

QUICK HITS

Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for June 13:

Two-Man Best Ball
Gross: 1, Kevin Moen-Bob Huges, 34; 2, Mike Puentes-Bob McCleery, 35; 3, Jim Schroeder-Bob Sprinkle, 37.

Net: 1 (tie), Dave Voves-Mike Largent, Steve Altman-Denny Klassen, Al Fahlman-Jason Fahlman and Chuck Woodbeck-Pat Farrell, 30.

Cross Creek women's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek Women's Club results for June 12.

Net: 1, Meri McLeod, 31; 2, Vera Flaming, 32; 3, Shirley Watson, 33; 4 (tie), Connie King, Cheryl Gesner and Vicky Heffner, 34.

Registration open for golf tourney

DALLAS — Registration is open for the second annual Wolves on the Green golf scramble on Aug. 3 at Cross Creek Golf Course in Dallas.

The scramble will benefit women's athletics at Western Oregon University.

Golfers will have a chance to engage with WOU coaches and student-athletes and have a chance to win a new car by making a hole-in-one.

Awards will be given out following the round at a dinner where other prizes will be handed out.

Cost is \$85 per person or \$320 for a team.

To register or for more information: 503-838-8449 or email to feuling-m@wou.edu.

WOU finishes in top half of Div. II Director's Cup

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon University finished 105th in the 2016-17 Learfield Division II Director's Cup standings.

The Wolves tallied 208.75 points during the school year. All points were scored in track and field.

The finish was the school's second highest.

"This is the result of the efforts of both the student-athletes and our coaching staff," WOU athletic director Barbara Dearing said. "Their performance on the field/court of competition and in the classroom represents Western Oregon very well."

WOU was fourth among Great Northwest Athletic Conference Schools behind Western Washington (11th), Simon Fraser (15th) and Alaska Anchorage (18th).

The Learfield Director's Cup was developed between the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and USA Today.

A maximum of 14 sports can earn points towards the program's total and teams must qualify for their respective national tournament to score.

STAT SHEET

105 The place Western Oregon University finished in the Learfield Director's Cup standings. The mark was the second-highest finish in school history.

57 The number of strikeouts WOU pitcher Brady Miller recorded, including nine during the Great Northwest Athletic Conference title game.

2017 ITEMIZER-OBSERVER ALL-REGION SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Catching fire

Junior makes most of opportunity

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-ObsERVER

DALLAS — Dallas junior Lauren Wallace had waited for this moment.

Wallace had played a number of different positions throughout her softball career, from pitcher to shortstop. There was one spot she hadn't gotten a chance to play — a position she was yearning to have a chance at.

"I enjoy playing anywhere in the field, but I practiced for years and years at being a catcher," Wallace said. "It's what I was hoping

to get a chance to play and go to college as."

Wallace would get her chance with the Dragons — and she didn't disappoint.

The junior had a .995 fielding percentage and hit .579 with eight home runs at the plate and was named the Mid-Willamette Conference's Co-Player of the Year. Her impact at and behind the plate made her an integral part to Dallas' run to the state title game and made her the *Itemizer-ObsERVER's* Player of the Year.

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By The Numbers

8	55	50
The number of home runs Lauren Wallace hit during the 2017 softball season. She also had 16 doubles.	The number of total hits Wallace had during her junior season. Wallace hit .579 during the spring.	The number of runs Wallace drove in during the 2017 campaign. She also scored 15 runs.

Miller picked in draft

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-ObsERVER

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon junior pitcher Brady Miller was selected by the Chicago Cubs during the 23rd round of the MLB Draft on June 14.



Miller

"I'm speechless," Miller said after his selection. "I'm very blessed to be given a chance to play for such a great organization. Hard work does pay off if you stick towards a goal and put in countless hours of work. If you believe in yourself, then anything is possible."

Miller was the 705th overall selection.

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Celebration



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-ObsERVER

Riders celebrate when nearing the finish line at the Team NPF Cycle event on Sunday morning. The National Psoriasis Foundation hosted the event, which began and ended at Riverview Park in Independence. The event raised money for the NPF.

Williams to host free football camp

By Lukas Eggen
The Itemizer-ObsERVER

MONMOUTH — Tyrell Williams can remember that awe-inspiring feeling he had when he was younger.



Williams

"I remember it was always cool when I went to a camp and got to see NFL players," Williams said. "But I always had to go to Portland or go out of state to do it."

Williams is doing what he can to make it easier for others to get that experience.

Williams will host an offensive skills camp on June 29 at Western Oregon University from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The camp is open to students in grades seven through 12.

"I had always planned on

Football camp

What: Offensive skills camp for students in grades seven through 12.

When: June 29, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Western Oregon University.

Cost: Free. Space is limited to 150 participants.

To register: Email to GameOnTy16@gmail.com.

doing a camp," Williams said. "It was a matter of finding where I wanted to do it. I wanted it in a small-town area so kids didn't have to go as far or pay as much to get that experience."

There is no cost to attend, but space is limited to the first 150 campers. Register online by emailing to GameOnTy16@gmail.com. Williams said there may be a few spots open the day of the camp, but not guaranteed.

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Los Angeles Chargers wide receiver and former Western Oregon athlete Tyrell Williams will host a free offensive skills camp at WOU on June 29.