

SPORTS BRIEFS

Local skiers shine at FIS Open

Several Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club racers posted impressive results at the Western FIS Open at Snow King last weekend. The elite-level events included two days of giant slalom and slalom races. Ninety men and 80 women — all 15 and older — from five countries competed. On the Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club's J1/J2 FIS team, Cole Wright won the second slalom race and placed third in the first giant slalom race. The most dramatic performance of the series came from 16-year-old Megan Garassell, who started 22nd and placed third in the final slalom. Bronson Wright took eighth and Grassell 12th in the opening giant slalom. Morgan McGlashon placed 16th in the second slalom race, and Finn Johnson scored a point result with a 29th-place finish in the second giant slalom. These were inaugural races for Casey Dowson, 15, a first-year J/2 Jackson Hole Ski and Snowboard Club athlete who started last in all the races and fought hard to move up a few spots in the strong field. Saturday through Monday, the club will host the Wes Barron Speed Series at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

Students in dogsled race

Ian Raben from Jackson Middle School, Brooks Bradford from the Journeys School and Kaelyn Fable from Colter Elementary School have been chosen to participate in a junior dogsled race in conjunction with the International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race, which begins Jan. 27 in Jackson. They will join other students ages 9 to 13 from schools throughout Wyoming and Utah. The Junior Stage Stop will take place Feb. 4 in Park City, Utah, after the final stage of the main race. Participating students volunteer in their communities to earn the right to compete in the junior race.

Sign up for Nordic ski races

Registration is open for the 33rd annual Yellowstone Rendezvous Race, to be held March 3. The event is a cornerstone of cross-country skiing in West Yellowstone, Mont., and is part of the American Ski Marathon Series. There are six races offered for skiers of all ages. Marathoners can enter the 50-kilometer freestyle event, which consists of two laps around the perimeter of the Rendezvous Ski Trail system. Racers can enter 25-k events in classic or freestyle technique. The 10-k is a great choice for those preferring a shorter distance. The 5- and 2-k races are geared for children. To support racers in the 25- and 50-k divisions, community groups will staff feed stations along the trails. With this year's pirates theme, look for eye patches, hooks, hats and treasure. The fastest skiers will be rewarded with medals and cash prizes at the awards ceremony on Saturday evening. Visit www.rendezvousrace.com to sign up.

Limited quota for turkey hunt

Hunters interested in a spring license for one of the limited-quota turkey areas must apply by Jan. 31. Applications, both online and paper, must be received in the Cheyenne office by 5 p.m. that day to be included in the drawing. Hunt areas 4, 6, 8, 10 and 13 are limited-quota areas for the 2012 spring hunt. For general license areas, hunters may send in applications during January or may purchase a license from the Wyoming Game and Fish website, <http://gf.state.wy.us>, or from any automated license agent from March 1 until the end of the season.

Ski the line with McMillan

Freeskiing World Tour champion and U.S. Freeskiing national champion Jess McMillan will host a two-day Ski the Line camp this weekend at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. The clinic includes lunch and an apres-ski event with her. The camp is open to men and women with advanced to expert skiing skills. The cost is \$525 with a lift pass and \$440 without. To register, go online to www.jacksonhole.com/signaturecamps.

DEADLINES

Sports Briefs must be submitted to the News&Guide by noon on Monday. Email sports@jhnewsandguide.com, call 733-2047 or stop by the office at 1225 Maple Way, across from Kmart. Or fax them to 733-2138.



PRICE CHAMBERS PHOTOS / NEWS&GUIDE

Gros Ventre Grizzlies forward Josh Forman does his best to keep the puck from the Casper Oilers defense Sunday. The Grizzlies, made up of Jackson and Pinedale players, lost to Casper 8-0 on Saturday and 8-2 the next day.

Grizzlies drop two to Casper

High school hockey team is optimistic after the addition of a new offensive weapon.

By Brandon Zimmerman

The Gros Ventre Grizzlies — the high school hockey team composed of players from Jackson and Pinedale — got a big boost last week when former Jackson Hole Youth Hockey player Collyn Campbell joined the team following a two-year hiatus from the sport.

