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SOUTHERN A DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

Spikes upset Cubs in Deer Lodge, 6-1

By Chronicle Staff

The Bozeman Spikes started the Southern A American Legion baseball tournament Thursday by earning a victory over one of the event's top-rated teams.

Sam Olson pitched seven innings, allowing one run, as the Spikes defeated the Dillon Cubs 6-1 in Deer Lodge.

The Cubs collected six hits off Olson before he was relieved by Nick Leister in the eighth and Corbin Gates in the ninth.

Both teams were scoreless through the first two innings, when Kyle Sibary doubled to reach base

and was batted in by Ean Weaver's single two hitters later. Weaver also rounded the bases on a Gates' single.

Sibary collected two RBI and finished 3-for-5 at the plate.

The Spikes' next opponent is the Helena Reps today at 2:30 p.m.

GALLATIN VALLEY 13, ANACONDA 0: The Outlaws' Ben Elsbernd collected three hits in three trips to the plate. Cameron Frost and Ari Crawford each hit a home run en route to finishing 2-for-4 for the Outlaws.

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Chris Bowe and Joe Lemp shared pitching duties, combining to hold the A's to three hits.

The Outlaws face the Livingston Braves today at 5:30 p.m.

HELENA 2, BUTTE 0:

Lead-off man Jake Harris led the Reps, contributing a double and two RBI. The next two batters in the order — Matt Burgess and Tony Roberts — each had two hits.

Butte's Shawn Duffy led the Muckers' bats with two hits, including a double.

The Reps move on to face Bozeman today, while the Muckers meet Dillon.

LIVINGSTON 13, DEER LODGE 5: The Braves rallied from a 1-0 deficit at the end of the first inning, posting five runs in the second to take a firm lead in the day's last game.

Sam Bisson went 4-for-5 and Chad Becker hit 4-for-6 — including a grand slam — for Livingston. Becker also started on the mound and with help from Riley Kurschner and Trent Birge, gave up six hits.

Kurschner also added a home run to the Braves' effort. Livingston plays Gallatin Valley tonight at 5:30.

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Sam Olson, Nick Lelster (8), Corbin Gates (9) and Trevor Shellenberg.
