

Summit defeats Astoria Ford, 3-1

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MONMOUTH — The Summit Storm had only two hits and scored in just one inning, but it was enough for a 3-1 victory over Astoria Ford Saturday, in a consolation game of the Junior Baseball state tournament at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

Astoria stranded eight base runners in the season-ending loss, while the Storm had both hits and scored all three of its runs in the second inning, then let pitcher Hayden Love close it out.

Love went the distance on the mound, allowing five hits with three strikeouts and three walks, while Astoria's Jackson Arnsdorf (one hit allowed, four strikeouts, four walks) took the loss in four innings of work. Tyler Lyngstad pitched the final two innings, giving up one hit.

The Fishermen posted their lone run in the fourth inning, a double by Jaysn Gohl that scored Samboy Tuimato, who

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL	
Summit 3, Astoria Ford 1	
Astoria	000 100 0—15 0
Summit	030 000 x—32 1
Arnsdorf, Lyngstad (5) and Gohl; Love and Howdy, Graziani (3).	
W: Love. L: Arnsdorf. RBI: Sum, Steelhammer, Scarborough. 2B: Ast, Lucore. HBP: Ast, Englund; Sum, Peterson. LOB: Astoria Ford 8, Summit 6.	

Thurston 5, Astoria Ford 4	
Astoria	002 020 0—42 2
Thurston	000 101 3—57 3
Englund, Hageman (7) and Gohl; Howard and Thoreson, Neer (4). W: Howard. L: Englund. RBI: Thu, Bulom 2, Steelmen 2, Francis. 2B: Ast, O'Brien. 3B: Thu, Bulom. HBP: Ast, Tuimato; Thu, Sargeant 2. LOB: Astoria Ford 8, Thurston 7.	

had two of Astoria's five hits.

Summit scored three runs in the second inning on a fielder's choice and a groundout by Drew Steelhammer.

The state tournament field of 16 teams included seven schools from the 6A level and eight 5A schools. Astoria was the only 4A school competing.

Thurston 5, Astoria 4

MONMOUTH — Before Saturday's loss to Summit, Astoria Ford lost a 5-4 nail-biter to Thurston Friday afternoon, in a quarterfinal game of the

tournament.

Thurston — Junior Baseball state champions in 2008 and 2010 — overcame a 4-2 deficit after six innings with three runs in the bottom of the seventh to score the victory.

Astoria Ford, which had won Junior Baseball state titles in 2006, 2007 and 2009, had just two hits in the loss, both by lead-off batter Cade O'Brien. The rest of the Fishermen lineup was 0-for-20.

Instead, Astoria took advantage of three Thurston errors, plus eight walks and a hit bat-

ter by Thurston pitcher Alec Howard, who went the distance despite struggling. Ole Englund took the loss for the Fishermen, as he pitched six-and-a-third innings, with two strikeouts, two walks and six hits allowed. Trey Hageman came on in relief, and gave up one hit.

Astoria scored the first run in the third inning, when O'Brien singled and eventually scored on a passed ball. Englund walked and also scored on a passed ball later in the inning.

The Fishermen tacked on two in the fifth, as O'Brien and Samboy Tuimato both scored on an error for a 4-1 lead.

Trailing 4-2 to start the bottom of the seventh, Thurston's Connor Morton reached on an error with one out and took second on a single by Carson Werder. Kobe Bulom followed with a two-run triple to center field to tie the game.

After a pitching change, Thurston's Decker Stedman singled to center, scoring Bulom with the game-winner.

The 106th annual Coast Invitational begins play today

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WARRENTON — Match play begins today in the 106th annual Oregon Coast Invitational, following a weekend of qualifying at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Riley Elmes of the Oregon Golf Club won medalist honors Saturday in the Grand Champions Division.

Elmes — who lost a tie-breaker to Anthony Arvidson for medalist in last year's qualifying round — shot a 67 to edge Harrison Moir of Waverley, who carded a 68. Jay Ross finished with a 69.

