

US bounces back for victory

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CHICAGO — The fans stood and cheered when Clint Dempsey headed off the field in the second half, and the forward responded with his own round of applause.

Brad Guzan held his arms in the air after the final seconds of his happy homecoming.

After days of questions and criticism, it was a couple of perfect pictures for the United States.

Dempsey had a goal and two assists, and the U.S. rebounded from its opening loss in Copa America with a convincing 4-0 victory over Costa Rica on Tuesday night.

"Goals change games, and the guys up front took



United States' Geoff Cameron (20) and Costa Rica's Alvaro Saborio (9) battle during a Copa America soccer match at Soldier Field in Chicago, Tuesday, June 7, 2016. AP Photo/Charles Rex Arbogast

care of that," said Guzan, who only had to make one save in his 16th international shutout.

Dempsey, Jermaine Jones and Bobby Wood scored in the first half and substitute Graham Zusi added another goal in the 87th minute as the U.S. moved into prime position to grab one of two spots in the knockout round coming out of Group A in South America's championship.

A victory against Paraguay on Saturday night in Philadelphia and the Americans are through to the next stage.

It was quite a response to days of questions after the U.S. allowed a goal off a corner kick and committed a costly hand ball in a 2-0 loss to Colombia on Friday night. Another loss against Costa Rica and the U.S. would have been eliminated on the fifth day of the tour-

nament.

"I see a team progressing. I see a team that badly wants to prove itself with these caliber teams in the Copa America," U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann said.

"It was a very, very encouraging performance by us against Colombia. Obviously, the result, especially here in the U.S., that's all that matters to a lot of people. ... The team, they know where they stand."

SINGER: Tigers biggest loss is coach Bryan Johnson

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allowing two earned runs and struck out nine in eight innings.

For Stanfield, youth is also on their side as the Tigers return all of their main firepower at the plate and on the pitching mound.

Stanfield returns its entire pitching staff in Eastern Oregon League Player of the Year Dylan Grogan, Brody Woods, Antonio Flores, and Ryan Bailey — all of whom also man the infield positions when they are not manning the mound. They also return all-league catcher and lead-off hitter Thyler Monkus as well as sophomores Damien Curiel, Adrian Renner, and Justin Keeney all of whom played big roles for the Tigers in 2016.

The Tigers do lose a few key pieces in their outfield with Keith Wampler (.273 avg., 22 runs) and Jason Fitzpatrick (.309 avg., 20 RBI) both graduating. The biggest loss the Tigers will have to overcome is at the very top,

as head coach Bryan Johnson leaves after eight years with the Tigers for a job in his hometown of Ephrata, Wash.

However, with all of the talent returning, the team and the new coach have to like where they are sitting. Compare their situation to a team like championship opponent Santiam Christian who loses 11 seniors to graduation — including Dru Draper who became the Tigers nemesis in the two meetings this season — and its easy to see why the Tigers should be the favorites.

However, with all this being said, winning consecutive championships at the amateur level is never an easy task. Since the OSAA split into six classifications for the 2007 season, only seven softball teams — now including Pilot Rock — have won consecutive championships and just two baseball teams have done so.

But come June of 2017 and both Pilot Rock and Stanfield could add their names to that list.

BRIEFLY

Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Tournament this weekend

Prep baseball swings back into Pendleton this weekend with the Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Tournament taking place on June 10-12.

The tournament will feature local teams such as Hodgen Distributing (Pendleton legion), Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, La Grande, and Baker. The games will take place at both Bob White Field and the BMCC baseball field.

The tournament kicks off on Friday morning as Milton-Freewater plays Baker at 11 a.m. at Bob White Field and then Hermiston faces La Grande at Noon at the BMCC field. The tournament runs all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and will conclude with a championship game at 4 p.m. at Bob White Field.

Admission for the tournament is \$5 per person, per day, while students and seniors will pay \$3 per day. All proceeds from the tournament go to the Ashlee Hodgen scholarship fund.

Stanfield Baseball Weekend

The Stanfield Tigers will hold their annual awards program on Friday night at 6:30 p.m. at Stanfield High School to honor all of the teams' accomplishments from the spring athletics season.

The weekend will continue into Saturday when Stanfield will host an alumni baseball game on Saturday afternoon at Madigan Field.

The game will start at 6 p.m. and there is no cost to participate or attend.

BASEBALL: Umatilla's Dever, Riverside's Killion make 1st team

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percentage sat north of .600 on the season, as well.

And head coach Bryan Johnson took home Coach of the Year honors in his final season at Stanfield and led the team to their second state championship in his eight seasons as coach.

