

# Sports

## BRIEFING

### 16th-annual Miners' Jubilee Fun Run/Walk

The 16th-annual Miners' Jubilee Fun Run/Walk is planned Saturday, July 21.

The annual fundraiser for the Baker High School track and field and cross country teams is sponsored by Sorbenots.

Registration is from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. the day of the races in front of Kick's Sportswear. Races begin at 8 a.m. Cost is \$15, \$10 for ages 10 and under. The first 75 registered receive a T-shirt.

Registration forms are available at the Baker County YMCA Fitness Center.

More information is available from Suzy Cole at [suzyjcole@gmail.com](mailto:suzyjcole@gmail.com)

### Football camps coming soon at BHS

Summer football camps will be coming soon to Baker High School.

The annual youth camp and middle school camps are planned the week of Aug. 20, according to Baker High School coach Dave Johnson.

Johnson said camp times will be announced later.

### Baker football practice begins Aug. 13

Baker High School football practice begins Aug. 13, according to coach Dave Johnson.

Baker's first game is Aug. 31 at home against Nyssa.

### Eastern riders at national rodeo

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyoming — Several member of the Eastern Oregon high school rodeo team are competing at the national high school finals rodeo today through July 21.

Samantha Kerns will compete in goat tying, barrels and breakaway roping. Duncan Mackenzie will compete in boys cutting and tie-down roping.

Lexie Harrell, Kimberly Williams and Michelle Williams will compete in girls cutting.

### Williams wins barrels at Silver States rodeo

WINNEMUCCA, Nevada — Michelle Williams of the Eastern Oregon high school rodeo team won the barrels competition at the annual Silver States International Rodeo June 30-July 7.

Williams, Maggie Mackenzie and Lexi Harrell also competed in breakaway roping, Harrell in poles, and Mackenzie in goat tying.

### Baker all-stars to compete at state tourney

SALEM — Baker's Little League Majors all-star baseball team will open play at the state tournament at Salem Saturday at 10 a.m. against Klamath Falls.

If Baker wins it would play again at 1 p.m. Sunday. A Baker loss on Saturday would mean a 10 a.m. consolation game on Sunday.

Baker players are Palmer Chandler, Kaden Conklin, Paul Hobson, Isaiah Jones, Resaan Jones, Sage Joseph, Jaxon Logsdon, Bean Newman, Giacomo Riguerio, Kade Rudi, Cooper Secl, Thomas Smithson, and Hudson Spike. Coaches are Kevin Logsdon, Mike Rudi, Jebron Jones and Dustin Newman.

### Area riders compete at several pro rodeos

Several area riders competed at numerous pro rodeos in recent weeks.

Samantha Kerns won the breakaway roping and placed second in barrels at Vale July 3-7. Logan Nedrow was eighth in breakaway roping.

Kim Williams was seventh in breakaway roping at Vancouver July 4-7, and fifth in barrels July 4-6 at Grandeville, Idaho.

Garret Rogers was fourth in team roping header at La Pine July 7-8.

Gus King was first in ranch broncs, and Nedrow fifth in barrels July 2-4 at Hailey, Idaho.

Steven DUBY and his partner won the first round of team roping July 3-7 at St. Paul. Rogers was sixth in the second round and first in average. Jesse Brown was seventh in the first round of steer wrestling.

Mike McGinn was fourth, and Brown fifth in steer wrestling July 3-6 at Eugene Rogers and his partner were fifth in team roping.

### Pacquiao wins 60th career fight with KO

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Manny Pacquiao won by knockout for the first time in nine years to claim the World Boxing Association welterweight title, and made a proclamation.

"This is it. I am back in boxing," the 39-year-old Pacquiao said after his seventh-round knockout of Lucas Matthisse on Sunday. "I am not done. I'm still there."

It was Pacquiao's first bout since a contentious loss last year to Jeff Horn in Australia, and since parting ways with longtime trainer Freddie Roach to work with Buboy Fernandez.

"It's just a matter of time. You have to rest and get it back and that's what I did."

Pacquiao (60-7-2, 39 KOs) knocked Matthisse down onto one knee in the third and fifth rounds. He knocked the Argentine down again in the seventh, and Matthisse spat out his mouthpiece, causing a frenzy among Pacquiao fans in the stadium.

### Cardinals fire Mike Matheny as manager

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals aren't accustomed to stretches of mediocrity, and certainly not to reports of clubhouse unrest.

The prospect of a third straight year without a postseason berth has spelled the end for manager Mike Matheny.

Matheny was stunningly fired Saturday night following an 8-2 loss to the Cincinnati Reds, a defeat that dropped St. Louis to 47-46 and 7 1/2 games back of the NL Central-leading Chicago Cubs.

Bench coach Mike Shildt was named the team's interim manager.

## SEASIDE WOOD BAT BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

# Brewers place fifth at Seaside tourney

By Gerry Steele

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The Barley Brown/Hodgen Brewers, Baker's summer baseball team, placed fifth at the Seaside Woodbat Tournament Saturday.

The Brewers lost 10-1 to Valley Catholic in the third-place game Saturday afternoon.

The Brewers opened the tournament Thursday with an 11-1 win over Hood River. The Baker team then lost 4-3 to Seaside in the semifinals.

Against Valley Catholic, losing pitcher Spencer Shirtcliff drove in Baker's lone run with a single. Mason Van Arsdall scored on the hit after lacing a one-out triple.

Friday against Seaside, the Brewers lost when the host team successfully completed a suicide squeeze bunt in the final inning.

Losing pitcher Conner Lay, Shirtcliff and Van Arsdall drove in the Baker runs.

