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Woolleys miss last game at tourney

Wires get crossed after solid play in Best of West

By Don Smalley
The Springfield News

A disappointing turn of events on Sunday tarnished what was a good weekend for the Springfield Woolleys.

The Woolleys were scheduled to play Bear Mountain on Sunday in the Best of the West Invitational Tournament at Swede Johnson Stadium after going 3-2 in round robin play.

But Springfield was told that first pitch against Bear Mountain was 11 a.m., when it was actually 9 a.m.

"It was just an unfortunate miscommunication between me and the ones who run the tourney," Springfield coach Scott DeWitt said. "But as for the tournament itself, we played well."

The two teams Springfield lost to — Vancouver and Tacoma — were the best two teams in the tournament, according to DeWitt.

"Triple Play had a really good left-handed pitcher that kept us off balance all day long," he said.

Springfield, in what turned out to be its last game, went down 8-1. Avery Roemen was responsible for the Woolleys' lone RBI.

That 8-1 defeat was the second game Springfield played on Saturday. DeWitt expressed some concern with the team's second-game performance in doubleheaders.

"We made some mental mistakes against the Swarm," he said. "We need to keep our concentration in the game all day."

In the morning, the Woolleys put together a 13-hit performance to down Camas, Wash., 12-0 in five innings. There was a seven-run mercy rule after five innings.

Neal Schapper was the beneficiary

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Ems' hunt for stride continues in Spokane

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Through 24 games of the regular season, the Eugene Emeralds have played Tri-City, Boise and Salem-Keizer. And with a mediocre 10-14 record, the Ems are looking for fresh competition and better results.

Spokane provided the chance last night, as Eugene began a five-game set with the Indians in Washington.

Any other squad would be better than the trio of teams Eugene has been playing — especially Boise. The Hawks took three of five, including a doubleheader sweep in Idaho.

There was no doubleheader sweep for the Hawks at Civic, but Boise did go 3-2 in Eugene, including a rout in the series finale Sunday.

The 9-1 defeat began a bit suspect when starter Danny De La O plunked the first Hawks' hitter, Anthony Granato. Although De La O wiggled out of the first inning unscathed, Boise started to hit the Ems starter for four runs in the fifth to go ahead 5-1. From there, it was all downhill for Eugene.

One highlight for the Ems was when Eugene first baseman Orlando Diaz smacked his first professional homer. After the game, San Diego made a roster move when it reassigned outfielder Craig Johnson to its rookie team in Peoria, Ariz. Johnson was the

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COMPETITIVE ARCHERY



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Springfield bowman Wayne Endicott stunned onlookers when he battled to ESPN's Great Outdoor archery finals.

Right on target

Local marksman hits bull's-eye at Outdoor Games

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This was a first for Wayne Endicott.

The Springfield resident has had a long-standing passion for archery, but he had never gone shoulder-to-shoulder with the nation's best behind the bow. That all changed when he qualified for the ESPN Great Outdoor Games last February and went on to claim a silver medal plus \$6,000 in prize money last weekend at the games.

Endicott's third-place finish in Las Vegas earned the archer an open invitation to compete at the Outdoor Games in Madison, Wis., as one of 16 top competitors nationwide.

The Thurston High graduate said that the competition was nothing less than the best. Top archers, such as three-time gold medal winner Randy Hendrix of North Carolina and two-time silver medalist Randy Ulmer of Arizona, are superstars in the sport.

"It is definitely something that I have never been a part of. I definitely was the nobody," said Endicott, 43, who has owned and operated The Bow Rack on Q Street for 15 years. "I was the only guy that wasn't a staff contract shooter."

Endicott put in plenty of time getting prepared for the shoot of his life. Hours of practice were burned at his store and at home.

"I practiced 2-3 hours a day for the last four months — a pretty heavy regimen," he said. "I have to add that my neighbors have been

very supportive, having a psychopath firing arrows all day."

The competition is comprised of four unique stations, some with moving targets and some that have mechanisms to partially obstruct a target for selected periods of time. The first station, called William Tell, requires the archer to shoot four apples off a wall. That is followed by the Bermuda Triangle, a station with two moving targets from left and right at 25 yards. The third stop is called Chance. Archers call one of several long-distance targets that vary in size from one to five inches. Values range depending on how far away the targets are. After calling a target, shooters have 30 seconds to release a shot and move on to the speed challenge.

Endicott was in the zone from the start. He won his first-round match-up after scoring 43 out of 45 possible points — the highest single-round score of the competition.

"It was pretty smoking — it wasn't perfect, but it was close," he said.

That performance was followed by Endicott's crowd-shocking defeat of the 2003 gold medalist from Kansas in the second round. The round actually ended in a deadlock, but Endicott won the subsequent shoot-off.

In the quarterfinals, Endicott brought the crowd to its feet again when he defeated

Randy Ulmer, the silver medalist from the past two years.

Ulmer said that he was impressed with Endicott's performance under the gun.

