

LOCAL  
CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

## UKIAH SPEEDWAY

• 14th points race • four cars (qualifying and 75-lap main), 1-4 modifieds, legends, bombers, modifieds, pure stocks (main event), 6:30 p.m.

Calendar listings are culled from the most recent schedules provided by the schools and organizations in our coverage area. Please report schedule changes or incorrect listings to The Daily Journal Sports Department at 468-3518.

## TV LISTINGS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Reds at Braves, 10 a.m. (TBS)  
Yankees at Athletics, 1 p.m. (KICU)  
Giants at Diamondbacks, 1:30 p.m. (KTVU)

Yankees at Athletics, 5 p.m. (ESPN)  
COLLEGE FOOTBALL

West Virginia at Syracuse, 10:30 a.m. (ABC)  
Louisville at Kentucky, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)  
Tulane at Southern Mississippi, 1 p.m. (ESPN2)

Virginia Tech at North Carolina State, 4:15 p.m. (ESPN2)

GOLF  
Women's: State Farm Classic, 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Senior First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, Noon (NBC)  
Deutsche Bank Championship, 2 p.m. (ABC)

MOTORSPORTS  
NASCAR Nextel Cup in Fontana, Calif., 5 p.m. (NBC)

TENNIS  
U.S. Open, 8 a.m. (CBS)  
U.S. Open, 4 p.m. (USA)

VOLLEYBALL  
AVP Chicago Open, 10:30 a.m. (NBC)

COMMUNITY  
DIGESTUHS Boosters Club:  
dinner/auction,  
next meeting

The annual Ukiah High School Boosters Club dinner/auction is set for **Monday, Oct. 3**, at Broiler Steakhouse.

The next club meeting is slated for **Tuesday, Sept. 6**, at 5:30 p.m. at the UHS Career Center (Building A). The meeting is Tuesday instead of Monday because of the Labor Day holiday.

Special Olympics  
Softball

Mendocino County Special Olympics is set to start its summer practices and competition.

The remaining practice will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. on the following day: **Sept. 8** at **Bechtol Field** (North Ukiah Little League field).

The state championship will be held in Sacramento on Sept. 10. Bring a glove, sunscreen and plenty of water to practices. Wear appropriate clothing (tennis shoes, hat, etc.). Don't wear sandals or open-toed shoes. Be at practice 15 minutes earlier if you are picking up and giving a ride to an athlete.

Call the Mendocino County Special Olympics hotline at 468-1282 for more information.

## UVAH golf tourney

The 15th annual UVAH Scramble golf tournament will be held **Sept. 24** at Ukiah Municipal Golf Course.

The four-person scramble will start at 9 a.m.; tee times will be assigned.

A donation of \$60 includes green fees and a chicken barbecue dinner following the tournament. All proceeds benefit the Ukiah Valley Association for Rehabilitation, a non-profit agency. UVAH serves more than 100 adults with disabilities in Willits and Ukiah.

Women are encouraged to participate, as there will be a separate women's division.

Golfers can form their own foursomes or be assigned to a team. If interested in golfing or sponsoring a hole, contact Pam Jensen at 468-8824.

Covelo Ranger  
District hunting  
information

Archery (B zone) deer hunting season for the Covelo Ranger District, Mendocino National Forest, runs from **Aug. 20** until **Sept. 11**. Rifle deer hunting season begins **Sept. 17** and ends **Oct. 23**.

Bear season for B zone on the Covelo Ranger District runs from **Aug. 20** until **Sept. 11**.

For more information, call the Covelo Ranger District (78150 Covelo Rd., Covelo) at 983-6118.

Ukiah Dolphins  
swim and water polo

The Ukiah Dolphins swim and water polo team offers year-round training and competition for all pool-safe swimmers under the age of 18 at the Ukiah High School Pool.

Currently, water polo practices are every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Call Rick Cleland at 468-1551 for more information.

The swim team has both morning and afternoon sessions Monday through Friday. Call Sue Maurer for swim team information at 391-8277.

To place an announcement in the "Community Sports Digest," contact The Ukiah Daily Journal Sports Department by phone at 468-3518. You may also mail your listing to 590 S. School Street, Ukiah, Calif., 95482, e-mail it to udjsports@pacific.net, or fax it to us at 468-3544. Because the "Community Sports Digest" is a FREE service, no guarantees can be made on the frequency of a listing's appearance in The Daily Journal. To assure your event maximum publicity, please contact either our classified (468-3535) or display advertising (468-3510) departments.

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## Small comes up big as Yankees swat A's

Pitcher's outing a breath of fresh air for troubled staff

By JOSH DUBOW

## The Associated Press

OAKLAND — The bad news about the New York Yankees' starting pitching staff kept piling up: injuries, ineffectiveness, questions about who would pitch the next time through the rotation.

