

# PENDLETON Hodgen, Pepsi lose twin bills

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The Walla Walla Bruins collected 25 hits and also benefited from Hodgen Distributing's numerous errors to sweep an American League baseball doubleheader on Thursday at Bob White Field.

The Bruins exploded for 10 runs in the top of the seventh inning to win the first game 17-4, then opened the second game with a six-run at-bat before going on to win 13-2 in five innings.

Hodgen (3-4) had just 12 hits of its own and a combined 14 errors on the day.

Caleb Cary, Nick Bower and Johnny Malcom were the only Hodgen players to get a hit in both games. Jared Beveridge scored once in each game.

Game 1	R	H	E
WW	400030 (10)	—	17 16 3
LD	010020	1	— 4 7 8

Game 2	R	H	E
WW	611 41	—	13 9 0
LD	100 10	—	2 5 6

**LA GRANDE 11-8, PEPSI 0-0** — At La Grande, the Pepsi Diamondjazz dropped a doubleheader to La Grande on Wednesday to drop to 1-7 on the summer.

The Diamondjazz were held to two hits in the 11-0 loss in five innings in Game 1.

Cameron Sandford was the only player to get a hit in both games for the Diamondjazz.

Game 1	R	H	E
PDJ	000 00	—	0 2 4
LG	041 6X	—	11 11 0

Game 2	R	H	E
PDJ	000000	0	— 0 6 1
LG	300302	X	— 8 9 0

# GOLF Benzel wins Oregon Open

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**POWELL BUTTE** — Ryan Benzel of Sahalee Country Club birdied his last hole of the final round to win the Oregon Open Invitational by two strokes on Thursday at Brasada Canyons.

The PGA professional from Sammamish, Washington, held off pro Darren Black (Rainier G&CC) and amateur Justin Kadin (Tetherow GC) with a 69 in the third round and finished seven-under par at 209.

Black and Kadin tied for second with 211, and amateur Nick Baines (Pumpkin Ridge GC) shot a 66 in his final round to tie for fourth with 212.

The Oregon Open is sanctioned by the Pacific Northwest Section of the PGA.

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"It shows we're moving along and growing as a program," he said. "Now we need to just take that next step."

The postseason honors did not stop there for Christiansen, however, as he was chosen to compete in the first-ever OHSLA All-Star Game on June 4. The game took place prior to the 2016 state championship game in Beaverton, where Christianson's Blue Team earned a 9-8 victory over the White Team.

"It felt amazing to be part of history," Christiansen said. "Playing on that field was great and it was an honor to get to play with the best players in the state of Oregon. We're trying to build up the sport here and it was a cool experience."

The Bulldog junior stuck around following the game to watch the state championship game between Beaverton and Jesuit, which Beaverton won with a score of 9-8. He said aside from the entertainment of the game, he took some mental notes of some things to help improve his game and his team in 2017.

"Just the intensity level was off-the-charts," he said. "I watched how the players were moving, passing quickly and always getting position and staying aggressive. They played as a team and not as individuals, which is something we need to do more."

# Soccer

# Dempsey, Zardes lead US over Ecuador

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SEATTLE — Clint Dempsey scored for the third straight game and set up Gyasi Zardes for a tap-in goal, boosting the United States into the Copa America semifinals with a 2-1 win over Ecuador on Thursday night.

Playing before a boisterous and almost completely partisan home crowd in the soccer-mad Pacific Northwest, the U.S. won a knockout game against a nation outside its region for only the second time and will play Argentina or Venezuela on Tuesday in Houston.

Dempsey's 52nd international goal, five behind Landon Donovan's American record, put the U.S. ahead in the 22nd minute. Zardes guided Dempsey's cross into the net in the 65th for his sixth goal and a 2-0 lead.

Michael Arroyo scored for Ecuador in the 74th minute, making for a tense ending, and Enner Valencia missed a pair of great chances moment later on a pair of headers.

