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IN BRIEF

Batter up: softball teams to register

With summer just around the corner, it's time for teams to register for softball leagues through Hermiston Parks & Recreation.

•Mens: ASA, unlimited home runs, double headers. (Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Costs \$450 per team

•Recreational Coed A League: ASA, 3 home runs progressive, single headers, teams that want to be competitive. (Mondays). Costs \$390 per team.

•Recreational Coed B League: ASA, 3 home runs progressive, single headers, a combination of two players from recreation, A and/or men's league are allowed. (Thursdays and Fridays). Costs \$390 per team.

•Recreational Coed C League: ASA, 3 home runs progressive, single headers. No player from Recreation A or B league or men's league are allowed. (Thursdays and Fridays). Costs \$390 per team.

All leagues run from May through July. The games are at 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. at Theater Sports Park, 1800 N.W. Sixth St., Hermiston.

For more information, visit www.hermistonrecreation.com. To register, call 541-667-5018 or stop by the recreation office, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston.

Pheasant boasts fun

Described as a high-powered, explosive, athletic show, Micro Wrestling Federation is coming to Hermiston.

The 2-Day Midget Wrestling Fiesta! is Friday, April 14, and Saturday, April 15. Shows are at 8 p.m. at The Pheasant Blue Collar Bar & Grill, 149 E. Main St. Hermiston. The event also celebrates The Pheasant's 100th anniversary.

Tickets include VIP (\$40), front row (\$30) and general admission (\$20). In addition, standing-room only will be available when the seats run out. VIP tickets for the Saturday performance are already sold out. For tickets, visit <https://thepheasant.ticketleap.com>. For more information, call 541-567-3022.

Boise man wins Red 2 Red back 2 back

Jamey Yanik overcomes bad luck to win again on a borrowed bike

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Jamey Yanik's drive from his home in Boise, Idaho to Echo on Saturday was nearly all for nothing.

Making the trip to compete in the Red 2 Red mountain bike race, Yanik got all the way to Echo and realized he left a key part for his bike at home. It rendered his high-end racing bike useless for the day and left him scrambling for an alternative.

Lucky for him, Yanik was able to track down a fellow competitor with a spare bike to borrow, allowing him to still compete. And yet even on a spare bike that he had never ridden before, the 41-year-old Yanik still managed to win both the men's elite class and the overall top men's award, finishing the long course in just over 1 hour, 51 minutes on a partly-cloudy and breezy day.

"Funny how things work out," Yanik said with a chuckle on Saturday. "It did take the fun out of it a little, not being on my bike though. It would've made this even more special if I had been on my bike because I'm real comfortable with it, but it still worked out."

This year the riders were riding on the course's original setup, after organizers had altered it the last few years to try and change things up.

"It was probably one of our easier courses this year," race organizer Stephanie Myers said, "which is leading to some really fast times."

Yanik was one of 318 registered competitors in the ninth annual race. He is now two for two at Red 2 Red, after he won the men's title in 2016 with a time just over two hours.

Going through the twists, turns and hills of the roughly 32-mile long course running through the Echo West vineyard, Yanik said he did not really feel like he was going as fast as he was. He won the elite men's class by nearly four minutes ahead of second place Evan Plews (1:55.27) of Wenatchee, Washington and six minutes ahead of third place Jacob Hull (1:57.04) of Portland.

"Honestly, I was kind of just riding in the pack for a while," Yanik said. "And then after awhile at some of the changeovers I could glance back and see where guys



STAFF PHOTO BY ERIC SINGER

Racers in the men's elite and Category 1 roll up Main Street in downtown Echo for the start of the Red 2 Red mountain bike race on Saturday.



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Adam Moore, of Portland, approaches the finish line of the Echo Red 2 Red mountain bike race on Saturday. Moore competed in the Category 2 men's class ages 19-39 and finished with a time of 1:57.06.

were at and could tell my lead was growing, but yeah I didn't think I was as fast as I was."

On the women's side, there was only one elite class rider and that was 31-year-old Fairlee Frey who took first place, as well as the top women's prize, with a blazing time of 2:05. The 318 racers were split up into 26 different categories based on age and skill level that

raced on three different lengths of course.

The elite and Category 1 riders rode for 32 miles, the Category 2 and 3 riders rode 24 miles, and the Category 3 juniors and open beginners approximately 12 miles.

Myers said that the overall turnout for the event was down slightly from previous years, though she believed a few factors caused the dip. The biggest reason was that the race was rescheduled from a previous date in early March because of lingering snow and ice on the trails.

Myers said that the reasons for the delay was unusual because of the normally-mild winters of Eastern Oregon allows Echo to be one of the few rideable trails in the Pacific Northwest early in the season. However an unseasonably snowy and icy winter this year put the organizers in a predicament.

And on top of that, spring break for most schools in the Pacific Northwest was this week, which took away a chunk of usual competitors as well.

Red 2 Red is looking forward to its 10th anniversary next year, where Myers said afterwards that organizers will hope to make it bigger and better, and even set a preliminary date for Saint Patrick's Day, which happens to fall on a Saturday in 2018.

