

# EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS

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## Sports shorts

### Lynx drop Sparks to extend streak

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Renee Montgomery's 3-pointer with 2.9 seconds left lifted the Minnesota Lynx to a 72-69 win over the Los Angeles Sparks on Tuesday in a matchup of unbeaten teams.



With the game tied, Lindsay Whalen drove to the basket and found Montgomery open in the corner for the game-winner.

The Sparks had one last chance, but Kristi Toliver's shot off an intentionally missed free throw by Candace Parker came just after the buzzer.

Seimone Augustus had 13 points to lead the Lynx (13-0).

The game was played on the 20th anniversary of the inaugural WNBA game which Los Angeles lost 67-57 to New York in 1997.

### Lecavalier retires from NHL after 17 seasons

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) — Los Angeles Kings forward Vincent Lecavalier has retired after 17 NHL seasons.

Lecavalier formally confirmed his previously announced retirement Tuesday.

The 36-year-old Lecavalier spent his first 14 NHL

seasons with the Tampa Bay Lightning, winning the Stanley Cup in 2004. He had a disappointing tenure in Philadelphia before joining the Kings in January and declaring that the 2015-16 season would be his last.

Lecavalier was revitalized in Los Angeles, scoring 10 goals and seven assists in 42 games.

He scored 949 points in 1,212 regular-season games, including 421 goals.

"We'd really like a mulligan because we clearly made a big bogey."

— Mike Davis

Executive Director of the USGA speaking on the Golf Channel Tuesday about the scoring controversy surrounding the one-stroke penalty assessed to Dustin Johnson on the fifth green during the final round of the U.S. Open on Sunday. The rules official on the hole allowed Johnson to proceed after his ball moved before a putt chance, and after video was reviewed, Johnson was informed on the 12th hole that a penalty may be assessed, causing much backlash from fans and other golfers.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

**1994** — The Houston Rockets, led by Hakeem Olajuwon, win their first NBA title, beating New York 90-84 in Game 7 of the finals. Olajuwon gets 25 points, 10 rebounds, seven assists and three blocks.

**2010** — South Africa becomes the first host nation not to advance in 80 years of World Cup play. The host nation does beat France 2-1 in its final game, but they needed a big win to move on from Group A.

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## Youth Sports Roundup

# Rabb's no-hitter lifts Pendleton

## Two more wins needed to reach championship

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MILTON-FREEWATER — Pendleton's 9/10 year-old softball all-stars bounced back from its first loss of the District 3 tournament behind a no-hitter by Stella Rabb on Wednesday.

Rabb struck out eight and walked

two as Pendleton eliminated Baker from the bracket with a 17-0 win in four innings.

Kate Pace batted 3 for 3 to lead an offense that scored all of its runs in the first three innings.

Pace scored three times and had two RBI, and Nessa Neveau added three RBI. Lea Wilson and Kendall Murphy also had two RBI each. Rabb chipped in three runs in three at-bats, and Lanie Burke, Abigail Thorne and Samantha Wilks each scored twice.

Baker's pitchers combined to issue 10 walks and struck out three.

Pendleton also stole 13 bases with several players getting two each.

Pendleton was coming off a 5-2 loss to La Grande on Tuesday that bumped it into the consolation bracket.

Pendleton will have to win two more games in order to reach the championship. It's next game is today at 11:30 a.m.

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## Copa America

# US falters in semifinals



AP Photo/Eric Gay

Argentina Lionel Messi is lifted in celebration during a Copa America Centenario semifinal soccer match against the United States, Tuesday, June 21, 2016, in Houston.

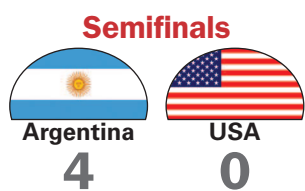
## Argentina advances to Copa America final with win

By RONALD BLUM  
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Lionel Messi was too much for the United States to contain.

The five-time world player of the year set up Ezequiel Lavezzi's opening goal in the third minute, then scored on a free kick to break Argentina's career scoring record and assisted on the final goal in a 4-0 rout of the U.S. on Tuesday night that put the La Albiceleste into the Copa America final.

"This was the goal when we got here, to play another final and we made it," Messi said. "We've been spectacular



from day one and we deserved this."