A chippy game was costly for the U.S. American midfielder Jermaine Jones was shown a red card during a 52nd-minute confrontation that also saw Ecuador winger Antonio

Copa America
Ecuador
1
USA
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AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

United States' Clint Dempsey, right, celebrates after his teammate Gyasi Zardes scored against Ecuador during a Copa America Centenario quarterfinal soccer match, Thursday, June 16, 2016 at CenturyLink Field in Seattle.

Valencia sent off after a second yellow card for a harsh tackle on Alejandro Bedoya along the sideline.

U.S. players immediately rushed in to the scrum after Valencia's tackle, and Jones raised an arm at Arroyo. Colombian referee Wilmar Roldan immediately showed a red card to Jones.

Jones will be suspended for the semifinal along with U.S. midfielder Alejandro Bedoya and Bobby Wood, who both got their second yellow cards of the tournament.

Ecuador coach Gustavo Quinteros also appeared to be sent off late in the match.

The only previous knockout

win for the U.S. over a non-CONCACAF team was against Spain in the 2009 Confederations Cup semifinal. The only other U.S. appearance in the Copa semifinals was in 1995, when it advanced to the final four by beating Mexico, then was eliminated by Brazil.

Dempsey appeared energized playing in the home stadium of his Seattle Sounders, and his header provided the U.S. a chance to relax after a tense opening. Wood was tremendous all night getting behind the defense and holding the ball up to provide chances on the attack and did so for both American goals.

On the first goal, Dempsey

played the ball ahead to Wood, who dribbled and then passed to Jones. He crossed into the penalty area, where Dempsey had completed his run from midfield and beat Juan Paredes to the ball, directing it to the corner of the net past goalkeeper Alexander Dominguez from 8 yards.

The second goal was also a result of Wood playing the ball back. Brooks played a long ball to Wood, and his pass to Matt Besler was crossed to Gyasi Zardes in the area. His headed pass found Dempsey, who was able to slide a pass across the mouth of the goal for Zardes to poke in.

After that, the Americans tired and Ecuador turned up the pressure. Arroyo's goal came off Walter Ayovi's free kick from a flank. Enner Valencia had two great chances in the 76th and 77th minutes, and Brooks nearly had an own goal in the first minute of stoppage time, only to see the ball deflected wide by goalkeeper Guzan.

The U.S. made two changes to the lineup it used for the first three games of the tournament due to the red card picked up by right back DeAndre Yedlin in the final group game against Paraguay that caused the speedy youngster to miss a chance to play back in his hometown. U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann inserted Besler into the lineup at left back and flopped Fabian Johnson to fill Yedlin's spot on the right side.

U.S. captain Michael Bradley wore a rainbow armband in honor of those killed in the Orlando, Florida, nightclub shooting last weekend.

# NBA FINALS: Warriors close third quarter on 25-10 run

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into the front row, striking a fan. Curry finished with 30 points, Klay Thompson had 25 and Draymond Green, back from a one-game suspension, had 10 rebounds.

On Wednesday, James called Game 7, "the two best words ever."

He'll live them once more, thanks to his spell-binding effort — he had a hand in 27 consecutive points in the second half — and put away the Warriors after they closed a 24-point deficit to seven in the final period. James scored 14 points in the fourth before checking out to a thunderous ovation in the final

minutes as Cleveland fans chanted, "Cavs in 7!" and "See you Sunday!"

"At the end of the day I'm going to give my teammates everything I got," James said. "I'm going to give my coaching staff all I've got. And I'll be satisfied with the results."

In typical Cleveland fashion, there were some heart palpitations in the fourth. The Cavs built a 24-point lead in the third, and when J.R. Smith blindly dropped a lob pass to a trailing James for a dunk, Quicken Loans shook with noise and thousands of fans packing a plaza outside the building began thinking about where they might watch Game 7.

The Warriors, though, weren't done. On the anniversary of their title last season, Thompson made a pair of 3-pointers as Golden State, playing without injured center Andrew Bogut, closed the third quarter with a 25-10 run to pull within 80-71 entering the final 12 minutes.

But James, as he did while winning two titles in Miami, made sure those belonged to him and extended Cleveland's dream season.

Before taking the floor, James huddled his teammates in prayer the way he does before every game outside the locker room. He then offered some final words.

