one of the best I've had from a team."

The victory ran Pendleton's win streak over Hermiston to 48 games, but it was the first time in a long while the matchup had been competitive.

Mitchell will play Pendleton and coach Erik Davis this fall, opening the season Sept. 2 against the Bucks in Bend.

In his final year at Hermiston, Mitchell led the team to a 6-3 record — the best in school history at the time — and a runner-up finish in the conference.

Mitchell has made a few stops around the state, compiling an overall record of 95-105 over 21 seasons. His last stop was at North Medford from 2012-17, where he went 33-30 in six seasons.

"North Medford was 0-11 in 2011," Mitchell said. "I took the job and two years later we won the conference and finished 10-2."

Mitchell also coached at South Albany (1972-74), Grants Pass (1975), Hidden Valley (1978-83) and Oregon City (1984-85) before heading to Sandpoint, Idaho (2006-11).

Mitchell coached at Wickenburg, Arizona, the past four years, leading the Wranglers to the state playoffs three times and a 24-17 record.

Mitchell also coached at the college level. He was the head coach at Montana Tech from 1976-77, and De Anza College, in Cupertino, California, from 2000-05. He also was a long-time assistant at Humboldt State in California.

Mitchell also served one year as head coach of the Zagreb Patriots in Croatia (2012). The team went 6-0 and only allowed 17 points.

In 2015, he coached the Uppsala 86'ers in Sweden's Super Series league. The team finished 7-4 and advanced to the semifinals. Mitchell was named the league's Coach of the Year.

Pirates:

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That was just part of the longest day in the life of a Riverside Pirate.

The baseball team left home at 5:30 a.m. and headed out for its 226-mile trip to Nyssa. Their bus broke down 10 miles out of La Grande. With the track team right behind them, a plan was put in motion.

The track team would pick up the baseball team. The track team would be dropped off in Baker City, and another bus would be sent to take it home.

With no under bus storage, all of the track and baseball equipment was stuffed onto the bus. Athletes and

coaches were doubled up in seats, and they made the most of it until they got to Baker City.

"When they first told us we were picking up the baseball team, I thought they

finished its marathon day, it loaded up and had plans on stopping in Ontario for dinner.

They didn't get out of the parking lot.

"We fired up the bus we

to a convenience store to get something to drink and make a plan. They ended up at the Tex-Mex Express for dinner. It was the only place still open.

"We got to sit down and

lead the way.

"The track team had it worse," Davis said. "They had an extra four hours added on coming to get us."

With everything and everyone loaded, the bus headed for home.

You know it can't end there.

The bus's warning signal turned on just outside of Baker City. The bus drivers bought a bunch of coolant and got the bus to La Grande, where another bus was waiting for the last leg of the journey home.

"The track team said they don't want to share a bus with us again," Davis said. "It was definitely memorable."

In case you are wondering, Nyssa won the first game of the doubleheader 13-3.

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— Tyler Davis, Riverside baseball coach

were joking," Riverside track coach Viviana Colin said.

Everything seemed to be running smoothly. The first bus that broke down was fixed and sent to Baker City. When the baseball team

got from the track team and the bus driver smelled something," Davis said. "It wasn't going anywhere. We had to wait for the track team to come and get us."

The baseball team walked

have a meal together," Davis said. "It was fun hanging out with this bunch of guys."

When the track team arrived 3 1/2 hours later, the baseball team was waiting, cell phone lights beaming to



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ON THE SLATE

Schedule subject to change

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Prep baseball
Sherman at Pilot Rock, 4 p.m.

Prep softball
Grant Union at Pilot Rock (2), 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

Prep baseball
Riverside at Umatilla, 1 p.m.
Heppner at Lyle (2), 2 p.m.
Irrigon at Vale (2), 2 p.m. (MT)
Ontario at McLoughlin (2), 3 p.m.

Prep softball
Riverside at Umatilla, 1 p.m.
Irrigon at Vale (2), 2 p.m. (MT)
Heppner/Ione at Union (2), 2 p.m.
Echo/Stanford at Weston-McEwen (2), 2 p.m.
Grant Union at Pilot Rock (2), 2 p.m.
Ontario at McLoughlin (2), 3 p.m.

Track and field
Griswold, Ione at 1A-SD3 Championships, Wasco County, noon
MCC Championships at Hermiston, 3 p.m.
Pendleton at IMC Championships, Prineville, 4:30 p.m.
Heppner, Pilot Rock, Stanfield/Echo at District 2A-5 Championships, Weston-McEwen, 11 a.m.
Irrigon, Riverside, Umatilla at 3A-SD3 Championships, La Pine, 3 p.m.

Prep tennis
Pendleton boys and girls at IMC district tournament, Redmond

College softball
Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain (2), 2 p.m.



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