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Summer season over for Lower Columbia team

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CENTRALIA, Wash. — Two games, two high-scoring losses over the weekend for Hilander Dental, the AAA Legion team of the Lower Columbia Baseball Club.

Hilander was competing in the Washington AAA American Legion state tournament, which concludes Tuesday at fields in Centralia and Chehalis, Washington.

Hilander Dental opened the tournament Saturday at W.F. West High School in Chehalis, where they faced the Spokane Northstars.

After Hilander scored three runs in the top of the first inning, Spokane answered with three runs in the bottom of the first, and built a 9-3 lead through four innings.

The Northstars scored in every single inning, and finished with 12 hits off four different pitchers for Hilander, including Knappa's Eli Takalo and Ethan Lindstrom of Naselle.

Hilander Dental had 10 hits of its own, including a 2-for-4 effort by Seaside's Payton Westerholm. Knappa's Dale Takalo added a double, and Kaleb Miller was 1-for-3, scored twice and was hit by two pitches.

Kameron Kinder led the Northstars at the plate, going 3-for-3 with two doubles and a triple, with four RBIs and three runs scored.

Spokane committed six errors, to four errors by Hilander.

In a wild consolation game Sunday, Hilander Dental and the Kennewick Outlaws each had 19 hits, and Kennewick scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh for a 16-15 win.

Hilander scored eight runs in the top of the third inning for a 10-3 lead, before the Outlaws rallied with 13 runs over the final four innings.

Westerholm had another big day at the plate (3-for-5), while Eli Takalo was 3-for-4 and scored three times. Miller had a double and drove in two runs.

Hilander pitchers Dale Takalo, Taite Hensley and Westerholm combined for three strikeouts and five walks, while giving up 19 hits.

Tim Gee led Kennewick's offensive attack, going 4-for-5 with a double, a grand slam home run and seven RBIs.

Combined, Hilander Dental stranded 22 base runners in the two games, while a big absence for the team was Astoria's Trey Hageman — one of Hilander's leading hitters — who is preparing for an all-star football game later this week.

Hilander Dental finished the season 20-18-1 overall.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Spokane 12, Hilander Dental 8
Hilander 300 041 0—8 10 4
Spokane 331 212 x—12 12 6
 W: Colton Miracle. L: Zach Brown.
 RBI: HD, Bergonzine 3, Guttormsen, Jenkins; Spo, Kinder 4, Adams, Grooms, Krausz, Kubic, L.Miracle, Moore. 2B: HD, Takalo, Brown, Reece; Spo, Kinder 2, Houser, Krausz, Kubic. 3B: Spo, Kinder. HBP: HD, Miller 2; Spo, Kinder, L.Miracle. LOB: Hilander 10, Spokane 7.

Kennewick 16, Hilander Dental 15
Hilander 208 320 0—15 19 2
Kennewick 210 362 2—16 19 0
 W: Jacob Schuldheisz. L: Payton Westerholm. RBI: HD, Bergonzine 3, Jenkins 3, Miller 2, L.Brown 2, Zengquist, Z.Brown, Reece, E.Takalo; Ken, Gee 7, T.LaFontaine 4, C.LaFontaine 2. 2B: HD, L.Brown, Z.Brown, Jenkins, Miller; Ken, Gee, Lind. 3B: HD, L.Brown. HR: Ken, Gee, C.LaFontaine. HBP: HD, Bergonzine, Z.Brown. LOB: Hilander 12, Kennewick 8. DP: Hilander Dental, Kennewick.



From left to right, Astoria's Trey Hageman and Seaside graduates Sklyer Yoshino and Michael Bailey.

Astoria, Seaside represented in Shrine Game

The Daily Astorian

Three players from Clatsop County will be on the field Saturday for the 66th annual East-West Shrine All-Star football game.

A night game this year, the contest is set to kick off at 7 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium in Baker City, with a pregame parade scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday.

The annual game showcases some of the state's top seniors from the 2017 season. Players are practicing this week at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande.

The West roster includes Astoria's Trey Hageman, and Seaside

graduates Michael Bailey and Sklyer Yoshino, who was originally selected to be an alternate.

