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Olson's big day leads Bandits to win over Braves

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LIVINGSTON — Reaching base, then moving forward by any means necessary until one scores.

Going from first to third on a blooper into the shallow outfield. Hitting the ball just right so it turns into a sacrifice fly.

Those are all examples of what those who know baseball call situational hitting, and it is something the Belgrade Bandits take pride in doing correctly. The Bandits displayed those three examples, plus one or two more, in an 11-1, mercy-rule victory

over the Livingston Braves in the quarterfinals of the Southern A District Tournament at Jack Weimer Memorial Park on Friday.

Belgrade (36-17) took a quick lead in the bottom of the first. Leadoff hitter Brett Franklin reached on an error, stole second and moved to third on a groundout before scoring on a wild pitch. A similar occurrence yielded another run in the second: leadoff hitter Chris Schrekengost singled and went station-to-sta-

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tion as John Hinkle was beamed and Jamis Olson singled.

Franklin came to the plate with one out and promptly skied a fly ball to left field for a sacrifice fly and a 2-0 Bandit edge. Belgrade's next score opened the floodgates and

turned a close contest into the rout it became.

Olson's solo home run to left-center field — the definitive landing spot for each of the tournament's four home runs thus far—

sparked a four-hit, six-run Bandit fourth inning. Belgrade also scored those runs on two critical errors by Livingston (22-27).

In the eighth, the Bandits plated three on two hits, a walk, an error and a walk-off wild pitch.

"We got on base and made things happen," said Belgrade head coach Johnny Graham. "We're a pretty good situational club; we can execute offense. It's not just the bunt — I know that's what everyone thinks we do. It's hitting behind guys, getting hit-and-runs, situational hitting. It was a clean game."

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Olson's plate appearance wasn't the only spark he provided. The Bandit twirled a complete-game masterpiece, allowing just four hits and striking out seven. He relinquished four walks and hit a batter, but none of those base runners moved past second.

Only two Braves reached third base, and Hayden Darr's leadoff triple in the fourth resulted in a run when an Olson pitch got past Conner Switzer. The miscue brought the tournament host within one run at 2-1, but Belgrade answered both at the plate and in the field.

"One of the things Jamis did was really establish a zone," Graham said. "He was down in that bottom zone, that bottom third, a lot. We call that area the box, and he was in the box early and consistently."

GALLATIN VALLEY 16, DILLON 6: The No. 6 seed Cubs put a small scare into the Outlaws (32-19), scoring two runs apiece in the top of the first and third innings. Dillon

Womack's two-run double put the Cubs ahead 4-0 in the third, but the Outlaws came back strong in the bottom half of the frame.

The Outlaws loaded the bases twice in the frame and twice came up with runs. Gianfranco Filippini and Justin Woodward both came up with two-run singles. Tanner Johnson scored on a balk and Billy Mourer added a sacrifice

fly for a 6-4 advantage. One inning later, Filippini launched a two-run home run to left field for an 8-4 edge and the Cubs couldn't rebound for another upset victory.

Loser-out BOZEMAN 13, ANACONDA 6: A 10-run second spelled relief for the Spikes, who stayed

alive in the tournament with the win. The Spikes got the first three runs on back-to-back-to-back walks to Nelson Brown, Morgan Hostetler and Bennett Hostetler, and Jenner Kearns followed with a two-run single for a 5-2 lead. DJ Perdaems and Jake Willard added RBI singles and Bozeman plated three more runs afterward to take control

of the ballgame. Kearns went 3-for-6 with three RBIs while Jack Hape and Willard each went 4-for-5.

HELENA 5, DEER LODGE 4: The Reps, the tournament's No. 3 seed, escaped an early send-off by scoring four runs in the final two frames. Facing a 4-2 deficit in the eighth, Chase Rook began the inning with a triple off

Dakota Crowe, who them got into a jam by walking Reed Carter and Kenny Wilson.

Crowe's wild pitch plated Rook for a 4-3 Helena deficit, then Jared Smith's sacrifice bunt scored Carter to knot the contest at 4. Brad Tiefenthaler stepped to the plate and mashed a triple to the wall to plate Wilson and give the Reps a victory.

