

MLB
A-Rod hits
HR No. 661
to pass Mays

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NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez passed Willie Mays for fourth on the career home run list, connecting for No. 661 Thursday night and helping the New York Yankees beat the Baltimore Orioles 4-3.

The Yankees star hit a liner off Chris Tillman into a secure area just to the left of Monument Park in center field in the third inning to give New York a 3-2 lead. A-Rod sent a soaring shot in the first that Delmon Young caught by reaching over the top of the wall in right field for a sacrifice fly.

Next up for Rodriguez: Babe Ruth at 714 home runs.

Rodriguez, who turns 40 in July, moved into a tie for fourth in the AL this season with seven home runs. He didn't play last year while serving a drug suspension.

The Yankees said they will not pay a marketing agreement that calls for \$6 million each for up to five achievements because New York has said the marketing possibilities were ruined after Rodriguez served his performance-enhancing drug penalty for his involvement in the Biogenesis scandal.

The accomplishments were contemplated to be homers 660, 714, 755 (Hank Aaron), 762 (Barry Bonds) and 763 as he moved up baseball's list.

PGA
Sawgrass gives
top players fits

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The biggest star at The Players Championship was not Rory McIlroy or Jordan Spieth playing together in the morning. And it wasn't Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods in back-to-back groups in the afternoon.

It was the TPC Sawgrass all day long in another round of big numbers, curious shots and endless entertainment.

Charley Hoffman was among four players tied for the lead at 5-under 67. He was thrilled with his eight birdies, the most of anyone Thursday. What turned a great day into a very good one was that triple bogey out of nowhere right after he made the turn.

David Hearn of Canada, Hideki Matsuyama of Japan and Kevin Na also had 67. Each made only one bogey. It was boring, which never hurts around here.

McIlroy also had a boring round by his standards — two birdies, an eagle, one bogey for a 69. It's a rare occasion when he'll call that a good day.

BRIEFLY
Pendleton parks
programs open for
registration

PENDLETON — A five-week basketball skills clinic hosted by Pendleton Parks and Recreation begins on May 31 for children in grades three-eight.

A second session begins on June 5, and both will be held each week at Pendleton Recreation Center.

Cost is \$50-60 depending on age, and space is limited. Registration for Pendleton's adult coed soccer league also is open and players are asked to register by May 18.

The league is open to players age 15 and older, and players will be assigned to a team. Cost is \$35.

Games begin in June and will be played at Grecian Heights Park in Pendleton.

For more information about these programs call (541) 276-8100 or visit PendletonParksAndRec.com.

PERFECT: Biggs, Kelly blast home runs

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perfecto almost a year ago to the day on May 8, 2014, also in the first game of a doubleheader against Baker.

Thursday Robert mixed up speeds and hit her spots with laser precision in both outings, striking out eight in the opener and 11 in the night cap. She allowed four hits in six innings in Game 2.

While it might not stick out in the left-hander's mind — at least not in the interim — it was still a special day for the Pioneers, which picked up their first two mercy-rule shortened Greater Oregon League victories of the season over Baker 10-0, 12-2.

The Pioneers are winners of 13 straight and 20 of 21 overall, but have struggled to put teams down in the dominant fashion last year's state champs are accustomed to. Included in the list of close wins was a 2-1 road triumph over Baker (7-13, 1-9 GOL) last month.

"They knew that they should be 10-running teams and we needed to dial in and take care of business, and they did that," Mac-Hi coach Nicole Christian said.

The marriage of hot bats and Robert's special afternoon were electric combination Thursday. While the senior was busy buzzing down Bulldog batters, the batters were busy putting up 22 runs on 19 hits on the afternoon.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

A Mac-Hi runner prepares to sprint for home which she did after Stefanie Copeland hit the ball Thursday against Baker in Mil-ton-Freewater.

"When our team started hitting well, I started throwing better. It was a domino effect, I guess," Robert said.

Robert helped herself finishing the day with three doubles. She drove in four in the opening game.

The Pioneers went yard twice in the second game. Designated hitter Abby Biggs hit a moon shot over the center-field scoreboard to score two in the third inning. Makayla Kelly entered as a pinch hitter in the sixth inning for catcher Mallory

BUTTE: Event provides fun options for the whole family

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their name entered in a drawing to win one of 45 prizes ranging from gift certificates to a barbecue grill to a Blu-ray player. Winners must be present to claim their prize.

The funds raised go to help the cross country runners in several ways. First, it helps pay for the team shirts given to runners every season. Blackburn's predecessor,

Jake Puzey, started the tradition and the Butte Challenge is a major part of paying for those shirts.

