

Willow Creek 'All Stars' lose two, make comeback



Matt Keersema gets ready to bat for Willow Creek Saturday against Columbia. Keersema hit a double, two singles and three RBI's.

The Little League All Stars from Willow Creek played three games in the District 5 Little League tournament held in Boardman July 18-21. The annual event was hosted by the Columbia Little League, comprised of the little leaguers from Echo, Stanfield, Umatilla, Irrigon and Boardman.

The local little leaguers lost their first two games but came back with a victory to end the tournament. Manager Bob Ployhar commented, "for the number of young and inexperienced kids we had, the players performed better than we expected." There were seven 11-year olds on the team this year.

The Dalles 10 - Willow Creek 0

The local team opened with The Dalles on Wednesday, July 18 at 6 p.m. The Dalles started slowly with single runs in the first and second innings and exploded for four runs in the third and fourth innings. Matt Keersema took the loss on the mound, giving up 10 hits. The defense committed only one error but Willow Creek was plagued by passed balls and wild pitches allowing several runs to score.

Offensively Willow Creek pounced out five singles, one each for Brian Koffler, Randy Scott, Rod Zumwalt, J.D. Shannon and Brad Lathrop.

"The Dalles is a class team that ended up in the championship game. I thought we played them tough considering that fact," said Ployhar. Willow Creek 0 0 0 0 0 0 5 1 The Dalles 1 1 4 4 0 X 10 10 Keersema and Zumwalt; Hoffman and Beasley, Elliot (4)

Crook County 3 - Willow Creek 0

The first game loss dropped the home team into a loser's bracket game against Crook County on Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the alternate field.

The game was a close, well played game. "Jason Halvorsen was superb on the mound and our defense was tough. We just couldn't get any runs across the plate," lamented Ployhar. Halvorsen crossed up the Central Oregon all stars with a variety of off-

speed pitches, including a knuckleball.

Rod Zumwalt led the batters with a double and J.D. Shannon turned in the defensive gem of the tournament when he outspurred a runner to first base after making a diving stop of a grounder.

Crook County 1 0 2 0 0 X 3 4 0 Willow Creek 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 Halvorsen and Swanson, Zumwalt (3); Jacobs and Warner.

The Willow Creek All Stars beat up on the host Columbia team on Saturday at 10 a.m. for bragging rights in the county. Manager Ployhar commented that "it was a good effort and everybody contributed."

Matt Keersema pitched the complete game victory in another strong performance, giving up only two hits and was supported by an error-free defense.

Willow Creek exploded for eight runs on seven hits. Keersema had two doubles and a single and three RBI's. Mark Wilson had two hits. Jerid Ployhar and Luke Swanson singled and Steve Allen doubled in two runs to lead the offense. Willow Creek was helped by the sloppy play of Columbia who booted the ball five times.

Willow Creek 0 3 1 0 3 1 8 7 0 Columbia 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 2 5 Keersema and Zumwalt; Killingbeck, Baker (2) Noland (5) and Noland, Bowman (5).

Fair committee sponsors scarecrow workshop

The Morrow County Fair Committee is sponsoring a scarecrow workshop at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, August 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m. to help exhibitors to bring entries to the scarecrow contest (Department XVI, page 53 in the fair premium book.)

This contest is open to three age groups: youth-up to 18; adult-18 to 65, and senior-over 65. The premiums will be \$10 for first place, \$7 for second and \$5 for third, with \$25 for the grand champion. Those coming to the shop area are

asked to bring anything that could go on a scarecrow: heads, jeans, shirts, gloves, shoes, hair (something to use for hair), hats, jewelry, bandanas and so on. The committee will supply straw, supports to help to make the scarecrows free stranding or sitting, and other materials that may be needed.

"We are especially in need of lots of blue jeans to carry out our theme," said a fair spokesman, "and would appreciate those that people could bring to the fair office or call and we will pick them up."

Hope, Valby churches observe lay Sunday

On Sunday, August 5, the congregations of Hope and Valby Lutheran will observe lay people Sunday. Dave Barnett of Ione will be the preacher at the 9 a.m. service of the word at Valby Lutheran Church. Hosts for the service will be Rudy and Jackie Bergstrom of Gooseberry and the organist will be Rikka Tews. Hymns for the service will be selected by the congregation.

The preacher at Hope Lutheran Church's 11 a.m. service of the word will be Kent Goodyear. Host will be Kathy Hoskins and the organist will be Liz Curtis. The congregation will select their own hymns. The next Sunday, August 12, Pastor Stan Hoobing will celebrate Holy Communion and preach at the 9 a.m. service at Valby and at 11 a.m. service at Hope.

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Coach Kim Gutierrez and manager Bob Ployhar watch Willow Creek play an errorless defense.

WCCC couples tourney Aug 4 & 5

The fifth annual Willow Creek Country Club Couples Tournament will be held August 4 and 5. The course will be closed for tour-

namment play both days. Any members not playing may find the course open late afternoons on Aug. 4 and 5.

Willow Creek Country Club holds visitation

On July 15 the Condon and Kinzua men and women visited Willow Creek Country Club for the annual visitation. Fifty-two members and visitors played golf.

The Heppner women gross winners were: first-Pat Edmundson; second-Bev Gunderson; third-Anita Boyer; fourth-Carol Norris; fifth-Muriel Palmer.

Net winners were: first-Juanita Martin; second-Neoma Bailey; third-Helen Gilliam; fourth-Bebe Munkers; fifth-Lucille Massey; sixth-Luvilla Sonstegard.

The Heppner gross winners for the men were: first-Howard Gilliam; second-Randy Lott; third-John Ed-

mundson; fourth-George Waterland; fifth-Rick Johnston; sixth-Frank Bailey and a tie for seventh-Ed Hiemstra, Roy Martin and Gary Watkins.

Net winners were: first-Tom Sturgeon; a tie for second-Doug Gunderson, Earl Fishburn, Ed Gunderson and Earl Norris; fifth-Ray Reid; a tie for sixth-Gene Sonstegard, Russ Rollis and Dick Rice.

Dinner was served by the ladies committee of Carol Norris, Neoma Bailey, Helen Gilliam and Cam Wishart. Many others helped during this club visitation and a great time was had by all.

Sports physical Aug. 15

Sports physicals will be administered to Ione and Heppner students Wednesday, August 15, at the Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

All seventh graders, sophomores and new students to the school district must have a physical examination in order to participate in any sport season at either the junior high or high school.

Drs. Jeanne and Ed Berretta will be administering the free exams with

girls scheduled from 4 to 6 p.m. and boys from 7 to 9 p.m. To obtain an exam, each student must have a parental pre-signed physical form in their possession. These forms are being mailed to students attending Ione or Heppner schools last year. New students to the district may obtain a form at their respective school.

High school volleyball and football practices are scheduled to begin Monday August 20.

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