

BASEBALL

Sky-Em Baseball all-league selections

First Team

Pitchers: Luke Brockman, 12, Elmira; Dan Virtue, 10, Sweet Home; Zach Morgan, 9, Sisters.
 Catchers: Ryan Funk, 10, Sisters; Brett Blachly, 12, Sweet Home.
 First base: Hunter Harris, 11, Cottage Grove
 Infielders: Justin Harrer, 12, Sisters; Jonathan Luz, 12, Sisters; Harley Clarke, 11, Elmira; Justin Tow, 11, Sweet Home.
 Outfielders: Alex Olivier, 11, Sisters; Bryce Allen, 11, Cottage Grove; Hunter Jutte, 12, Sweet Home; Bryon Brown, 12, Junction City.
 Designated Hitter: Colyn Van Eck, 12, SH
 Utility Player: Lucas Ward, 11, Cottage Grove; Tristen Cregan, 12, Elmira.

Second Team

Pitchers: Zach Thomason, 12, Cottage Grove; Cole Ashcraft, 12, Sweet Home.
 Catcher: Chad Estrella, 10, Elmira
 First base: Cody Kreminski, 12, Sisters; Colton Jacobson, 12, Junction City.
 Infielders: Payton Presley, 11, Cottage Grove; Griffen Meyer, 12, Elmira; Brandon Keenon, 11, Sweet Home; Dustin Eakin, 11, Sutherlin.
 Outfielders: Odin Thorson, 9, Sisters; Conner Ramseyer, 11, Junction City; Ben Larson, 12, Sisters.

Honorable Mention

Pitcher: Daulton Hofer, 11, Junction City
 Catcher: Brogan Miner, 11, Junction City
 First base: Matt Engholm, 12, Elmira; Wryland McKnight, 11, Sutherlin
 Infielders: Cooper Tharp, 12, Sutherlin; Braxton Beerbohm, 11, Sutherlin; Alec Gannon, 10, Sisters.

Pitcher of the Year

Zach Morgan, 9, Sisters

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on the board first when Hunter Harris hit a double down the left-field line to score Payton Presley in top of first inning.

But North Marion (14-13, 10-5 Oregon West) did not flinch. With the bases loaded in the bottom of the inning, Jordan Kendall hit a three-run double to the left field fence.

Two batters later, Hunter Beachy put the Huskies up 4-1 with a sacrifice fly.

"We were confident at first, but as they kept getting hits you could see that confidence level just kept going down," said Harris, who went 2-for-4.

North Marion added two more runs in the fourth inning without the benefit of a hit, and Nat Barrell hit a solo home run in the fifth inning to extend the lead to 8-1.

Harris came in to relieve Thomason for the final 1 2/3 innings, allowing one run on two hits.

"We thought about pulling Zach earlier in the game but he's a senior and our number-one guy. We also wanted to give him a chance to work through it because he's been able to in the past," said Geisler.

Cottage Grove began the sixth inning with consecutive singles by Harris and Lucas Ward. And after Beachy walked in one run, Bryce Allen hit a two-run single to center field, which left the Lions trailing

8-4.

But then in the bottom of the sixth inning the wheels came completely off for Cottage Grove. The Huskies took advantage of four errors to put four more runs on the board.

"Something we really try to do is keep the energy up," said North Marion coach Randy Brack. "With high-school kids that can be hard; they'll sit back on their heels, especially if they get a lead. But today they stayed with it, and that's really important."

Ward, who finished 2-for-4, rounded out Cottage Grove's scoring with an RBI groundout in the seventh. Brett Ollivant also had two hits and scored a run for the Lions.

The Huskies, who play Baker in the first round today, began their season 5-8 but are 9-5 since the midway point. Brack said that they have improved in every phase of the game, in particular situational hitting and fielding. North Marion went 9-for-19 and had no errors.

Given the way their season ended, Geisler said the keys to the offseason are clear: defense and throwing strikes. He also added that he is looking forward to working with a big group of returners.

