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Busy summer brings Poyer to Astoria

The Daily Astorian

He's back! And for the first time, he's returning as a Buffalo Bill, and not a Cleveland Brown.

Jordan Poyer will be a little here, there and everywhere Saturday, as one of Astoria High School's most famous graduates has maxed out his schedule for the weekend.

Poyer's schedule for Saturday includes the return of his youth football camp, 9 a.m. to noon at CMH Field. Then it's off to Beaverton, where he is lending his name to a 7-on-7 tournament, 3-7:30 p.m. at Mountain-side High School.

After staging the youth camp for three years as a member of

the Browns, Poyer was unable to hold the camp last year because of a scheduling conflict.

But he's back as a Bill, running the fourth Jordan Poyer Camp at CMH Field.

"We weren't able to get him back to town last year, but it's going to be great to get this going again," said Astoria football coach Howard Rub. "He's got a real busy schedule right now, just getting ready for camp."

Buffalo's training camp begins July 26 at St. John Fisher College in Pittsford, New York.

In addition, "he's got a former teammate's wedding in Portland on Friday, and then scheduled a really busy day with us Saturday, between the youth camp in

the morning and the high school tournament in Beaverton that he's hosting for us in the afternoon."

The Astoria Fishermen are serving as the host team for the high school 7-on-7 tournament, which will feature schools from Clatskanie to Central Catholic.

"So his day is going to be a little crazy," said Rub, Poyer's former coach. "He won't have a lot of time to visit and sign autographs at the camp, because he has to get on the road and get to Beaverton."

Astoria Youth Athletics will provide lunch at 11 a.m. for Saturday's campers at CMH Field, where participants can still register at 8:30 a.m., before the camp begins.

Poyer, a former All-American at Oregon State, will conduct the camp along with current coaches and players on the Astoria High football team.

The camp is for any child entering kindergarten through the eighth grade in the fall of 2018. Cost is \$35.

Campers should wear cloth shorts and a T-shirt, and preferably a rubber-molded pair of shoes (metal cleats are not allowed).

Rub said, "We want to say how thankful we are for Jordan to give up his time to give back to our kids and community, and also to our local sponsors of his camp," including Fultano's of Warrenton and Astoria, and the Cannery Pier Hotel.



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian
Astoria's Jordan Poyer will instruct youth football players Saturday at CMH Field in his fourth football camp.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Hageman, Miller lead Lower Columbia Club

The Daily Astorian

CENTRALIA, Wash. — The Clatsop County players had another big day for the Lower Columbia Baseball Club, but Hilander Dental came up short Wednesday in the GSL College Showcase Tournament in Centralia, Washington.

The Hawaii Rockies won on a two-run walkoff single, in an 8-7 victory over Hilander Dental, the sponsor for the Lower Columbia Baseball Club of Longview, Washington.

Hilander's Kaleb Miller — a recent graduate of Knappa High School — was 3-for-3 at the plate with four stolen bases, while Astoria's Trey Hageman went 3-for-3 with an RBI double.

Hilander Dental (5-4 in league, 16-9-1 overall) continues the 70-team GSL College Showcase Thursday morning in Centralia against a team from Victoria, British Columbia.

Williams reaches 10th Wimbledon final with win

Associated Press

LONDON — Serena Williams has reached her 10th final at Wimbledon, 30th at all Grand Slam tournaments — and first since having a baby a little more than 10 months ago.

Williams dominated much of her semifinal Thursday, beating 13th-seeded Julia Goerges of Germany 6-2, 6-4 at Centre Court to close in on what would be an eighth championship at the All England Club and 24th major trophy overall.

Williams will face another German, 11th-seeded Angelique Kerber, on Saturday in a rematch of the 2016 final at Wimbledon. Williams won that one for a second consecutive title at the All England Club, before missing the grass-court tournament last year while pregnant.



AP Photo/Frank Augstein
Croatia's Mario Mandzukic, center, celebrates after scoring his side's second goal during Wednesday's semifinal match between Croatia and England.

Croatia in World Cup final for 1st time

By RONALD BLUM
 Associated Press

MOSCOW — Croatia's legs seemed heavy, burdened by the accumulated toll of consecutive penalty-kicks wins needed to get this far. England had gone ahead with a free kick just five minutes in, dominated play and appeared headed to its first World Cup final since 1966.