Joining Grogan on the all-EOL first team roster was pitcher/infielder Brody Woods (11-1, 1.37 ERA, .396 batting avg., 41 RBI, 32 runs), catcher Thyler Monkus (.424 avg., 58 runs, 31 stolen bases), first baseman Ryan Bailey (.514 avg., 43 RBI, 41 runs), and infielder Antonio Flores (.410 avg., 42 RBI, 46 runs).

Flores and Bailey netted second team honors as pitchers as Flores appeared in 14 games with eight starts

and finished with a 6-0 record with a 2.08 ERA and Bailey picked up three saves with a 0.84 ERA in 16.2 innings. Joining them on second team was outfielder Keith Wampler (.273 avg., 22 runs), while Jason Fitzpatrick (.309 avg., 20 RBI), Justin Keeney (.289 avg., 18 runs), Damien Curiel (.258 avg., 20 runs), and Adrian Renner (.342 avg., 21 RBI) earned honorable mention honors.

The Umatilla Vikings struggled to find consistency in 2016, finishing sixth in the EOL with a 7-12 overall record and 3-9 in league play. One of the bright spots for the Vikings was senior pitcher and infielder Josh Dever, who was named to the first team squad at both of his positions. Umatilla also placed three players

on the honorable mention list, with senior pitcher and outfielder Cory Landon, sophomore catcher Brylee Dufloth and sophomore infielder Seth Cranston making the cut.

And the Riverside Pirates struggled through their 2016 schedule finishing last in the EOL at 3-20 and 2-10. The team had a collective batting average of .166, but they were carried by senior utility player Wayne Killion as he hit .370 with two home runs and 15 RBI, but most impressively was responsible for seven of the team's 12 extra-base hits. Derek Bingaman rounded out the Pirates representatives as an honorable mention at pitcher.

ALL-EOL BASEBALL
Player of the Year: Dylan Grogan, jr.
Stanfield
Coach of the Year: Bryan Johnson,

Stanfield	FIRSTTEAM	Anu Kanoho, sr., Elgin/Imbler Utility/DH Caleb Lathrop, so., Elgin/Imbler
Pitchers	Dylan Grogan, jr., Stanfield/Echo Josh Dever, sr., Umatilla Brody Woods, so., Stanfield/Echo	HONORABLE MENTION Caleb Lathrop, so., Elgin/Imbler Josh Rummell, sr., Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa
Catchers	Thyler Monkus, jr., Stanfield/Echo Blake Cleaver, jr., Nyssa	Derek Bingaman, sr., Riverside Corey Landon, sr., Umatilla Ryan Bailey, jr., Stanfield/Echo Antonio Flores, jr., Stanfield/Echo Boston Thompson, so., Nyssa Roman Meleendez, sr., Nyssa
First Base	Ryan Bailey, jr., Stanfield/Echo	Catchers Kendrick Johnson, so., Elgin/Imbler Sterling Bither, so., Riverside Brylee Dufloth, so., Umatilla Cade Parry, so., Vale
Infielders	Dylan Grogan, jr., Stanfield/Echo Antonio Flores, jr., Stanfield/Echo Brody Woods, so., Stanfield/Echo Josh Dever, sr., Umatilla Cody Towers, sr., Vale	First Base Andres Gonzalez, jr., Nyssa Jack Lathrop, so., Elgin/Imbler
Outfielders	Jaydon McKay, sr., Elgin/Imbler Bryce Arant, sr., Nyssa JP Martinez, jr., Nyssa	Infielders Tanner Owen, jr., Elgin/Imbler Gus Ramsden, fr., Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa
Utility/DH	Gage Fortin, sr., Vale Wayne Killion, sr., Riverside	Aramis Corpus, so., Riverside Seth Cranston, so., Umatilla Damien Curiel, so., Stanfield/Echo Enrique Menchaca, sr., Nyssa
SECONDTEAM	Pitchers Justin Exon, sr., Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa Josh Buchholz, sr., Vale Dawson Eddy, jr., Vale	Outfielders Jason Fitzpatrick, sr., Stanfield/Echo Justin Keeney, so., Stanfield/Echo Tanner Hamilton, fr., Vale Tanner Coble, sr., Nyssa Chris Bathke, so., Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa Justin Exon, sr., Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa Cory Landon, sr., Umatilla
Catchers	Rylie Heyward, sr., Joseph/Enterprise/Wallowa	Utility/DH Adrian Renner, so., Stanfield/Echo
First Base	Trace Cummings, sr., Vale	
Infielders	Andrew Luse, so., Elgin/Imbler Josh Buchholz, sr., Vale Dawson Eddy, jr., Vale	
Outfielders	Marco Gomez, jr., Vale Dylan Kaschmitter, jr., Vale Keith Wampler, sr., Stanfield/Echo	

BEAVERS: Several prep signees could hear names called

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"Pro baseball has been a goal of mine, a dream of mine," said Ice, a graduate of Rogers High in Puyallup, Washington. "Playing in the big leagues has always been my ultimate goal, so to have that opportunity hopefully happen is a dream come true."

