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Little League Baseball

Pendleton all-stars topple Hermiston

Pendleton belts 18 hits, 18 runs to stay alive at districts

East Oregonian

ENTERPRISE — The Pendleton 11/12 all-stars stayed alive at the District 3 tournament on Tuesday by

walloping Hermiston with an 18-4 victory.

The win sends Pendleton on in the bracket to play the loser of Triangle and La Grande (results were not available by press time) on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

The loss ends the tournament run for Hermiston.

Pendleton belted 18 hits in the game, led by Jack Lieuellen who was a perfect

4 for 4 with three home runs and eight RBI from the No. 6 spot in the order. Payton Lambert went 3 for 3 with a double and a grand slam home run, and also threw a scoreless 1 1/3 innings on the mound.

Also standing out on offense was Dylan Gomez going 4 for 4 with two runs



scored, Andrew Deminew going 2 for 2 with a home run and four runs scored, and Luke Bensching going 2 for 2 with a run scored.

Gomez started the game at pitcher and struck out four in 2 2/3 innings while allowing three hits and four runs.

Pendleton piled on six runs in the top of the first inning

to take a commanding lead of the game, but Hermiston battled back in the bottom half of the inning. Austin Garberg singled to lead off the inning and then scored on an error, and then Lane Sinor hit an RBI single and then came around to score later in the inning on a passed ball to cut the lead to 6-3.

Hermiston crept close again in the third inning,

when Leyton Lind hit an RBI double to right field and then scored on an error to cut the deficit to 8-4. But then Pendleton closed the door with a ten-run explosion in the top of the fourth to breeze to the victory.

	PND	HRM	R	H	E
	620	301	10	18	18
	0	0	4	3	0

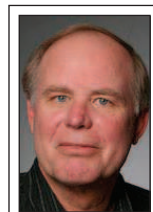
2B — Leyton Lind (HRM); Gavin Clark, Payton Lambert (PND); HR — Payton Lambert, Jack Lieuellen 3, Andrew Deminew (PND).

OTHER VIEWS

Remember, sports are for fun

The odds keep dropping on Conor McGregor, though it's more because UFC fans love him than his actual chances of winning a boxing match against Floyd Mayweather Jr.

No, oddsmakers don't think McGregor has any chance. But his fans keep lining up at the betting window with \$20 bills to



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AP Columnist

back their belief that someone who has never boxed before can beat the greatest defensive boxer of his time.

It's nonsense, of course, but that doesn't deter McGregor's fans. There's also a good chance they'll be spending another \$100 or so to watch the fight on TV, which, of course, is why the fight was made in the first place.

There will be big crowds in Florida this summer, too, though not to watch anyone fight. The St. Lucie Mets have a new outfielder who has more than a bit of name recognition in the state.

Like McGregor, Tim Tebow has no real chance. Not after hitting .220 in low-A ball, and not in a sport new to him at the relatively advanced age of 29.

Tebow is not going to be a major leaguer, no matter what those flocking See DAHLBERG/2B

College Baseball

Florida wins its first championship



Florida players celebrate after defeating LSU in Game 2 to win the NCAA College World Series baseball finals in Omaha, Neb., Tuesday, June 27, 2017.

AP Photo/Nati Harnik

Gators sweep conference rival Tigers in College World Series

By ERIC OLSON
AP Sports Writer



OMAHA, Neb. — Maybe this wasn't Florida coach Kevin O'Sullivan's best team. Is it, however, his first national championship team.

The Gators scored four runs in the eighth inning to pull away from LSU and beat their Southeastern Conference rival 6-1 Tuesday night to complete a two-game sweep in the College World Series finals for the 103-year-old baseball program's first national title.

Florida (52-19) posted the eighth sweep in the 15 years of the best-of-three finals format, and first

since 2013. LSU (52-20) lost for the first time in seven appearances in a championship game.

