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SPORTS



in TrackTown track meet

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EUGENE — Astoria's Sam Schacher placed second in the TurboJav (a smaller version of the javelin) in the TrackTown Youth League Championship June 10.

The championship, held at Historic Hayward Field in Eugene, is the culminating event of the Track-Town Youth League.

In order to stand on the podium at the championship, athletes had to first qualify at one of 14 regional allcomer meets throughout the state.

After placing in the top two at a regional meet, athletes set foot on Hayward Field immediately after the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships, following the University of Oregon women's historic

Despite constant rain and chilly temperatures, over 450 athletes representing over 70 communities throughout Oregon took part.

Competing in the boys' age 7-8 division, Schacher tossed the TurboJav 59 feet, 8 inches for the second-best mark of the day.

Astoria's Schacher second | Youth soccer kicks off summer fun



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Counselors for Camp Kick-A-Lot show off their uniforms on the camp's Mix-Match Day. Camp Kick-A-Lot kicks off July 17.

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The Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association is gearing up for summer and fall season activities, including the LCYSA Jamboree, Camp Kick-A-Lot and the fall recreational league.

Registrations are now being accepted for Camp Kick-A-Lot and the fall recreational season.

A free soccer jamboree is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. July 15, at the Warrenton Soccer Complex, and soccer camp kicks off July 17. Visit the LCYSA website at lcysasoccer.com for more information.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

United beats Timbers, 3-2

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Abu Danladi broke a tie in the 64th minute and expansion Minnesota United beat the Portland Timbers 3-2 on Wednesday night to snap twogame losing and scoreless streaks. Danladi scored

for the second time this season, handling a ricochet off goalkeeper Jake Gleeson to score from 10 yards.

Minnesota (5-9-2)

improved to 5-3 at home, scoring for the first time since a 1-0 victory over Orlando City on May 27. The Timbers (7-7-3) have lost two straight in MLS play, both on the road.

Portland's Amobi Okugo gave Minnesota a 1-0 lead with an own goal in the seventh minute, but Diego Valeri tied it for the Timbers on a penalty kick in the

Christian Ramirez restored Minnesota's lead in the 47th, and Francisco Calvo tied it in the 50th minute.

Cascadia Cup match pushed to Sunday night

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The start time for Sunday's Major League Soccer match between the Seattle Sounders and the Portland Timbers has been pushed back to 7:30 p.m. because of high temperatures in the forecast.

The Cascadia Cup rivalry game was originally scheduled to kick off at 1 p.m. local time. But the National Weather Service is forecasting temperatures hovering around 100 for the afternoon

The late start means the field will not be in direct sunlight at all during the game.

Seattle Mariners' Nelson Cruz, right celebrates with Jarrod Dyson (1) after Dyson scored during the sixth inning of a baseball game against the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday in Seattle. The Mariners won 7-5. The teams play again tonight at 7:10.

Dyson sparks Mariners to a 7-5 comeback win

By JIM HOEHN Associated Press

EATTLE — After five innings of offensive futility, Jarrod Dyson was just looking to get on base. He did, and turned the game around.

Dyson's bunt single broke up Justin Verlander's bid for a perfect game in the sixth inning Wednesday night and sparked the Seattle Mariners to a 7-5 comeback win over the Detroit Tigers.

Nelson Cruz had three RBIs and Mitch Haniger homered as Seattle overcame a 4-0 deficit with three runs in the sixth and four in the seventh to hand the Tigers their fifth consecutive defeat

Verlander retired his first 16 batters but didn't make it through the sixth. With one out, the speedy Dyson gave the Mariners their first base runner, beating out a drag bunt between the mound and first that Verlander was unable to reach.

"I was just trying to get something going,"

UP NEXT: MARINERS

- Detroit Tigers (32-39)
- at Seattle Mariners (37-37) Today, 7:10 p.m. TV: RTŃW, FSDT

said Dyson, whose earlier throwing error helped Detroit build a 4-0 lead. "The guy was having a perfect game on us. I'm not just going to keep going up there hacking at him. I know how our matchups have been in the past. He always wins the battle, so I had to just try to play my game and I was able to get down a good bunt.'