Returning champions include Michael Healy (Seniors) and David Vistica

(Super Seniors), while nine-time Women's champion Lara Mack Tennant is not competing this year because of a shoulder injury.

Other medalists from a weekend of qualifying included James Folk, who shot an even-par 72 for his second straight medalist title in the Junior/Seniors Division; and 67-year-old Jeff Leinassar shot a 67 to earn medalist honors for the Super Seniors.

Qualifying scores for Women's and Seniors divisions were not available.

Match play starts today in the Grand Champions and Junior/Seniors divisions, and action continues every day through Saturday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Griffey Jr., Piazza inducted into Hall of Fame

By JOHN KEKIS
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COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Two players who began their careers at opposite ends of the spectrum nearly three decades ago ended up in the same place on Sunday — with their names etched on plaques at the Baseball Hall of Fame.

For Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza, the culmination of their long journeys was tinged with tears all around.

"I stand up here humbled and overwhelmed," Griffey said, staring out at his family and tens of thousands of fans. "I can't describe how it feels."

The two became a piece of history on their special day. Griffey, the first pick of the 1987 amateur draft, became the highest pick ever inducted. Piazza, a 62nd-round pick the next year — No. 1,390 — is the lowest pick to enter the Hall of Fame.

Griffey played 22 big-league seasons with the Mariners, Reds and White Sox and was selected on a record 99.32 percent of ballots cast, an affirmation of sorts for his clean performance during baseball's so-called Steroids Era.

A 13-time All-Star and 10-time Gold Glove Award winner in center field, Griffey hit 630 home runs, sixth all-time, and drove in 1,836 runs. He also was the American League MVP in 1997, drove in at least 100 runs in eight seasons, and won seven Silver Slugger Awards.

Starting with Mariners

Griffey, who fell just three votes shy of being the first unanimous selection, hit 417 of his 630 homers and won all 10 of his Gold Gloves with the Seattle Mariners. He played the first 11 seasons of his career with the Mariners and led them to the playoffs for the first two times in franchise history.

"Thirteen years with the Seattle Mariners, from the day I got drafted, Seattle, Wash-



AP Photo/John Froschauer

Seattle Mariners' Ken Griffey Jr. hits a solo home run on a pitch from Texas Rangers' Tommy Hunter during the fourth inning of a baseball game in Seattle on Oct. 3.

'I stand up here humbled and overwhelmed. I can't describe how it feels.'

Ken Griffey Jr.

Baseball Hall of Fame inductee

ington, has been a big part of my life," Griffey said, punctuating the end of his speech by putting a baseball cap on backward as he did throughout his career.

"I'm going to leave you with one thing. In 22 years I learned that one team will treat you the best, and that's your first team. I'm damn proud to be a Seattle Mariner."

Dubbed "The Natural" for his effortless excellence at the plate and in center field, Griffey avoided the Hall of Fame until his special weekend because he wanted his first walk through the front doors of the stately building on Main Street to be with his kids, whom he singled out one by one in his 20-minute speech.

"There are two misconceptions about me — I didn't work hard and everything I did I made look easy," Griffey said. "Just because I made it look easy doesn't mean that it was. You don't become a Hall of Famer by not working, but working day in and day out."

Griffey's mom, Birdie, and his father, former Cincinnati Reds star Ken Sr., both cancer survivors and integral to his rise to stardom, were front and center in the first row.

"To my dad, who taught me how to play this game and to my mom, the strongest woman I know," Junior said. "To have to be mom and dad, she was our biggest fan and our biggest critic. She's the only woman I know that lives in one house and runs five others."

Tough start

Selected in the draft by the Dodgers after Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda, a close friend of Piazza's father, Vince, put in a good word, Piazza struggled.

He briefly quit the game while in the minor leagues, returned and persevered despite a heavy workload as he switched from first base to catcher and teammates criticized his erratic play.