Money raised from the event also provides funds for travel costs and meet fees for the cross country team.

The Butte Challenge course traverses around the Hermiston Butte, overlooking Funland Park and easily seen throughout the city.

Saturday's event features a 5-kilo-meter run, 5k walk and 10k run. The

Butte Scoot is also available for children in a course adjacent to Funland Park, and Hermiston cross country runners will run it with the youth. After the Butte Scoot, an inflatable castle will be blown up in the field.

"It's just a fun family event," Blackburn said. "You got the kids run. It's right there by Funland, so kids can play at Funland. We'll have hot dogs, all the prizes — it's the funnest event when you can have your whole family there."

PREPS: Ione boys get tennis win, girls tie with TigerScots

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on Tuesday at Union.

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Tennis
IONE 4, WESTON-MCEWEN

2 — At Ione, the Cardinal boys defeated the TigerScot boys 4-2 in a home tennis duel Thursday, while the girls teams ended in a 4-4 stale-mate.

Ian Glossen and Enrico Maciotta each earned boys singles wins. The teams of Kai Arbogast-Bryan Fowler and Tim Gould-Enrico Maciotta completed the Ione win with doubles wins.

Weston-McEwen's Amanda Kidd needed a tiebreaker to finally separate herself from the Cardinals' Karina Rios in the girls No. 1 singles.

Boys	
Singles: Ian Glosse (IONE) def. Caleb Olson (WMHS) 6-1; Jon Cogswell (WMHS) def. Bryan Fowler (IONE) 6-3; Enrico Maciotta (IONE) def. Kellen Fairchild (WMHS) 8-1.	
Doubles: Kai Arbogast and Bryan Fowler (IONE) def. Ryan Schmidt and Michael Shafer (WMHS) 6-3; Tim Gould and Enrico Maciotta def. David Froese and Curtis Papineau (WMHS) 6-3; Robbie Davison	

and Jon Cogswell (WMHS) def. Amir Bayanayev and Tim Gould (IONE) 6-1.

Girls	
Singles: Amanda Kidd (WMHS) def. Karina Rios (IONE) 7-6; Babali Peterson (IONE) def. Christina Swafford (WMHS) 6-1; Rita McElligott (IONE) def. Bebe Calley (WMHS) 7-6; Emmaline Irvine (WMHS) def. Hannah Flynn (IONE) 6-3.	
Doubles: Lacey Kuehn and Johanna Albert (WMHS) def. Katelyn Bass and Maia Fuchs (IONE) 6-3; Hanna Flynn and Kylee Waggoner (IONE) def. Becky Taylor and Margy Bagdon (WMHS) 6-3; Sammy Ford and Krysta Calver (WMHS) def. Kelsey Vanos and Erica Nelson (IONE) 7-6; Reiah Waite and Natalie Grigg (IONE) def. Becky Taylor and Mary Bagdon (WMHS) 6-3.	

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL

Today Umatilla at Elgin (DH), 1 p.m. The Dalles at Hermiston, 4:30 p.m. Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.	Saturday Pilot Rock at Irrigon (DH), 11 a.m. Weston-McEwen at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m. Stanfield at Portland Christian, 11 a.m. Clatskanie at Stanfield (at Portland Christian), 1 p.m.
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PREP SOFTBALL

Today Grant Union at Riverside (DH), Noon Enterprise at Echo (DH), 1 p.m. Umatilla at Elgin (DH), 1 p.m. Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m. The Dalles at Hermiston, 4:30 p.m.	Saturday Portland Christian at Echo, 11 a.m. Irrigon at Union (DH), 11 a.m. Heppner at Weston-McEwen (DH), 11 a.m. Pilot Rock at Burns (DH), 1 p.m.
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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Today Mac-Hi, Riverside, Irrigon at Baker Invite, Noon Pendleton, Hermiston, The Dalles at CRC Last Chance (Pendleton), 3 p.m.	Saturday Weston-McEwen, Heppner, Irrigon, Stanfield, Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen CBC Meet, 11 a.m. Ione, Helix, Arlington, Echo, Condon/Wheeler at Arlington Invitational, 10 a.m.
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PREP BOYSTENNIS

Today Hermiston at Pendleton, 8 p.m. Mac-Hi, Riverside, Helix, Ione, Umatilla, Condon/Wheeler at Districts (Hermiston) 9 a.m.	Saturday Mac-Hi, Riverside, Helix, Ione, Umatilla, Condon/Wheeler at Districts (Hermiston) 9 a.m.
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PREP GIRLS TENNIS

