

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10
Baseball: American Legion: Demarini Dirtbags at Canyon Crushers (DH), TBA. Division I Junior Baseball: North Salem at Dallas, 6 p.m. Division II Junior Baseball: Dallas at Lebanon, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11
Baseball: Division I Junior Baseball: Dallas at Cascade, 6 p.m. Division II Junior Baseball: Dallas at South Salem, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12
Baseball: American Legion: Medford at Demarini Dirtbags (DH), noon. Division I Junior Baseball: Central at South Albany, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14
Baseball: American Legion: Eugene at Demarini Dirtbags (DH), 2 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 15
Baseball: Division I Junior Baseball: Dallas at Sprague, 5 p.m. Corvallis at Central, 6 p.m. Division II Junior Baseball: Dallas at Crescent Valley, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16
Baseball: American Legion: Demarini Dirtbags at Corvallis, 7 p.m. Division II Junior Baseball: Sprague at Dallas, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
Baseball: American Legion: Corvallis at Demarini Dirtbags (DH), 2 p.m. Division I Junior Baseball: Lebanon at Dallas, 6 p.m. Crescent Valley at Central, 6 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Learn to row at Riverview Park

INDEPENDENCE — Independence Riverview Park will play host to Learn to Row Weekend Saturday and Sunday.

Local rowing club members will be provide two days of classes designed to teach people how to row in four- and eight-person rowing shells.

Cost is \$25 and includes two lunches, instruction and all necessary equipment.

For more information: Natalie Jennings, Salem Rowing Club President, 702-759-9206 or visit www.facebook.com/salem-rowing2.0.

Wolves hold fundraiser

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University held its 29th annual Wolves Athletic Auction May 30.

The event had more than 320 guests and raised more than \$60,000 for scholarships for WOU student-athletes.

WOU graduate Katherine Cook hosted the event, while cross-country and track and field athlete Stephanie Stuckey also spoke about the impact of scholarships and support.

"This year's Wolves Athletic Auction was unique in many ways," WOU athletics director Barbara Dearing said. "From an increase in attendance to the standing ovation for Stephanie Stuckey's story, where she shared what her athletic and educational experience has meant to her at WOU, all of these provided an energy and excitement to this year's event."

2015 ITEMIZER-OBSERVER ALL-REGION BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Taking his chance

Senior ready for next step

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Dallas pitcher Logan Hatley's high school career didn't end the way he had hoped.

But his journey made him the Dragons' top starter for the second season in a row. Hatley went 6-2 on the pitcher's mound. He gave up just 10 earned runs for a 1.19 ERA, the lowest among the Dragons' starters. He also gave up just 38 hits, holding opponents to batting .182. Hatley also led Dallas with 102 strikeouts and was named the Mid-Willamette Conference's Pitcher of the Year for the second-straight season.

It's all these accomplishments that makes Hatley the *Itemizer-Observer's* Player of the Year for the 2015 season.

While Hatley's high school career may be finished, he's hoping this is just the beginning of something special.

From the moment he played T-ball, there was little question what sport was Hatley's favorite.

Yet, as he turned 10 and players began settling in positions, Hatley felt unhappy with his role.

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By The Numbers

1.19

Hatley's Earned Run Average during the 2015 season. The mark was the lowest for Dallas.

4

The number of complete games Hatley threw during his senior season with the Dragons.

102

The number of strikeouts Hatley recorded during the 2015 season, the most for Dallas.

LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Senior Logan Hatley earned the Mid-Willamette Conference's Pitcher of the Year honors for the second season in a row.

PREP HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Hedrick having a blast

Football coach thrives in dual role at CHS

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Central football coach Shane Hedrick is getting ready to learn.

Hedrick will serve as one of the South team's assistant coaches at the Les Schwab Tires Bowl, an all-star football game for high school seniors in Class 5A and 6A on June 20.

The Panther's Alberto Meza and Wes Riddell and Dallas' Spencer McCarron will see game action.

"With those three boys representing the communities, it's going to be a lot of fun for myself as a coach," Hedrick said. "I'm going to spend a week with some of the best coaches in the state of Oregon and some of the best football players in the state of Oregon."

The experience is as valuable for Hedrick as it is for the athletes playing.

"Working with the coach from Sheldon High School (and being able) to see what they do at one of the top 6A programs is very educational," Hedrick said. "It does a lot of good when you open your eyes and see what your colleagues are doing. It's a lot of fun and a good learning experience."

But as the Les Schwab Bowl provides a bridge between school years for Hedrick, his work extends far beyond on the football field.

When Hedrick agreed to

Les Schwab Bowl

What: Les Schwab Tires Bowl.

When: June 20, 6 p.m.

Where: Hillsboro Stadium, Hillsboro.

Tickets: Adults, \$15; students/seniors \$12 reserved; \$8 and \$6 general admission.

Local participants: CENTRAL — Wes Riddell (running back/defensive back), Alberto Meza (offensive/defensive line), Shane Hedrick (assistant coach), DALLAS — Spencer McCarron (tight end).

Next week: Look for a story on local players participating in the game in the June 17 issue of the *Itemizer-Observer*.



Hedrick

CLASS 5A PREP SOFTBALL

Perkins stepping away from Dallas

Coach confident the Dragons are set up for future success

By Lukas Eggen

The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — The Dallas High softball team will be led by a new face come next spring.

DHS Athletic Director Tim Larson announced Saturday that Al Perkins has stepped down as the Dragons coach.

"Well, I'm finishing up my work in January at church and so I'm at a point of transition with my work," Perkins said. "Things are a little bit up in the air with what I'm doing in the spring. Although we had six seniors graduate this year, there will be several new players coming into the program and several excellent candidates to take over



Perkins

Perkins File

- Al Perkins coached the Dallas softball team for six seasons.

- The Dragons advanced to the OSAA Class 5A state quarterfinals twice in 2012 and 2013.

- Dallas finished 16-10 overall and 15-6 in Mid-Willamette Conference play during the 2015 season. The Dragons advanced to the state play-in round before falling to North Eugene 2-1.

(as coach)."

Perkins coached Dallas for six seasons. He advanced to the OSAA Class 5A state play-in round during his final two seasons.

The Dragons finished the 2015 season with a 16-10 record overall and went 15-6 in Mid-Willamette Conference play to place third in the league standings.

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