

Sports shorts

Trade highlights open of free agency

(AP) —On the first day of NHL free agency, a blockbuster trade stole the spotlight. The Pittsburgh Penguins acquired high-scoring winger Phil Kessel from Toronto on Wednesday in the biggest move of the day, while a handful of prominent defenseman found new homes in free agency. Mike Green signed a multiyear deal with Detroit, Andrej Sekera signed a \$33 million, six-year contract with Edmonton, Paul Martin inked a \$19.4 million, four-year deal with San Jose and Francois Beauchemin got a three-year deal with Colorado.



Carrasco loses no-hitter with one strike left in 9th

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Carlos Carrasco was one strike away from throwing Cleveland's first no-hitter in 34 years and already considering ways to celebrate.

A bit prematurely it turned out.

**FACES** The right-hander gave up an RBI single to Joey Butler over leaping second baseman Jason Kipnis' glove in an 8-1

victory over the Tampa Bay Rays.

"It's part of the game. I was excited. ... I started thinking about what I needed to do, throw my glove in the air or something," Carrasco said. "It was great. I almost made it."

For the third straight night, the Indians took a perfect game into the sixth inning against the Rays. This time, Carrasco retired the first 19 batters before walking Butler with one out in the seventh.

"Sargent Slaughter once went nuts on me and beat me unconscious with a turnbuckle. My jaw was broken. I lost teeth. I blacked out."

— Robert Windham

Former professional wrestler, who performed as "Blackjack Mulligan" explaining why he is one of several former wrestlers preparing to sue World Wrestling Entertainment Inc. for long term health problems related to concussions suffered in the ring. Windham, 73, said he has been diagnosed with dementia and blood clots in the brain.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1921** — The Jack Dempsey-Georges Carpentier heavyweight match at Rickard's Orchard in Jersey City, N.J., becomes the first million-dollar game in boxing history. The receipts total \$1,789,238 with \$50 ringside seats. In front of 80,183, Dempsey knocks out Carpentier at 1:16 of the fourth round.

**1994** — Colombian defender Andres Escobar, 27, is killed outside a bar in Colombia in retaliation for deflecting a ball into his own goal in a 2-1 loss to the United States in the World Cup.

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IRRIGON

Pendleton scraps, survives again



Pendleton's Josie Wilson slides underneath the tag from Hermiston's Brecella Nash on Wednesday in Irrigon.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Softball all-stars edge Hermiston to force finals rematch

By MATT ENTRUP  
East Oregonian

Pendleton's self-made luck held out for another day at the District 3 Little League softball tournament, and the girls survived another elimination scenario to force a winner-take-all showdown with Hermiston in the championship.

Hermiston 11-12-year-old all stars were looking to wrap up the title for themselves, but a bad break in the top of the sixth inning erased a bases loaded situation and opened the door for Pendleton's 6-5 win.

Pendleton scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the frame when Natalie Neveau lifted a single to right field with one out and the bases loaded. It was her third hit of the game to finish off Pendleton's comeback from a 5-0 deficit.

Pendleton was essentially playing a doubleheader after beating Milton-Freewater 8-0 in the morning game, and manager Ron Murphy said his team's resilience has impressed him this week.

"It goes back to our first game when we lost, and we've been



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton's Celia Farrow prepares to slide into second base as Hermiston's Sam Atilano waits for the throw on Wednesday in Irrigon.

battling ever since," he said. "We had to play a four-hour game that night until 12:30 in the morning, and then we win 17-16 (over La Grande) the next day and we've just been battling every day. It's fitting for our girls to just keep battling and battling in this game and just kind of

grind it out and win it."

Hermiston pitcher Brecella Nash gave herself the lead when she scored in the first inning, and was able to keep Pendleton off the scoreboard with the help of her defense when they challenged in the first and third innings.

A groundout left three stranded for Pendleton in the first, and a play at the plate gave Hermiston its third out in the third.

Hermiston scored four in the fourth to take its largest lead, but Pendleton responded with four runs of its own with five hits in the bottom of the inning, including a double by Alexia Laib, who was 3 for 3 in the game.

Pendleton reliever Kylie Parsons got Hermiston down in order in the fifth, then Pendleton tied the score when Neveau crossed the plate in their at-bat.

Hermiston had bases loaded with two outs in the sixth, but a would-be single by Nash was negated by runner interference when the hot line drive clipped the foot of an evading base runner on its way to right field.

Delaney Duchek was also 3 for 3 at the plate for Pendleton and scored once.

Laikyn Fields was 2 for 3 and scored once to lead Hermiston, and Codi Hewitt hit a double.

The teams will go at it again today starting at 8 a.m.

MLB

Walker dominant as Mariners pile on

By BERNIE WILSON  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Seattle Mariners were leading the San Diego Padres by a run through six innings when manager Lloyd McClendon decided 22-year-old Taijuan Walker had gone far enough, even with a shutout intact.

Walker did more than enough, holding the punchless Padres to one hit. The Mariners then piled on against James Shields and the Padres' bullpen, winning 7-0 Wednesday in their second straight shutout against the Padres.

Struggling Robinson Cano and Nelson Cruz each homered. Cano had four hits and drove in three runs while Cruz connected for his 20th homer on his 35th birthday.

Walker (7-6) struck out seven and walked none. He combined with four relievers on a three-hitter.

"This is a young pitcher that's going deep into a lot of ballgames. At some point you have to protect him," McClendon said. "He may not like it, but 12 years from now when he's still pitching, he'll thank me. He'll say, 'The old man knew what he was doing.'"

Walker said he was a bit surprised he came out, "but we had the opportunity to score, with this being against the National League, so we'll take all the runs we can get and we ended up scoring there."

"It's part of the National League. I thought it was a great team win and the offense did really great and the bullpen came in and shut the door," he said.

Rookie Mike Montgomery threw a one-hitter against the



Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano celebrates with Kyle Seager after his solo homer against the San Diego Padres in sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, July 1, 2015, in San Diego.

AP Photo/Lenny Ignelzi

Padres on Tuesday night. They have been blanked 13 times this year.

James Shields (7-3) failed for the fifth time to get his eighth victory. He's lost three straight starts.

Cano hit an opposite-field homer to left leading off the sixth. His fifth home run came after he'd been 0 for 10 with four strikeouts in his last three games.

"Hopefully it's about the team and not about me getting hot or

swinging the bat good, it's about winning," Cano said. "We've got to get going."

Cano improved to 37 for 90 (.411) lifetime against Shields, with five homers and 16 RBIs. The 37 hits are the most by an active player against an active pitcher.

"He's a guy that goes after hitters, so he's a guy you've got to be ready for his first pitch. He's one of the best in the game," Cano said.

Cano came in to the game hitting .238.

Track & Field

Wilson wins gold at TrackTown

Macias sixth at USATF meet

East Oregonian

EUGENE — Thirty local athletes were able to compete on the same stage as the nation's top track and field stars over the weekend at University of Oregon's Hayward Field.

Hermiston's Jose Macias ran at the USATF Junior Outdoor Championships, which were held in conjunction with the USATF Outdoor Championships.

Following the conclusion of those meets on Saturday, June 27, the TrackTown Youth League Championships featured 29 athletes (16 girls, 13 boys) ages 8-14 from Hermiston, Pendleton, Umatilla, Irrigon and Milton-Freewater competing in running, jumping and throwing events.

Macias, who runs track and cross country at Portland State, finished sixth in the 10,000 meters with a time of 32:28.70. It was just his fourth time running the distance in competition, and although he didn't improve