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AROUND MONTANA

Kimball wins Pittsfield Peaks 53-mile race in Vermont

Bozeman's Nikki Kimball won her second 50-mile trail race of the spring last weekend at the Pittsfield Peaks 53-mile race in central Vermont. Her time of 9 hours, 47 minutes, 26 seconds was more than an hour ahead of the second women's finisher and placed her fourth among the men.



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Kimball also collected a \$2,000 winners prize and a unique railroad spike trophy. She won the race last year as well, but was battling a knee injury that has since gone away.

"I felt like I wanted to be competitive," Kimball told the Chronicle recently. "Last year my knee was bothering me and I wasn't having any fun. I haven't had that competitive spirit in a while and I just went with it."

Kimball has also won the Zane Grey 50-miler (Arizona) and the Antelope Island (Salt Lake City) 50-kilometer this year.

Baseball

BUCKS MAKE SEMIFINALS: At Pullman, Wash., the Bozeman Bucks earned a berth in the semifinal game at the Palouse Tournament. The Bucks face an undetermined opponent at 10:15 this morning.

After winning the first two pool play games, the Bucks fell to Washington's Reality Sports 7-2 in a makeup game. Anthony Rinard hit a solo home run for the Bucks in the top of the second inning.

The Bucks defeated the Washington Bankers Saturday morning by a score of 7-1.

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Bucks	010 100 0 - 2 4 2
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Bozeman - Ethan Wilkes 0-4, Dillon Peterson 0-3, Caleb Schindler 0-4, Anthony Rinard 1-4, Kyle Britt 0-2, Andy Ballinger 1-2, Jamin Weldenaar 2-3, Josh Mackay 0-2, Cullen Cameron 0-2.

Reality Sports - John Paggi 0-2, Corey Moore 1-2, Jacob Hoffman 2-3, J.C. Earhardt 0-3, Driyan Sandstrom 0-3, Andrew Thaut 0-2, Addison Bankhead 1-3, Jack Nettleton 0-2, Chris Woolie 2-2.

2B: Bankhead. HR: Hoffman, Rinard.

Bozeman 7, Washington 1	
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Garrett Gilbertson, Kyle Rodgers (4), Adam Babcock (5) and Chris Peterson, Anthony Rinard, Dillon Peterson (6) and Andy Ballinger.

Washington - Gerrett DeGaller 0-4, Sean Murphy 1-3, Nick Andrews 0-3, Matthew Kimmel 1-2, Kaitly Rochee 0-3, Chris Peterson 0-1, Corner Jones 0-2, Can McMillan 0-2, Sean Sellers 0-2.

Bozeman - Brendan Phillips 1-3, Doug Grossman 1-4, Caleb Schindler 1-4, Anthony Rinard 1-2, Kyle Britt 1-2, Andy Ballinger 1-1, Sean Zabawa 0-2, Mario Stanislaw 0-1, Justin Abbott 0-3, Dillon Peterson 0-1.

2B: Murphy.

Football

MONTANA DEFEATS NORTH DAKOTA IN BADLANDS BOWL:

Shade Theriault knew he'd have a chance to make some plays in the 16th annual Knights of Columbus Badlands Bowl on Saturday.

But he never expected them to be game-changers.

Sure enough, Townsend's Theriault ended up being the night's brightest star by hauling in two long touchdown passes and running for another to lead the Montana All-Stars to a 33-7 victory over North Dakota at Denton Field.

Theriault, a 6-foot, 190-pound receiver, broke North Dakota with a 79-yard touchdown catch from Helena Capital quarterback Matt Reyant late in the second quarter to give Montana a 19-7 lead.

Rodeo

NACE, GUENZLER FINISH IN TOP 10 AT CNFR:

At Casper, Wyo., Montana State University's Sarah Guenzler finished seventh in the short go-round of goat tying on the final day of the College National Finals Rodeo, Saturday.

Guenzler "had trouble tonight," according to Mike True, MSU rodeo coach. Guenzler lost her footing when she dismounted her horse, resulting in her clocking a slower time in her final rodeo as a senior at MSU. Guenzler still finished high enough to score points, as points are awarded through the top eight.

MSU freshman Robbi Nace placed ninth in barrel racing and 12th in breakaway roping.

The lone MSU cowboy to make the finals was Kyle Tidwell, who entered the final round ranked fifth in calf roping.

Tidwell nearly finished in second place, but the calf kicked free of the tether 5.91 seconds into the 6 seconds it needed to stay tied. Tidwell didn't finish with a time on Saturday.