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WCL BASEBALL

Elks top Sweets, end losing streak

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — The Bend Elks scored one run for the fourth straight game. This time around, it was enough for a win.

Bend ended a four-game losing streak on Tuesday night with a 1-0 victory over the Walla Walla Sweets in West Coast League baseball action.

The Elks (9-9 WCL) had dropped their past three games against Kelowna by scoring one run in each game. On Tuesday, four Bend pitchers combined for the shutout and allowed just four hits, all singles.

Patrick Keane started for Bend and worked three scoreless innings and gave up three hits while walking one and striking out two. Daniel Chavez threw three perfect innings to get the victory, striking out three. Jordan Spencer and Trevor Hildenberger completed the shutout.

Arturo Reyes went the distance for the Sweets (7-13) and struck out seven but still took the loss.

Bend got its only run of the game in the second inning. Tommy Pluschell walked to open the inning and was sacrificed to second base. After a Bend strikeout, Jordan Copeland scored Pluschell with a single. Will Sparks had two of Bend's four hits in the game.

The two teams play the second game of their three-game set tonight at 7:05.

—Bulletin staff report

LITTLE LEAGUE

Bend programs name all-stars

The regular season is complete, and Bend's two Little League organizations have selected teams for upcoming Oregon District 5 All-Star Tournament play.

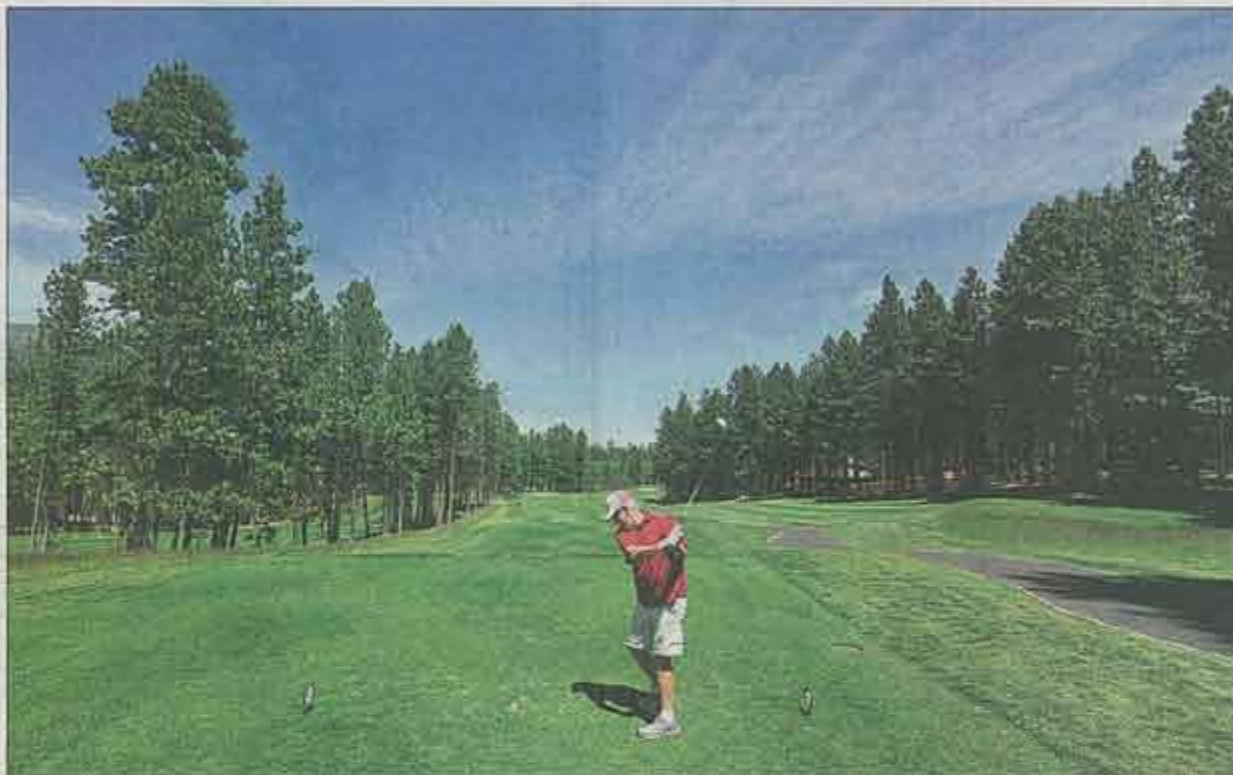
Bend South, whose age 11-12 baseball squad won district and state championships last summer and came within one win of reaching the Little League World Series, has announced the rosters for five all-star teams: 11-12 baseball, 10-11 baseball, 9-10 baseball, 11-12 softball, and 9-10 softball.