"Every possession counts. Every possession matters," he said. "No breakdowns."

The only things broken early on were the Warriors, who couldn't make an outside shot and were sloppy in the first quarter, when they fell behind by 22 while Curry sat on the bench with two fouls.

Down by 20 at the end of the period, coach Steve Kerr told sideline reporter Craig Sager, working his first finals: "Am I worried? 31-11? We got this."

The Warriors didn't get it, though, and now have to fight off a Cleveland team rolling like never before.

# RODEO: Hermiston's Pederson looking to reach finals in tie-down

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of the week.

Black Hills' Kristi Steffes holds the mark to beat with 42.24 on three runs. Williams is 28.38 on two.

BMCC's Jessica Lewis led the event through two rounds, and won the first round with a time of 13.95. She enters tonight's performance needing 14.01 or better to reclaim the lead.

Of course, it's not do-or-die just yet, as the top 12 in each event will advance to the short-go on Saturday.

Also looking to punch into the final round is Lauren Leyva in goat tying. She was fifth after two rounds with 13 flat, and Tarleton State's Ashleigh Baugh has set the cutoff at 21 on three.

The BMCC men will be trying to salvage what has been a disappointing week for the team that came into Casper with a 3,000-point lead in the national standings.

The pen has gotten the better of the BMCC cowboys for the most part, but the T-Wolves do have a

chance to move one tie-down roper and at least one steer wrestler into the finals.

Jordan Tye has already finished his third round in tie-down and sits in eighth place in the aggregate with 46.3 total. It'll be a tense night for Tye as seven contestants will come into the performance with two times and a chance to knock him down the leaderboard and out of the short-go.

Jared Parke is in a similar situation in steer wrestling and sits in 10th with 25.0 on three. One of the

contestants with a chance to end his collegiate season is teammate JT Garland, who was 11th in the aggregate after two rounds with 11.7. The current cut-off is 29.3 on three by Texas A&M's Cade Goodman.

Parke and Tye will compete in team roping, but are just 1 for 2 so far in that event.

Also competing tonight for BMCC is Tyler Potter in bareback and Emily Sorey in barrel racing, although the best either could hope for is winning the round.

# MARINERS: Servais says Walker still on track to make next start

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Snell (0-1) allowed five runs — one earned — and eight hits over 3 1/3 innings in his first home big league start and second overall.

"I want to be aggressive in the strike zone, and I felt like I wasn't," Snell said. "I was trying to be too pretty. Something I can definitely learn from and get better."

Rays manager Kevin Cash said Snell will make another start for the Rays next week in Cleveland.

After Lee singled with two

outs in the first, another run scored when Rays shortstop Tim Beckham misplayed Kyle Seager's grounder. A single by Chris Iannetta made it 3-0.

Ryan Garton, who replaced Snell with the bases loaded in the fourth, struck out Nelson Cruz for the second out. Lee followed with a two-run double that put Seattle up 5-2.

Seager hit a solo homer with two outs in the ninth.

Brad Miller cut the Rays' deficit to 5-4 on a two-out, bases-loaded

single in the eighth off Joaquin Benoit, who then struck out Steve Pearce on a 3-2 pitch.

Pearce had three hits and is hitting .514 (18 for his 35) this month.

Seattle had 17 baserunners though five innings but hit into three double plays over that stretch.

Pearce had an RBI single during a two-run third. Curt Casali drove in a run on a fourth-inning grounder.

Tampa Bay went 3 for 15 with runners in scoring position.

"The big hit kind of eluded us,"

Cash said.

# TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: Servais said RHP Taijuan Walker (foot arch tendinitis) is still on track to make his next scheduled start Sunday at Boston. CF Leonys Martin, who returned Friday from a strained left hamstring, was rested.

# UP NEXT

Mariners: RHP Hisashi Iwakuma (5-5), 0-1 with a 10.20 ERA in four starts against Boston, will go against Red Sox LHP Roenis Elias (0-0) Friday night.