Ice will likely hear his name called somewhere in the first few rounds.

The 5-foot-11, 191-pound switch hitter began the season red-hot but cooled off late, going 8 for 48 (.167) with three RBIs in his final 13 games.

Ice started all 30 games in Pac-12 Conference play and made 33 consecutive starts overall to end the season.

"As I got deeper in the year, I could definitely feel

it," Ice admitted. "It's not an excuse to use but it is something that definitely had an impact, and I really respect those pro guys who do it 140 games per year. It would be unfair to say it didn't have an impact, and it was reasonable to say my legs were tired."

Morrison, also a three-year starter, survived a tough fall battle with freshmen Nick Madrigal and Cadyn Grenier to protect his starting short-stop job. Morrison (6-0, 182) played in all 54 games this season while batting .284 with 10 doubles, five triples and 26 RBIs.

In 2013, the Boston Red Sox took Morrison in the 36th round out of Archbishop Murphy in Bothell, Washington. He is expected to be a second-day selection this time around.

Eckert, OSU's only senior in 2016, went 6-4 with a 3.28 ERA in 14 starts, the final eight coming as the team's ace after Drew Rasmussen went down. Eckert allowed 82 hits in 91 1/3 innings with 66 strikeouts and 20 walks.

The 6-2, 195-pounder from Austin, Texas, graduated from Stephen F. Austin High and played single seasons at Temple College (Texas) and Clark College (Washington) before landing at OSU. He was picked in the 20th round of the 2015 draft by San Francisco but chose not to sign.

"I think it would've been totally different for me if I would've come to a place like OSU my freshman year," Eckert said of the decision to return. "But I bounced around at two JCs and my junior year was

my first at the Division I level, and I just didn't feel inside I was ready to make a commitment to go play pro ball. I wanted to develop more as a pitcher, and I think I made a great decision to put myself in a position to be taken much higher this year."

Eckert could be a second-day selection but may have to wait until Saturday.

OSU's other draft eligible players are juniors Max Engelbrekt (LHP), Jake Thompson (RHP), Austin Kelly (RHP), John Pomeroy (RHP), Scotland Church (RHP), Kyle Nobach (OF), Billy King (1B), Caleb Hamilton (infield) and redshirt sophomore Jack Anderson (OF).

Prep signee Grant Gambrell (6-4, 225), a right-handed pitcher from

Clavis, California, is the 217th-ranked prospect by Baseball America and could be selected early. Fellow signee Adley Rutschman (6-2, 205) of Sherwood is ranked No. 241.

Rutschman, Oregon's Gatorade Player of the Year, was primarily recruited as a right-handed pitcher.

Baseball America's highest-rated Pac-12 prospect is Stanford pitcher Cal Quantrill (No. 38), who missed the entire 2016 season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

California righty Daulton Jefferies (61st), Ice (65th), Oregon lefty Matt Krook (87th) and California catcher Brett Cumberland (90th) are the only other Pac-12 players in the top 100.

Local Slate

LEGION BASEBALL
Ashlee Hodgen Memorial Tournament Friday
Milton-Freewater vs. Baker, 11 a.m. (at Bob White Field)
Hermiston vs. La Grande, Noon (at BMCC Field)
Baker vs. Hodgen Distributing, 1:30 p.m. (at Bob White Field)
Meridian vs. Hermiston, 2:30 p.m. (at BMCC Field)
La Grande vs. Sandy, 4 p.m. (at Bob White Field)
Central Valley vs. Hodgen Distributing, 6:30 p.m. (at Bob White Field)
Saturday's Games
Meridian vs. Sandy, 8:30 a.m. (at Bob White Field)
Hermiston vs. Sandy, 11 a.m. (at Bob White Field)
Meridian vs. La Grande, 11:30 a.m. (at BMCC Field)
Milton-Freewater vs. Central Valley, 1:30 p.m. (at Bob White Field)
Central Valley vs. Baker, 4 p.m. (at Bob White Field)
Milton-Freewater vs. Hodgen Distributing, 6:30 p.m. (at Bob White Field)