Then the second half started and it was as if a different Croatian team had replaced the lethargic one.

Ivan Perisic tied the score in the 68th minute, Mario Mandzukic got the go-ahead goal in the 109th and Croatia shocked England with a 2-1 victory Wednesday that advanced a nation of just over 4 million to a World Cup final against France.

"Mentally strong team," midfielder Ivan Rakitic said. "It's just unbelievable to get

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back in the game in this way."

When the final whistle blew and they knew they were going to their first World Cup final, the Croatians ran to their jumping and cheering fans in their iconic red-and-white checkered jerseys. Croatia joined an exclusive club of 13 nations that advanced to a World Cup final, doing it in a tournament where powers Brazil, Germany, Argentina and Spain made early exits.

"They've had an incredible route to the final. They've shown remarkable character," said England coach Gareth Southgate, who for now will be remembered more for a fashionable waistcoat than ending a half-century

of hurt.

France, which won its only title at home in 1998, will have an extra day of rest after beating Belgium 1-0 on Tuesday.

Croatia, coming off 360 intense minutes at soccer's highest level, faces its biggest sporting moment since becoming an independent nation in 1991.

"We started slowly, but we've shown our character, just as we did in the previous two knockout rounds when we were one-goal down," Perisic said.

Fans back home in Zagreb took to the streets to celebrate, lighting flares and waving flags in a sea of exuberance.

"We are a nation of people who never give in, who are proud and who have character," said coach Zlatko Dalic, who wore a checkered jersey to his post-match news conference. "There's no weakness in a team that is in the final."

Gonzales goes 7, Freitas homers as M's top Angels

By DOUG PADILLA
 Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — David Freitas' toddler son was mimicking a home run trot outside the Mariners' clubhouse late Wednesday night, waiting to show dad what he had learned.

A few hours earlier, Freitas hit his first major league home run on the way to catching a shutout for Seattle in a 3-0 victory over the Los Angeles Angels.

"If you look at my past career in the minor leagues, maybe six or seven years in the minor leagues to get my first call-up (in 2017), I came a long way since 2010," said Freitas, who reached base three times for the first time in his career. "It was a proud moment for me and especially since I had my mom, my wife and my son all here. They got to share this, too."

Mariners starter Marco Gonzales (10-5) retired his first 10 batters and



AP Photo/Jae C. Hong
Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Marco Gonzales throws to a Los Angeles Angels batter during the first inning of Wednesday's game.

tossed seven sharp innings. He gave up just two hits and struck out four without issuing a walk.

"It seems like we face him every time we play the Mariners," Angels star Mike Trout said. "He just keeps you off balance. You can't miss a pitch on him. He's at the corners and you just can't miss a pitch."

Alex Colome pitched the eighth

and All-Star closer Edwin Diaz worked a perfect ninth for his major league-leading 36th save.

As good as Gonzales was, he really enjoyed talking about Freitas afterward.

"That was really fun to see," the left-hander said. "Those who know him know that he's an absolute phenomenal guy. I'm so happy for him to have some success and he has been great behind the plate."

Freitas, who had been hitless in seven at-bats since being recalled July 5, went deep in the third against starter Jaime Barria. It was Freitas' 32nd career game, 26 with the Mariners.

Barria (5-6) allowed three runs and five hits in five-plus innings with five strikeouts and no walks. The right-hander has lost his last five decisions, including the past two to Seattle.

The Mariners have won 11 of 15 overall. They improved to 27-18 on the road.

Aguilar, Segura win online vote for All-Star spots

Associated Press

Milwaukee Brewers first baseman Jesus Aguilar and Seattle Mariners shortstop Jean Segura won the final two roster spots for next week's All-Star Game in Washington.

Major League Baseball released the results of online balloting for the last slot in each league Wednesday night, with Aguilar drawing 20.2 million votes to secure his first All-Star selection. His total was the second-highest in the history of the All-Star Final Vote, trailing only Justin Turner's 20.8 million votes last year.

The 28-year-old Venezuelan was tied for the National League lead with 23 home runs and becomes the fourth Milwaukee player headed to the game.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball

Seaside Wood Bat Tournament

(at Broadway Field)

Valley Catholic vs. Warrenton, 10 a.m.

Churchill vs. Madison, 12:30 p.m.

Baker vs. Hood River, 3 p.m.

The Dalles vs. Seaside, 5:30 p.m.