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Warrenton
split twinbill

WARRENTON — The Astoria Ford and Warrenton summer baseball teams split a junior state double-header Thursday at Hudleston Field.

The Fishermen won the Game 1 league counter, 6-1, before the Warriors bounced back with a 3-0 victory in Game 2.

Astoria Ford's Dylan Rush tossed a five-hit shut-out in the opener, in which the Fishermen scored five runs on four hits in the first inning.

Warrenton's Devin Jackson answered with a complete-game, two-hit shutout in the nightcap, striking out 13.

The Warriors host another doubleheader Tuesday against Tillamook, beginning at 4 p.m. Warrenton plays one game Thursday at Clatskanie (5 p.m.), then will host Kennedy for single games Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

— *The Daily Astorian*

Red Sox hit
three homers
to rout M's 9-3

SEATTLE — Rafael Devers, Jackie Bradley Jr., and Xander Bogaerts all homered and the Boston Red Sox routed the Seattle Mariners 9-3 on Sunday.

Devers' 11th homer of the season capped a five-run, two-out rally in the third against Seattle starter Mike Leake (7-4).

Andrew Benintendi and Bogaerts began Boston's rally with a pair of singles. J.D. Martinez drew a nine pitch walk to load the bases before Mitch Moreland drove in two with a single to centerfield, and Devers followed with a blast off the Hit It Here Cafe in right field to give Boston a 5-0 lead.

The Red Sox pulled away in the seventh against right-handed reliever Chasen Bradford, who gave up three runs and two homers while getting two outs.

Top teams
have trouble
winning at
World Cup

MOSCOW — Parity has come to the World Cup.

Five of the top six nations in the FIFA rankings have played, and none has won. Only two of the top dozen teams have victories.

Top-ranked Germany lost to No. 15 Mexico, second-ranked Brazil tied No. 6 Switzerland, No. 4 Portugal drew 10th-ranked Spain, and No. 5 Argentina tied 22nd-ranked Iceland.

Among other teams in the top 12, only No. 7 France (over No. 36 Australia) and co-No. 12 Denmark (against No. 11 Peru) have victories.

No. 3 Belgium, No. 7 France, No. 8 Poland and co-No. 12 England haven't played, and No. 9 Chile failed to qualify.

— *Associated Press*

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

Junior baseball — Tillamook at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

Tar Heels knock out Heimlich
early, beat Beavers 8-6 in CWS

By ERIC OLSON
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — It took nearly 4 1/2 hours in 95-degree heat to play the opening game of the College World Series.

Time flew for North Carolina coach Mike Fox. He was having fun.

The Tar Heels knocked out Oregon State ace Luke Heimlich during a five-run third inning and went on to beat the Beavers 8-6 on Saturday.

"I liked being in the third-base coaching box in the top of the third. Felt I was out there for a while," Fox said. "For me, the more you're out there, the better. I get it. It was a long game. But they're not long for me, and they're not long for the coaches and players. Sometimes it's agonizing for the people watching. We're not trying to drag it out by design."

The Tar Heels (44-18) used six pitchers in a 4-hour, 24-minute slog that was the longest nine-inning game in CWS history. They turned back threats in the sixth and seventh innings and prevailed against an opponent they hadn't faced since losing to the Beavers in the 2006 and '07 CWS finals.

The Tar Heels built leads of 6-1 and 8-4, but Oregon State (49-11-1) was poised to go ahead in the seventh after loading the bases with two outs against Josh Hiatt and Steven Kwan coming to bat. Kwan had reached base on his first four trips to the plate and had struck out only 15 times in 247



AP Photo/Nati Harnik

Oregon State pitcher Luke Heimlich throws against North Carolina in Saturday's NCAA College World Series baseball game in Omaha, Neb.

at-bats, making him one of the toughest players in the nation to strike out. Cooper Criswell came on and struck him out on three pitches.