"I wasn't too worried about him when I first got here because this is his first time, but after watching him practice I got a little more scared," Ulmer said. "I don't know if he's just that accurate or if he's just that cool under pressure. All I know is that there isn't any more pressure in archery than this event, and Wayne handles it well."

The gold-medal final against Randy Hendrix

was the time to get nervous if there ever was one.

The three-time champ earned his nickname, "The Quiet Intimidator," by consistently shooting fast and accurately in the event's final station, the speed challenge.

In that station, archers compete to see who can shoot four

four-inch curricular disks at

25 yards the quickest. Hendrix

seldom misses a shot and often

runs the table in less than 25 seconds.

That reputation has its competitors taking chances in the first three stations to get ahead before the speed challenge. More often than not, the gambles don't pay off.

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Forest outings feature Oregon's wild side

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ticipate in free guided hikes, campouts and fishing trips in the Mount Hood, Willamette, Umpqua, Rogue River and Siskiyou national forests, as well as the Medford BLM District.

Organizers want the public to experience first-hand why these unique places are deserving of wilderness protection and find out what can be done to help protect them for future generations.

"The purpose of Wilderness Week is very simple — take the general public into places they may have heard about in the news, such as the Clark fire area, but aren't the first stomping grounds for Oregonians that want to take a hike," said Alex Brown, grassroots coordinator with the Oregon Natural Resources Council. "They are just as pristine as Oregon's protected areas, but they don't have

the crowds associated with them. We hope people will discover these areas and learn what they can do to protect them."

Many of these outings are family events that all ages can enjoy. Several day hikes are five miles or less and are classified as easy or moderate.

Five hikes are based out of the Eugene area. Carpoolers leave Eugene at 10 a.m. Saturday for Cape Blanco State Park for a campover in the Siskiyou National Forest. That is followed by a hike to the top of Barklow Mountain for panoramic views of the Copper Salmon Area, the Grassy Knob Wilderness and the Pacific Ocean. Sponsored by the Friends of Elk River, the 3.5 mile hike is considered moderate in difficulty.

"We will be hiking on a trail that was used by Native Americans

to the top of Barklow Mountain, which has incredible views," said Chandra LeGue, ONRC conservation associate.

The ONRC is sponsoring a summer evening hike through old-growth forest affected by last year's Clark fire. The moderate, five-mile hike offers a close look at how forests naturally recover. Carpoolers organize at 6 p.m. July 22 at Lane Community College.

"Fall Creek is one of this area's most popular hiking spots. It offers some really incredible old growth that is close to town," LeGue said.

Two other local outings are scheduled for late July. A Brice Creek hike in the Umpqua National Forest features a scenic, rocky creek amid diverse forest, waterfalls and clear pools. Participants

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SPORTS

Sports Briefs

Some people just don't know when to call it quits

Harvey Lewellen, 75, of Springfield reset another world record, this time in the hammer throw at the State Games of Oregon in Portland Sunday.

Lewellen, a competitor in the 75-78 age group, heaved the hammer 139 feet, 7 inches on his last throw.

"That upped it a couple of feet. I went up there with the intent to break it. That was my goal," he said.

Lewellen set the previous world record of 136-5 in the hammer earlier this year. He also holds American records in the 16-pound weight, 35-pound superweight and the discus.

Kayaking clinic planned at UO

The University of Oregon Outdoor Program is offering a sea kayaking clinic Thursday and Saturday at 18th and University streets.

The clinic will introduce participants to the boats, equipment, safety concerns, packing and paddling skills necessary to enjoy the sport. Thursday's 5 p.m. session is free. Saturday's session, set for 9 a.m., requires pre-registration and a \$20 fee.

For more information call 346-4365.

Duck football tickets on sale

A limited number of season tickets for the upcoming 2004 Oregon football season are on sale to the general public. Fans interested in purchasing season tickets have three options: general admission, preferred section reserved and Master Sky Suite.

General admission season tickets will cost \$122 each for adults, \$68 each for children (ages 2 through high school) and seniors (age 62 and older), or \$312 for a Family Plan (two adult tickets and three child tickets). General admission season tickets will be available for purchase on the Internet at www.goducks.com, in person at the Athletic Ticket Office located in the Casanova Center or by telephone at (541) 346-4461 or 800-WEBFOOT.

Preferred section reserved and Master Sky Suite season tickets will cost \$228 each, but will also require a separate Duck Athletic Fund donation that is not included in the season ticket price. Those two types of season tickets are available by phone or in person only.

To date, nearly 40,000 season tickets have been sold for 2004. Oregon's six-game home schedule begins with Indiana on Sept. 11, and also includes Idaho (Sept. 25), Arizona State (Oct. 2), Arizona (Oct. 16), Washington (Oct. 30) and UCLA (Nov. 13).

Any remaining single game tickets will go on sale beginning July 30. For more information, call 541-346-4461.

