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IN BRIEFTimbers beat
Whitecaps 2-1
to snap 6-game
winless streak

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Caleb Porter spent the last few days trying to patch together a lineup with injuries, suspensions and international duty ravaging his roster.

At the final whistle Sunday, the Portland Timbers coach pumped a jubilant and relieved fist in celebration before hugging his assistants — a reaction not usually seen after a July match in Major League Soccer.

Sebastian Blanco scored early in the second half and the Timbers beat the Vancouver Whitecaps 2-1 to snap a six-game winless streak.

Portland dressed just 16 players instead of the usual 18, with Porter having to call up two members of the club's USL affiliate to fill out his bench.

Phelps loses to
fake shark in
'Shark Week'

Associated Press

Michael Phelps has finally met his match in the water: a "great white shark."

The Olympic champion swimmer was bested Sunday night in the Discovery Channel's Shark Week special "Phelps vs. Shark: Great Gold vs. Great White."

But Phelps didn't swim with a real shark. He competed in the ocean against a computer-simulated fish based on data on the swimming speed of sharks.

Phelps was outfitted with a wetsuit and a monofin to mimic a shark's powerful tail. He finished the 100-meter race in 38 seconds, 2seconds slower than the simulated shark.

Phelps tweeted Sunday that he'd like a rematch, but in warmer water.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

Oregon Coast Invitational
Qualifying Results
Grand Champions
(Top 10)

1. Sam Hinton, 66
2. Anthony Arvidson, 69
3. Bill Winter, 69
4. Adam Harrington, 70
- Harrison Moir, 70
- Jay Ross, 70
7. John DeLong, 72
- Rex Puterbaugh, 72
9. Mike Fritz, 72
- Peter Jennings, 72
- Randy Tucker, 72
- Daniel Terrell, 72

Women's

1. Gretchen Johnson, 74
2. Lara Tennant, 77
3. Cappy Mack, 78
4. Marcia Walsh, 80
5. Gini Miller, 82
6. Kat Magner, 83
7. Katie Sturgell, 84
- Dotty Johnson, 84
9. Renee Case, 85
10. Charisse Spada, 87
- Mary Jacobs, 87
- Ali Battaglia, 87

Junior/Seniors

1. Dennis Sturgell, 74
- Matt Elmes, 74
- John Holtman, 74
4. Steve Fordney, 76
5. Henry Emmerson, 77
- Steve Roos, 77
7. Steve Johnson, 78
- Jim Parks, 78
9. Brian Hefele, 79
- Doug Edwards, 79
- Kurt Payne, 79
- Mike Ralston, 79
- Rob Turk, 79
- All LaPlante, 79

Seniors

1. Michael Healy, 75
2. John Shepherd, 77
3. Mike Maltman, 78
- Michael Terrell, 78
- Tom Mullfur, 78
6. Bret Stevens, 79
- Patrick Terrell, 79
- Brooke Benz, 79
9. Walter Yeaw, 80
10. Robert Tennant, 81

Super Seniors

1. Gaylord Davis, 75
- Marshall Gleason, 75
3. Larry Allen, 76
4. Ray Grubbs, 79
- John Lewis, 79
- Larry Wobbrock, 79
- Rob Swingle, 79
- Bill Weed, 79
- Mike Graham, 79
10. Jeff Leinassar, 80
- Rick Abrahamson, 80
- Peter Roscoe, 80



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Seaside's Samuel Hinton shot a 6-under-par 66 to win qualifying for the Grand Champions division Saturday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, site of the 107th annual Oregon Coast Invitational this week. Play gets underway today.

107th Oregon Coast
Invitational starts today

The Daily Astorian



WARRENTON — Match play begins today in the 107th annual Oregon Coast Invitational, following a weekend of qualifying at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

Samuel Hinton, a Seaside High graduate and a junior on the Willamette University golf team, won medalist honors Saturday in the Grand Champions Division.

Hinton shot a 6-under-par 66 to finish ahead of Anthony Arvidson and Bill Winter, who tied with a 69.

Portland Golf Club's Gretchen Johnson had a 1-over 74 to win the women's medalist award in Sunday's qualifying round.

Coast Invitational returning champions

include four-time winner Amanda Jacobs, who has won three of the last four women's titles; James Folk (Junior/Seniors); Jamie Ihander (Seniors) and David Vistica, going for a three-peat in the Super Seniors.

Other medalists from a weekend of qualifying included Dennis Sturgell, who shot a 2-over 74 along with Matt Elmes and John Holtman, then won a tie-breaker for top honors in the Junior/Seniors Division; Michael Healy carded a 3-over 75 to win Seniors' qualifying; and Gaylord Davis won a tie-breaker with Marshall Gleason at 75 for the Super Seniors.