SOUTHERN A BOX SCORES

Belgrade 11, Livingston 1
 Livingston 000 100 0 — 1 4 3
 Belgrade 110 600 3 — 11 12 0
 Hayden Darr, Nolan Darr (7) and Mike Saverson. Jamis Olson and Conner Switzer. W — Olson. L — H. Darr.
Livingston (22-27) — Zach Petrick 2-3, Austin Carroll 0-3, Mike Sawerson 0-4, Tanner Hall; 0-2, Hayden Darr 1-2, Nolan Darr 0-3, Skyler Carroll 0-1, Cotton Landreth 1-3, Gunnar Lallier 0-3.
Belgrade (36-17) — Brett Franklin 2-4, Chris Mitchell 2-4, Trevor Mann 1-4, Conner Switzer 0-2, Chris Gilbreath 2-4, Chris Schrenkengost 1-3, John Hinkle 1-3, Jamis Olson 2-4, Koby Ruff 1-3
3B — H. Darr. HR — Olson. RBI — Gilbreath 2, Franklin, Mann, Olson. SB — Franklin, Schrenkengost.

Gallatin Valley 16, Dillon 6
 Dillon 202 020 0 — 6 8 3
 GVO 008 217 x — 16 12 6
 MJ Simkins, Nate Simkins (3), Dillon Womack (4), Gunar LaFrentz (9), Dustin Cross (9), and Dean Stanel. Jordan Carlson and Dante Filippini. W — Carlson. L — MJ Simkins.
Dillon — Eathyn Peterson 0-3, Cole Mische 0-4, MJ Simkins 2-4, Dean Stanel 1-3, Dillon Womack 2-3, Gunnar LaFrentz 0-3, Logan Wilson 0-3, Jeremy Richardson 0-2, Nate Simkins 0-3, Chris Olson 1-1
Gallatin Valley (32-19) — Kohler Briggs 1-4, Ryder Kuitbeck 3-5, Gianfranco Filippini 4-5, Tanner Johnson 0-2, Justin Woodward 3-4, Dayne Allen 1-3, Billy Mourer 0-2, Jordan Carlson 0-1, Tristan Johnson 0-3, Dante Filippini 1-1
2B — Womack; Allen, G. Filippini. HR — G. Filippini. RBI — MJ Simkins 3, Womack 2, Stanel; G. Filippini 7, Woodward 3, Kuitbeck 2, Alleri, Mourer. SB — Peterson.

Bozeman 13, Anaconda 6
 Anaconda 0 20 200 002 — 6 8 4
 Bozeman 01(1)0 030 00x — 13 15 3
 Anthony Orfino, Eric Boyd (2) and David Flores. David Gaetano, Nelson Brown (5) and DJ Perdaems. W — Brown. L — Orfino.
Anaconda — Eric Boyd 1-3, Cody Forkan 1-4, Jayce Barclay 2-4, Cody Garfield 1-3, Cory Stanberry 1-4, Anthony Orfino 0-4, David Flores 0-4, Drew Conroy 1-4, Carson Meyer 1-3
Bozeman (14-28) — Bennett Hostetler 1-5, Jenner Kearns 3-6, DJ Perdaems 1-4, Jake Willard 4-5, Jack Hape 4-5, Joel Thayer 0-4, David Gaetano 0-3, Nelson Brown 1-3, Morgan Hostetler 1-3, Alex Franklin 0-1.
2B — Barclay, Boyd; Hape, M. Hostetler, Kearns, M. Hostetler. RBI — Barclay 2, Boyd, Garfield, Stanberry; Hape 3, Kearns 3, Brown 2, Gaetano, B. Hostetler, M. Hostetler, Perdaems, Thayer.

Helena 5, Deer Lodge 4
 Deer Lodge 101 001 100 — 4 7 2
 Helena 100 000 13x — 5 7 0
 Dakota Crowe and Jesse Vasquez; Colin Volesky, Jared Smith (4) and Matt Morgan. W — Smith. L — Crowe.
Deer Lodge — Jesse Vasquez 1-4, Kenny Striker 1-5, Dakota Crowe 2-5, Logan Dolron 1-5, Derek Walker 3-5, Trent Surtina 1-3, Taylor Stone 1-3, Kaehi Lowry 0-3, Sheldon Danforth 0-2
Helena — Jared Smith 1-3, Brad Tiefenthaler 2-3, Colin Volesky 0-4, Nick Wrigg 2-4, Zach Mezziak 0-4, Chase Rook 2-4, Reed Carter 0-3, Kenny Wilson 0-3, Danny Burton 1-2, Matt Morgan 0-2
2B — Crowe; Wrigg. SB — Rook, Tiefenthaler. RBI — Crowe, Dolron, Stone, Vasquez; Smith, Tiefenthaler, Colesky, Wrigg. SB — Crowe, Stone, Vasquez; Wrigg.