Campbell's addition didn't provide immediate results, however, as the Grizzlies lost two games to Casper on Saturday and Sunday at the ice rink at Snow King.

Coach Jeff Bates, however, said once Campbell adjusts to playing the game again, his return will pay off.

"He's a good, solid player, and we're looking for some good things out of him," Bates said.

The Grizzlies lost 8-0 Saturday and came back Sunday with a better effort in an 8-2 loss. The results dropped the team to 4-3-1 on the year.



The Grizzlies' Jeremiah Ennis tussles with a Casper defender Sunday. The games were a learning experience, Grizzlies coach Jeff Bates said.

Bates said Campbell, a junior, was talked back into playing by friends. The team was shuffling lines with Campbell coming in, Bates said, but he expects the experience to pay off this weekend when the Grizzlies host Idaho Falls on the ice at Snow King.

"He forechecks very strong," Bates said. "He's a good puck handler and is not afraid to shoot. It was good to see him out there. He's going to generate some offense."

After being shut out Saturday, the Grizzlies came out with a more offensive-minded game plan Sunday morning. The team surged to a 2-1 lead with second-period goals from CJ Hoelt and Aunders Hallsten.

Casper, spurred by a 46-35 shot ad-

vantage, pulled away from there.

"We were better on our back-checking the second game and realized we needed to shoot more," Bates said. "We stepped up our game to compensate for a stronger forechecking team. Casper is very skilled."

Bates said he was impressed with the effort of Ryland Wood, who played center on the third line.

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GROS VENTRE GRIZZLIES COACH

"He played extremely well in the defensive zone as a center," Bates said. "He was in a role he's not used to and played well. He's a younger player who is developing and doing well."

Goalie David Kelly also got a lot of work this weekend. He faced 56 shots on goal Saturday and 46 Sunday.

"David had a pretty good weekend," Bates said. "He had a lot of pressure. They got eight by him both games, but he worked hard, played strong and was focused both games."

Bates said he's excited to see how much his team has improved this weekend in a pair of nonleague games against Idaho Falls.

"The entire team went through a positive learning curve," he said. "They played with intensity, never gave up and worked really hard against a team that was really strong."

Lady Moose Fall

The Jackson Hole under-19 Lady Moose went 0-3-1 in four games at the ice rink at Snow King last weekend. On Saturday, the Lady Moose tied Sheridan 4-4 and lost 6-1 to Cheyenne. On Sunday, the team lost 6-3 to Cheyenne and 7-2 to Sheridan.

Paige Asbell scored four goals and Lexi Forsyth three on the weekend. Sierra Lawson, Natalie Palmquist and Emma Sollitt each added one goal.

Wrestler victorious at Bear Lake Classic

Broncs senior wins all five matches in pins at Bear Lake Classic.

By Brandon Zimmerman

Senior Charlie Flickinger provided the highlights on the Jackson Hole High School wrestling team's trip to the Bear Lake Classic in Montpelier, Idaho, last weekend when he won the 195-pound weight class.

Flickinger recorded five pins in a combined time of 6 minutes to capture the title. He pinned the No. 2 seed, Ryan Brough, of Star Valley, in 33 seconds and the eventual second-place finisher, Caleb Orchard, of Ririe, Idaho, in 1:08.

In the 170-pound weight class, sophomore Jonathan Tzompa won his first matches of the year and finished in fourth place.

Freshman Ben Flickinger placed fourth at 152 pounds. He lost by a 7-6

count in the consolation championship.

Logan Rodenbaugh lost to the No. 1 seed, Ryan Rainey, from West Jefferson High School in Terreton, Idaho, and then lost to teammate Jonathan Tzompa in the wrestlebacks to finish sixth in the 170-pound class.

Gene Montiel took sixth in the 182-pound class, beating teammate Matt Schmillen to place in the tournament.

The Broncs will wrestle in the Don Runner Invitational this weekend in Pavillion.