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

Yankees win first series in
6 weeks, beat Mariners 6-4

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Yankees bullpen put together a needed shutdown effort, and New York looked more like the team that showed so much early-season promise.

New York won a series for the first time in six weeks when Aroldis Chapman struck out Ben Gamel with a runner on to preserve a 6-4 victory over Seattle on Sunday, their third win in four games against the Mariners this weekend.

The Yankees had been 0-8-2 in series since sweeping Baltimore on June 9-11. New York had lost 13 straight games with a chance to win a series.

Despite those struggles, New York is 2 1/2 games behind the Boston Red Sox for the AL East lead.

"We really had a hard time," manager Joe Girardi said. "We had built to where we got pretty far over .500, but we fell and we were struggling and we were having a hard time winning games. To only be 2 1/2 out, we have still got a ton of games in our division, you feel pretty fortunate."

The bullpen entered Sunday leading the majors with 18 blown saves, but Chad Green, Dellin Betances and Daniel Robertson combined for 4 1/3 perfect innings before Chapman finished in shaky fashion for his 11th save.

A converted starter pitching on consecutive days for the first time in the majors, Green (1-0) struck out three in 2 1/3 innings. He dropped his ERA to 1.56 in 22 appearances this season.

"Honestly, this is a dangerous bullpen, top to bottom," All-Star Betances said. "Chad Green has been our best guy. (Adam) Warren as well. They've been pitching their butts off. They've been pitching in situations they're not



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

New York Yankees' Didi Gregorius, left, hits a solo home run as Seattle Mariners catcher Carlos Ruiz, right, and home plate umpire Tom Woodring, center, look on in the fourth inning of a baseball game on Sunday in Seattle.

accustomed to because of how deep this (bullpen) is."

Nelson Cruz led off the ninth with a single that smashed off Chapman and deflected toward shortstop for an infield hit. After Chapman was checked by Girardi, the closer picked off pinch runner Taylor Motter between first and second. Kyle Seager followed with a double off a 101 mph fastball, but Mitch Haniger popped out and Gamel went down swinging.

Seattle overcame a 3-0 deficit with a four-run fourth inning against Caleb Smith, but Brett Gardner hit a tying, bases-loaded single in the sixth and Clint Frazier followed with a two-run double off former Yankee James Pazos (2-3).

Didi Gregorius had his first career multihomer game with solo shots in the second and fourth innings for New York, both on 0-1 pitches from Yovani Gallardo. Gregorius has 14 home runs. Gardner opened the game with his

17th home run.

Gallardo allowed three runs in five innings.

"Obviously, Gregorius had (Gallardo's) number today with the two home runs," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "But give him credit. He did hang in there. We needed to get five innings out of him and we did."

Smith made his first big league start and second appearance. He failed to finish the fourth inning, getting chased by Guillermo Heredia's two-run double off the wall in center. Smith allowed four runs in 3 2/3 innings.

The Mariners are 2-13 in their last 15 games against New York at Safeco Field, losing seven straight series.

Aaron Judge, Gary Sanchez and Matt Holliday combined to go 0 for 12 as New York's 3-4-5 hitters, while Gregorius, Chase Headley, Todd Frazier, Tyler Wade and Ronald Torreyes went 7 for 14 in the final four spots in the order.

Spieth takes
road less to
traveled to
British Open

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — The start was not what anyone expected out of Jordan Spieth. All that mattered to him was how he finished the British Open.

And that might have been the biggest surprise of all.

The record will show that Spieth took a three-shot lead into the final round at Royal Birkdale, closed with a 1-under 69 and won by three shots over Matt Kuchar, giving him the third leg of the career Grand Slam.

"Seventeen pars and a birdie would have been fine, too," Spieth said, the silver claret jug at his side. "But there's a lot of roads to get there."

The road less traveled? This was more like blazing a new trail.

Seve Ballesteros won the 1979 British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes by making birdie from the parking lot. Spieth was spared at Royal Birkdale by making a bogey from the driving range when he was expecting no better than a double bogey.

Henrik Stenson finished with four birdies over the last five holes at Royal Troon last year to pull away from Phil Mickelson in one of golf's greatest duels. Trailing for the first time all weekend, Spieth went birdie-eagle-birdie-birdie to vent his own doubts and win his third major just four days before he turns 24.

"He's a fighter. He's shown that the whole way through his short career," Rory McIlroy said. "He can dig himself out of these holes. He's an absolute star."