

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
Track and field: Western Oregon at NCAA Div. II Indoor National Championships at Birmingham, Ala., TBA.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
Baseball: Western Oregon at Concordia (DH), 4:30 p.m.
Softball: Simon Fraser at Western Oregon (DH), noon.

Track and field: Western Oregon at NCAA Div. II Indoor National Championships at Birmingham, Ala., TBA.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12
Baseball: Western Oregon at Concordia (DH), 4:30 p.m.
Softball: Western Washington at Western Oregon (DH), noon.

MONDAY, MARCH 13
Boys golf: Dallas at Canby Invite, noon.
Baseball: Central at Stayton, 4 p.m. Siletz Valley at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.
Softball: Siletz Valley at Perrydale, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
Baseball: South Eugene at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
Boys tennis: Central at Lebanon, 4 p.m. Woodburn at Dallas, 4 p.m.
Girls tennis: Lebanon at Central, 4 p.m. Dallas at Woodburn, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
Baseball: Central at Yamhill-Carlton, 4 p.m. Corban at Western Oregon, 2 p.m.
Softball: North Marion at Central, 4:30 p.m.
Track and field: Crescent Valley at Central, TBA. South Albany at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.

Schedules Subject to Change

QUICK HITS

Polk Pedalers to meet Saturday

PERRYDALE — The Polk Pedalers Bicycle Club will host a ride Saturday at 8 a.m. Cyclists will meet at Perrydale School and ride the Amity spring loop, a 30-mile course rated as easy.

All ages are welcome, but children must be accompanied by an adult. Helmets are required.

There is no cost to attend, and carpooling is available.

For more information: 503-623-6533.

Omlid earns league honor

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon junior Tanner Omlid has been named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference men's basketball Defensive Player of the Year.

Omlid led the conference in steals (97) and led the Wolves in blocks (47), rebounds (237), assists (106) and points (486).

Omlid was also named first team all-GNAC. Ali Faruq-Bey earned an honorable mention. Faruq-Bey averaged 15.0 points per game and was second on the team in scoring, assists, and rebounds.

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

A new chapter

Wolves enter league play confident they will contend for a title

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

MONMOUTH — Pitcher Sammi Cadwallader is in the midst of her final season with WOU's softball team — but she's not the first in her family to take the field as a Wolf.

Her mother Kathy played softball on Western Oregon's JV team in 1988-89.

"It's really cool," Sammi said. "My mom and I have bonded over softball. My mom would catch for me when I took pitching lessons when I was younger. She was always there listening in with my pitching coaches. When I was looking at colleges, what sold me was the atmosphere and the fact that my mom had played here. I wanted to play at the same school as her."

Now Sammi hopes to end the next chapter of her family's legacy at WOU by leading the Wolves to a Great Northwest Athletic Conference title.

Western Oregon enters league play with confidence. WOU went 9-6 in nonconference play — one of the team's strongest starts in recent years.

"Record-wise, this is one of the best we've done (in nonleague play

in a while," coach Lonny Sargent said.

A big reason for that is a strong start by the Wolves' pitching staff. Cadwallader carries a 4-0 record



Western Oregon seniors Ashlee Lynch and Sammi Cadwallader will play a big role in the Wolves' success.

with a 1.75 ERA in 28 innings of work into GNAC play.

As a staff, WOU boasts a 2.68 team ERA and has 48 strikeouts among them.

"I think I'm right where I want to be," Cadwallader said. "The pitching staff is amazing. I think we're in a good spot."

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PERRYDALE BASKETBALL

Pirates place third at state



AARON YOST/for the Itemizer-Observer
 Perrydale junior Cooper Butler goes up for a shot.

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

BAKER CITY — Despite a 59-35 loss to eventual state champions Sherman in the 1A semifinals on Friday, Perrydale's boys basketball team still had work to do with a matchup against Jordan Valley on Saturday with third place on the line.

"We knew what we were up against Friday (against Sherman)," coach Brian Domes said. "We gave it our best shot. We had a lot of kids tired, but I told them this is your last chance. I know you're tired, but you will have plenty of time to rest after this. I need 32 more minutes from you on Saturday."

The Pirates defeated Jordan Valley 48-44 to record Perrydale's best-ever finish at the 1A state basketball championships.

"We were wearing our white home uniforms for that game," junior Cooper Butler said. "We hadn't lost a



Butler

single game in our home jerseys, and we told ourselves, 'let's do this. Let's go undefeated' being the home team. That win felt amazing."

Perrydale finished the season with a 25-4 record overall. The Pirates' accomplishments were numerous, including winning Casco League regular season and tournament titles, and earning the team's first trip to Baker City since the early 1980s.

"It was definitely thrilling," senior Haylen Janesofsky said. "It's exciting to be in a new situation. It's somewhere I've never been, and to do this with my teammates and friends, it made the whole experience fun."

From the beginning of the season, the Pirates knew



Janesofsky

making it to Baker City was a real possibility.

The journey made for a memorable, fun and exciting ride.

"We had a sense of togetherness," senior Daniel Domes said. "We played together, never got on each other a whole lot, just played as a team."

The Pirates defeated Crosshill Christian 57-47 in the quarterfinals round on March 1 to advance to the semifinals.

"It means a lot," Butler said. "This is the best Perrydale has done at state for basketball. To see all the hard work pay off, it means a ton. We exceeded what we wanted to do."

Although they didn't win a state title, winning the third-place game meant the Pirates could go out with a victory.

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DALLAS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dragons rally falls short at Crater

By Lukas Eggen
 The Itemizer-Observer

CENTRAL POINT — Trailing seventh-seeded Crater 16-4 on Saturday, Dallas' girls basketball team could have packed it in.

Instead, the Dragons fought back, earning a 26-24 lead with two minutes left in the third quarter before falling to Crater 44-36 in the first round of the state playoffs.

Olivia Nelson and Katie

Senger scored 11 points each to lead Dallas.

Dallas advanced to the first round by defeating North Eugene 42-37 in the state play-in round on March 1.

The Dragons ended the season with a 14-11 record overall.

Nelson was named first team all-Mid-Willamette Conference. Stefani Tallon was named second team all-league. Becca Ronco and Emma Classen earned honorable mentions.

Nelson

Tallon



Senger



Ronco



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer
 Dallas' Becca Ronco, left, and Emma Classen, right, fight to control a loose ball on March 1.