Then Aaron Small of all people gave the Yankees the start they desperately needed. Replacing the injured Mike Mussina, Small pitched his first career shutout to help the Yankees move back into a tie for the AL wild-card lead with a 7-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Saturday.

"He's become someone you rely on," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We start-



ON TAP

Yankees (Chacon 4-9) at A's (Zito 12-10)  
Today, 5:05 p.m.  
TV: ESPN  
Radio: KFRC  
610 AM 99.7 FM

ed the season with the starters we had and we certainly didn't foresee this. You have some bad surprises with the injuries, and you can have some good ones like this."

It's been a long journey for the 33-year-old Small to this point. A 22nd-round pick by Toronto in 1989, Small took five years to make it to the majors. He made three starts in 1996, 118 relief appearances the next two seasons and then pitched only eight times in the majors the next six sea-

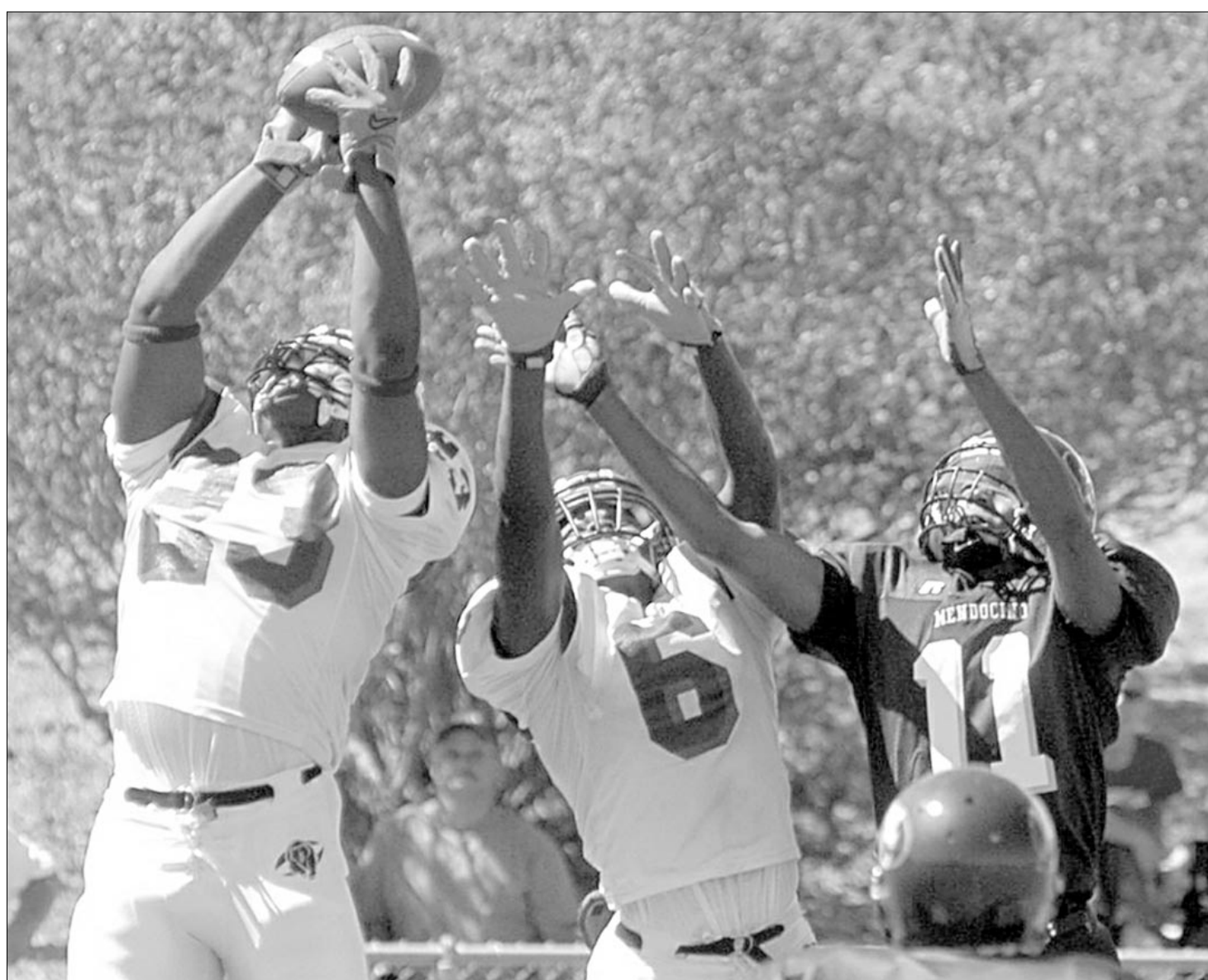
sons. Small signed a minor league deal with

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New York Yankee Robinson Cano attempts to slide into the tag of Oakland third baseman Eric Chavez Saturday.