Other players from the Northwest region include Dawson Carr of Rainier, Ross Parsons of Scappoose and Gunnar Partain of Banks.

The West coaches are Kyle Braa (Scio), Laric Cook (Falls City), Ben Lane (Oakland) and Steve Stebbins (South Umpqua).

West alternates include Logan Fischer of Warrenton and Vernonia's Gaven Everett.

The game will not be televised live, but will be aired on Root Sports Northwest at a later date to be announced.

West Roster

No. Name
 2 - Dawson Carr, Rainier
 4 - Gunnar Partain, Banks
 5 - **Trey Hageman, Astoria**
 6 - Johnathan Warner, S. Umpqua
 7 - Holden Smith, St. Paul
 8 - Dru Cook, Scio
 10 - Brandon Piete, Regis
 11 - Eli Bulta, Triad
 13 - Gage Hazelton, Salem Academy
 14 - Taylor Gross, South Umpqua
 15 - Andrew Harrington, Oakland
 16 - Tristan Fergus, Dayton
 22 - Parker Wynn, Monroe
 24 - Silas Sanchas, Hosanna Chr.
 32 - Jacob Payne, Camas Valley
 44 - Wyatt Riedel, Estacada
 47 - Devon Whitmire, Santiam
 55 - **Michael Bailey, Seaside**
 58 - Ross Parsons, Scappoose
 59 - **Sklyer Yoshino, Seaside**
 60 - Kyla Paratore, Santiam Chr.
 65 - Martin Sylvester, Blanchet

68 - Tyler Post, Marshfield
 80 - Nic Freeman, Oakland
 99 - Keith Saito, Monroe

Coaches

Kyle Braa, Scio
 Steve Stebbins, South Umpqua
 Ben Lane, Oakland
 Laric Cook, Falls City

West alternates

Will Combee, Crook County
 Colton Craigmyle, Santiam
 Gaven Everett, Vernonia
Logan Fischer, Warrenton
 Devin Hall, Gladstone
 Jake Hamblet, North Bend
 Eduardo Murillo, Lost River
 Marcos Reyes, Cascade
 Ben Robbins, Valley Catholic
 Anthony Rondeau, South Umpqua
 Noah Sickles, Falls City
 Campbell Smith, St. Paul
 Trent Warden, Monroe
 Zach Watson, Santiam Christian
 Ted Wickman, Yoncalla

Paxton, Cruz power Mariners over Cole, Astros 2-0

By **DOUG MILLER**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — James Paxton wanted a healthy return from the disabled list and a chance to beat the first-place Houston Astros.

He and the Seattle Mariners got just that with a tidy 2-0 victory Monday night.

Paxton excelled in his first start since suffering lower back inflammation in Anaheim on July 12, and he needed to in order to outduel Houston starter Gerrit Cole, who had a perfect game through four innings.

Both pitchers traded high-90s fastballs and sharp breaking stuff in a scoreless tie until Nelson Cruz's two-run double in the sixth inning accounted for all the scoring.

"Cole was about as good as you can get, and Pax is out there matching him back and forth," Mariners manager Scott Servais said. "Prob-



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Seattle Mariners starting pitcher James Paxton throws against the Houston Astros during the first inning.

bly one of the top pitching games that we've seen all year, on both sides of the ball."

Cole (10-3) retired the first 12 batters he faced, striking out six, until he

hit Cruz with a pitch leading off the fifth. After Segura's single, Denard Span hit a clean single to right-center, and Cruz lined a first-pitch slider inside third base.

Segura scored easily, and the ball caromed off the protruding side wall, allowing Span to narrowly beat catcher Max Stassi's tag after a strong throw by left fielder Marwin Gonzalez.

"He was dealing," Cruz said of Cole. "We battled. We found a way to get runners on base. He's a really tough pitcher to score runs on."

Paxton (9-4) was solid for Seattle, scattering three hits — two of them infield singles — over seven innings. He struck out eight, did not walk a batter, and threw 59 of his 82 pitches for strikes.

"He was good," Astros shortstop Alex Bregman said. "His fastball was jumping. 12-6 curveball and then a cutter as well. Both pitching performances were pretty dominating tonight, him and Gerrit. We just came up a little short."

