

## QUICK HITS

### Cross Creek women's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek Women's Club results for July 24.

Nine holes: 1, Sherril Hurt, 29; 2, Barb Largent, 30; 3 (tie), Karne Goodwin, Darlene McKee, Carolyn Wall, MJ Ferrin and Laurilee Hatcher, 31.

Eighteen holes: 1 (tie), Darlene McKee and Barb Largent, 62; 3, Laurilee Hatcher, 63.

### Cross Creek men's club results

DALLAS — Cross Creek's men's club results for July 25:

Low gross/low net  
Gross: 1, Wayne Weathers, 34; 2, Bob Bennett, 36; 3 (tie), Jim Schroeder and Kevin Moen, 38; 5, Ken Dankenbring, 39.

Net: 1 (tie), Wayne Baughman and Al Fahlman, 29; 3 (tie), Dave Voves, Ed Johnson, John Strader and Lynn Hurt, 31; 7 (tie), Kevin O'Brien, Jason Fahlman, Derrill Weaver, Jack Duncan, Jim Cain and John Hopkins, 34.

### Youth tennis camp coming Aug. 14

DALLAS — Registration is open for a youth tennis camp held at Dallas High School Aug. 14-18.

Cost is \$30 plus two new cans of tennis balls.

Campers will be split into two age groups, with first-through fifth-grade students from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m. and sixth- through 12th-graders from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

No experience is necessary.

Mary Christensen will serve as lead instructor.

For more information: Mary Christensen, 503-507-9303.

### Ribich earns national honor

MONMOUTH — Western Oregon's David Ribich was one of four student-athletes to be named the NCAA Division II Track and Field Male Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Ribich, a junior, earned a 3.41 GPA and was named the Male Outdoor Track Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Ribich won the men's 1,500-meter run at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Ribich is the first athlete from WOU to earn the honor.

Ribich was also one of nine Wolves to earn All-Academic Team honors. Juniors Nicole Maurmann, Megan Rose, Kennedy Rufener, Amanda Short, Suzie Van De Grift and AJ Holmberg, and sophomores Olivia Woods and Dustin Nading were also all-academic selections. Selections were made by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.



**Ribich**

KLAMATH FALLS — The Demarini Dirtbags entered the American Legion state baseball tournament hungry for success.

What followed was an up-and-down journey culminating in a second-place finish, falling just short of the state title.

The team entered the championship round on



# Kids 'Tri'umph over course



**Top:** Venya and Nina Kuzichev catch their breath after completing the Kids' Triathlon on Friday morning at the Dallas Aquatic Center.

Venya, age 12, and Nina, 9, swam 50 yards and biked for 545 yards. Nina did a 300-yard run, while Venya completed a 600-yard run.

**Left:** Brooklyn and Madison Barcroft get set for the start of the Kids' Triathlon on Friday morning. Brooklyn finished first in the 7-8-year-old age group, while Madison finished fifth.

For more photos from Summerfest, see page 8A. For more Kids' Triathlon photos and results, check out [www.polkio.com](http://www.polkio.com).

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**Caleb Heil sprints to the finish of the Kids' Triathlon.**



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer  
**Colton Barcroft gets a final push as he begins the cycling portion of the triathlon.**

# Dirtbags finish second at state

**By Lukas Eggen**  
The Itemizer-Observer



**Kessler**

Sunday needing to beat Medford twice to take home the championship, but lost 11-9 in 10

innings.

"Medford is just a scrappy team," Dirtbags coach Scot McDonald said. "They hit really well. They're four-

## Dirtbags

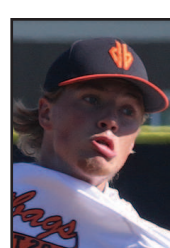
- The Demarini Dirtbags advanced to the state championship round at the American Legion State Tournament in Klamath Falls.
- The Dirtbags opened the tournament with wins over Willamette Valley and Portland, scoring a combined 37 runs during the two games.
- The Dirtbags lost to Medford in the championship round on Sunday.

time state champions for a reason. They don't make mistakes. It's not that we

made mistakes, but they just clutched up and beat us in extra innings."

The Dirtbags opened the tournament on July 26 with a 17-5 win over Albany before earning a 20-10 win on Thursday.

"Our bats were on fire," McDonald said. "We played and pitched really well.



**Stewart**

Those first two games we had 37 runs and 50 hits. It was like, holy cow. This is going exactly as planned."

The Dirtbags raced out to a 7-0 lead over Medford on Friday, but gave up 19 unanswered runs to get knocked into the losers' bracket and a matchup with Eugene on Saturday.

The Dirtbags fell behind 4-0 through four innings before rallying for a 9-5 victory. **See STATE, Page 13A**