## JC FOOTBALL | SANTA ROSA 42, MENDOCINO 7



Jeff Caspersen/The Daily Journal

Santa Rosa Junior College's K.J. McCrae (23) picks off a Mendocino College pass in front of teammate Roy Hurst (6) and Eagles receiver Robert Kirvin (11). Mendocino quarterbacks combined for six interceptions in a 42-7 season-opening loss to Santa Rosa Junior College Saturday.

## Final-quarter collapse costs Mendo

## Bear Cubs explode late to top Eagles

By TYLER STOFFEL

## The Daily Journal

UKIAH — Mendocino College football hung around with yearly powerhouse Santa Rosa Junior College for three quarters on Saturday. But a fourth-quarter collapse at home ended the Eagles' chances of an upset, and instead left them on the short side of a 42-7 blowout.

The Mendocino College Eagles were simply out-conditioned by Santa Rosa. "It's my fault as a coach," said Mendocino head coach Tom Gang. "We have to work on our conditioning to be able to play the whole game, not just

three quarters." Gang may blame himself for the loss, but some of the blame has to fall on Mendocino's passing attack. The Eagles' quarterback tandem — Chuck Hogue, who started, and Dayton Edwards — threw six interceptions and no TDs.

Five of the interceptions were thrown by Edwards, who did manage to scramble for a 1-yard touchdown run — the Eagles' only score of the game. Edwards threw for 115 yards on 13 tries, and Hogue completed four passes for 75 yards before leaving the game midway

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## PREP ROUNDUP

## Soccer 'Cats place second at Piner Tourney

## Ukiah notches wins over El Molino, Piner

The Daily Journal

SANTA ROSA — Ukiah's varsity girls soccer squad wrapped up this weekend's eight-team Piner Tournament with a second-place finish, beating El Molino and the host school before falling to Casa Grande in the title game.

The Wildcats on Friday played to a regulation draw with El Mo and then prevailed in a shootout to snatch the win.

Fallon Hovland — who cracked in a goal on a penalty kick to give Ukiah its regulation tally — and Jolene Pearson engaged in a nasty collision during the contest, with Pearson having to be carted off the field. She suffered a concussion but is cleared to return to action within the week.

"It was pretty wicked," said UHS coach Matt Eiffert.

In a 4-0 win over Piner Saturday, Megan Cavalin, Megan Lorenzi, Leah Brooks and Katie Ott each had



courtesy photo

The Ukiah girls soccer squad show off their second-place trophy at the conclusion of the Piner Tournament Saturday.

goals. Cavalin assisted Lorenzi's score on a crossing pass. Brooks opportunistically drove home a loose ball for her goal and Ott blasted a 30-yard free kick on net for hers.

"We played the best we did all season," Eiffert said of the win over

the Prospectors. "That was the highlight. We played excellent."

The Wildcats simply ran out of energy in their 2-0 championship loss to Casa Grande.

A solid weekend has Eiffert optimistic about the direction of the soc-

MLB  
Giants  
win  
again

GIANTS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 4

PHOENIX (AP) — Randy Winn homered twice and Moises Alou had three hits, including a three-run homer, to power the San Francisco Giants past the Arizona Diamondbacks 9-4 Saturday night.

The Giants' fourth straight victory and sixth in seven games moved them into second place in the NL West, 6 1/2 games behind San Diego. San Francisco leapfrogged Los Angeles in the standings after the Dodgers lost 11-1 at Colorado.

Noah Lowry withstood a three-run first to pitch six innings and win his sixth consecutive start. He allowed three runs, seven hits and four walks, striking out seven.

Mike Matheny hit a two-run single, and Todd Linden and Ray Durham each added an RBI double for the Giants.

Arizona's Alex Cintron had a two-run homer and a double, and Luis Terrero and Luis Gonzalez each drove in a run. But the Diamondbacks, who were second in the division before the Giants came to town, couldn't halt their skid, losing their fourth in a row and 15th in 20 games.

Lowry (12-11) had a major league-best 0.69 ERA in August, when he allowed only three earned runs. The Diamondbacks matched that in the first, but then couldn't handle the 24-year-old left-hander.

cer program. A number of strong individual efforts stuck out in the coach's eyes.

"We had strong goalkeeping from Christina Gomez," the first-year head coach praised. "She played in our first game and was the one who got the shootout. She made three of four saves. Then we played freshman Hillary Ruddick all today (Saturday). She did a great job."

Eiffert also mentioned Bernice Segura, Lauren Moses, Meghan Chandler, Megan Daly, Taylor Daly, Ott, Lorenzi and Brooks in recapping the weekend's top performances.

The Wildcats get a few days off before traveling to Montgomery Friday to face a team that was ranked No. 1 nationally last year.

## VOLLEYBALL

## Ukiah squads split with Kelseyville

KELSEYVILLE — Ukiah's volley-

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