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Tourney winners, baseball and softball



The Lower Columbia 11U All-Stars pose with their first-place trophy, following their tournament victory in Longview, Wash.

The Daily Astorian

There are more recent first-place tournament finishes for local teams.

In Cal Ripken Baseball action, the Lower Columbia 11U All-Stars won a tournament in Longview, Washington, the weekend of June 16-18.

Lower Columbia lost its first game, then bounced back to win four straight to take first.

In softball, Seaside's 12U tournament team took first place in the Silver Division at the Alaskan United Fastpitch Organization tournament in Newberg, June 24-25.



Seaside's 12U fastpitch softball team poses with their first-place trophy, following their tournament win in Newberg.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Former Oregon tight end sentenced to 30 days for escape

Associated Press

HILLSBORO — 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 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.

Once considered an NFL prospect, Lyerla left the Ducks in 2013 after he was suspended for violating team rules. He has had several run-ins with the law since then.

Franco, Altherr homer as Phillies beat Mariners

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Maikel Franco put the Philadelphia Phillies ahead to stay with his bat. His defense earned him a hug.

Franco and Arron Altherr homered, Aaron Nola pitched seven effective innings and the Phillies overcame an early deficit for an 8-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Franco opened the seventh with his 10th homer, sending a 1-0 pitch from James Paxton over the wall in left-center to put the Phillies up 3-2. In the bottom half, he helped preserve the lead with a diving stab on Jean Segura's hard-hit grounder to third with two runners on.

"As soon as I slid and made that play, I just got up and threw," said Franco, who got a hug from Nola after the inning. "And it was not a perfect throw, but that was my play. Nola did a really good job. That's the little things to win the ballgame. In that situation, bottom of the seventh, two outs, two guys on first and second, that was a big play."

SCOREBOARD

SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Junior Baseball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Astoria Ford (2), 5 p.m.

THURSDAY

Junior Baseball — Warrenton at Seaside (2), 4 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Warrenton Alumni Day at Huddleston Field, Noon

Junior Baseball — Scappoose at Astoria Ford, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES



Brendan Sullivan/Omaha World-Herald

Florida celebrates after defeated LSU in Game 2 of the NCAA baseball College World Series finals, Tuesday, in Omaha, Neb.

Florida beats LSU for 1st national title

By **ERIC OLSON**
Associated Press

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

A year after the Gators went two games and out at the College World Series with a team seeded No. 1 and loaded with high draft picks, they won five of six in Omaha and completed a sweep of Southeastern Conference rival LSU in the finals with a 6-1 victory Tuesday night.

The Gators scored four runs in the eighth inning to pull away and now, for the first time in the program's 103-year history, the cham-

ampionship trophy will be with the team when it travels back to Gainesville.

"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 starting pitching has carried us the whole year, but we got some timely hits."

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.

Florida was in the CWS for the 11th time and previously had made it to the finals in 2005 and 2011, getting swept each time.

"They're a very deserving national champion," LSU coach Paul Mainieri said. "I'm happy for Kevin. He works hard, and he has had several teams that maybe were even better than this team and sat up here as disappointed as I am right now. Finally got his championship."

O'Sullivan got creative for the final game, sending freshman Tyler Dyson to the mound for only his second start and calling on Jackson Kowar, who would have been the starter if a Game 3 had been necessary, to finish the game.

"Something that made this team so special was each and every game, someone new stepped up," second baseman Deacon Liput said. "You never really knew who that person was going to be."

UK charges six in 1989 stadium tragedy that killed 96

By **DANICA KIRKA**
Associated Press

LONDON — British prosecutors charged a former senior police officer with manslaughter today as they announced the first criminal cases in the 1989 Hillsborough stadium disaster that left 96 people dead — many of them crushed against metal fences — and changed English soccer forever.

The families of the victims have waged a decades-long quest to seek justice for their loved ones, who they believed were unfairly blamed in the April 15, 1989, tragedy. The initial deaths were ruled accidental — a ruling overturned in 2012 after a new, wide-ranging inquiry.

Last year new inquests found that the 96 fans had been unlawfully killed. Files were sent to prosecutors to consider criminal charges and they announced their highly anticipated decision today.

Barry Devonside, whose son Christopher, 18, was among the 96, pumped his fist after a meeting with lawyers and other relatives.

"Everybody applauded when it was announced that the most senior police



AP Photo

Police, stewards and supporters tend and care for wounded supporters on the pitch at Hillsborough Stadium, in Sheffield, England, on April 15, 1989. British prosecutors today announced charges in the deaths of 96 people in the Hillsborough stadium crush — one of Britain's worst-ever sporting disasters.

officer on that particular day will have charges presented to him," he said.

Those charged include the police commander on the day, David Duckenfield, who is accused of gross neg-

ligence manslaughter in the deaths of 95 men, women and children. Prosecutors declined to issue a manslaughter charge relating to the 96th casualty because he died four years after the

fateful match.

The former chief of South Yorkshire Police, Norman Bettison, is charged with misconduct in public office for lying about the disaster and its aftermath.

Graham Henry Mackrell, the secretary and safety officer for the Sheffield Wednesday Football Club at the time, was charged with failing to carry out health and safety duties.

Peter Metcalf, the attorney for the South Yorkshire Police, was charged with acting "with intent to pervert the course of public justice" in regards to changes in witness statements during an inquiry into the tragedy. Former Chief Superintendent Donald Denton and former Detective Chief Inspector Alan Foster were charged for their involvement in the same matter.

"Criminal proceedings have now commenced and the defendants have a right to a fair trial," said Sue Hemming, the head prosecutor for special crime and counterterrorism. "It is extremely important that there should be no reporting, commentary or sharing of information online which could in any way prejudice these proceedings."