Basketball

NBA
Playoff Glance
FINALS
(Best-of-7; x if necessary)
Golden State 2, Cleveland 0 (all games on ABC)
Thursday, June 2: Golden State 104, Cleveland 89
Sunday, June 5: Golden State 110, Cleveland 77
Today's Game: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Friday, June 10: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
x-Monday, June 13: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 16: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 19: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	6	2	.750	—
New York	4	4	.500	2
Chicago	4	4	.500	2
Indiana	4	4	.500	2
Washington	3	6	.333	3½
Connecticut	1	7	.125	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	8	0	1.000	—
Los Angeles	8	0	1.000	—
Dallas	3	4	.429	4½
Seattle	3	5	.375	5
Phoenix	2	6	.250	6
San Antonio	1	5	.167	6

Tuesday's Games
Minnesota 89, Phoenix 81
Los Angeles 100, New York 77
Today's Games
Washington at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday's Games
San Antonio at Phoenix, 7 p.m.

Hockey

NHL
Playoff Glance
STANLEY CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1
Monday, May 30: Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 2
Wednesday, June 1: Pittsburgh 2, San Jose 1
Saturday, June 4: San Jose 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT
Monday, June 6: Pittsburgh 3, San Jose 1
Thursday, June 9: San Jose at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (NBC)

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	34	23	.596	—
Boston	34	24	.586	½
Toronto	31	29	.517	4½
New York	28	30	.483	6½
Tampa Bay	26	31	.456	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	35	23	.603	—
New York	31	26	.544	3½
Miami	30	28	.517	5
Philadelphia	29	30	.492	6½
Atlanta	16	42	.276	19

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	35	23	.603	—
New York	31	26	.544	3½
Miami	30	28	.517	5
Philadelphia	29	30	.492	6½
Atlanta	16	42	.276	19

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West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	35	23	.603	—
New York	31	26	.544	3½
Miami	30	28	.517	5
Philadelphia	29	30	.492	6½
Atlanta	16	42	.276	19

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	40	17	.702	—
Pittsburgh	32	26	.552	8½
St. Louis	30	28	.517	10½
Milwaukee	27	31	.466	13½
Cincinnati	22	36	.379	18½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	35	25	.583	—
Los Angeles	32	28	.533	3
Colorado	26	31	.456	8
Arizona	26	35	.426	9½
San Diego	25	35	.417	10

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Mets 1, 1st game
Philadelphia 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 6
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Mets 1, 2nd game
Washington 10, Chicago White Sox 5
Milwaukee 5, Oakland 4
Minnesota 6, Miami 4, 11 innings
Arizona 5, Tampa Bay 0
Seattle 7, Cleveland 1
Boston 5, San Francisco 3, 10 innings
Wednesday's Games
Toronto (Dickey 3-6) at Detroit (Zimmermann 8-2), 10:10 a.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 2-3) at Arizona (Bradley 2-1), 12:40 p.m.
Kansas City (Volquez 5-5) at Baltimore (Tillman 7-1), 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 6-2), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Fister 5-3) at Texas (Darvish 2-0), 5:05 p.m.
Miami (Chen 3-2) at Minnesota (Nolasco 2-4), 5:10 p.m.
Oakland (Hahn 2-3) at Milwaukee (Anderson 3-6), 5:10 p.m.
Washington (Scherzer 6-4) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 2-7), 5:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 2-0) at Seattle (Walker 2-6), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Price 7-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 7-2), 7:15 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kyle Busch	416	—	—	—
Jimmie Johnson	415	—	—	—
Chase Elliott	413	—	—	—
Joey Logano	410	—	—	—
Martin Truex Jr.	403	—	—	—
Dale Earnhardt Jr.	381	—	—	—
Denny Hamlin	372	—	—	—
Austin Dillon	348	—	—	—
Jamie McMurray	342	—	—	—
Ryan Blaney	340	—	—	—
Ryan Newman	338	—	—	—
AJ Allmendinger	334	—	—	—
Kasey Kahne	325	—	—	—
Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	325	—	—	—
Trevor Bayne	319	—	—	—
Kyle Larson	302	—	—	—
Paul Menard	285	—	—	—
Clint Bowyer	252	—	—	—
Aric Almirola	249	—	—	—
Danica Patrick	245	—	—	—
Greg Biffle	245	—	—	—
Landon Cassill	221	—	—	—
Casey Mears	212	—	—	—
Brian Scott	192	—	—	—
David Ragan	189	—	—	—
Ryan Smith	180	—	—	—
Michael McDowell	161	—	—	—
Chris Buescher	161	—	—	—
Matt DiBenedetto	151	—	—	—
Cole Whitt	119	—	—	—
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 6-2) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 0-0), 4:05 p.m.				</