

Softball Explosion wins national qualifier

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PENDLETON — Alexis Morrison's fastpitch softball team has qualified for the Premier Girls Fastpitch National Championships after a 4-0 title run at a tournament in Longmont, Colorado over the weekend.

Morrison, who recently graduated from Pendleton High, plays for the USA Explosion Moffat Gold which beat Batbusters Fox 3-2 in the championship of the national qualifier tournament.

Morrison went 2 for 5 at the plate in the tournament with one run scored and one RBI. She had her most productive game in an 8-0 win over Pro Swing Orange in the quarterfinals going 2 for 3 with an RBI triple.

The national championships will be held July 23-29 in southern California.



Morrison

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"He makes a huge difference on everybody in Stanfield," Grogan said of Johnson. "He's a great all-around coach and he's the biggest reason we got where we did this season."

Joining Grogan on all-state first team were junior Thylor Monkus (.424 avg., 58 runs, 31 stolen bases) at outfield and junior Ryan Bailey (.514 avg., 43 RBI, 41 runs) at Utility player. Rounding out the Stanfield representatives were infielder Antonio Flores (.410 avg., 42 RBI, 46 runs) and sophomore pitcher Brody Woods (11-1, 1.37 ERA).

"I was really happy to see those guys get honored, too," Grogan said of his teammates' selections. "They all worked just as hard this year and it showed."

Riverside senior Wayne Killion earned a second team all-state selection for his performance in 2016 while Umatilla senior Josh Dever earned a third team selection at pitcher.

3A All-State Baseball
Player of the Year: Dylan Grogan, Stanfield, jr.
Coach of the Year: Bryan Johnson, Stanfield

First Team Pitcher
 Dylan Grogan, Stanfield, jr.
 Jarrod Ludwick, Horizon Christian, sr.
 Jose Perez, St. Mary's, sr.
 Gavin Ross, Harrisburg

Catcher
 Nate Cantonwine, Blanchet Catholic, sr.
 Ty Mulholland, St. Mary's, sr.

First Base
 Joe Johnson, St. Mary's, sr.

Infield
 Bryson Belloir, Glide, sr.
 Dru Draper, Santiam Christian, sr.
 Daniel Hendrix, Santiam Christian, sr.
 Alex McAllister, Clatskanie, sr.

Outfield
 Jarred Ashley, Dayton, sr.
 William Beard, Glide, sr.
 Caleb King, Taft, soph.
 Thylor Monkus, Stanfield, jr.

Utility/DH
 Ryan Bailey, Stanfield, jr.
 Matt Maynard, Catlin Gabel, jr.

Second Team Pitcher
 Cody Hamilton, Sr., Lakeview
 Trevor Mehlhoff, Glide, jr.
 Mason Schimmel, Rainier, jr.
Brody Woods, Stanfield, soph.
 Alroy Zacarias, Taft, sr.

Catcher
 Blake Cleaver, Nyssa, jr.
 Kaleb Miller, Pleasant Hill, soph.

First Base
 Ty Callaghan, Pleasant Hill, sr.

Infield
 Travis Danielson, St. Mary's, jr.
Antonio Flores, Stanfield, jr.
 Tanner Macal, Santiam Christian, sr.
 Harry Witwer-Dukes, Blanchet Catholic, sr.

Outfield
 Jacob Helton, Rainier, sr.
 Noah Lubben, Horizon Christian, sr.
 Tanner Smith, St. Mary's, sr.
 Kevin Wheeler, Cascade Christian, sr.

Utility/DH
 Zach Bnetkreutz, Coquille, sr.
Wayne Killion, Riverside, sr.
 Ben Robinson, St. Mary's, jr.

Third Team Pitcher
Josh Dever, Umatilla, sr.
 Jake Farnsworth, LaPine, soph.
 Seth Himmelreich, Glide, sr.
 Tim Seybert, Rainier, jr.

Catcher
 Tyler Leischner, Glide, jr.
 Ryan Schmunck, Rainier, jr.

First Base
 Michael Nichols, Clatskanie, sr.

Infield
 Bryan Pelkey, Harrisburg, sr.
 Zach Tillema, Horizon Christian, sr.
 Casey Tripp, Rainier, sr.
 Brady Robison, St. Mary's, sr.