Van Arsdall finished 3-for-4, Lay

2-for-3 and Logan McCluskey 2-for-4.

Thursday against Hood River, Van Arsdall, Sam McCauley and Warner Robertson each had a pair of hits.

McCluskey had three RBIs, and Lay two.

McCauley was the winning pitcher.

The Brewers end their season Friday and Saturday at a tournament at La Grande.

The tournament was originally scheduled for Baker City, but was moved recently.

## WIMBLEDON WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

# Kerber tops Williams for women's title

By Sam Johnston

Associated Press

LONDON — The changes Angelique Kerber has made on the court helped her win a first Wimbledon title. She believes the changes she made off the court will ensure her second coming as a dominant force in the women's game endures.

The 30-year-old German defeated seven-time champion Serena Williams 6-3, 6-3 in Saturday's final to confirm her return to the top of the sport.

After claiming her first Grand Slam titles at the 2016 Australian and U.S. opens — as well as losing the Wimbledon final to Wil-

liams in between — Kerber was unable to replicate that form in 2017. Having started the year at the top of the rankings, she ended it 21st.

Kerber took the decision to replace her long-time coach Torben Beltz with Wim Fissette. The Belgian has implemented some tactical changes to her game, but has also helped to adjust her wider approach.

"It's not only playing tennis," Kerber said. "There are a few more things I had to do beside the tennis court."

Kerber said she struggled to cope with the pressure of being top of the rankings and the freedom it gave opponents facing her.

However, the experience was a crucial factor in helping her achieve her "dream" of winning Wimbledon.

"Without 2017 I wouldn't be here," Kerber said. "I can say that I am for sure a better tennis player than then."

Kerber reached the Australian Open semifinals to start the season, before backing that up by equaling her career-best performance at the French Open with a run to the quarterfinals.

"She's more confident right now," Fissette said. "I feel she knows herself a bit better — what she needs to play her best tennis, what she needs to feel well throughout the tournament."

On Saturday, it was Kerber's ability to blend her trademark defensive skills with aggression that stunned 23-time Grand Slam champion Williams.

Kerber made just five unforced errors to 24 by Williams, but also produced 11 winners, including two timely forehands on the line to secure a pivotal break in the second set.

With all the focus on Williams, who was playing just her fourth tournament since giving birth in September last year, the improvements Kerber had made while advancing to the final for the loss of just one set had gone largely unnoticed.

## WORLD CUP SOCCER FINAL

# France tops Croatia to claim World Cup

By Graham Dunbar

AP Sports Writer

MOSCOW — Taking turns sliding across the rain-soaked turf holding the World Cup trophy tight, teenager Kylian Mbappe and the rest of France's players acted like the youthful bunch they are.

Nothing, not a Pussy Riot protest nor a postgame downpour that soaked Russian President Vladimir Putin, was going to stop the party.

It carried on long after a thrilling 4-2 win over Croatia on Sunday. In the locker room with French President Emmanuel Macron striking poses with players, then a champagne-spraying, water-splashing interruption of the coach Didier Deschamps' news conference.

"Sorry! They're young and they're happy," said Deschamps, like a proud father.

Deschamps had good reason to indulge them. His team is mostly aged 25 or under and can return almost intact to defend their title in 2022 in Qatar.

"Our children are going to be very proud," forward Antoine Griezmann said. "The World Cup, it's a lot."

The 19-year-old Mbappe became only the second teen after Pele to score in a World Cup final.

Mbappe had just shown his electrifying speed in the 52nd minute when play was held up by four protesters who ran onto the field. Russian punk band Pussy Riot later took credit for the incident — watched from the VIP seats by Putin, whose government once jailed members of the activist group. Charges were filed against the group Sunday, too.

Putin was later on the field to award medals to the players in a ceremony soon drenched in rain and joy. As thunder pealed and lightning cracked, FIFA president Gianni Infantino handed France captain Hugo Lloris

the gold World Cup trophy.

Gold confetti stuck to the soaked Les Bleus as they paraded the trophy around the Luzhniki Stadium, a final act of an enthralling tournament in which Croatia reached its first final while powers Brazil, Germany and Argentina went home early.

About 12 minutes after a protester gave Mbappe a double high-five on the field, Mbappe sent a right-footed shot from 25 yards past goalkeeper Danijel Subasic. The goal put France up 4-1, closing the door on Croatia who had been the better team until Mbappe took control.

The only other teen to score in a World Cup final was Pele, who was 17 when Brazil beat Sweden 5-2 in 1958.

## WIMBLEDON MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

# Djokovic claims 4th championship

By Howard Fendrich

AP Tennis Writer

LONDON — Novak Djokovic acknowledged that he was worried. His coach was, too.

Could Djokovic ever return to the top of tennis? To the heights he'd already reached? Could he put aside the time lost to a painful right elbow that required surgery and the disappointment of poor-for-him results? Could he end a Grand Slam drought that lasted more than two years?

All of that fretting seemed misplaced Sunday night. Back at his best, Djokovic became Wimbledon's champion for the fourth time, grabbing a lead

right away against a weary Kevin Anderson in the final and holding off a late challenge to win 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 (3).

"There were several moments where I was frustrated and questioning whether I can get back (to the) desired level or not. But that makes this whole journey even more special for me," Djokovic said.

It is Djokovic's 13th major trophy, the fourth-highest total in the history of men's tennis, trailing only Roger Federer's 20, Rafael Nadal's 17 and his childhood idol Pete Sampras' 14.

But it's also Djokovic's first since he completed a career Grand Slam at the 2016 French Open.



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