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Astoria Ford sweeps Neah-Kah-Nie

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Two pitchers combined to strike out 18 Neah-Kah-Nie batters Tuesday evening, helping Astoria Ford score a 9-1, 9-2 doubleheader sweep over the Pirates in junior baseball action at Aiken Field.

Neah-Kah-Nie (Hixson Trucking) had its fair share of hits — 17, combined — but unfortunately for the Pirates, they had troubles on the

mound, in the field and on the bases.

Seven pitchers combined to walk 15 Astoria batters, while the Pirates committed seven errors defensively and had numerous baserunners picked off base or caught stealing.

Astoria pitchers Dylan Rush and Will Reed were all the Fishermen needed.

In Game 1 — which counted in the league standings — Rush scattered six hits with 10 strikeouts and no walks.

Offensively, five of Astoria Ford's nine hits went for extra bases, which included a pair of doubles for Ebin Hillard and a triple by Adam Feldman.

Rocky Rub added a single, double and two RBIs, while Hillard also had a single and drove in two runs.

After allowing a pair of hits in the first inning, Rush settled down and struck out six over the first three innings.

Astoria Ford built a 4-0 lead, high-

lighted by back-to-back, run-scoring doubles from Reed and Feldman in the third.

The Fishermen tacked on five runs in the fifth, which included an RBI double by Rub, and a two-run triple from Feldman.

Astoria wasted little time in Game 2, building a 5-1 lead after one inning.

Rush, Reed and Hillard all had run-scoring doubles in the first, which included a two-run double to center

by Hillard.

Neah-Kah-Nie had 11 hits in the second game to Astoria's six, but Reed struck out eight batters, and the Pirates had four runners thrown out on stolen base attempts.

Meanwhile, five Neah-Kah-Nie pitchers scattered six hits, but walked 10.

Astoria Ford hosts a three-team gathering next Monday, with Knappa and Warrenton.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Seager HR, 3 RBIs lift Mariners past Orioles 3-2

BALTIMORE — Nelson Cruz wasn't available, so Kyle Seager assumed the role of big bopper for the Seattle Mariners.

And what a job he did.

Seager homered and hit a pivotal two-run single in the eighth inning to back a fine pitching performance by James Paxton and help Seattle beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-2 Tuesday night.

Cruz, who leads the team with 20 home runs, was a late scratch with lower back tightness. Seager took over at cleanup and

accounted for all the Mariners runs.

"Couple of coaches felt going into the game that Seager was going to be our guy," manager Scott Servais said. "Sometimes guys have to step

up. We had the right guy at the right time."

Though Seager came through in a pinch, he knows his place in the lineup isn't cleanup.

"No, I don't think that's a good idea," Seager said. "I like when Mr. Nelson is in there."

Paxton (7-2) struck out 10 over seven innings, allowing two runs and six hits. It was the sixth time this season he's reached double figures in strikeouts.

The Mariners came to town with six losses in seven games, and now they've won two in a row to open a four-game series against the team with the worst record in the majors.

"We're supposed to come in here and beat this team," Paxton said. "We're doing a good job so far."

Moore leads Lynx to 5th straight, 91-79 over Storm

MINNEAPOLIS — Maya Moore scored 32 points, Sylvia Fowles added 28 points and 17 rebounds, and the Minnesota Lynx beat the Seattle Storm 91-79 for their fifth straight win Tuesday night.

The Lynx (8-6) took the lead for good with an 11-0 run early in the first quarter and kept it in double digits after a 15-3 run early in the third. The Storm (10-5) had an 11-3 run to cut the deficit to 87-77 but were unable to get within single digits in the final minutes.

Breanna Stewart entered the game averaging a league-leading 21.9 points and finished with 27 for Seattle. She made 10 of 14 from the field, including all three of her 3-point attempts, and 4 of 5 from the foul line.

Natasha Howard, who was traded from the Lynx to the Storm in the offseason, received her 2017 WNBA Championship ring before the contest.

— Associated Press

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Junior state baseball — Neah-Kah-Nie at Warrenton (2), 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Junior state baseball — Knappa at Clatskanie, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

Baseball — Warrenton Alumni day, noon



AP Photos/Nati Harnik

Oregon State coach Pat Casey watches action during the fifth inning of Tuesday's Game 1 of the NCAA College World Series baseball finals between Oregon State and Arkansas in Omaha, Neb.