Outfield
 Cordell Day, Harrisburg, sr.
 JP Martinez, Nyssa, jr.
 Josh Swigart, Santiam Christian, sr.
 Justice Watson, Warrenton, sr.
 Jared Weiss, Pleasant Hill, sr.

Utility/DH
 Gage Fortin, Vale, sr.
 Daniel LaFond, St. Mary's, jr.

Honorable Mention Pitcher
 Noah Casarez, Pleasant Hill, sr.
 Landen Lampman, Lakeview, sr.

Infield
 Dylan Deidrich, Lakeview, sr.
 Jacob DeSmet, Dayton, soph.
 Cody Towers, Vale, sr.

Outfield
 Bryce Arant, Nyssa, sr.
 Jasper Gordon, Catlin Gabel, jr.
 Colin Good, Pleasant Hill, soph.
 David Arcularius, Lakeview, jr.

Golf

Two Pendleton grads awarded scholarships

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UMATILLA — Two graduating members of the Pendleton High School golf teams were recently selected to receive scholarships from the Annual Kings & Queens Couples Golf Tournament held each year at Big River Golf Course.

Reilly Hegarty and Shelby Greb were the chosen recipients of the \$500 awards, announced committee chairman Don Obrist.

The scholarships are based only on participation on high school golf

and are open to golfers on teams in Umatilla and Morrow counties. "Our goal is to encourage high school golf participation for the life lessons that come from the sport," Obrist said.

"Being a member of the Pendleton High School golf team has not only given me some of my favorite



Hegarty



Greb

high school memories, but provided me with skills and lessons that will serve me far beyond the golf course," said Hegarty in his scholarship application. He has enrolled at Whitworth University where he will join the golf team.

Greb also cited life lessons she has gained from participating in

high school golf. "Being on the golf team at PHS has helped me prepare myself for my future, and helped me grow up into a responsible, hard-working, and well-rounded leader," she said. She will be attending Blue Mountain Community College next fall.

The Kings & Queens couples golf tournament attracts golfing couples of all ages and will be held July 23-24 at Big River Golf Course. It is a two-day, 36-hole flighted tournament. Contact Obrist at 541-571-0572 for sign-up information.

Oakmont returns US Open reputation as toughest test

By DOUG FERGUSON
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OAKMONT, Pa. — Danny Willett makes his debut in the U.S. Open at Oakmont.

At least the U.S. Open that he grew up watching.

The record will show that Willett first played the U.S. Open in 2014 at Pinehurst No. 2, which had been restored to its original design by replacing the rough with natural sand areas, vegetation and wiregrass bushes. He also played last year at Chambers Bay, with its fine fescue grass that allowed the ball to bounce and roll like on a links course.

Those were a departure from the U.S. Open that over the years had been defined by narrow fairways, thick rough and firm greens.

And that's the definition of Oakmont.

"I'm just looking forward to, I guess, my first U.S. Open on a golf course that I've notoriously watched growing up," Willett said Tuesday. "Back to kind of how people see U.S. Open golf."

Even with rain in the forecast ahead of the opening round Thursday, no one expects a winning score under par.

Defending champion Jordan Spieth played in unusually strong wind on Sunday and said he would



AP Photo/Charlie Riedel

Danny Willett, of England, watches his putt on the 10th hole during a practice round for the U.S. Open golf championship at Oakmont Country Club on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, in Oakmont, Pa.

have shot no better than 75 and then treated himself to a beer for a fine day of work. Ernie Els, who won at Oakmont in 1994, lamented rough so thick that not even the strongest players would be able to do more than get back into short grass.

The Masters brings excitement as the first major of the year on a course that metes out birdies and bogeys, eagles and double bogeys.

The U.S. Open at Oakmont? "Trepidation," Rory McIlroy

said. "It really depends the venue that you play a U.S. Open at, as well. But yeah, this week it's definitely not excitement. You know you're going to be put under a lot of pressure on basically every single golf shot you hit out there. So you have to be prepared for that. You have to be prepared for how mentally demanding it's going to be, how much concentration you're going to need out there.

"It's the toughest test in golf, and

CNFR: Potter places eighth in second round of bareback

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The Blue Mountain men's struggles continued, and the T-Wolves were in 49th place with just 10 points. Feather River College was in the lead with 465.