"We were pretty young this year. We had two sophomore infielders and a first-time catcher. Next year that won't be an excuse and because everyone will be experienced, which I am looking forward to," he said.



photo by Jo Wheat,

Cottage Grove's Hunter Harris threw one strikeout in relief duty against the Huskies. He also went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI for the Lions.

DISC GOLF

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"It is a blessing and a treat to be able to play here. It's almost perfect for disc golf," said tournament director Warren Hollinshed, who explained that Middlefield is one of just a few golf courses in the state that host disc golf events.

The disc golfers also came to compete for over \$11,000 in cash and prizes.

Hollinshed, 28, spent six months designing a disc-golf course that would maximize Middlefield's 5,000-yard, par-67 golf course. His eventual concept — a 13,000 ft., par-71 disc-golf course — was nearly a perfect fit.

Hollinshed estimates that this course is one of the five longest in the world.

By contrast, the permanent disc-golf course at nearby North Regional Park is a par-56 and 5,491 ft. long.

According to Hollinshed, the tournament was so highly anticipated that the field was filled within minutes of opening registration. The men's open division drew 45 professional players, including seven players with a rating of 1,000 or higher as determined by the Professional Disc Golf Association.



photo by Matt Hollander

Eric Taylor from Portland launches his disc toward the 10th green at Middlefield Golf Course on Saturday. Over the weekend, Middlefield played host to 155 of the top amateur and professional disc golfers in the western region.

For reference, the top player in the world is Paul McBeth with a rating of 1,046.

Scott Withers of Albany shot 10-under par for a one-stroke victory over Luis Nava of Beaverton. Dustin Keegan of Eugene and Dion Arlyn shared third place at seven-under par.

The tournament weekend also served a bit of a business-model experiment for Hollinshed and Middlefield. After 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, they successfully coordinated tee times for golfers and disc golfers.

"Ideally this is a model that could benefit both communi-

ties," he said. "The demographic of golfers is skewing a bit older, so by introducing disc golf, a lot of courses develop a base of younger customers. The key is going to be managing the pace and space of both games."

4A Baseball Playoffs

Play-in Results

North Marion 12, Cottage Grove 5
 Cascade 10, La Grande 1
 Molalla 5, Elmira 4
 Sweet Home 6, Marshfield 3
 Estacada 10, South Umpqua 1
 Philomath 18, Crook County 3
 Scappoose 8, Valley Catholic 1
 Mazama 5, Ontario 2

First Round Games

Cascade at Henley
 Sweet Home at North Bend
 Estacada at Astoria
 Philomath at Hidden Valley
 Mazama at Gladstone
 North Marion at Baker
 Scappoose at Newport
 Molalla at Sisters

4A Softball Playoffs

Play-in Results

Cascade 8, South Umpqua 3
 Scappoose 12, Junction City 3
 Corbett 7, Sweet Home 6
 North Valley 7, North Marion 6
 Ontario 9, La Grande 2
 Douglas 14, Seaside 1
 Crook County 2, Phoenix 1
 Mazama 14, Tillamook 0

First Round Games

Ontario at Banks
 Scappoose at Elmira
 Mazama at Marshfield
 North Valley at Newport
 Corbett at Yamhill-Carlton
 Crook County at Henley
 Douglas at Gladstone
 Cascade at McLoughlin

MIDDLEFIELD MENS GOLF

Date: May 18
 Game: 1-2-3 Points

1, Hamilton, Armor, Cunningham, Eyman 95. 2T, Hayes, Perkins, Waterman, Hamilton BD 93. 2T, Miller, Moran, Nellermeoe, Ryan 93. 4, Cox, Ingram, Lee, Pennington 92.
Low Gross: 1, Emery 72. 2T, Cox 73. 2T, Ingram 73.
Low Net: 1, Ryan 56. 2, Fisher 61.
Closest to the Pin: No. 5, Helms. No. 7, Helms. No. 14, Perkins (Hole in one).
Longest Putt: No. 4, Lindholm.

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