Bend North has posted rosters for four all-star teams: 13-14 Junior baseball, 11-12 baseball, 10-11 baseball, and 9-10 baseball.

The Bend South and Bend North all-star



TEE TO GREEN



Pete Erickson / The Bulletin

Sisters' Al Boyette, 75, tees off last Thursday on the first hole of the recently renovated Glaze Meadow course at Black Butte Ranch. The full 18 holes will open to public play this Saturday.

A new gem

• Black Butte Ranch's renovated Glaze Meadow is a new addition to Central Oregon's elite golf courses

ZACK HALL



Jeff Fought stopped by only to say hello. And he wanted to be clear: There would be no hand-holding on this media preview of all 18 holes at Glaze Meadow.

"I could play with you, but you don't need to hear my side," said Fought, the director of golf at Black Butte Ranch, who opted to let another Bulletin staffer and me venture out on our own.

In other words, Fought was confident that the renovation of Glaze Meadow was going to speak for itself on a warm, cloudless day last week.

At a cost of \$3.75 million, Glaze Meadow — designed by legendary area golf pro Gene "Bunny" Mason and opened in 1982 — has been completely overhauled by John Fought, an acclaimed golf architect and brother of Jeff Fought.

See Glaze / D5

A closer look at Glaze Meadow

Here are a few of the holes at Black Butte Ranch's Glaze Meadow course that underwent significant changes (photos courtesy of Larry Lambrecht and Aidan Bradley):



NO. 3, 319 YARDS, PAR 4

What was once a severe dogleg left is now a drivable 319-yard par 4. But the risk can be greater than the reward for any drive that drifts even a bit right, where a picturesque pond will swallow any stray golf balls.

I know this well. I went for the green, pushing my tee shot just a shade right and into the hazard. A mediocre pitch and two putts later, my first double bogey of the day was on the scorecard.



NO. 5, 164 YARDS, PAR 3

No hole on the course has improved its aesthetics more than the first par 3 on the course. The green has been moved closer to the pond that runs near the third, fourth and fifth holes, opening a view of the water from the tee box. And where once was a ditch that largely usually ran dry, there is now a meandering brook.

That brook is natural and runs into the course's irrigation pond, cutting the water bill significantly, says Phil Lagao, Black Butte Ranch's superintendent.



NO. 11, 196 YARDS, PAR 3

No hole on the renovated Glaze Meadow displays its golden-age influence more than the 11th hole and the stacked grass-faced bunkers that protect the left front of the elevated green. The putting surface is the broadest on the course, which is a help considering the long tee shot and firm green. As we walked off the hole to the par-5 12th, my playing partner looked back and said, "That's some old-school stuff."



NO. 17, 191 YARDS, PAR 3

Though it is similar in distance, the downhill 17th plays much different from the uphill 11th. Like removing a veil to find a true beauty underneath, the trees that would have crowded the green have mostly been removed to open up the putting surface. Bunkers protect both the right and left sides of the green.

From the tee box, the 17th just feels like a big-time finishing par 3.

— Zack Hall

... get a little annoyed by calls," said Zach Suber, coaches a highly successful travel team for play-14 and younger for the D.C. Assault.

In contrast, the NCAA imposes limits on when college coaches can scout and age with high school suits. And coaches at elite high schools are restricted to players who live in their schools' districts. Now, the longtime observers of basketball in the Washington area are wondering if recruiting atmosphere around private schools is too permissive.

"For the good of the game, you need a good, long, hard look," said Morgan Wootten, who won 1,274 games in 46 seasons as the coach at DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Md., before retiring in 2002.

It is common to find as many as 15 coaches from Washington-area private schools watching a summer tournament game involving middle school players. Suber said nine of his players were recruited to the ultracompetitive Washington Catholic Athletic Conference, which features traditional powers like DeMatha, Gonzaga College High School and Archbishop Carroll High School.

Pete Strickland, an assistant at George Washington University who began his career as an assistant at DeMatha, said that high school recruiting in Washington was more frenetic than college recruiting because of the career goals of the young assistants involved.

"It's almost like Nixon's White House," he said. "There's a lot of guys with blind ambition."

Suber said the schools used a "shotgun approach" to recruiting, focusing on as many players as they could, not just the stars. That means continual communications from coaches to players through social media, letters and phone calls. The process can be overwhelming for parents.

But players at a recent tournament seemed to enjoy the attention.

Andre Boykin, a 6-foot-3-inch center on a 13-and-younger travel team affiliated with the club Team Takeover, said: "It's pretty cool to say a coach comes to my games. I know that's when I've really got to play my hardest."

