

BASEBALL from B1

to extend the lead. After Austin Frieze got on base via an error, he stole second and third before his cousin, Koldan Frieze, came up with another two-out hit to put a run on the board.

The next at bat, third baseman Wyatt Beckham hit a double to the wall to score Frieze and give the Warriors a 4-0 advantage.

“The middle of our order is swinging the bat really, really well. I mean, Koldan’s been on fire. He started so slowly – he was 4-for-20 at the beginning of the season – so that’s good to see him come back,” said Davis. “And Wyatt’s got a nice natural swing. Really proud of him.”

Defensively the Warriors put away the Boomers going three-up, three-down in the sixth and seventh inning. Erickson capped off the day with a pair of strikeouts to end the game.

“For me, Cal and Koldan, it’s our last year and we want to strive to do our best and get the team a win. It’s real-

ly exciting for all of us,” said Erickson. Adding, “It seems like our bats are starting to come in handy right at the right time. That’s what it is and we’re able to get runners on base and hit the ball and we did our job.”

The victory setup a date with second-ranked Monroe (23-1) on Friday. Heading into the game, the Dragons are on a 20-game winning streak and are the highest-scoring team in all of 1A/2A averaging 14 runs per game.

“We’re fairly familiar with them because we played with them the last three or four years and they won that league and we were chasing them, it feels like, forever,” said Davis. “So the kids are pretty excited about that match-up. They actually said they hope Monroe won.”

Monroe’s one loss of the season came to Umpqua Valley Christian, a team North Douglas beat twice this season.



Top: North Douglas first baseman Tyler Kallinger and Toledo's Spencer Tower watch a pop up rise before Kallinger made the catch. Bottom: Colter Anderson delivers a pitch for the Warriors. PHOTOS BY ZACH SILVA/CG SENTINEL

SOFTBALL from B1

together two runs in the fourth, a run in the fifth to avoid being 10-runners and four in the sixth inning.

“Bonanza didn’t give up. They came to play ball. They really stepped up right about then when they knew their season could be almost over. And kind of caught us off guard and then we got into panic mode and it took us a little while to get back to that, ‘Hey, we still have a big lead, just get an out. That’s all we’ve got to do,’” said Rice. “I also have to say, Bonanza’s pitcher, once they started hitting the ball, she was a whole different pitcher. Those last couple of innings, man, she really, really stepped up and was throwing the ball hard. She really did. I don’t want to sound like our girls just fell apart, (Bonanza) really stepped up. And started hitting the ball.”

Eventually, the Warriors were able to close the game and get the win. And because of where the team is on the bracket, North Douglas was rewarded by getting to play number-one ranked Grant Union (22-2) on Friday.

“I’m not sure that was a reward,” said Rice.

The top-ranked Prospectors are currently on a 14-game winning streak and Rice notes that they are a solid team from top to bottom.

“Just a really disciplined team,” said Rice. “They’ve proven through the year that everybody on their roster hits the ball well. So we can’t relax there.”

From a logistical standpoint, the Warriors travelled from Bonanza to Bend on Wednesday where they would stay the night instead of coming home to Drain. On Thursday the team travelled to Burns where they stayed and practiced. Friday they made the hour trip to John Day to face Grant Union. By the time the team returns home, they will have travelled nearly 900 miles.

Free fishing weekend event in Eugene

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will host a Family Fishing event at the Alton Baker Canoe Canal in Eugene on Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This event occurs on Free Fishing Weekend and the Canoe Canal will be well-stocked for the event, which is free and open to everyone. The department will have rods, reels and tackle to loan out and will provide bait to those who do not have their own gear. Participants are welcome to bring their own equipment if they prefer. ODFW staff and experienced volunteers will be on site to help participants learn basic skills for angling success and will even clean the catch.

Free Fishing Weekend, which is the first full weekend in June, allows adults and children the opportunity to try fish-



Taking in a free fishing event in Cottage Grove last month, individuals patiently waited to reel in their prize. PHOTOS BY DAMIEN SHERWOOD/CG SENTINEL

ing, crabbing and clamming all weekend long without having to purchase a fishing license.

All other regulations and bag limits apply. The bag limit at the event will be five fish for each person fishing.

The Alton Baker Canoe Canal is within Alton Baker Park and can be accessed off of Club Road in Eugene. The fishing event will take place about 250 yards upstream of the bridge over the canal as you enter the park. Follow the gravel pedestrian path from the road up the canal to the event.

For information about the event at Alton Baker Canoe Canal, call Emma Garner at the ODFW Springfield office at (541) 726-3515 ext 28. To find out more about other Family Fishing Events throughout the state, go to myodfw.com

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