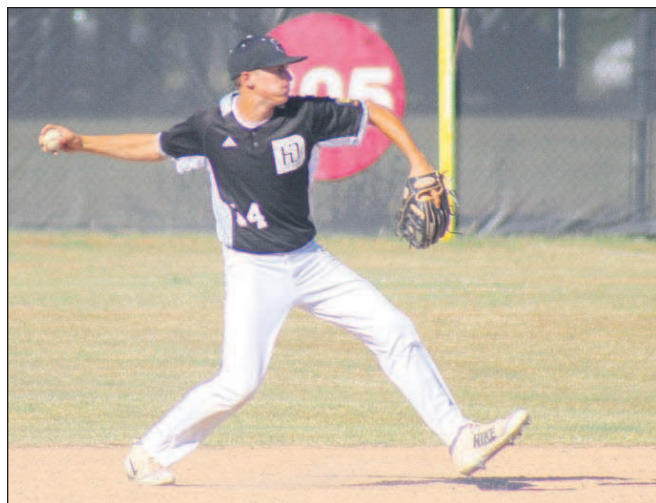


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Westerholm played shortstop for Seaside's junior state summer team, and second base for the Lower Columbia Baseball Club.

Westerholm named Player of the Week

The Daily Astorian

Clatsop County made a clean sweep of the Player of the Week awards for the Lower Columbia Baseball Club.

While Knappa's Ryker Coffey was named the Player of the Week for Lower Columbia's AA Legion team for July 22-28, Payton Westerholm of Seaside earned Player of the Week honors for

the club's AAA Legion team, Hilander Dental.

Entering his senior year at Seaside, Westerholm spent the summer playing for both Seaside's junior state team and Hilander Dental.

The season came to an end recently for both teams, with Westerholm taking part in two state tournaments.

For the Hilander Dental team, Wester-

holm had two hits in the Washington state tournament opener against Spokane, and followed with three hits vs. Kennewick in the season finale.

Unfortunately, Hilander Dental lost both games, bringing an end to the season.

Westerholm finished with a .296 batting average (21-for-71), with 14 runs batted in. He pitched and played second base for the Lower Columbia team.

Oregon State's title trophy displayed at historical society

PORTLAND — Oregon State's trophy for winning this year's College World Series is now on display at the Oregon Historical Society in downtown Portland.

The Beavers defeated Arkansas in June to claim their third national championship in baseball.

The trophy can be seen Wednesday through Sunday in the pavilion of the Oregon Historical Society on Southwest Park Avenue. Admission to view the trophy is free.

Seahawks sign veteran guard J.R. Sweezy

RENTON, Wash. — The Seattle Seahawks added depth to their offensive line Wednesday by signing veteran guard J.R. Sweezy.

— Associated Press

Mariners drop into wild-card tie following 8-3 loss to Astros

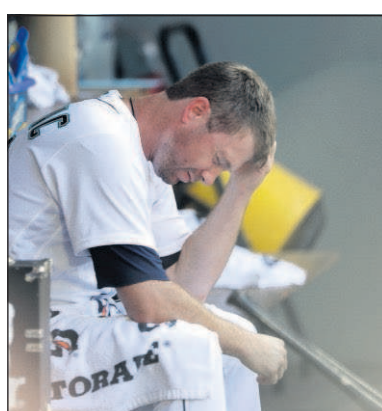
By TIM BOOTH
 Associated Press

SEATTLE — When the Seattle Mariners were rolling in the middle of June, it appeared unlikely anyone in their own division would be contending with them for one of the wild card spots in the American League.

On Wednesday, the Mariners were knocked from the lead for the second wild-card in the AL, caught by division rival Oakland.

Marwin Gonzalez hit two of Houston's four home runs, and the Astros beat the Mariners 8-3, dropping Seattle into a tie with the Athletics in the wild-card race. Seattle led the A's by 11 games in the middle of June, but has seen the entire lead disappear over the past six weeks.

"I'm not worried really about anybody else right now. We need to get back to playing like we're capable of playing. It just hasn't happened here recently," Seattle man-



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Wade LeBlanc sits in the dugout after being relieved in the fifth inning of Wednesday's game against the Houston Astros in Seattle.

ager Scott Servais said. "We'll have a good game here or there. But like I said, start putting together some streaks together, just quality game after game, good pitching, more importantly on offense, we've got to

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do more offensively."

The Mariners were 21 games over .500 at 46-25 after a 1-0 win on June 16, while Oakland was just below .500 at 35-36. Seattle hasn't played terribly in the following six weeks, but its 17-20 record is pedestrian compared to Oakland's 29-10 mark and why the A's have caught up so quickly.

"We have to get back to playing really good baseball and then we'll worry about the other guys," Servais said.

Both the Mariners and A's are still looking up at Houston in the AL West. After a five-game losing streak, the Astros rebounded to win the final two games of the series. Houston has a five-game cushion over both teams.

Ohio State coach Meyer put on leave

Associated Press

Urban Meyer's job appears to be in jeopardy.

Ohio State placed Meyer, one of the most successful coaches in college football history, on paid administrative leave Wednesday while it investigates claims that his wife knew about allegations of domestic violence against an assistant coach years before the staff member was fired last week.

Courtney Smith, the ex-wife of fired Buckeyes assistant Zach Smith, gave an interview to Stadium and provided text messages to former ESPN reporter Brett McMurphy between her and Shelley Meyer in 2015 about Zach Smith's behavior. Courtney Smith also provided threatening texts she said came from her ex-husband, and text messages between her and other wives of Buckeyes assistant coaches, discussing Zach Smith.

"Shelley said she was going to have to tell Urban," Courtney Smith told Stadium. "I said: 'That's fine, you should tell Urban.'"

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