# SCOREBOARD

Basketball				
NBA				
Playoff Glance				
<b>FINALS</b>				
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)				
Golden State 3, Cleveland 2 (all games on ABC)				
Thursday, June 2: Golden State 104, Cleveland 89				
Friday, June 3: Golden State 110, Cleveland 77				
Saturday, June 4: Cleveland 120, Golden State 90				
Sunday, June 5: Golden State 108, Cleveland 97				
Monday, June 6: Cleveland 112, Golden State 97				
TODAY: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.				
x-Sunday, June 19: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.				
WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	7	3	7.00	—
New York	7	4	6.00	½
Chicago	5	6	4.55	2½
Washington	5	7	4.17	3
Indiana	4	7	3.64	3½
Connecticut	2	10	1.67	6
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	11	0	1.00	—
Los Angeles	10	0	1.00	½
Phoenix	4	6	4.00	6
Dallas	4	7	3.64	6½
Seattle	4	8	3.33	7
San Antonio	2	7	2.22	7½
Thursday's Games				
New York 80, Connecticut 72				
Dallas 88, Seattle 79				
Today's Games				
Chicago at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.				
Indiana at San Antonio, 5 p.m.				
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.				
Baseball				
NCAA				
College World Series				

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	38	27	5.85	—
Boston	37	28	5.69	1
Toronto	38	31	5.51	2
New York	32	34	4.85	6½
Tampa Bay	31	33	4.84	6½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	35	30	5.38	—
Kansas City	35	31	5.30	½
Detroit	34	32	5.15	1½
Chicago	33	33	5.00	2½
Minnesota	20	46	3.03	15½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	42	25	6.27	—
Seattle	35	31	5.30	6½
Houston	32	35	4.78	10
Los Angeles	29	37	4.39	12½
Oakland	27	39	4.09	14½
Thursday's Games				
Seattle 6, Tampa Bay 4				
Texas 5, Oakland 1				
Toronto 13, Philadelphia 2				
Baltimore 5, Boston 1				
N.Y. Yankees 4, Minnesota 1				
Detroit 10, Kansas City 4				
Today's Games				
Toronto (Schwartz 6-1) at Baltimore (Wright 3-3), 4:05 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-7) at Cleveland				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	42	25	6.12	—
New York	36	29	5.54	5
Miami	34	32	5.15	7½
Philadelphia	30	37	4.48	12
Atlanta	20	46	3.03	21½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	44	20	6.88	—
St. Louis	35	30	5.38	9½
Pittsburgh	33	33	5.00	12
Milwaukee	31	36	4.62	14½
Cincinnati	26	41	3.88	19½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	41	26	6.12	—
Los Angeles	35	33	5.14	6½
Colorado	32	33	4.92	8
Arizona	29	39	4.26	12½
San Diego	27	41	3.97	14½
Thursday's Games				
Atlanta 7, Cincinnati 2				
Toronto 13, Philadelphia 2				
N.Y. Mets 6, Pittsburgh 4				
Milwaukee 8, L.A. Dodgers 6				
Washington 8, San Diego 5				
Today's Games				
Pittsburgh (Liriano 4-6) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 10-1), 11:20 a.m.				
Arizona (Ray 3-5) at Philadelphia (Morgan 1-5), 4:05				

Golf				
U.S. Open Leaderboard				
<b>Thursday</b>				
At Oakmont Country Club				
Oakmont, Pa.				
Purse: TBA (\$10 million in 2015)				
Yardage: 7,254; Par: 70 (35-35)				
<b>First Round (Suspended due to weather)</b>				
Golfer	SCORE	THRU		
Andrew Landry	-3	17		
Bubba Watson	-2	14		
Danny Lee	-2	13		
a-Scottie Scheffler	-1	F		
Kevin Streelman	-1	16		
Lee Westwood	-1	13		
Harris English	-1	12		
Romain Wattel	E	15		
Gregory Bourdy	E	16		
Daniel Berger	E	15		
Matt Fitzpatrick	E	13		
Martin Kaymer	E	13		
Russell Knox	E	12		
Shane Lowry	E	11		
Zach Johnson	E	11		
Rob Oppenheim	+1	17		
David Lingmerth	+1	16		
Hidetoshi Tanihara	+1	16		
James Hahn	+1	15		
M				