Arkansas defeats Heimlich, Beavers in CWS finals opener

By ERIC OLSON
 Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Arkansas didn't hit much against Luke Heimlich and Christian Chamberlain in Game 1 of the College World Series finals. In fact, the Razorbacks struck out 16 times.

Somehow, some way, they sit on the cusp of their first national championship in baseball after beating Oregon State 4-1 Tuesday night.

They capitalized against a faltering Heimlich in a four-run fifth inning, got a strong start from Blaine Knight with shutdown relief pitching and mixed in a few big defensive plays. That enabled the Razorbacks to win on a night when they mustered just five hits.

"I feel fortunate to win the game," Razorbacks coach Dave Van Horn said. "Baseball is a little different game sometimes, and you have eight innings where you don't do much and you put together one inning. You pitch good enough and play defense, you can win. That's kind of what went on tonight."

The finals opener, delayed a day because of rain, seemed to have a little bit of everything — a fly ball lost in the sun that went for a ground-rule double, a runner interference call against Oregon State and an overturned foul call on a ball hit down the right-field line.

Nothing turned the game more than the

UP NEXT: CWS FINALS GAME 2

- Oregon State Beavers (0-1)
- vs Arkansas Razorbacks (1-0)
- Today, 4 p.m. TV: ESPN

sudden collapse of Heimlich.

"He started to lose it," OSU coach Pat Casey said. "He didn't throw the ball where he needed to. He'd been real good all year long, and certainly really struggled in that inning."

After failing to get out of the third inning in both of his previous CWS starts, the Beavers' ace was in full command while striking out five and limiting the Razorbacks (48-19) to one hit through four innings.

In the fifth, though, the senior left-hander issued a walk and hit two batters.

"He lost command of his fastball a little bit and was out of the zone, so as hitters we're all just trying to be patient, see him in the zone, and he ended up also missing his spots a few times," Arkansas outfielder Heston Kjerstad said. "That equaled a few more runs for us."

Arkansas starter Blaine Knight (14-0) went back to the mound with a 4-1 lead, pitched another inning and left having allowed seven hits with six strikeouts. Barrett Loseke and Matt Cronin combined to pitch three scoreless innings of relief.

Michael Gretler's base hit in the second put Oregon State (53-12-1) up 1-0. The Beavers looked ready to add to the lead when Kjerstad lost Trevor Larnach's fly in the sun and it bounced over the fence for a ground-rule double.

Adley Rutschman was on first and Larnach on third when Tyler Malone grounded to first and Jared Gates threw to second to start a double-play attempt. Rutschman ducked as he approached the bag — rather than sliding or peeling off away from the play — and was called for interfering with shortstop Jax Biggers. It was ruled a double play, Larnach was ordered back to third base, and Knight struck out Gretler to end the inning.

"It appeared Rutsch was doing everything he could to get out of the way," Casey said. "The ball left the guy's hand. They weren't near one another, so I don't agree with the call. We had that run taken off the board right there, so that makes it tough."

The play seemed to swing the momentum Arkansas' way.

Heimlich (16-3) issued a walk and gave up back-to-back singles for the Razorbacks' first run in the fifth. Heimlich then hit two straight batters to bring home another run. Arkansas extended its lead to 3-1 after second baseman Nick Madrigal's bobble trying to throw to second on a grounder.

Abused gymnast Raisman: 'I've barely worked out'

Associated Press



AP Photo/Ted Shaffrey

Olympian Aly Raisman, center, poses with other yoga enthusiasts on International Yoga Day on June 21 in Times Square in New York.

BOSTON — Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman says she's barely been able to work out since going public with allegations of sexual abuse at the hands of a former sports doctor.

The six-time Olympic medalist told The Improper Bostonian magazine, for a cover story published this week, that she's still regrouping and recovering after confronting former USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar.

"In the past few months I've barely worked out, which for someone who loves working out, that's saying a lot," the magazine quoted Raisman as saying.

The 24-year-old Raisman, captain for both the gold-medal winning

2012 and 2016 U.S. women's Olympic gymnastics teams, says she was abused by Nassar in multiple locations beginning in 2010, including at the U.S. national team training facility in Texas and at the 2012 Games in London. Hundreds of other women and girls have said they, too, were sexually assaulted by Nassar.

Nassar pleaded guilty to molesting women and girls under the guise that he was treating them for injuries. He is serving sentences that likely will keep him in prison for life.

Raisman, of Needham, Massachusetts, said she initially felt she was receiving medically necessary treatment by Nassar before realizing it was abuse. She has said she subsequently battled shame, guilt and depression.