Rhonda Green, whose son Samuel is a 6-foot-5-inch eighth-grader, said that high schools first began speaking with her about her son when he was in fifth grade and already 5-11. She said that when Samuel was in sixth grade, he asked, "Why are these coaches asking me to come to the camps?"

Episcopal coaches cannot initiate contact with a player. But once a player shows an interest in a school, communication can begin.

The high schools, some of which cost more than \$30,000 a year to attend, do not offer athletic scholarships, but they do provide need-based financial aid.

Eric Edwards, who was an assistant at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington, Va., for five years and is now a coach with Team Takeover, said he followed local players to tournaments in New Jersey and Ohio when he was at O'Connell. He said the school eventually began reimbursing him for mileage.

"Division 1 guys have a dead period," Edwards said. "There's no dead periods when it comes to high school recruiting; it's year-round."

Coaches often invite entire travel teams to practice on their campuses. This can result in rival coaches, uneasy about losing traction with a prospect, arriving uninvited. Edwards said he went to Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax, Va., to watch a prospect whose team was working out there, knowing he would be thrown out. He said it was worth it because the player saw him and knew he was interested.

"I've seen Catholic league coaches practically square off with one another in a gym," said Andy Luther, the coach at Landon School.

Many of the top middle school prospects in the Washington area already attend private schools. Teams are then put in the awkward position, Luther said, of recruiting players in their own programs.

Two of Team Takeover's 13-year-old stars, Chris Lykes and Aaron Thompson, are honor roll students at the Bullis School in Potomac, Md. Still, coaches from other schools are pursuing them, and both said they would consider all options.

"I want a school that's going to let me go in and just play," Thompson said. "They don't run a lot of plays; they just let me run up and down the floor a lot and be the floor general."

Of course, the recruitment of such young players is an imperfect science, Edwards said that when he coached at O'Connell, he spent hundreds of hours recruiting a guard once considered among the top middle school players in the nation. The player enrolled at O'Connell but transferred last winter midway through his junior season after his playing time decreased significantly. What happened?

"He peaked," Edwards said, "as an eighth-grader."

21st-place tie two weeks ago in the U.S. Open. He won the Memorial on June 3 to match Jack Nicklaus for second place on the PGA Tour victory list with 73. Woods also won the Arnold Palmer Invitational in March. ... The fourth-ranked Woods and No. 10 Hunter Mahan are the only top-10 players in the field. ... Rory McIlroy, the U.S. Open winner last

returning from a wrist injury that has sidelined him since April. ... Michael Allen leads the tour with two victories and earnings of \$1,150,032.

LPGA Tour

NW ARKANSAS CHAMPIONSHIP

Site: Rogers, Ark.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday

Site: Portrush, Northern Ireland
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday
Course: Royal Portrush Golf Club, Dunluce Links (7,143 yards, par 72)
Purse: \$2.5 million. Winner's share: \$417,250.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 6-10 a.m.; Friday, 6-8:30 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday,

Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30-10 a.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 4:30-6 p.m.)
Last year: Inaugural event.
Last week: Casey Wittenberg won the Wichita Open for his second victory of the season.
All Times PDT

Glaze

Continued from D1

The course, 11 holes of which have been open since late May, will open all 18 holes to the general public this Saturday after a face-lift that took nearly two years to complete.

While the project was spurred by the need to replace the outdated irrigation system, Glaze Meadow was renovated to make the course a more enjoyable round of golf for all players.

To that end, thousands of trees have been removed, which has opened up mountain views and made the once-overgrown layout dramatically more navigable.

"We wanted people to travel here to play, and not lose 900 golf balls," Jeff Fought said after our round.

From the first tee, Glaze Meadow did not disappoint.

Come to think of it, the changes at Glaze Meadow are embodied on its first hole. Those who had played the first incarnation of Glaze Meadow had an opinion of its par-5 first hole.

For many, playing the old hole was a lot like navigating a Third World justice system: It had lots of unpredictable twists and turns that would most likely end in a crowded, uncomfortable jail.

Now a par 4, the downhill 395-yard hole is played down a comfortably wide fairway that runs slightly right into a huge green with a big drop-off behind, revealing an area that opens up to a gorgeous pond and meadow.

"This is what you want," proclaimed my playing partner, who had joined me at Glaze Meadow four years ago when we both played it for the first time. "You don't want your first impression to be claustrophobic."

Like the first, Glaze Meadow is better at just about every turn.

John Fought fashioned the course with elements of golf's golden age of course design of the 1920s and '30s, when architects such as Donald Ross were shaping facilities like North Carolina's famed Pinehurst.