Today Mac-Hi, Riverside, Helix, Ione, Umatilla, Condon/Wheeler at Districts (Hermiston) 9 a.m.	Saturday Mac-Hi, Riverside, Helix, Ione, Umatilla, Condon/Wheeler at Districts (Hermiston) 9 a.m.
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PREP BOYS GOLF

Today Heppner at Alpine Meadows (Enter-prise), 11 a.m.
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PREP GIRLS GOLF

Today Hermiston, Pendleton at Districts (Redmond), TBD Heppner at Alpine Meadows (Enter-prise), 11 a.m.
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PREP LACROSSE

Saturday Hermiston at Tournament, TBD	Sunday Hermiston at Tournament, TBD
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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday Big Bend at Blue Mountain (DH), 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Today Blue Mountain at Walla Walla (DH), 2 p.m.	Saturday Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon
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Basketball

NBA Playoffs CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) EASTERN CONFERENCE Chicago 1, Cleveland 1 Monday, May 4: Chicago 99, Cleveland 92 Wednesday, May 6: Cleveland 106, Chicago 91
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Today: Cleveland at Chicago, 5 p.m. Sunday, May 10: Cleveland at Chicago, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12: Chicago at Cleveland, 4 p.m. x-Thursday, May 14: Cleveland at Chicago, TBD x-Sunday, May 17: Chicago at Cleveland, TBD Washington 1, Atlanta 1 Sunday, May 3: Washington 104, Atlanta 98 Tuesday, May 5: Atlanta 106, Washington 90 Saturday, May 9: Atlanta at Washington, 2 p.m. Monday, May 11: Atlanta at Washington, 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 13: Washington at Atlanta, 5 p.m. x-Friday, May 15: Atlanta at Washington, TBD x-Monday, May 18: Washington at Atlanta, 5 p.m. WESTERN CONFERENCE L.A. Clippers 1, Houston 1 Monday, May 4: L.A. Clippers 117, Houston 101 Wednesday, May 6: Houston 115, L.A. Clippers 109 Today: Houston at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 10: Houston at L.A. Clippers, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12: L.A. Clippers at Houston, 6:30 p.m. x-Thursday, May 14: Houston at L.A. Clippers, TBD x-Sunday, May 17: L.A. Clippers at Houston, TBD Golden State 1, Memphis 1 Sunday, May 3: Golden State 101, Memphis 86 Tuesday, May 5: Memphis 97, Golden State 90 Saturday, May 9: Golden State at Memphis, 5 p.m. Monday, May 11: Golden State at Memphis, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13: Memphis at Golden State, 7:30 p.m. x-Friday, May 15: Golden State at Memphis, TBD x-Sunday, May 17: Memphis at Golden State, TBD
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Hockey

NHL Playoffs SECOND ROUND (Best-of-7) EASTERN CONFERENCE Washington 3, N.Y. Rangers 1 Thursday, April 30: Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1 Saturday, May 2: N.Y. Rangers 3, Washington 2 Monday, May 4: Washington 1, N.Y. Rangers 0 Wednesday, May 6: Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1 Today: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m. x-Sunday, May 10: N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 4 p.m. x-Wednesday, May 13: Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBD Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 1 Friday, May 1: Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 1 Sunday, May 3: Tampa Bay 6, Montreal 2 Wednesday, May 6: Tampa Bay 2, Montreal 1 Thursday, May 7: Montreal 6, Tampa Bay 2 Saturday, May 9: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 4 p.m. x-Tuesday, May 12: Montreal at Tampa Bay, TBD x-Thursday, May 14: Tampa Bay at Montreal, TBD WESTERN CONFERENCE Chicago 4, Minnesota 0 Friday, May 1: Chicago 4, Minnesota 3 Sunday, May 3: Chicago 4, Minnesota 1 Tuesday, May 5: Chicago 1, Minnesota 0 Thursday, May 7: Chicago 4, Minnesota 3 Anaheim 2, Calgary 1 Thursday, April 30: Anaheim 6, Calgary 1 Sunday, May 3: Anaheim 3, Calgary 0 Tuesday, May 5: Calgary 4, Anaheim 3 OT Today: Anaheim at Calgary, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 10: Calgary at Anaheim, TBD x-Tuesday, May 12: Anaheim at Calgary, TBD
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x-Thursday, May 14: Calgary at Anaheim, TBD
WHL Playoffs FINAL ROUND WHL Championship (Best-of-7) Brandon vs. Kelowna Today: Kelowna at Brandon, 3:30 p.m. Saturday: Kelowna at Brandon, 3:30 p.m. Monday, May 11: Brandon at Kelowna, 5:05 p.m. Wednesday, May 13: Brandon at Kelowna, 5:05 p.m. Friday, May 15: x-Brandon at Kelowna, 5:05 p.m. x — if necessary.

