

Ellsbury fans excited as season nears

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Major League Baseball this year has an added meaning for many Warm Springs residents.

"We're very excited about this season," said baseball fan Dawn Smith, principal of Warm Springs Elementary School. "We're planning to get tickets to the Mariners when Boston comes to Seattle."

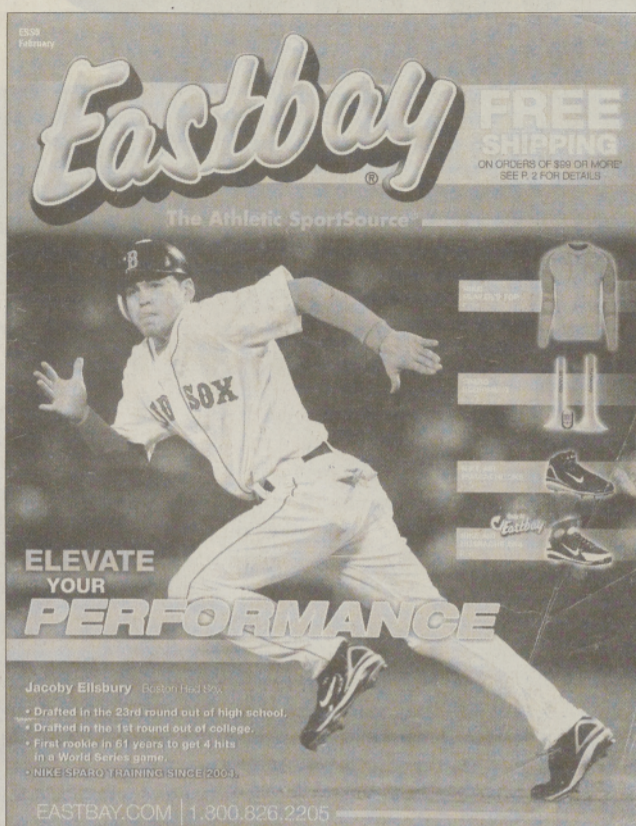
The extra excitement this year for local residents is Jacoby Ellsbury, who is likely to start in center field for the defending World Champion Boston Red Sox.

Ellsbury, 24, is the hometown hero of Warm Springs and Madras, where he grew up and first played baseball. He is a graduate of Madras High School.

Ellsbury last week became the subject of some baseball discussion when Coco Crisp said he would probably talk to the Red Sox about being traded if Ellsbury becomes the starter.

Crisp, 28, was the starting center fielder in Boston most of last season, while Ellsbury was a Double-A Portland.

But during the regular season Ellsbury played in started 26 games for the Red Sox, hitting



The Eastbay sports store featured Ellsbury on the cover of its recent publication.

safely in 23 of them and finishing the season with a .353 average with nine stolen bases in 33 games.

Then Crisp hit .182 in the first eight postseason games,

Ellsbury became the starter in Game 6 of the AL championship series, hitting .375 in the remaining six games, including the four-game World Series sweep against Colorado.

Last week, after Crisp indicated he would maybe want to be traded if Ellsbury becomes the starter, the consensus among sports-talk radio hosts was that Ellsbury would likely be the starter.

No. 46 jerseys

Ellsbury is a favorite player not only of baseball fans in Madras and Warm Springs, but throughout the region.

A sports store in Bend, Pro Image, is carrying a large quantity of Ellsbury items, such as his number 46 jerseys and t-shirts.

Pro Image owner Timm Bartlett said he expects the shipment of items to arrive this week. He can be reached at 749-4281 to check on whether the items have arrived yet.

The jerseys come in three colors: home, away and alternate, which are white, red or grey.

The jerseys go for \$109. The t-shirts are more affordable, said Bartlett.

Pro Image also has framed and matted pictures of Ellsbury from 2007 World Series. Pro Image is located in the Cascade Village Shopping Center in Bend at 63455 N. Highway 97.

'Third Times a Charm' youth tourney in March

The Third Times a Charm Holiday Youth Basketball Tournament has been postponed from this month to Friday-Saturday, March 7-9, at the Warm Springs Community Center.

Divisions are first-fifth grades (co-ed); and sixth-eighth grades (co-ed). Must show proof of grade and must have photo identification, no exceptions.

Limit: eight teams both divisions, limit of eight players per team, both divisions. Entry fee is \$100, both divisions. Cash or money orders only.

First come first serve, first eight teams in each division will be accepted.

Awards: first, second, third, All-Stars, MVP.

For information contact Trey Leonard, tournament director, at 325-1307; or mailing address at PO Box 1457, Warm Springs, 97761; email tleonard@wstribes.org.

Or contact Val Squiemphen, 980-2867; mailing address PO Box 644, Warm Springs; email vjs@bendnet.com.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Oregon realigns organization

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Oregon, a leading youth related nonprofit, announced a re-organization of its structure and leadership to align its operations with the overall mission of helping Central Oregon youth reach their full potential as caring and responsible citizens.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Oregon is working to effectively leverage their strengths to capture future opportunities for growth and sustainability throughout the six communities they serve.

"Boys & Girls Club is con-

tinuing to grow at a rapid pace. We are reaching more and more children daily and are reshaping Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Oregon to optimize the potential to make a difference in our community's youth," said Chris Severin, chief volunteer officer.

"We believe in having a more focused organization, supported by our staff, communities and individual efforts."

Under the new structure, BGCCO is currently seeking to fill the vacant president/CPO position.

Scramble tournament to benefit golf teams

A fundraiser to support the high school golf teams in the region, including Madras High School, is set for Saturday, April 12 at Eagle Crest Resort Course.

The Golf on the Links fundraiser will be an 18-hole four person scramble. \$75 per person, \$300 per foursome. Cost includes golf, golf cart, unlimited range balls and lunch.

To enter, send entry fee to: "Golf on the Links" Fundraiser,

Bend High School, c/o Rusty Clemons, 230 NE 6th St., Bend, OR 97701.

Questions: Contact Rusty Clemons (383-6290), Candace Brink (504-2315) or Dan Hiatt (771-8898).

Kay Baker, superintendent of the Jefferson County School District 509-J, will be in Warm Springs twice each month to meet with parents or other community members regarding the school system. Baker will be in the tribal administration building, conference room 2, on the first Tuesday of every month from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; and on the third Tuesday of each month from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

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