Mike Zunino walked and Jean Segura, just activated from the disabled list, followed with a broken-bat single to load the bases.

Ben Gamel lined a single to make it 4-1. Robinson Cano struck out looking, but Cruz followed with a two-run double to left field, chasing Verlander after 110 pitches. He struck out 11 and walked one.

Verlander had no problem with Dyson

bunting to break up a no-hit bid.

"It was a perfect bunt," Verlander said. "That's part of his game. I don't think it was quite too late, given the situation, to bunt, especially being as how that's a major part of what he does. I really didn't have any issues with it. It wasn't like I got upset about it."

Haniger tied the score with his sixth homer, driving an 0-1 pitch from Shane Greene (1-1) over the wall in left to open the seventh. Segura and Gamel reached on consecutive two-out singles and Cano followed with a two-run double to right-center to give the Mariners a 6-4 lead. Cruz's single to cen-

"Sixth and seventh inning, they just hit us," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "They got hits, they scored runs, scored seven runs in those two innings and that was the ballgame."

Tony Zych (3-2) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings for the win. Nick Vincent worked the eighth and Edwin Diaz finished for his 12th save, despite allowing a two-out homer to Ian Kinsler, his seventh.

Poche' sets LSU mark, knocks Florida State out of CWS

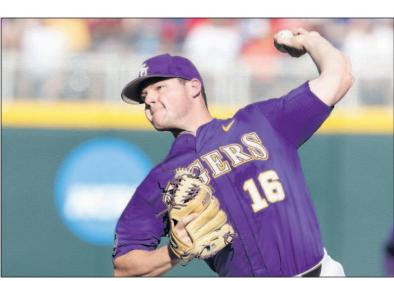
Team to face OSU in Bracket 1 final

By ERIC OLSON Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Jared Poche' returned to LSU for his senior season for moments like this. His freshman teammate, Jake Slaughter, just started making his memories.

Poche' became LSU's career wins leader with a splendid performance over eight innings, Slaughter hit his first home run in three months for an early five-run cushion, and the Tigers eliminated Florida State from the College World Series with a 7-4 win Wednesday night.

LSU (50-18) advanced to the Bracket 1 final against No. 1 national seed Oregon State, which beat the Tigers 13-1 on Monday. The Tigers would have to beat the Beavers on Friday and again Saturday to reach



AP Photo/Nati Harnik

LSU pitcher Jared Poche' works against Florida State during the first inning of an NCAA College World Series baseball game in Omaha, Neb., Wednesday. LSU advanced to the Bracket 1 final against Oregon State.

the best-of-three finals week.

Rather than think ahead to the daunting task awaiting the Tigers,

the moments after the win over the Seminoles were a time to fete their reliable left-hander and the kid who

UP NEXT: BEAVERS

• Oregon State Beavers (2-0) vs Louisiana State Tigers (2-1)

· Friday, noon TV: ESPN

got a start because coach Paul Mainieri had a gut feeling it was the right

"Poche' was just the man tonight," Mainieri said. "He put the team on his shoulders and carried us to the promised land. We needed that win to keep our season alive to win our 50th game, to make the final four, to have a shot at Oregon State. There was a lot riding on this ballgame tonight, and Poché was a cool customer and just went out there and pitched as well as I've ever seen him

Florida State (46-23) will go home without a national title for a 22nd time, and 16th under coach

Mike Martin, who completed his

38th year as coach. No program has as many CWS appearances without winning the championship.

"It feels like we gave it everything we had, and it wasn't meant to be," Martin said. "We gave it our best shot. We never felt sorry for ourselves. We kept battling. There'll be seven disappointed coaches to leave here. Am I disappointed? Well, if I'm not, I'm not much of a competitor."

Poche' (12-3), making his school-record 69th career start, won for the 39th time to break the record Scott Schultz set from 1992-95.

Poche' left after Quincy Nieporte and Cal Raleigh homered on consecutive pitches in the ninth. Zack Hess, hitting 98 mph on the radar gun, struck out the side for his third save.

"If you had told me four years ago before I started my career at LSU that in four short years you're going to be in Omaha and break the all-time wins record, there's no way I would have believed that," said Poche'.