Baseball

MLB				
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	18	11	.621	—
Tampa Bay	15	14	.517	3
Toronto	14	15	.483	4
Boston	13	15	.464	4½
Baltimore	12	14	.462	4½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	18	10	.643	—
Detroit	18	11	.621	½
Minnesota	16	13	.552	2½
Chicago	10	15	.400	6½
Cleveland	10	17	.370	7½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	18	10	.643	—
Los Angeles	13	15	.464	5
Texas	12	16	.429	6
Oakland	12	16	.400	7
Seattle	11	17	.393	7
Thursday's Games				
Minnesota 6, Oakland 5				
Kansas City 7, Cleveland 4				
Detroit 4, Chicago White Sox 1				
N.Y. Yankees 4, Baltimore 3				
Texas 5, Tampa Bay 4				
Houston at L.A. Angels (n)				
Today's Games				
Baltimore (M.) Gonzalez 3-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Warren 2-1), 4:05 p.m.				
Boston (Miley 1-3) at Toronto (Aa.Sanchez 2-2), 4:07 p.m.				
Kansas City (Ventura 2-2) at Detroit (Price 3-1), 4:08 p.m.				
Minnesota (Pelfrey 2-0) at Cleveland (Bauer 2-0), 4:10 p.m.				
Texas (Gallardo 2-4) at Tampa Bay (Karns 1-1), 4:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Marquis 3-1) at Chicago White Sox (Nosei 0-3), 5:10 p.m.				
Houston (R.Hernandez 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Weaver 0-4), 7:05 p.m.				
Oakland (Gray 4-0) at Seattle (T.Walker 1-3), 7:10 p.m.				
National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	18	10	.643	—
Atlanta	14	14	.500	4
Washington	14	15	.483	4½
Miami	13	15	.464	5
Philadelphia	10	19	.345	8½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	21	7	.750	—
Chicago	14	13	.519	6½
Cincinnati	14	14	.500	7
Pittsburgh	13	15	.464	8
Milwaukee	9	20	.310	12½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	18	10	.643	—
San Diego	15	14	.517	3½
San Francisco	14	14	.500	4
Arizona	12	14	.462	5
Colorado	11	15	.423	6
Thursday's Games				
L.A. Dodgers 14, Milwaukee 4				
St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 1				
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 2				
San Diego at Arizona (n)				
Miami at San Francisco (n)				
Today's Games				
Atlanta (Stults 1-2) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 2-2), 4:05 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 5-0) at Philadelphia				

(Hamels 1-3), 4:05 p.m. St. Louis (Wacha 4-0) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 1-1), 4:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Hammel 2-1) at Milwaukee (Nelson 1-2), 5:10 p.m. Cincinnati (Marquis 3-1) at Chicago White Sox (Nosei 0-3), 5:10 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 1-1) at Colorado (E.Butler 2-2), 5:40 p.m. San Diego (Shields 3-0) at Arizona (Hellickson 1-3), 6:40 p.m. Miami (Cosart 1-2) at San Francisco (Lincecum 2-2), 7:15 p.m.

Golf

PGA	
Players Championship	
Thursday's leaders	
At TPC Sawgrass, The Players Stadium	
Course:	
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.	
Purse: \$10 million	
Yardage: 7,215; Par: 72 (36-36)	
First Round	
Hideki Matsuyama	34-33—67 -5
David Hearn	34-33—67 -5
Charley Hoffman	36-31—67 -5
Kevin Na	34-34—67 -5
Troy Merritt	33-35—68 -4
Ben Martin	34-34—68 -4
Billy Horschel	34-34—68 -4
Brendon Todd	34-34—68 -4
Charles Howell III	34-34—68 -4
Derek Fathauer	33-35—68 -4

Jeff Overton	35-34—69 -3
Cameron Tringale	36-33—69 -3
Marc Leishman	35-34—69 -3
Webb Simpson	35-34—69 -3
Rickie Fowler	37-32—69 -3
Steve Stricker	34-35—69 -3
Rory McIlroy	36-33—69 -3
Jason Day	33-36—69 -3
Ricky Barnes	36-33—69 -3