

**BRIEFLY**

**Free youth baseball clinics**

Michaud Athletics is offering free youth baseball clinics for the next month in Milton-Freewater. The clinics start on June 27 and will take place each Monday evening through the remainder of July from 6-8 p.m. at the Yantis Park athletic fields. It is available to anyone ages 8-12 that is interested in learning, practicing, and playing the game of baseball. Campers are asked to bring a baseball glove, cleats, hat, baseball pants, cup and supporter, and a t-shirt, and will spend the first hour of the camp learning the fundamentals of the game. The second hour will be spent playing several games against each other. The camps will be led by Mark Michaud, the varsity baseball coach at Mac-Hi who has an extensive background in coaching at the collegiate and high school levels, as well as recently coaching the Walla Walla Sweets. More information on the clinics can be found at MichaudAthletics.com.

**Hockey**

**NHL to expand to Las Vegas in 2017**

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LAS VEGAS — The NHL is making a big bet on Las Vegas.

The league will expand to Las Vegas for the 2017-18 season after awarding its 31st franchise to billionaire businessman Bill Foley on Wednesday. Commissioner Gary Bettman announced the decision after the league's board of governors met on a 109-degree day and unanimously voted to put an ice hockey team in the Mojave Desert's gambling mecca.

"We think this is a tremendously exciting opportunity, not just for Las Vegas, but for the league as well," Bettman said, calling Las Vegas "a vibrant, growing, global destination city."

Foley will pay \$500 million to the NHL's other owners as an expansion fee. The new team will play in T-Mobile Arena, the \$375 million building that opened just off the Las Vegas Strip in April.



AP Photo/John Locher  
**NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, right, and Bill Foley pose for photographers during a news conference Wednesday, June 22, 2016, in Las Vegas. Foley is the majority owner of the team.**

The NHL is expanding for the first time since 2000, when Minnesota and Columbus each paid \$80 million to join the league.

With nearly 2.2 million people in the last census, Las Vegas is the largest population center in the U.S. without a team in the major professional sports. Vegas was an economic boomtown in the previous

decade, and the NHL is betting that its slowed growth hasn't curbed the city's appetite for sports and spectacles.

"We want everyone to be a fan," Foley said. "We're dedicated to it. We'll leave no stone unturned in our dedication, in our pursuit of hockey for Las Vegas, not only for our team, but for the community."

Foley's bid had the enormous advantage of an NHL-ready arena built with private funding and eager for a flagship tenant. Foley has already accepted more than 14,000 season ticket deposits and sold out all 44 suites in the 17,500-seat rink built by MGM Resorts International and Anschutz Entertainment Group, which owns the Los Angeles Kings.

The new franchise will be stocked by an expansion draft that will be more favorable than previous drafts, theoretically allowing the Vegas franchise to become competitive more quickly. They'll play in the Pacific Division, the home of the league's three California teams and the Arizona Coyotes.

Sports leagues once rejected the city outright due to concerns about corruption from Vegas' massive sports betting economy, but the NHL and the NFL no longer share those worries, with Bettman calling his sport "less susceptible" to gambling interests due to

the small volume of bets placed on hockey. Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis is interested in partnering with Vegas interests to build an enormous domed football stadium for his team.

Bettman also announced that an expansion bid from Quebec City was "deferred."

While Bettman strongly praised the bid's preparations and the city's devotion to hockey, concerns about the small market, the Canadian dollar's fluctuation and the league's resulting geographical imbalance prompted the governors to go with Las Vegas alone.

Foley hasn't decided on a nickname or logo for his team, but an announcement could be made in the next few weeks. The choice could be the Black Knights, a name that has special meaning to Foley, a West Point graduate.

"I love Black Knights," Foley said. "I'm an Army guy, but maybe that's not the right name for the team at this time. We're going to work through the league."

**LITTLE LEAGUE: Championship game set for 4:30 p.m. on Friday**

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Jeness all scored three times for Pendleton. Jaden Samp was 3 for 4 with four RBI, and Kylie Parsons was 2 for 2. Also with two hits were Lilienthal, Duchek and Jeness also had two hits.

Hayden Robinson was 2 for 2 for La Grande, and Orton and Meuser were 2 for 3.

La Grande will play Milton-Freewater in the consolation finals, and the winner will have to beat Pendleton twice in a row to claim the championship in the double-elimination format.

The championship game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on

Friday at Yantis Park.

LAG	121	00	—	4	9	7
PEN	103	55	—	14	13	1
W	—	M. Burke, L. C. Glenn				
2B	—	K. Novak, S. Meuser (LAG); J. Samp, D. Duchek (PEN)				

**1 1 / 1 2 ' s :**  
**MILTON-FREEWATER 9, HERMISTON 1** — At Yantis Park, Milton-Freewater came out swinging and quickly jumped ahead in their elimination game on Wednesday.

Milton-Freewater scored seven runs in the first two innings and pitcher Hannah Prock kept Hermiston off balance the entire way to get the win. Prock finished with seven strikeouts.

Four players scored twice for Milton-Freewater — Ally Marly, Lexi Montgomery, Tallulah Sickels and Kadence Brown. Kara Jackson scored their other run.

