

SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20
Baseball: Central at Crescent Valley, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at Silverton, 4:30 p.m.

Boys tennis: Central at South Albany, 4 p.m. Woodburn at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: South Albany at Central, 4 p.m. Dallas at Woodburn, 4 p.m.

Softball: Lebanon at Central, 4:30 p.m. Corvallis at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21
Boys tennis: Central at Corvallis, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: Central at Corvallis, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Baseball: Central at Crescent Valley, 4:30 p.m. Silverton at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. Perrydale at Central Linn, 4:30 p.m. Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene (DH), 2 p.m.

Boys tennis: Dallas at Central, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: Central at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Softball: Silverton at Central, 4 p.m. Dallas at Crescent Valley, 4:30 p.m. Perrydale at Central Linn, 4:30 p.m. Concordia at Western Oregon (DH), 2 p.m.

Track and field: Central at John Oliver Invitational, 3 p.m. Dallas at Central Coast Invite, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Baseball: Western Oregon at Northwest Nazarene (DH), noon.

Girls tennis: Dallas at North Marion, noon.

Softball: Western Oregon at Concordia (DH), noon.

Track and field: Dallas at Centennial Invitational, 11 a.m. Falls City, Perrydale at Portland Christian Invitational, 11 a.m. Western Oregon at Raider Invitational (Ashland), 10 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Baseball: East Linn Christian at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

Boys golf: Central, Dallas at Corvallis, 10 a.m.

Boys tennis: Central at Crescent Valley, 4 p.m. Dallas at South Albany, 4 p.m.

Girls golf: Central, Dallas at Tukwila (Woodburn), 10 a.m.

Girls tennis: Crescent Valley at Central, 4 p.m. South Albany at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Softball: Perrydale at Amity, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Baseball: Central at South Albany, 4:30 p.m. Corvallis at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

Softball: Central at Corvallis, 4:30 p.m. Lebanon at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field: South Albany at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Baseball: South Albany at Central, 4:30 p.m. Dallas at Corvallis, 4:30 p.m. Perrydale at Country Christian, 4:30 p.m. Montana State, Billings at Western Oregon, 2 p.m.

Boys tennis: Lebanon at Central, 4 p.m. Corvallis at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Girls tennis: Central at Lebanon, 4 p.m. Dallas at Corvallis, 4 p.m.

Softball: Dayton at Central, 4 p.m. Silverton at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. Delphian at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

Track and field: Central at Crescent Valley, 3:45 p.m. Falls City, Perrydale at Southwest Christian Invitational, 4 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Polk Pedalers to meet on Saturday

DALLAS — The Polk Pedalers Bicycle Club will host a free ride Saturday at 8 a.m. Riders will meet at Courtyard Coffee House, 156 SE Mill St., Dallas, and will begin a 40-mile easy ride through Brooks and Woodburn roads.

There is no cost to attend. All are welcome. Children must have an adult present. Helmets are required, and carpooling is available.

For more information: 503-623-6533.

PREP SOFTBALL

Dallas tops Central



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer

Central's Jori Kerr slides into home plate as Dallas catcher Ciara Greisen attempts to tag her out on Friday afternoon.

Central searches for answers after loss to Dallas

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — Central junior Jori Kerr was just getting used to playing in the outfield.

She had solidified her spot as one of the Panthers' most dependable gloves.

That all changed this spring when Kerr moved back to the infield at shortstop.

"Prior to my freshman year, I never

Nash

played outfield," Kerr said. "Now, I haven't played infield since eighth grade. It's a really big adjustment because they're

two very different positions." What was once second nature — the timing, positions and the necessary throws to make in an instant — became something she had to relearn quickly.

"I started a little rough, but I've gotten a lot cleaner and am getting some outs," Kerr said.

Kerr's play helped the Panthers defeat

Woodburn 18-3 on April 12 and South Albany 9-3 on April 13. But, as the team's 8-2 loss to Dallas on Friday showed, Central has a long way to go to show it belongs among the Mid-Willamette Conference's best teams.

The Panthers entered the week in fourth place out of seven teams in the MWC. Each of Central's four league wins have come against the leagues' bottom three teams, Corvallis, South Albany and Crescent Valley, by a combined score of 51-14.

Each of the Panthers'

losses in league play have come against the MWC's top three squads: Silverton, Dallas and Lebanon by a combined score of 33-8.

"I think (Friday) is something we need to take as a team and learn from it and understand that should have been a closer game," senior Kylie Nash said. "We have to understand that it is unacceptable how we played

and let it get out of hand."

Central trailed 3-2 entering the sixth inning. Dallas scored five runs in the top of the sixth to pull away for the win.

"When it came down to it, we left runners on base," Kerr said. "Ultimately that, and a couple of errors are what lost the game for us."

Recovering from those mistakes quickly must be a priority.

"We will bounce back, but we have to bounce back sooner," Kerr said. "We can't wait two or three plays or one inning. That one inning is what will kill us."

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Dragons rebound after first losses during league play

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — It took a rivalry game to snap Dallas' softball team out of a mini funk.

The Dragons defeated Central 8-2 on Friday, breaking a two-game losing streak after opening the week with a 4-2 loss to Silverton on April 12.

"This was a huge game for us," catcher Ciara Greisen said. "This is our rival. We prepped really well and worked on our intensity."

Dallas (10-3 overall, 5-2 Mid-Willamette Con-

ference) entered the week in sole possession of second place in the MWC. Friday's win ensured the Dragons didn't fall into a three-way tie with Silverton and Central.

"Coming off of Lebanon and Silverton, it felt like we were getting a little down on ourselves, especially since we had been doing so well at the beginning of the season," coach Brandi Jackson said. "We focused on the little things in practice and

talked about having quality at bats and good things will happen. That showed (on Friday)."

Dallas broke open a close game in the sixth inning, scoring five runs with two outs to extend a 3-2 lead to 8-2.

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Priebe finds calling in Jiu Jitsu

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

DALLAS — Daniel Priebe was living the life — or so he thought.

It wasn't until Priebe, a former collegiate wrestler, discovered Brazilian Jiu Jitsu that he saw his life could have a greater purpose — one that he hopes to share with Polk County residents.

As a high school wrestler, Priebe was part of a squad that won state titles all four years. He attended Arizona State University to wrestle at the collegiate level, but an injury cut his career

short in 2001.

He was still involved in the sport, becoming an assistant wrestling coach at a local high school, but it wasn't the same as competing. Priebe sought to fill his newly found free time the way many college students do.

"I was working, going to school and partying," Priebe said. "I didn't really have anything to keep me out of trouble. I got a job and started getting lazy."

On the surface, he was having a blast.

Below it, he hid a pain he wasn't ready to deal with.

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Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

What: Daniel Priebe Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.
Where: 508 SE Mill St. No. 6, Dallas.
When: Kid classes are offered Mondays through Fridays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. A Brazilian Jiu Jitsu fundamental class for adults is offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Adult striking classes are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Advanced Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes are offered Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. An adult, no gi class is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Open mat is available Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



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Dallas resident Daniel Priebe (blue) demonstrates a move during a class on April 13. Priebe opened Daniel Priebe Brazilian Jiu Jitsu earlier this month.