"My goal is to go out and get ahead in the count. I was able to do that," Criswell said. "I think he was a little froze on the second fastball I threw him. I think he might have been expecting something else. And on the slider for strike three, (Brandon Martorano) did a great job framing that pitch and getting that one for me."

The Beavers were uncharacteristically sloppy while losing their third straight game over two years in Omaha. Carolina scored on a passed ball, and the Beavers committed three errors after making one in their first five NCAA Tournament games.

Then there was Heimlich (16-2), the two-time Pac-12 pitcher of the year who lasted just 2 1/3 innings — his shortest start in two years.

Last year, Heimlich left the team for super regionals and the CWS after it was

revealed he had pleaded guilty to molesting a young relative when he was 15. The university allowed him to return to the team this year. He served two years' probation and went through a treatment program but denied wrongdoing in recent interviews with Sports Illustrated and The New York Times.

There was no discernible negative crowd reaction during pregame introductions; Oregon State fans behind the third-base dugout loudly cheered Heimlich.

Bulldogs
earn walk-
off win over
Huskies

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Mississippi State's flair for the dramatic continued in its College World Series opener.

Luke Alexander's drive to right field got past Christian Jones in the bottom of the ninth inning, allowing Hunter Stovall to score from second base to give Mississippi State a 1-0 victory over Washington on Saturday night.

Of the Bulldogs' seven wins in the NCAA Tournament, three have come in walk-off fashion and a fourth on their final at-bat.

Stovall and Elijah MacNamee singled leading off the ninth against Andy Hardy (5-3). After Justin Foscoe fouled out on a bunt try, Alexander hit an 0-2 slider deep to right. Jones was playing shallow and gave chase, but he couldn't catch up to the ball as it bounced to the wall. Alexander easily scored, prompting players to pour out of the Mississippi State dugout and celebrate on the grass behind third base.



AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster

Brooks Koepka kisses the Golf Champion Trophy after winning the U.S. Open Golf Championship Sunday in Southampton, N.Y.

Tough course or easy, Koepka
repeats as US Open champion

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — One was about power. The other was about patience.

Brooks Koepka has a game for the U.S. Open no matter the course, no matter the test, no matter the circumstances.

He never lost hope when he began his title defense with a 75 and was 7-over par midway through the second round. He didn't lose his mind in the most punishing third round of a U.S. Open in nearly two decades.

And with a cool head and a hot putter, he didn't give anyone a chance down the stretch Sunday at Shinnecock Hills.

Koepka pulled away from a four-way tie for the lead with three birdies in five holes, held off Tommy Fleetwood and his record-tying 63 and closed with a 2-under 68 for a one-shot victory to become the first repeat U.S. Open champion in 29 years.

"I don't want to say I didn't think I could do it," Koepka said. "But I knew that it was going to be that much more difficult. And to finally do it, it's much more gratifying the second time. I can really appreciate how hard it is to win a major."

Koepka won with bird-

ies on spacious Erin Hills last year. The signature moment from this U.S. Open was a trio of putts to escape trouble on the back nine — two for par, one for bogey.

"I enjoy being pushed to the limit," Koepka said. "Sometimes you feel like you are about to break mentally, but that's what I enjoy. I enjoy hard golf courses. I enjoy playing about the toughest in golf you are ever going to play."

Shinnecock Hills was every bit of that, particularly on Saturday when conditions were so severe that the last 45 players to tee off shot over par. The USGA conceded the course was over the top and pledged to add water to slow it down. Fleetwood raced into U.S. Open history with a 63, without making birdie on the two par 5s and missing an 8-foot birdie putt on the final hole.

That cost him more than the record. It cost him a chance in a playoff.

Koepka took a two-shot lead with a wedge to 3 1/2 feet for birdie on the par-5 16th, allowing him a safe bogey on the final hole to finish at 1-over 281. It was the first time since 2013 at Merion that no one broke par, and it was 13 shots more than his winning score at Erin Hills.

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