

Baseball clinches title; softball loses final games

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The Warriors baseball team lost a game and won a game Friday against Rainier, allowing Warrenton to clinch the league title and secure a berth in the state playoffs.

We lost the first game of the double-header 11-1, but kept our focus on our plan for the day and won the second game 7-3.

Duane Falls picked up the win by throwing 5.2 innings, giving up two runs on just four hits. We scored 3 in the first inning and maintained that lead the rest of the way.

Unfortunately, we lost 8-9 against Joseph in Tuesday's tournament in The Dalles, giving us an overall record of 12-3.

The league title reflects our team's resilience. We started workouts in September, until the fires in the state forced us to stop due to poor air quality. We restarted, but didn't even get a week more before COVID cases within the community forced another stop.

Throughout all this, our guys continued to stay in shape on their own, and every time we could start again, they were there.

I doubt many programs in any sports throughout the state can claim this. The players, our coaching staff and our families all stayed focused on what we hoped to achieve. We didn't expect a state playoff would be available, so this opportunity is one we're grateful to experience.

SOFTBALL

Meanwhile the girls softball team had a disappointing finish to their season on Friday, losing both games of a double-header.

Avyree Miethe pitched the first game against Rainier,

losing 0-16. Emma Jasmin pitched the second, the last game of the season, with a

3-13 loss. *Bruce Dustin contributed to this story.*



Above: Southpaw Anjolena Wakefield throws to first base in the first game of a double-header against Rainier on Friday.
Below: Kaylie Poe bunts before heading to first.

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Movement grows to realign border

Voters in five Eastern Oregon counties approve of a plan to become part of Idaho, according to results in the May 18 election.

Sherman, Lake, Grant, Baker, and Malheur counties approved the advisory vote. No counties voted against it. Two additional counties had voted in favor in November: Union and Jefferson.

The ballot measures are a part of an effort to move the Oregon/Idaho border to ex-

tend Idaho's jurisdiction over rural, conservative counties of Eastern and Southern Oregon.

The ballot measures are intended to put pressure on the state legislatures of Oregon and Idaho to negotiate an interstate compact to relocate their common border.

"This election proves that rural Oregon wants out of Oregon," said Mike McCarter, president of Citizens for Greater Idaho.



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