

Arlington/Ione teams host successful golf scramble



Arlington_Ione HS Football & Basketball Team. -Contributed Photo



Doug Holland, Joe Rosenberg, Allan Taylor, and John Bird. -Contributed Photo



Joe Rietmann, Larry Lutcher, Clint Carlson, & Joel Peterson. -Contributed Photo



Waste Management Team. -Contributed Photo

The Arlington/Ione football and basketball teams held a successful golf scramble fundraiser over the weekend, bringing the community together for a day of fun, friendly competition and support for local athletics.

The event, hosted at China Creek Golf Course in Arlington, drew 15 teams of four players each, all vying for bragging rights and prizes. Special competitions added excitement to the day, with Corey Morris showcasing his skills by winning both the Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin contests.

Gene Sheppard's team claimed first place in the scramble, while the team of Gregg Rietmann, Jim Swanson, Evan Rietmann and Kirk Haguewood took home second-place honors. Third place went to the team of Benjamin Evans, Thomas Evans, Mitchell Bane and Logan Burright.

Sunday Men's play

Eighteen men participated in men's play on Sunday, June 8, at Willow Creek Country Club. Results are as follows:

KP#5/14, Jeff Watkins. Long Putt #3/12, Dale Holland.

Net—1st (Tie), Mike Sweek-Scott Dougherty, 58; 3rd, Jared Hedman, 59.

Over the Tee Cup

Nine women attended the ladies play day on a sunny and warm Tuesday last week at Willow Creek Country Club. Low gross of the field for June 3 went to Karen Thompson, while Shirley Martin had low net of the field.

After the golf wrapped up, participants and supporters gathered for dinner in the Gronquist Building. The meal featured barbecue chicken, rice, salad, macaroni salad, individual cheesecakes and cookies, prepared with care by Peka Tutuvanu and enjoyed by all.

The event's success was made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. The teams are also grateful to the City of Arlington and the Port of Arlington for their invaluable assistance and cooperation.

"Finally, a big thank-you to everyone who attended and participated in the scramble," said an event spokesperson. "Your enthusiasm and support are what keep our programs thriving and make events like this a success. We look forward to another fantastic scramble next year!"

Gross—1st, Dennis Peck, 66; 2nd, Jeff Watkins, 67; and 3rd, Dave Pranger-Duane Disque, 68.

The next men's play will be on Father's Day, June 15. The hosts for this event will be Dale Holland, Dave Pranger and Dennis Peck.

For flight A, Pat Dougherty had low gross and the long drive.

For flight B, Karen Wolff had low gross, Kris Lindner low net and Kim Carlson least putts. Betty Carter had the long drive.

Yankees Primed for Playoff Run

By Brian Bunch

From Heppner's rolling hills to Pendleton's Bob White Field, the Hodgen Distributing Yankees have electrified Pendleton's Babe Ruth League, finishing the regular season with a 9-5 record and sitting firmly in third place.

The Yankees have endured a grueling eight-week regular season schedule which has seen mountain top highs like the 20-2 redemption win over the Big John's Red Sox—avenging a 3-15 Week 1 loss—and the bottom of the trenches with a 10-9 loss as their comeback attempt fell short against the Thompson RV Cubs. With 113 strikeouts dealt, 108 bases stolen, and 178 runs scored on the season, these Yankees are battle-tested and playoff-ready.

Aces Leading the Charge

The Yankees' pitching staff, with 113 strikeouts in 68.1 innings, is a playoff X-factor.

Kord Dickenson (3.375 ERA, 45 Ks in 18.2 IP) was untouchable this season with highlights such as an immaculate first inning against the Red Sox to carry a no-hitter through four innings, or racking up seven Ks against the Kiwanis Dodgers in a 21-0 shutout.

Carter Adams (3.111 ERA, 15 Ks in 9 IP) and Maddex McMasters (3.500 ERA, 13 Ks in 10 IP) combined for a 21-0 shutout of the Athena Coca-Cola Nationals. Their 42 strikeouts show pinpoint control and highlight their ability to freeze batters in the box.