Tyler Potter provided BMCC's points by placing eighth in the second round of bareback with 70.5 points. It was his first score in the event, and he's 28th in the aggregate.

gate. Kenny Haworth is 15th in the aggregate with 134.5 on two.

Steer wrestler JT Garland hasn't placed in either round, but is 11th in the aggregate with 12.7 on two. He had a 5.5 on Tuesday.

Jared Parke is 20th in steer wrestling with 20.7 on two, and 33rd in tie-down with 10.3 on one after a no-time in Round 2. He and team roping partner Jordan Tye made their first catch on Tuesday in 10.0

and are 30th in that event. Tye is also 20th in tie-down with 33.0 on two.

Chase Hansen and Chaise Robbins, who are teamed with ropers from other colleges, continued to come up empty in team roping.

Oregon State's Michael Pederson, of Hermiston, had a 10.6 in his second attempt at tie-down and is ninth in the aggregate with 22.1 on two.

The third round of the long-go begins Wednesday with the rodeo's first performance and concludes with Friday's performance. The top 12 in each event's aggregate standings will then advance to Saturday's championship short-go.

Five T-Wolves will compete in Wednesday's performance: Parke and Tye in tie-down, Robbins and Hansen in team roping, and Pendergrass in goat tying.

SEAHAWKS: Bennett estimates his worth at \$100 million

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Bennett was just a spectator for the first day of the three-day camp, the last team activities before the start of training camp in late July.

Bennett said he has a sore ankle, and Seattle coach Pete Carroll said it's not believed to be a significant injury that could impact Bennett's readiness for the beginning of training camp.

But he was there and avoiding any potential fines for staying away.

"Just trying to get back healthy from working out and get back to being ready to go when the season starts," Bennett said.

There was very little drama to the opening day of Seattle's minicamp, with Bennett's attendance really the only question mark.

Also present was defensive end Chris Clemons, who Carroll had previously joked took full liberty of the "voluntary" aspect of the offseason training program.

For more than a year, Bennett has openly expressed his displeasure with the \$28 million, four-year extension he signed with Seattle that runs through the 2017 season. Bennett's claim is that he outplayed the worth of the contract, but said Tuesday his contract situation is up to the organization at this point.

"He contributes to the whole team mentality by the way he brings it and the way he competes," Carroll said. "We're going ask everything of him. We're going to ask him to do everything when he's back and well and healthy and all that, we're going to expect him to do everything that he always has and that's not too much to ask of him."

And the numbers have backed Bennett's claim. He's been one of the most versatile and disruptive defensive linemen in the NFL over the past two seasons playing both defensive end and defensive tackle. Bennett was a Pro Bowl selection

last season after having 10 sacks, but that stat alone doesn't fully define Bennett's value.

Bennett was proclaiming the talent of teammate Frank Clark on Tuesday and said Clark could be a "\$100 million" player. Asked if he was worth \$100 million, Bennett quickly backed the claim.

"Of course I am. If you look at the stats of those guys, what they've done the last couple of years I'm at the top of the list in every statistical category," Bennett said.

"If you look at it — tackles for loss, quarterback hits, hurries, games played, positions played — I mean it speaks for itself."

MARINERS: Dickerson's homer his second off Walker this season

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"He's got some tendinitis in there. Right now we're hopeful he's going to make his next start but we'll see how he is over the next couple of days."

After Steve Pearce's solo homer, Walker looked to be in discomfort after delivering a pitch that Dickerson hit for a triple.

"It just popped up again," said Walker, who first felt discomfort in the second inning. "Hopefully I'll

get it taken care of and make my next start."

Rays starter Jake Odorizzi was ejected by plate umpire Jerry Meals in the sixth after Leony Martin drew a two-out walk on a close pitch.

Tampa Bay right fielder Steven Souza Jr. left in the seventh with left hip soreness after making a diving attempt on Nelson Cruz's single.

"X-rays were negative," Souza said. "We'll just come in (Wednesday) and see how I feel."

Souza's replacement, Taylor Motter, made a nice catch at the wall later in the seventh on Adam Lind's bases-loaded sacrifice fly before Norichika Aoki's RBI grounder gave the Mariners a 7-4 lead.

Kyle Seager hit a two-run homer during a four-run second for the Mariners.