After Messi doubled the lead in the 32nd minute with his 55th international goal, his tournament-leading fifth, Gonzalo Higuain quickly ended U.S. comeback hopes when he put the rebound of his initial shot past goalkeeper Brad Guzan in the 50th. Higuain scored off a Messi

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Argentina midfielder Lucas Biglia (6) and United States midfielder Christian Pulisic (17) go after the ball during Tuesday's Copa America semifinal in Houston.

AP Photo/David J. Phillip

## MLB

# Tigers rally in late innings to beat Mariners

## Early lead not enough as Mariners drop fourth-straight game

By NOAH TRISTER  
Associated Press

DETROIT — Mike Aviles tapped a slow roller toward first base and there was nothing the Seattle Mariners could do with it.

Aviles drove in the tiebreaking run with an infield single in the eighth inning, and the Detroit Tigers went on to beat the Mariners 4-2 on Tuesday night. Kyle Seager hit a two-run homer off Justin Verlander in the sixth to give Seattle a 2-0 lead, but Detroit chipped away in the late innings.

"Aviles had an excellent at-bat," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "It doesn't always have to be pretty, but we got it a lot in this clubhouse, you've say to find a way to get it done, and he did."

Verlander and James Paxton matched scoreless innings until the sixth, when Seager connected for his 15th home run of the season. Nick



AP Photo/Carlos Osorio

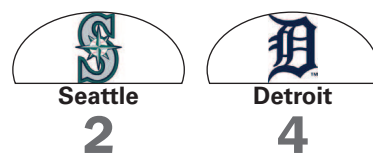
Detroit Tigers' Nick Castellanos scores on a sacrifice by James McCann during the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners, Tuesday, June 21, 2016 in Detroit.

Castellanos answered with an RBI single in the bottom of the inning, and the Tigers scratched out another run to tie the game in the seventh. With two outs, Jose Iglesias singled, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on Ian Kinsler's single.

The decisive rally in the eighth began with a one-out single by Victor Martinez. He went to third on

a double by Castellanos, and after an intentional walk to Justin Upton, the roller by Aviles was enough to bring pinch-runner Andrew Romine home from third.

"That's just baseball. I made the pitch I wanted, and normally that's a great result, but it turns into a terrible outcome for us," Paxton said. "We know there is going to



be a point where the breaks go our way, but this is really frustrating."

James McCann added a sacrifice fly to make it 4-2, and Francisco Rodriguez pitched the ninth for his 20th save in 22 chances.

Bruce Rondon (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win.

Paxton (1-3) allowed four runs and 11 hits in 7 2/3 innings. He walked three and struck out five.

Verlander allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings. He struck out five and walked one. "It was kind of a shame I battled so hard and then with two outs give up a two-run homer and kind of put us behind the 8-ball," Verlander said. "Our guys really battled. Obviously their guy was cruising pretty good, and we put some tough at-bats on him late in the game and were able to scratch and claw our way back."

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## PENDLETON

# PBR Classic to have new twist

## Bullfighting showcase to be featured in September

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As the Round-Up and 100th anniversary of Happy Canyon draws closer each day, details are getting set in stone to kick off the week.

The Banner Bank PBR Classic has been set for Sept. 12-13 at 8 p.m. at Happy Canyon arena, which will feature some of the world's toughest cowboys going up against some of the world's toughest bulls. However, this year's event features a bit of a twist as three bullfighters from Bullfighters Only will show off their skills to promote the sport of freestyle bullfighting.

Each of the bullfighters will fight a Spanish Fighting Bull, known as the most aggressive bulls in the sport, and will be judged on control, aggression, style, difficulty, and creativity.

Event organizers are excited about this new addition to this year's Classic.

"We anticipate this year's PBR Classic to be our best yet," said Happy Canyon President J.J. Spriet in a press release. "With the celebration of Happy Canyon's 100-year anniversary and the addition of Bullfighters Only, visitors are in for a wild ride."

Returning once again to entertain the crowds of the two-night event is Flint Rasmussen, the longtime PRCA rodeo clown and 2011 Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon Hall of Fame inductee.

"We're excited Flint is coming back to Pendleton again this year," said Round-Up president Bill Levy. "He brings a level of entertainment unmatched in all of bull riding."

Tickets for the PBR Classic range from \$24 to \$44 are already on sale at pendletonroundup.com or by calling 1-800-45-RODEO.