The wavy, turtleback greens — which on the whole are massive — are one such element. Fought, a former U.S. Amateur champion and two-time PGA Tour winner,

New Glaze Meadow tees

Tee	Yardage	Rating/Slope
Black M	7,007	72.7/133
Black/Blue M	6,711	71.2/133
Blue M	6,506	70.5/128
Blue/White M	6,186	69.1/124
White M	5,931	68.3/120
Red M	5,367	65.5/113
Gold M	4,909	63.4/109
White W	5,931	73.5/136
White/Red W	5,630	71.7/129
Red W	5,367	70.2/126
Red/Gold W	5,133	68.9/120
Gold W	4,909	67.6/118

Scorecards, old and new

THE NEW SCORECARD

Hole	Par	Yardage
No. 1	Par 4	395 yards
No. 2	Par 5	583 yards
No. 3	Par 4	319 yards
No. 4	Par 4	411 yards
No. 5	Par 3	164 yards
No. 6	Par 4	452 yards
No. 7	Par 5	525 yards
No. 8	Par 3	172 yards
No. 9	Par 4	380 yards
Out	Par 36	3,401 yards
No. 10	Par 5	549 yards
No. 11	Par 3	196 yards
No. 12	Par 5	612 yards
No. 13	Par 4	483 yards
No. 14	Par 3	158 yards
No. 15	Par 5	545 yards
No. 16	Par 4	440 yards
No. 17	Par 3	191 yards
No. 18	Par 4	432 yards
In	Par 36	3,606 yards

THE OLD SCORECARD

Hole	Par	Yardage
No. 1	Par 5	514 yards
No. 2	Par 4	401 yards
No. 3	Par 4	334 yards
No. 4	Par 4	379 yards
No. 5	Par 3	155 yards
No. 6	Par 4	417 yards
No. 7	Par 5	523 yards
No. 8	Par 3	152 yards
No. 9	Par 4	340 yards
Out	Par 36	3,215 yards
No. 10	Par 5	532 yards
No. 11	Par 3	172 yards
No. 12	Par 5	590 yards
No. 13	Par 4	414 yards
No. 14	Par 3	168 yards
No. 15	Par 5	514 yards
No. 16	Par 4	393 yards
No. 17	Par 3	179 yards
No. 18	Par 4	397 yards
In	Par 36	3,359 yards

*All distances from back tees.

designed Glaze to be agreeable to weekend hackers. But the putting surfaces should provide better players a stiff resistance to par. (Black Butte superintendent Phil Lagao tucked the pin on the par-4 13th to give us a taste of just how tough it can be.)

Classical grass-faced bunkers are present throughout the course and add character. Take the 196-yard, par-3 11th hole: Stacked bunkers that protect the left side of the elevated and spacious green appear as if they had been swiped from an old-school East Coast layout.

Even Glaze Meadow's wooden bunker rakes are a throwback, a nice touch on a golf course that oozes such style.

Fought also makes clever

use of fairway bunkers, which are present to some degree on every hole save the par 3s.

Though my playing partner spent more time in the sand than a hermit crab, those bunkers are not meant to be punitive. Rather, the hazards generally protect fairway corners and steer a golfer to safer ground.

"His fairway bunkers tell you where to go," said Jeff Fought.

Those familiar with Glaze Meadow will be blown away by its first three holes, which are radically different from

the original Glaze Meadow's openers.

No. 2, once a par 4, is now a long par 5. No. 3, originally an awkward right angle of a dog-leg left, is now a 319-yard par 4 with water that encroaches into the fairway to punish long hitters who miss on an attempt to drive the green.

Such drivable par 4s, which had been largely dismissed by designers during the golf boom that began in the 1980s, add an element of fun to a course, and the third hole at Glaze Meadow is no exception.

Other changes are more subtle.

The beauty of the course's par-4 fourth hole and par-3 fifth, which have always been gems just waiting to be discovered, has now been revealed.

Glaze Meadow's three back-nine par 5s — which include the once quirky 10th and 15th holes, both formerly characterized by blind shots — are less tricky. And the shots into the greens of the par-3 17th and par-4 18th holes provide an inspired finish.

When my playing partner and I walked off the course last week, we were itching for a few more holes.

Before the renovation Glaze Meadow's rounds had slipped to less than 15,000 per year, Fought said.

But Black Butte Ranch has known for years what a user-friendly golf course can do for the resort. After all, its Big Meadow has proven popular with golfers of all skill levels and hosts nearly 25,000 rounds per season.

"If we can have fun like at Big Meadow, we thought we could get people out here," Fought said.

Glaze Meadow IS that fun. It gives Black Butte Ranch something it yearns for: the ability to win back the average golfers who had abandoned the course in the years before the renovation.

And with another course now in the elite of Central Oregon's public golf facilities, local golfers can expect to win too.

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