

## PREP SOFTBALL

## Summer camps available in July

The Bend High School softball coaching staff, along with other Central Oregon coaches and collegiate standouts, will host a pair of July clinics in conjunction with the Bend Park and Recreation District.

The first camp is July 6-9 and is an all-skills camp for incoming eighth-grade students through incoming high school seniors. Camp times are 8:30 a.m. to noon.

The second camp is July 6-8 and is an all-skills camp for incoming fourth-through seventh-grade students. Camp times are 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Both camps will be held at Skyline Sports Complex in Bend.

Camp shirts and awards will be included at both camps.

For more information or to register, visit [bend-parksandrec.org](http://bend-parksandrec.org) or call 541-389-7275.

— Bulletin staff report

## BASEBALL

## MLB cracks down on doctored balls

NEW YORK — Pitchers will be ejected and suspended for 10 games for using illegal foreign substances to doctor baseballs in a crackdown by Major League Baseball that will start June 21.

The commissioner's office, responding to record strikeouts and a league batting average at a more than half-century low, said Tuesday that major and minor league umpires will start regular checks of all pitchers, even if opposing managers don't request inspections.

While suspensions would be with pay, repeat offenders would receive progressive discipline, and teams and club employees would be subject to discipline for failure to comply.

"After an extensive process of repeated warnings without effect, gathering information from current and former players and others across the sport, two months of comprehensive data collection, listening to our fans and thoughtful deliberation, I have determined that new enforcement of foreign substances is needed to level the playing field," baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement.

"I understand there's a history of foreign substances being used on the ball, but what we are seeing today is objectively far different, with much tackier substances being used more frequently than ever before. It has become clear that the use of foreign substance has generally morphed from trying to get a better grip on the ball into something else — an unfair competitive advantage that is creating a lack of action and an uneven playing field."

The last pitchers suspended for using foreign substances were Baltimore's Brian Matusz and Milwaukee's Will Smith for eight games each in May 2015. Both appealed, and Smith's penalty was cut to six games while Matusz's ban was upheld.

The perception of an increased use of foreign substances, tied to a drop in offense, is viewed as the largest instance of widespread cheating in baseball since the rise of steroids, which ended in the adoption of random drug-testing with penalties ahead of the 2004 season.

— Associated Press



Bulletin file  
Mountain View's Jakoby Moss (2) celebrates with his teammates after scoring against Bend High this past season.

## PREP FOOTBALL

## Central Oregon players set for all-star games

BY BRIAN RATHBONE  
The Bulletin

Four football players and one coach will represent Central Oregon in high school football all-star games this summer.

Mountain View quarterback Jakoby Moss and coach Brian Crum will be part of the South Team in the 73rd Les Schwab Bowl on July 3 at Linfield University in McMinnville.

It is the second time that Crum has been an assistant coach on an all-star team, having also coached on the 2018 team after the Cougars' run to the state semifinals.

Crum called it a "no-brainer" to coach an all-star game with Oregon and

"In Oregon (making the Les Schwab Bowl roster) is the top of the top and just to be able to be in that experience will be cool. I'm ready to show that I can play and that I can compete."

— Jakoby Moss, Mountain View football player

southwest Washington schools.

While the Les Schwab Bowl has been played annually for more than 70 years, it will be the first time that underclassmen will compete in the game. That opened the door for Moss, who will be a senior next fall for the Cougars, to land on the roster.

"I was surprised, especially as a junior, it is a pretty big accomplishment,"

said Moss, who passed for 14 touchdowns and 942 passing yards in the Cougars' 6-0 campaign this spring. "It is something that has been in Oregon's history for a long time. I'm thankful for the opportunity to play."

It is the third time in four years that a Mountain View player has made the all-star game roster.

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## TRACK AND FIELD



Justin Tafoya/NCAA Photos via Getty Images  
Runners compete in the 10,000 meters final during the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Hayward Field on Thursday in Eugene.

## The U.S. Olympic Trials finally return to new Hayward Field in Eugene

BY CHRIS HANSEN

The (Eugene) Register-Guard

**T**housands of fans were at Hayward Field last week for the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field

Championships, creating a scene that was both invigorating and emotional for those who longed for the return of elite track meets to Eugene ever since the two-year stadium remodel that began in 2018 was extended by the 15-month COVID-19 shutdown.

"Our mission is to create a world-class experience for the athletes, our fans and the community.

We're not deviating from that in the least, and it's the framework from which we try to make all of our key decisions in hosting the event. There are some things that must be implemented in order to conduct this large event safely."

— Michael Reilly, CEO of TrackTown USA

Count Michael Reilly among them.

The CEO of local organizing committee TrackTown USA strolled by Hayward Field more than once during the NCAA meet and was energized by the crowds that averaged more than 5,600 during each of the four days.

"Even the crowds on the sidewalk around it, I just got a big adrenaline rush just walking through it," Reilly said. "I was not prepared for that kind of physical reaction. It's awesome. It really is."

It should only get better when the U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials begins its 10-day run this week.

For the fourth straight Olympic cycle, the U.S. track and field team heading to the Summer Games in Tokyo in July will be determined at Hayward Field.

The meet begins Friday and wraps up June 27, with off days June 22-23.

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## GOLF

## Mickelson at home and running out of time for U.S. Open title

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO — Phil Mickelson accepted a special exemption from the USGA with reason to believe this might be his last shot to finally win a U.S. Open.

Now he gets five more years, courtesy of his stunning victory last month at the PGA Championship that made him the oldest winner in 161 years of the majors.

The clock is still ticking, though.

Mickelson turns 51 on the

eve of the U.S. Open, and Lefty is leaving nothing to chance. He took a few days to celebrate his sixth major title, and then it was time to get to work.

"It's a unique opportunity because I've never won a U.S. Open," Mickelson said Monday. "It's in my backyard. I have a chance to prepare properly, and I wanted to put in the right work. So I've kind of shut off all the noise. I've shut off my phone. I've shut off a lot of the other stuff to where I can focus in on his week and really give it my best chance to try to play

my best."

If his victory at Kiawah Island was a surprise, this would be sheer fantasy.

Mickelson holds the wrong kind of U.S. Open record with his six runner-up finishes, most recently in 2013 at Merion, and it stands out even more considering it is the only major keeping him from joining the most elite group in golf with a career Grand Slam.

He is a three-time winner of the PGA Tour event at Torrey Pines, though to call it a home-field advantage can be mislead-

ing. It has been 20 years since Mickelson last hoisted a trophy at Torrey Pines, right before Rees Jones — known as the "Open Doctor" — overhauled the South Course with hopes the municipal course could host a U.S. Open.

Since then, Mickelson has missed the cut as often as he finished in the top 10 — five each — and he has rarely contended.

How much of that was the redesign? How much was attitude? Hard to tell. Mickelson has never lacked for enthusi-

asm — how else to explain how he has gone a record 30 years between PGA Tour victories? — though even he has questioned his effort at Torrey.

He grew up in San Diego and still lives here, but Torrey wasn't his primary course as a junior and he never comes to Torrey except for the week of the PGA Tour event in January. That changed last week. Mickelson typically likes to play the week before a major. This time, he took two weeks off for a crash course.

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