Yanik said he hopes he can make it back to defend his crowns.

"I'd like to for sure," he said, "But we'll have to see what life throws my way. It's a super fun course here."

TRIP TO THE HOSPITAL

While there were a few racers that did not finish, one racer in particular had a scary way to go out.

Adam Bergerson, a 42-year-old from Salem, wiped out on one of the corner turns on the trail and crashed, landing hard on his right shoulder. It required a trip to Good Shepard Health Care System in Hermiston, where he was diagnosed with a Grade 3 shoulder separation at his collarbone.

He did return to Echo after he was released from the hospital, and said he will have to have surgery some time in the next week.

ONE-WHEEL MAN

For the fifth straight year, 60-year-old Joe Myers drew some eyes at the finish line on Saturday he again competed on his unicycle. Myers finished the full 29-mile long course in 6 hours, 36 minutes after he started out on the course at 5:54 a.m.

He gets such an early start to avoid being a roadblock for the other racers, and said he only owns a unicycle and not a bicycle for health reasons.

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PREP ROUNDUP

Boys golf takes third at Wildhorse course

The Hermiston boys finished third at a prep golf event at Wildhorse Resort and Casino on Monday.

The Dalles won the boys' team title with a 323 and Hermiston was third with 338.

Ander Lind was third with a 77 to lead the Bulldogs.

Team Scores
BOYS — The Dalles 323; Pendleton 333; Hermiston 338; Hanford 358; Mac-Hi 366; Baker 372; Pasco 381; La Grande 386.

Boys Medalists — 1, Gabe Cachi, Hanford, 75; 2, Chase Snodgrass, The Dalles, 75; 3, Anders Lind, Hermiston, 77; 4, Devon Caruso, Pomeroy, 78; 5, Nathan Som, Pendleton, 79.

Hermiston Boys — Jared Thacker, 82; Anders Lind, 77; Kayden Mecham, 103; Blue Blackhurst, 96; Tyler Cameron, 93.

Baseball

MAC-HI 13, RIVERSIDE 3 — At Boardman, the Pioneers jumped on a pitching change by the Pirates and plated seven runs during a five-hit inning to take the lead for good in a non-league baseball game on Monday.

Jesse Jones doubled to drive in Adrian Martinez to tie the score 3-3, then Keaton Smith drew a walk in three batters later to push in Jones for the eventual game-winner. It was one of eight walks in the game for the Pioneers.

Martinez and Taylor Turner both went 3 for 4 for Mac-Hi (3-3) and com-

binated for five RBIs, and Devon Cothey and Eric Rencken both went 2 for 2.

Andrew Sorensen went 2 for 2 and Sterling Bither drove in a pair of runs to lead Riverside (0-7).

Jones picked up the win and pitched the first 3 2/3 while allowing three runs on four hits with two strikeouts and no walks. Jesus Vela pitched the last 2 1/3 with no runs on three hits with three strikeouts and no walks.

Aramis Corpus pitched the first four complete for Riverside and left after allowing two runs on six hits with four strikeouts and two walks.

Riverside hosts Nyssa on Friday for its Eastern Oregon League openers in a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.

(6 innings)
M-H 002074 — R H E
RHS 000300 — 3 7 1
W — J. Jones, L — S. Bither,
2B — A. Martinez, J. Jones, J. Vela (M-H);
A. Sorensen, A. Rodelo, M. Hagar (RHS).
3B — A. Corpus (RHS).

UMATILLA 19, HEP- PNER 8 (5 innings) — At Heppner, Seth Cranston hit a three-run homer during Umatilla's six-run second inning and the Vikings added nine more in the third to get their first win on Monday.

Cranston finished 2 for 3 with three runs and five RBI, and Andrew Wilson went 2 for 2 with three runs and four RBI to lead Umatilla (1-3-1).

Cody Samson pitched a complete game and gave up six hits while striking out five and walking seven.

Tim Jaca went 2 for 3 with three RBI to lead Heppner (1-5) and Payton Lehman was 2 for 4 with two RBI.

UP NEXT

Umatilla hosts Irrigon for a doubleheader at 1 p.m. on Friday that will open Eastern Oregon League play.

Heppner plays its Special District 6 openers on Saturday in a doubleheader at Sherman starting at 11 a.m.

(5 innings)
UHS 369 10 — R H E
HHS 304 01 — 8 6 1
W — C. Samson, L — K. Wilkins,
2B — S. Cranston, A. Wilson (UHS); P.
Lehman 2 (HHS). 3B — T. Jaca (HHS). HR —
S. Cranston (UHS).

Hermiston falls in title game in Keizer

The Hermiston Bulldogs punched their ticket to the championship game of the Volcanoes Spring Break Tournament in Keizer on Friday afternoon with a 5-1 win over Central Catholic before falling in the title game to Sprague, 10-0.

Brylee Duffloth earned the win for the Bulldog on Friday, tossing six innings with no earned runs on two hits. He struck out four and walked five.