Breanna Simpson scored for Hermiston in the third inning.

Milton-Freewater plays La Grande today at 4:30 p.m. The winner will play Pendleton in the championship on Friday.

**9/10's: PENDLETON 18, WALLOWA 5** — At Yantis Park, Pendleton beat Wallowa for the second time and eliminated it from the consolation bracket on

Wednesday.

Pendleton was the benefactor of 19 walks and three hit batters, and did all of its scoring in the first and third innings.

Pendleton scored six in the first, then 12 in the third, and finished the game with just three hits.

Those hits went to Kate Pace, Kendall Murphy and Lanie Burke.

Murphy and Burke combined in the circle on a two-hit outing that saw each pitcher strike out four.

Pendleton will play Grant County today at 2 p.m. The winner will face La Grande in the championship on Friday.



Staff photo by Matt Entrup  
**Milton-Freewater's Kara Jackson slides safely into home plate as Hermiston pitcher Breanna Simpson awaits the toss from catcher Caylean Cummings in their 11/12 year-old District 3 softball game on Wednesday in Milton-Freewater.**

**RODEO: 2015 Round-Up saddle bronc champion Wright also gone**

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formation by releasing new bylaws aimed at cutting the cord with competitors that have ties to competing associations, denying them memberships, permits, or renewals with the organiza-

tion. "When we look at the membership-the rodeo committees, contestants, stock contractors and contract personnel-we decided to put in place a couple of items that will

better serve the quality and popularity of our sport," said PRCA Board Chairman Mark Keith in a press release.

"What the board did is look at our history and what has made the PRCA the

most successful and popular rodeo-sanctioning body in the world. Accordingly, we have taken steps to ensure the future generations of fans and members will continue to enjoy the highest quality rodeo events

for years to come."

Aside from Brazile, Round-Up fans will miss out on seeing many other big-name cowboys and cowgirls this year such as bareback riders Richmond Champion and Kaycee

Field, saddle bronc riders Spencer Wright and Jesse Wright, steer wrestlers Luke Branquinho and Hunter Cure, tie-down roper Tuf Cooper and barrel racers Fallon Taylor and Lisa Lockhart.

**MARINERS: Team goes without a home run for first time in 15 games**

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He retired all five hitters he faced, striking out three.

Hisashi Iwakuma (6-6) allowed five runs and 11 hits in 4 2/3 innings. The Mariners have lost five straight.

"You want to play well, which we did for an extended time," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "Unfortunately, it's flipped on us for a number of different reasons."

The 24-year-old Moya hit a solo shot to right in the fourth and another to left the following inning. It remains to be seen whether the young outfielder can be consistently productive in the big leagues, but with J.D. Martinez recovering from an elbow injury, Moya should have an extended opportunity. Moya hit 35 home runs at Double-A in 2014 and 20 at

Triple-A last year. Fulmer allowed a run and three hits in 4 1/3 innings. He's now yielded only three runs in 44 1/3 innings over his last seven starts, but he didn't last long enough for the win Wednesday.

With Detroit up 4-0, Fulmer allowed a walk and a one-out single in the fifth. He then hit two consecutive batters to force in Seattle's only run of the night.

Ryan came in and struck out pinch-hitter Franklin Gutierrez before retiring Robinson Cano on a groundout.

"Kyle Ryan was definitely the key," Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said. "Coming in with the bases loaded, get those two guys, one of them being Robinson Cano, that was an outstanding job. And then his second inning was



AP Photo/Paul Sancya  
**Seattle Mariners' Leonys Martin grimaces after being hit by a pitch from Detroit Tigers' Michael Fulmer during the fifth inning of Wednesday's game in Detroit.**

real sharp as well."

Cabrera gave Detroit a 1-0 lead in the first with his 16th homer of the season, and Jose Iglesias hit a two-run double in the second.

Iwakuma failed to make it through the fifth inning for the first time since Aug. 24, when he also pitched 4 2/3 in a loss to Oakland.

Fulmer retired 10 in a row

before the fifth inning, and after he was taken out, the Detroit bullpen retired all 14 hitters it faced.

**A BIT OFF**  
Fulmer said he wasn't feeling well — he complained afterward of lightheadedness and dizziness.

"I just kind of woke up this morning not feeling the best. I should've done a better job of executing my pitches, get some quick innings in, but I tried to ease up a little bit, not overexert myself," Fulmer said. "Just a little shortness of breath, trying to catch my breath."

**POWER OUTAGE**  
Seattle was held without a home run for the first time in 15 games.

"I don't want to say we're trying too hard," said Cano, whose liner to left with a man on in the first was caught.

"We hit a lot of balls, just right at them. First at-bat, hit right at them. If I'm able to drive it, you don't know what could happen in that inning."

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

**Mariners:** Servais said RHP Taijuan Walker (right foot) will probably be able to pitch during the next homestand. ... Star RHP Felix Hernandez (right calf strain) is making progress in his recovery. "I think he threw (Tuesday) out to 75 feet for about 7 or 8 minutes," Servais said. "He's picking up pace on his progression."