Walks, talks planned in McKenzie River Ranger District

Three more Summer Walks and Talks are offered by the McKenzie River Ranger District in July.

Archaeologist Eric Bergland demonstrates obsidian tool making techniques while discussing Native American prehistory and historic preservation at 7 p.m. July 19 at Delta Amphitheater.

Learn about the travels of neo-tropical birds during a slide presentation by this year's bird banders on the Willamette National Forest July 26. The event, titled "Nicaraguan and Oregon birds: Partners in flight," is set for 8:30 p.m. at Delta Amphitheater.

Botanists Susan Stearns and Herm Fitz explore McKenzie habitat during a hike at Quaking Aspen Swamp set for 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 26. Hikers meet at the McKenzie River Ranger Station. Pre-registration is required.

For more information call 822-3381.

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meet at 9 a.m. July 24 at LCC for this moderate six-mile hike.

"We are going to take the Trestle Creek loop, so we will get to see some really nice falls. In the summer it is nice to hang out next to the water," LeGue said.

The following day, ONRC leads a moderate, six-mile outing in the Willamette National Forest. The hike passes through a large roadless area in the heart of the Old Cascades to a forest that could be part of a timber sale. This journey begins at 10 a.m. July 25 at the Grower's Market, 454 Willamette Street, in Eugene.

"There is a group of mountains called the Three Pyramids and this hike is on the South Pyramid Trail," LeGue said. "It is threatened by a timber sale, so we are going to explore some of the areas that could be logged."

Many other day hikes are

planned within a two-hour drive from Portland in the Mount Hood National Forest. A dozen hikes and camping trips are recommended for fit adults who seek a more rugged wilderness experience. Most are more than five miles in length. Some hikes include river crossings and off-trail travel.

The opportunity to see fish and wildlife will be present on all Wilderness Week hikes. However, some outings will focus on spotting birds, wildlife and fish. For example, Trout Unlimited is sponsoring catch-and-release fly-fishing outings on the Salmon and Roaring Rivers, one- and a-half hours from Portland, in the Mount Hood National Forest.

Reservations are required to attend all outings. Contact Chandra LeGue at (541) 344-0675 for Eugene based events. For a complete list of hikes and events, go to www.oregonwild.org/wweek 2004.html.

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Emeralds

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Padres' 19th round draft choice this season.

Eugene actually held a 2-1 lead in the series, just like it did in Boise, but the Hawks bounced back beginning Saturday with a 9-7 slugfest.

It was the first time all season Eugene ace Alfredo Fernandez has been touched up significantly. Fernandez gave up two runs in the first with the highlight being a triple by Luis Montanez.

Down 3-1, the Ems hit their way into the lead in the fifth when they hit a triple and two doubles to tie the game. Then Colt Morton, the league leader in home runs, belted his eighth on the season, a two-run shot that gave Eugene a brief 5-3 lead.

Boise scored four runs in the eighth inning due to some hits and a fielding

blunder by Matt Thayer in center that led to a two-run triple. Eugene had a golden opportunity to come back in the bottom half of the eighth by loading the bases with no outs, but the Ems came up empty and could not put a dent in the 7-5 deficit.

The Emeralds did come up with a big hit in the ninth that extended the game. Billy Hogan managed an RBI single that scored Morton, and Tom Vincent scored on the play thanks to an error that led to a tie at seven.

Eugene held on until the 12th inning when Harvey belted a homer to give the Hawks an 8-7 lead. Boise later scored an insurance run.

The Ems took Monday off before beginning a five-game set with Spokane. They will then come back home to start a big six-game series with Everett Sunday.



COURTESY PHOTO

Wayne Endicott, right, pauses for a snapshot with Darren Collins of Kansas, last year's gold medalist, after finishing second at the 2004 Great Outdoor Games in Wisconsin.

Target

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Hendrix 18-12. Endicott's 40-yard shot for a nine-point disc missed, allowing Hendrix to play his shot conservatively and shoot a 6-inch target to tie the score going into the final station. Then, true to his reputation, Hendrix won gold by being first to break four targets in the speed challenge.

"I've always been a gambler, and I don't look back with any regrets," Endicott said. "I thought I had a good chance to go up 15 points on Randy, and just missed."

In consolation, Endicott said that winning the silver felt great, and having the chance to compete with the nation's biggest names in archery was the real payoff.

"Randy is an icon of sport archery. He had the highest payout in for any archer in history about two or three years ago — a \$250,000 pay-

out in a single year," he said. "I was just proud to stand next to him."

As a medalist, Endicott won't have to qualify next year; he has an open invitation. The plan now is to get other archers from the West Coast into the Outdoor Games.

"I am going to start a league in the fall and take a whole bunch of people from the West," he said. "Anyone that wants to try it is welcome to jump in."

The archery portion of the Great Outdoor Games are scheduled to air at 6:30 p.m. Sunday on ABC.

The Archery Association contributed to this article.

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