Assistant coach John Christy said Duffloth's efficiency on the mound was critical, and the key to the team's success in the tournament thus far.

The four-run rally in the first inning was enough to secure the win.

Hermiston won the opening game of the tournament Thursday morning 5-3 over Cleveland with Lukas Tolan on the mound. Tolan threw six innings and allowed two runs on five hits, striking out four and walking none.

But in Game 2 on Thursday afternoon, the Bulldogs lost 8-3 to Summit after Caden Schwirwe was chased in the third inning after throwing 65 pitches and allowing four earned runs on five hits and five walks.

Box scores from Saturday's game were not immediately available.

Thursday
CLE 100 110 0 — R H E
HHS 03020 X — 5 5 4
L. Tolan and S. Gritz; Healy and Cobb. W —
Tolan, L — Healy.
3B — Wyatt Nolan (HHS).

Thursday
HHS 100 101 — R H E
SHS 323000 — 5 5 4
C. Schwirwe, J. Ramirez (3) and S. Gritz; D.
Steelhammer and J. Hardy, W — Steelham-
mer, L — Schwirwe.
2B — W. Nolan, M. Brown (HHS). Mackem,
Scalley (SHS)

Friday
CHS 010000 — R H E
HHS 400 010 — 5 8 1
B. Duffloth, A. James (6) and S. Gritz; P.
Hogland and B. McNeil, W — Duffloth,
L — Hogland.
2B — W. Nolan (HHS)
3B — I. Hendricks (CHS)

KENNEDY 13-15, HEP- PNER 7-5 — At Heppner, six-run innings by the Trojans put the Mustangs into holes they wouldn't climb out of on Friday in non-league baseball action.

Kennedy (7-2) scored six in the fifth to pull away late in Game 1 to win 13-7, and then answered Heppner's big

first inning in Game 2 with six runs in the second and added eight more in the third to get a big lead in a 15-5 win in five innings.

Heppner (1-4) had pulled within 5-4 in the bottom of the fourth in Game 1 when Beau Wolters (3 for 3) hit an RBI double. Kennedy scored all six of its runs in the sixth with two outs when three straight walks pushed the first run across the plate, then two singles, an error and another single brought the rest in.

It was another Wolters double followed by an error and singles by Kannon Wilkins and Matt Orem that put Heppner up 4-1 after one in Game 2, but Kennedy's second featured seven hits, three hit batters and a walk.

Game 1
KHS 302062 0 — R H E
HHS 003103 0 — 13 12 3
B. Traeger, B. Beyer (5), L. Wilhelm, K. Gibbs
(5), W — Beyer, L — Gibbs.
2B — B. Beyer, J. Suing, S. Grosjaques
(KHS); B. Wolters 2, W. Steagall, K. Wilkins
(HHS).

Game 2 (5 innings)
KHS 168 00 — R H E
HHS 400 10 — 5 7 0
D. Moreno, S. Grosjaques (4), J. Suing
(5), K. Wilkins, K. Smith (3), T. Jaca (4), W —
Moreno, L — Wilkins.
2B — B. Beyer, J. Suing, S. Grosjaques
(KHS); B. Wolters (HHS).

Tennis

(GIRLS) MAC-HI 4, UMATILLA 2 — At Milton-Freewater, the Pioneers came back from their spring break strong and coach Danny Sanchez said it was evident the players had been practicing while school was out.

"They are starting to improve day by day with more practice time over the break," he said. "We will start to get tested over the next month with some good teams ahead."

One match Mac-Hi couldn't take was at No. 1 singles where Kairy Escobedo defeated Karina Saldana 8-4.

Singles
Kairy Escobedo (U) def. Karina Saldana 8-4
Kasey Lesko (M) def. Fatima Sanchez 8-2
Jessica Hernandez (M) def. Kaytlin Abbott 8-0
Andrea Maldonado (U) def. Ciera Werhan 6-4

Doubles
Emily Cuellar/Janelle Martinez (M) def. Kairy Escobedo/Fatima Sanchez 8-0
Evelyn Garcia/Nicole Flores (M) def. Kaytlin Abbott/Andrea Maldonado 8-1

(BOYS) UMATILLA 5, MAC-HI 1 — At Milton-Freewater, the Vikings swept singles play to earn a convincing win over the Pioneers on Monday.

Gio Armenta beat Julian Villegas 8-2 at No. 1 singles, and Mac-Hi coach Danny Sanchez said he thought the Pioneers did well.

"The Umatilla boys are a strong team that has a good chance on winning districts this year," he said. "I was pleased on the toughness the Mac-Hi boys showed against a strong team, they kept fighting for every point."

Singles
Gio Armenta (U) def. Julian Villegas 8-2
Elian Madrigal (U) def. Spencer Wells 8-2
Joel Escamilla (U) def. Juan Alcantar 8-0
Freddy Madrigal (U) def. James Hager 6-2

Doubles
Gio Armenta/Elian Madrigal (U) def. Jorge Alvarez/Esgar Parra 8-4
Conner Humbert/Brandyn Chaney (M) def. Freddy Madrigal/Joel Escamilla 8-6