

# Dr Pepper tennis tourney canceled

# Softball siblings

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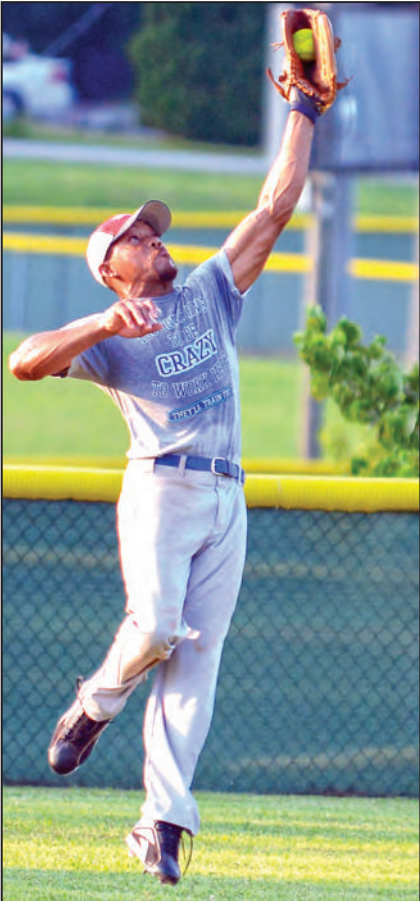
It will be a little longer before tennis enthusiasts can make a racket at McMinnville Civic Center.

David Dunlap announced this week the Dr Pepper tennis tournament, slated to be held Aug. 9-11, has been canceled. This follows the cancellation of the Security Federal tennis tournament last month. Dunlap, the tournament organizer, was hopeful the courts would be ready in time for the Dr Pepper tournament, but construction of two new courts is still ongoing. Demolition of two courts occurred in late May. At the time, McMinnville Parks and Recreation director Scott McCord was unsure when the debut of new



courts would be. "I have no idea how long it will be," said McCord in May when asked about reopening the courts. The demolition followed a year-long wait to get new courts. In 2016, McCord requested of city officials that he be allowed to completely demolish the old courts and install two new courts in their place. Officials added \$100,000 in the budget for the project. Officials are hopeful both tournaments will return next summer.

Reporting by Lisa Hobbs was used in this story.



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**Ramirez Transport makes it a family affair when they take the Cat Walker Field to play in the co-ed adult softball league. Siblings Paul Smith, left, and Felicia "Worm" Hernandez, above, have helped Ramirez Transport rise to the top of the standings in the league and led their team to a win Tuesday night. They are joined by their siblings Erica Chavez and Buffy Ramirez on the squad.**

# AL outfield grabs attention as All-Star rosters announced

**(AP)** - Mike Trout, Aaron Judge and Mookie Betts form a dream outfield for the American League. Bryce Harper and Max Scherzer make up a not-so-gracious welcome committee for the NL. Power in the center of power. A capital-sized All-Star Game. Baseball unveiled the rosters for its midsummer showcase, featuring an imposing AL lineup and Harper starting at his home ballpark in Washington. Reigning AL MVP Jose Altuve was one of five All-Stars from the World Series champion Houston Astros, matching the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians for most in the majors. The New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves each had four, including rookie Gleyber Torres from the Bronx Bombers and fellow second baseman

Ozzie Albies from the surprising Braves. "It's fun. You're playing but you're looking around because you're playing with all those big boys out there," said Altuve, who made the AL team for the sixth time. Torres is on the disabled list with a hip injury and unlikely to participate. While he and Albies are just 21 years old, the list of 25 first-time All-Stars also includes thirty-something surprises like Boston first baseman Mitch Moreland, Texas Rangers slugger Shin-Soo Choo and Atlanta outfielder Nick Markakis. "It's something that I didn't know it would ever be quite possible," Moreland said. "I'm definitely excited about the opportunity and appreciative of having

that opportunity." Trout is working on perhaps the best season of his stellar career with the Los Angeles Angels. Judge has 25 homers and 58 RBIs for the Yankees, and Betts is batting .342 with 22 homers for the major league-leading Red Sox. But that's just the beginning for the AL, which has won five All-Star Games in a row and 17 of the last 21. Altuve led the fan balloting with 4.8 million votes. Baltimore Orioles shortstop Manny Machado will make the short trip down to D.C. for the July 17 game with speculation increasing about his future ahead of the trade deadline. Chicago White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu, Cleveland Indians third baseman Jose Ramirez,

Red Sox designated hitter J.D. Martinez and Tampa Bay Rays catcher Wilson Ramos round out the AL's starting lineup. "The best part is being with all the guys. You're on the biggest stage with the best," said Trout, who was selected for the seventh straight year — tying Boston ace Chris Sale for the longest active streak. Harper was voted a starter for the fourth consecutive year. The slugger, who is eligible for free agency after this season, is batting just .218 for disappointing Washington but has 21 homers and 50 RBIs. He was joined by ace right-hander Max Scherzer and reliever Sean Doolittle from the Nationals. Scherzer, a three-time Cy Young Award winner, could get the start

in his home ballpark. "That'd be an unbelievable experience," he said in an interview on ESPN. "Very excited to represent the Nationals in D.C.," Harper said. "Looking forward to this week to hopefully get one of our other teammates in there as well." Markakis and Matt Kemp will join Harper in the NL outfield. Kemp's return to the Los Angeles Dodgers has been a smashing success. Markakis has been a key performer for the Braves and made an All-Star team for the first time in his 13 major league seasons. "It is kind of emotional. I know my kids and my family are going to be ecstatic," Markakis said. "Whether it came in my first year or this late in my career, it is going to be an exciting time."



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