Speed and Smarts: Scoring on Fewer Hits

The Yankees' 178 runs scored came off only 112 hits on the year. 108 stolen bases (87.10 percent success) and 72 walks helped fuel the high-power offense.

Leading the charge was the speedy ace, Kord, with a team-high 22 steals (95.65 percent success, 30 runs), followed by Peyton Matheny (100 percent, 13 R) and Matt Wilson (78.95 percent, 18 R), both with 15. Maddex was also in double-digit steals with 11 (100 percent, 10 R).

Kord also led the team with walks, earning 14 free passes by knowing the zone.

Heavy Hitters Driving the Offense

The Yankee bats powered a .329 team AVG, led by Kord (.567 AVG, 17 H, 14 RBI, 30 R), whose triple sparked the 21-0 Nationals rout.

Joel Wilson (.517 AVG, 15 H, 13 RBI, 18 R) went 3-3 with three RBIs in the 20-2 Red Sox win.

Darby Spivey (.458 AVG, 11 H, 6 RBI, 18 R) went 3-3 with four runs against the Nationals.

Teddy Bunch (.400 AVG, 10 H, 11 RBI, 11 R) ripped a three-RBI double versus the Cubs, while Maddex (.375 AVG, 12 H, 9 RBI, 10 R) fueled rallies, pushing the RBI count to 101.

Moments That Forged a Contender

In the top of the third inning, Carter sent the Nationals back to the dugout with a double play at third base that sparked a 12-run third inning explosion led by Darby and Kord, both with big triples.

Joel and Kord both tripled in a five-run fourth inning that made the difference in a 9-4 win over the Byrnes Oil Mariners.

In the 16-3 win over the Cubs, a Teddy three-RBI double coupled with a Josh Montano double powered

a seven-run fifth inning, backed up by a combined one-hit performance on the mound by Joel and Peyton.

Kord and Carter's 21-0 no-hitter against the Dodgers was paired well with Joel and Teddy both going 3-3, accounting for six of the team's 13 hits.

In a bloody 9-10 loss to the Cubs that saw a sixth-inning rally fall short, Brody had to take an early exit when he fouled the first pitch he saw in the game right off his face; no worries, he's since healed and returned to action.

But the real masterpiece was the 20-2 redemption win over the Red Sox... Kord pitched 5.0 innings of one-hit baseball, giving up two runs (one earned) while striking out 13. Teddy went 4-4 with 2 RBIs and 2 runs, and added in three RBIs each from Johnny Ashbeck and Joel, powering 20 runs on 12 hits.

Playoff Heat

With a .329 batting average, 108 steals, and 113 K's, the Yankees are a complete threat. With regular season wins over all of their opponents and good depth all around, they will be a team to be feared in the playoffs.

As fans pack Bob White Field, Kord, Joel, Darby, Teddy, Maddex and Matt aim for a championship.

The first round will kick off Monday, June 9, with the Pendleton teams facing off in quarterfinal matchups. Then on Tuesday, June 10, the "County" quarterfinal matchups will take place with the Mariners hosting the Dodgers at 5 p.m. and the Yankees hosting the Nationals at 7:30 p.m.

The winners of those two matchups will meet for a semifinal tilt on Thursday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m., with the winner heading to the championship Monday Matchup against the Pendleton finalist.

Summer kicks off this Saturday

Saturday, June 14: District booth at Heppner Heppner & Ione Community Yard Sale, 8 a.m.–5 p.m., maps at post office & Market 87. Morrow County Museum free entry & cookies, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Oregon Trail Library library. Market 87 Summer Open House, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., with donuts, drinks, prizes. Willow Creek Water Park opens 1 p.m.–10 p.m.

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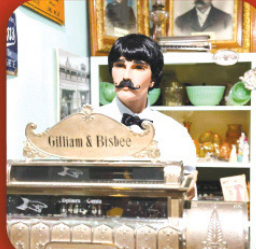
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