

SPORTS

PLAYBOOK

Thursday, April 26

Baseball: Kodiak at Houston, 3 p.m. and at Palmer, 6 p.m.

Boys soccer: Kodiak at Redington, 5 p.m.

Softball: Kodiak at Kenai, Junior varsity, 4 p.m.; varsity, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 27

Boys soccer: Kodiak at Palmer, 5 p.m.

Girls soccer: Kodiak vs. Palmer at Baranof Field, 6 p.m.

Softball: Kodiak at Soldotna, 4 and 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

Baseball: Kodiak at Grace Christian, 6 p.m.

Boys soccer: Kodiak at Houston, 10 a.m.

Girls soccer: Kodiak vs. Palmer at Baranof Field, 10 a.m.

Softball: Kodiak at Soldotna, 9 and 11 a.m.

Track: All-comers meet at Baranof Field. Field events,

Compete with KHS track on Saturday

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The track and field team at Kodiak High School is challenging community members to a meet.

The All-Comers Meet is slated for Saturday at Joe Floyd Track and Field. Throwing events begin at noon, with running races starting at 1 p.m.

A special long-distance event will take place at 10 a.m. Runners will compete in the Pillar Mountain Run, with the start and finish line being at the track.

The field events consist of the long jump, shot put, discus and high jump (weather permitting). Running events will include the 3,200 relay, a kid's 50-meter dash, 100/110 hurdles, 1-mile run, 400 relay, 400, 300 hurdles, 800, 100 and 1,600 relay.

The Kodiak boys are coming off winning the Homer Invitational.

At that meet, junior thrower Yasuhiro Yamashita won the shot put with a heave of 45 feet, 5.5 inches.

Hallee Blair led the Kodiak girls to a fourth-place finish. The sophomore won the 300 hurdles in 51.75 seconds.

Junior Ahlissa Timu was second in the shot put with a mark of 35-05, while Micah Bartel was second in the 100 with a time of 11.52.

There is no entry fee for the All-Comers Meet, but the track and field team will be taking donations at the event.



PHOTO COURTESY OF MARINA CUMMISKEY

Kodiak's Marina Cummiskey signs a National Letter of Intent to swim for Simon Fraser University last week in Accra, Ghana. Cummiskey is volunteering for NGO SEND GHANA. Siapha Kamara, the CEO of SEND, is on the left, while two coworkers are on the right.

SWIMMING in CANADA

Cummiskey signs with Simon Fraser

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Most students at Kodiak High School sign their National Letter of Intent somewhere on campus. Not Marina Cummiskey.

Kodiak's senior star swimmer picked a far-flung location.

Last week, Cummiskey committed to Simon Fraser University by signing her NLI in Accra, Ghana.

After graduating early from KHS, Cummiskey has been volunteering for NGO SEND GHANA since March. Her service as a communications/photojournalist intern in the Africa country ends on May 16. Her work is uploaded on SENDS's website.

Days before signing her letter, she spent two weeks in northern Ghana living with a family in the village of Kuwani, just outside Salaga.

"I did everything with the family: slept, ate, bathed, cooked, cracked peanuts, etc., and it was an incredible look into a very different but beautiful way of life," Cummis-



MICHAEL PENN/Juneau Empire

Kodiak's Marina Cummiskey swims in the 200-yard freestyle race during the 2016 ASAA/First National Bank Alaska Swim and Dive State Championships at the Dimond Park Aquatics Center in Juneau.

key wrote in an email to the Daily Mirror.

Cummiskey's return to the states will be brief as she will soon set sail for her first season at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia. SFU is the only NCAA Division II school located in Canada.

She picked SFU over University of Victoria.

"After visiting both UVic and SFU and meeting with their respective coaches and swim teams several times during my time in BC in January and February, I felt that SFU's swim program

and academics would be a better fit for me and my goals," Cummiskey wrote.

SFU landed an accomplished swimmer. Cummiskey won four Alaska state individual titles — three in the 200-yard freestyle and another in the 100 butterfly — while also being named the state's top female swimmer in 2017 during her prep career at KHS.

Cummiskey is looking forward to being on a team again.

"That aspect has always been such a big part of why I love swimming; our Kodiak

swim team is like a family, which is definitely something I miss when I'm not swimming," she wrote.

She noted that swimming will help "make the transition to university and new independent life more natural."

In 2017, the Clan women placed 14th at the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships and produced 14 All-American performances between the women's and men's teams. Cummiskey's personal-best time in the 200 freestyle is 1 minute, 53.22 seconds and is

57.77 in the 100 butterfly; SFU's school records are 1:49.48 and 54.96, respectively.

Along with getting a small swimming scholarship, Cummiskey received the SFU Undergraduate Scholars Entrance Scholarship with Distinction, which will cover her tuition.

Although Cummiskey is half Canadian, she has never lived in Canada for more than six weeks.

"I'm glad I have the opportunity to live in Canada for a while and embrace that other part of my identity," she wrote.

Kodiak baseball game at Houston postponed



KHS softball opens NLC play today at Kenai

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Kodiak baseball's first away game of the season was postponed.

Due to unplayable field conditions in the Mat-Su Valley, Wednesday's game between Kodiak and Houston was postponed.

The Mat-Su Valley received a dusting of

DEREK CLARKSTON/Kodiak Daily Mirror

A South Anchorage runner slides safely into home as Kodiak pitcher Joel Wiersum reaches for the ball during a baseball game last week at Baranof Field.

snow on Tuesday evening, which muddied up fields.

The game will be made up today as part of a doubleheader.

The Bears will play Houston at 3 p.m. and Palmer at 6 p.m. Both games will be played in Palmer and both will count in the Southcentral Conference standings.

The National Weather Service is calling for scattered snow and rain showers in Palmer today.

Palmer is 2-0 after opening the season with wins over a South Anchorage open team (16-3) and Houston (14-2).

Wednesday's canceled game was not the first in the Mat-Su Valley this season as Colony's games against Soldotna last Friday and Saturday were postponed due to poor field conditions.

Kodiak will play Grace Christian in Anchorage on Saturday in a SCC contest. The Bears knocked off the Grizzlies, 8-3, last week in the Rex Edward Matautia Invitational at Baranof Field.

Kodiak won the four-day tournament with a 3-1 record, the only loss coming to South Anchor