"Just a gritty group, that's all I can say," said O'Sullivan, the 10th-year coach who had brought the Gators to Omaha six of the last eight years. "There are other teams that may be bigger and stronger, our

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LSU's Kramer Robertson (3) is tagged out by Florida's Mike Rivera during the eighth inning of Game 2 of the NCAA baseball College World Series finals, Tuesday, June 27, 2017, in Omaha, Neb. Robertson represented the tying run at the time.

Brendan Sullivan/Omaha World-Herald via AP



Philadelphia Phillies' Cameron Perkins slides safely home to score during the fifth inning of the team's baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Tuesday, June 27, 2017, in Seattle. Philadelphia won the game 8-2, handing Seattle its third straight loss.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

MLB

Mariners thumped by struggling Phillies

Seattle falters late to lose third straight

By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Maikel Franco and Arron Altherr homered and Aaron Nola allowed two runs over seven innings as the Philadelphia Phillies overcame an early deficit for an 8-2 victory

over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Franco opened the seventh with his 10th home run, sending a 1-0 pitch from James Paxton over the wall in left-center to put the Phillies up 3-2.

The Phillies made it 4-2 in the eighth on an RBI single by Freddy Galvis and then added four unearned



runs in the ninth, capped by Altherr's two-run homer, his 13th.

Nola (5-5) gave up five hits, including Jean Segura's two-run homer in the third. He struck out a season-high nine and walked four in a 113-pitch outing. Joaquin Benoit pitched a perfect eighth and Hector Neris

struck out the side in the ninth.

Paxton (5-3) gave up three runs and four hits in seven innings. He struck out nine and walked three in losing his third consecutive decision.

The Phillies, who won for just the 11th time on the road against 31 losses, erased a 2-0 deficit in the fifth on two sacrifice flies. They loaded

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Sports shorts

Lyerla to serve 30-day jail term

HILLSBORO (AP) — Former Oregon tight end Colt Lyerla has been sentenced to an additional 30 days in jail after escaping from custody last month and nearly dying from a drug overdose.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports a Washington County judge told Lyerla on Tuesday to get clean and sober. The judge said he wants Lyerla to meet with him for progress updates, establish goals and move beyond his persona as a former college star.

Lyerla said he accepts the challenge. Lyerla was sentenced in April to six months in jail after pleading guilty to forgery. He was lodged at a minimum-security work release center. Police found Lyerla a day after the escape, overdosing on heroin at a Hillsboro home.



Lyerla

"I actually fell asleep towards the back end of the first round of the draft. But when I woke up in the morning, my phone lit up with the news that the Cowboys had drafted a Taco. We had to do something."

— Mike Roper
CEO for Taco Bueno, a Mexican restaurant that signed Dallas Cowboys first round draft pick Taco Charlton to an endorsement deal. Taco Bueno's headquarters are in Irving, Texas and has 180 stores in seven states.

Beltre hits 450th career homer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Adrian Beltre had an extra reason to celebrate moving up the all-time home run list. This latest shot also won a game.

Beltre hit his 450th career homer, a solo drive in the ninth inning off Cody Allen that sent the Texas Rangers over the Cleveland Indians 2-1.

"Obviously it's a good milestone, but I don't want to get caught up on thinking about that right now," he said. "Hopefully I can accumulate some more."

Beltre drove the first pitch from Allen (0-4) into the left field bleachers, and moved into sole possession of 39th place on the career chart.

"That's just another piece of the legend of Adrian Beltre, really, and just what he's able to do, especially late in the game," said Rangers manager Jeff Banister.



Beltre

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1997 — Evander Holyfield, bleeding badly from his right ear after being bitten by Mike Tyson, retains the WBA heavyweight championship in Las Vegas when Tyson is disqualified after the third round.

2007 — Craig Biggio becomes the 27th player in major league history to get 3,000 hits in Houston's 8-5 11-inning victory over Colorado.

2009 — Mariano Rivera earns his 500th save, becoming the second reliever to reach the milestone, and the New York Yankees beat the Mets 4-2 for a Subway Series sweep.

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