Dickerson, who hit a grand slam off Walker in the right-hander's only other start against Tampa Bay on May 11, had a two-run drive in the bottom of the second.

Walker allowed four runs and three hits, while Odorizzi gave up five runs and eight hits.

LEADING OFF

Martin, who returned Friday from a strained left hamstring, hit leadoff and had a two-run double in the second. "He looks like he's got his legs back under him," Servais said. "Put him at the top of the lineup and go from there. He was certainly kind of headed that way before the injury." Aoki has batted leadoff 50 times this season.

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

NBA
 Playoff Glance
FINALS
 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Golden State 3, Cleveland 2
 (all games on ABC)
 Thursday, June 2: Golden State 104, Cleveland 89
 Sunday, June 5: Golden State 110, Cleveland 77
 Wednesday, June 8: Cleveland 120, Golden State 90
 Friday: Golden State 108, Cleveland 97
 Monday, June 13: Cleveland 112, Golden State 97
 Thursday, June 16: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 x-Sunday, June 19: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.

WNBA

Tuesday's Games
 New York 91, Dallas 88
 Washington 109, Connecticut 106
 San Antonio 77, Seattle 70
 Minnesota 87, Indiana 63
 Los Angeles 98, Chicago 85

Today's Games
 No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

New York at Connecticut, 4 p.m.
 Seattle at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Baseball

NCAA
College World Series
 At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha
 Omaha, Neb.
Saturday's Games
 Game 1 — Oklahoma State (41-20) vs. UC Santa Barbara (42-18-1), 12 p.m. (ESPN2)
 Game 2 — Miami (50-12) vs. Arizona (44-21), 5 p.m. (ESPN2)
Sunday's Games
 Game 3 — Texas Tech (46-18) vs. TCU (47-16), 12 p.m. (ESPN)
 Game 4 — Florida (52-14) vs. Coastal Carolina (49-16), 5 p.m. (ESPN2)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tuesday's Games
 Toronto 11, Philadelphia 3
 Baltimore 3, Boston 2
 Tampa Bay 8, Seattle 7
 Detroit 11, Chicago White Sox 8
 Houston 5, St. Louis 2
 Kansas City 3, Cleveland 2
 Colorado 13, N.Y. Yankees 10
 Minnesota at L.A. Angels, late
 Texas at Oakland, late

Today's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Nova 5-3) at Colorado (Bettis 4-5), 12:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 9-1) at Arizona (Corbin 3-5), 12:40 p.m.
 Miami (Nicolino 2-3) at San Diego (Pardomo 1-2), 12:40 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Nelson 5-5) at San Francisco (Custo 9-1), 12:45 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Hammel 7-2) at Washington (Strasburg 10-0), 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Estrada 4-2) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 4-4), 4:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati (DeSclafani 0-0) at Atlanta (Norris 2-7), 4:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Locke 5-4) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 6-2), 4:10 p.m.
 Houston (McHugh 5-5) at St. Louis (Wainwright 5-4), 4:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's Games
 Toronto 11, Philadelphia 3
 Chicago Cubs 4, Washington 3
 Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 1
 Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Mets 0
 Houston 5, St. Louis 2
 Colorado 13, N.Y. Yankees 10
 L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, late
 Miami at San Diego, late
 Milwaukee at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Soccer

Copa America
FIRST ROUND
 Top two in each group advance

GROUP A

| GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | |
|-----------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|---|
| x-United States | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 |
| x-Colombia | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| Costa Rica | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 |
| Paraguay | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 |

GROUP B

GP W D L GF GA Pts

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|--------|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|
| x-Peru | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Brazil | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 5 |
| Haiti | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 |

GROUP C

| GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | |
|-------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|---|
| x-Mexico | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 7 |
| x-Venezuela | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Uruguay | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Jamaica | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |

GROUP D

| GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | |
|-------------|---|---|---|----|----|-----|---|
| x-Argentina | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 9 |
| x-Chile | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| Panama | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 3 |
| Bolivia | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 |

Tuesday's Games
 Chile 4, Panama 2
 Argentina 3, Bolivia 0

QUARTERFINALS
Thursday's Game
 United States vs. Ecuador, 6:30 p.m.

Friday's Game
 Peru vs. Colombia, 5 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Group D winner vs. Group C second place, 4 p.m.
 Group C winner vs. Group D second place, 7 p.m.