Mom and dad were foremost on his mind, too.

"Dad always dreamed of



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National Baseball Hall of Fame electees Ken Griffey Jr., left, and Mike Piazza smile during an awards ceremony at Doubleday Field on Saturday, in Cooperstown, N.Y. The two were inducted into the Hall of Fame on Sunday.



AP Photo/Mike Groll

Fans of inductee Ken Griffey Jr. stand at the start of the National Baseball Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Clark Sports Center on Sunday, in Cooperstown, N.Y.

him his start, Piazza found a home in New York when he was traded to the Mets in May 1998.

Three years later, he became a hero to the hometown fans with perhaps the most notable home run of his career. His two-run shot in the eighth inning at Shea Stadium lifted the Mets to a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves in the first sporting event played in New York after the 9/11 terror attacks.

Piazza paid tribute to that moment.

"To witness the darkest evil of the human heart ... will

be forever burned in my soul," Piazza said. "But from tragedy and sorrow came bravery, love, compassion, character and eventual healing."

"Many of you give me praise for the two-run home run in the first game back on Sept. 21st, but the true praise belongs to police, firefighters, first responders that knew that they were going to die, but went forward anyway. I pray that we never forget their sacrifice."

Attendance was estimated at around 50,000 by the Hall of Fame, tying 1999 for second-most all time.

International Olympic Committee leaders stop short of complete ban on Russians from Rio



AP Photo/Matthias Schrader

Doping whistleblower Yuliya Stepanova, who ran under a neutral flag during the European Athletics Championships in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where all athletes competed with an anti-doping slogan "I run clean" on their bibs. The IOC said Sunday, 800-meter Yulia Stepanova, who along with her husband provided evidence of widespread doping in Russian track and field, could not race in Rio because she once served a doping ban.

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LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Rejecting calls by anti-doping officials for a complete ban on Russia, Olympic leaders on Sunday gave individual sports federations the task of deciding which athletes should be cleared to compete in next month's Rio de Janeiro Games.

Citing the need to protect the rights of individual athletes, the International Olympic Committee decided against taking the unprecedented step of excluding Russia's entire team over allegations of state-sponsored doping. Instead, the IOC left it to 27 international sports

federations to make the call on a case-by-case basis.

"Every human being is entitled to individual justice," IOC President Thomas Bach said after the ruling of his 15-member executive board.

Bach said the IOC had decided instead on a set of "very tough criteria" that could dent Russia's overall contingent and medal hopes in Rio, where the Olympics will open on Aug. 5.

Under the measures, no Russian athletes who have ever had a doping violation will be allowed into the games, whether or not they have served a sanction, a rule that has not applied to athletes in other countries.

In addition, the international sports federations were ordered to check each Russian athlete's

drug-testing record, with only doping controls conducted outside Russia counting toward eligibility, before authorizing them to compete. Final entry is contingent on approval from an independent sports arbitrator.

The IOC decision was sharply criticized by anti-doping bodies as a sellout that undermines clean athletes and destroys the idea of a level playing field.

World Anti-Doping Agency President Craig Reedie said the organization is "disappointed that the IOC did not heed WADA's executive committee recommendations" after investigators "exposed, beyond a reasonable doubt, a state-run doping program in Russia that seriously undermines the princi-

ples of clean sport."

Joseph de Pencier, chief executive of the 59-member Institute of National Anti-Doping Organizations, said the IOC "failed to confront forcefully the findings of evidence of state-sponsored doping in Russia corrupting the Russian sport system," describing it as "a sad day for clean sport."

U.S. Anti-Doping Agency CEO Travis Tygart said the "IOC has refused to take decisive leadership" in a most important moment for the integrity of the Olympic Games and clean athletes.

"The decision regarding Russian participation and the confusing mess left in its wake is a significant blow to the rights of clean athletes," Tygart said.