Cole allowed four hits over 6 2/3 innings, striking out eight and walking two.

Mariners get Duke and Warren in bullpen remodel

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners worked on their bullpen again on Monday, acquiring left-hander Zach Duke from the Minnesota Twins and right-hander Adam Warren from the New York Yankees for a pair of minor leaguers.

The trades on the eve of the non-waiver deadline provided two more relief options for manager Scott Servais with Seattle in the playoff hunt in the AL West.

The Mariners sent pitcher Chase De Jong and infielder Ryan Costello to the Twins, and dealt \$1.25 million in international signing bonus allocation to the Yankees for Warren.

"Obviously a lot of teams are looking to add to the bullpen this time of

year with the trade deadline coming up. I'm not surprised," Servais said. "It may not be the last thing we do."

General manager Jerry Dipoto said recently he was hoping to add another righty to the bullpen and pick up a left-handed specialist as well to take some stress off James Pazos. He accomplished both by acquiring Sam Tuivailala from St. Louis late last week and then landing Duke and Warren.

Dipoto said the additions combined with what Seattle already has in its bullpen should help Servais keep everyone fresh.

"He can do that and not just burden anybody with too much workload," Dipoto said. "And that's part of this too just trying to make sure each guy we send out there does his job and

maybe taking the burden off the next guy."

The 35-year-old Duke went 3-4 with a 3.62 ERA in 45 appearances for the Twins. He has limited left-handed batters to a .237 average this season.

Minnesota is sending \$75,000 to Seattle as part of the deal. Duke is owed \$716,667 of his \$2.15 million salary. He has earned a \$200,000 bonus for making 40 pitching appearances and can earn up to \$1.3 million more, getting the entire amount if he makes 65 pitching appearances.

"Duke's got a pretty good track record of getting lefties out. The last couple of years he's been pretty good against the righties, too," Servais said. "He's got different arm angles, a little bit different look, he's got experience, so a welcome addition."

Duke was playing catch on the field before Minnesota's home game against Cleveland when he was summoned for a meeting with chief baseball officer Derek Falvey, general manager Thad Levine and manager Paul Molitor.

The Mariners will be Duke's seventh team in the last six seasons. He signed with Minnesota in the off-season and also has played for Pittsburgh, Washington, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, St. Louis and the Chicago White Sox. Duke became primarily a reliever in 2012 after starting his career with the Pirates as a starter.

"I truly enjoyed my time here. Love the guys in this room, and I'm going to miss there," Duke said. "But I'm looking very forward to being out there in a pennant race."

LA-bound LeBron leaves lasting gift, Akron 'always home'

By **TOM WITHERS**
Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — LeBron James stood on a stage near one of the streets he walked as a troubled kid and looked out at thousands of faces. He felt connected to every one of them.

While his 3-year-old daughter, Zhuri, played at his feet, James watched as his mother, Gloria, raised a flag in front of a school that is perhaps his greatest triumph.

His incredible life. Full circle.

Before leaving for Los Angeles, James gave his hometown quite a gift.



LeBron James

James, who ended his second stint with Cleveland earlier this month by signing with the Los Angeles Lakers, on Monday opened his I Promise School, a year-around learning center devoted to some of the city's most challenged youngsters — ones just like him.

For James, who recalled missing 82 days of school as a fourth grader while he and his mom "looked for sta-

bility," the opening culminated years of planning by his family foundation.

"This means everything," James told The Associated Press in an interview before the public event. "I think this is the greatest accomplishment for me because it's not just me. A championship is for a team, that's for an organization and a city. But for these kids, this is for generation after generation after generation and it's for these kids, so it means everything."

It was an emotional day for James, who also made his first comments since signing the \$154 million deal with the Lakers — a move still caus-

ing tremors across in the NBA.

James recalled beating the odds of his youth when life was a daily struggle for him and his mom. Moving was easy as the pair constantly moved and it was only with the help of others than James found structure.

Now, he's giving kids the same problems a path.

"There is no way I could have imagined this," he said. "I remember our foundation having a bike-athon, and I never thought a five-mile bike ride would turn into a school. This is something I'm at a loss of words for."