**UP NEXT**

**Mariners:** Seattle tries to avoid a four-game sweep Thursday when Adrian Sampson (0-1) takes the mound against Detroit.

**Tigers:** Daniel Norris (0-0) makes his first start of the season.

**SCOREBOARD**

**Baseball**

**NCAA**  
**College World Series**  
**Wednesday's Game**  
Arizona vs. UC Santa Barbara  
**Thursday's Game**  
Coastal Carolina vs. Texas Tech, 5 p.m. (ESPN2)  
**Friday's Games**  
Oklahoma State (43-20) vs. Arizona (46-22), Noon (ESPN2)  
Game 12 TCU (49-16) vs. OK State/Arizona winner, 5 p.m.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	41	30.577	—
Boston	39	32.549	2
Toronto	40	34.541	2½
New York	35	36.493	6
Tampa Bay	31	39.443	9½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	41	30.577	—
Kansas City	38	33.535	3
Detroit	37	35.514	4½
Chicago	36	36.500	5½
Minnesota	23	48.324	18

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	47	26.644	—
Houston	37	36.507	10
Seattle	36	36.500	10½
Los Angeles	31	41.431	15½
Oakland	29	42.408	17

**Wednesday's Games**  
N.Y. Yankees 9, Colorado 8  
N.Y. Mets 4, Kansas City 3

Houston 3, L.A. Angels 2  
Milwaukee 4, Oakland 2  
Toronto 5, Arizona 2  
Baltimore 7, San Diego 2  
Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 6  
Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 1  
Detroit 5, Seattle 1  
Texas 6, Cincinnati 4  
Minnesota 6, Philadelphia 5

**Thursday's Games**  
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 4-9) at Minnesota (Nolasco 3-4), 10:10 a.m.  
Seattle (Sampson 0-1) at Detroit (Norris 0-0), 10:10 a.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Shields 2-9) at Boston (Forcello 8-2), 10:35 a.m.  
Oakland (Graveman 2-6) at L.A. Angels (Linccum 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	43	30.589	—
New York	38	32.543	4
Miami	38	34.528	5
Philadelphia	30	43.411	13½
Atlanta	24	47.338	18½

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	47	23.671	—
St. Louis	38	33.535	9½
Pittsburgh	34	38.472	14
Milwaukee	32	40.444	16
Cincinnati	28	44.389	20

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	46	27.630	—
Los Angeles	41	33.554	5½
Colorado	34	37.479	11
Arizona	34	40.459	12½
San Diego	30	43.411	16

**Wednesday's Games**

Miami 3, Atlanta 0  
N.Y. Yankees 9, Colorado 8  
N.Y. Mets 4, Kansas City 3  
St. Louis 7, Chicago Cubs 2  
Milwaukee 4, Oakland 2  
Toronto 5, Arizona 2  
Baltimore 7, San Diego 2  
San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 6  
Texas 6, Cincinnati 4  
Minnesota 6, Philadelphia 5  
L.A. Dodgers 4, Washington 3

**Thursday's Games**  
San Francisco (Suarez 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Niese 6-4), 9:35 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 4-9) at Minnesota (Nolasco 3-4), 10:10 a.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Lester 9-3) at Miami (Chen 4-2), 4:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Harvey 4-9) at Atlanta (Wisler 3-7), 4:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Friedrich 3-2) at Cincinnati (Lamb 1-4), 4:10 p.m.  
Arizona (Greinke 10-3) at Colorado (Butler 2-4), 5:40 p.m.

**Soccer**

Eugene 8, Hillsboro 1  
Salem-Keizer 3, Boise 2  
Everett 6, Vancouver 4  
Tri-City 3, Spokane 2

**Today's Games**  
Tri-City at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.  
Boise at Everett, 7:05 p.m.  
Hillsboro at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.  
Spokane at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.

**Copa America**  
**SEMIFINALS**  
Tuesday's Game  
Argentina 4, United States 0  
Wednesday's Game  
Chile 2, Colombia 0

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Sunday, June 26**  
(At East Rutherford, N.J.)  
Argentina vs. Chile, 5 p.m. (FS1)

**MLB**

**Eastern Conference**

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	7	4	5	26	27	22
New York	7	8	1	22	27	22
NYC FC	5	6	21	25	31	
Montreal	5	4	5	20	22	20
New England FC	5	4	5	19	15	15
New England 4	4	7	19	21	26	
D.C. United	4	6	5	17	14	16
Oakland City	3	3	8	17	25	23
Real Salt Lake	4	3	27	27	24	
Columbus	3	5	6	15	18	21
Chicago	2	7	5	11	14	20

**Western Conference**

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Colorado	9	2	5	32	19	11
FC Dallas	8	5	4	28	24	24
Real Salt Lake	4	3	27	27	24	
Los Angeles	5	3	7	22	27	17

**Wednesday's Games**

Sporting K.C. 6 8 3 21 16 18  
Vancouver 6 7 3 21 24 27  
San Jose 5 4 6 21 18 18  
Portland 5 6 5 20 25 27  
Seattle 5 8 1 16 13 17  
Houston 3 7 5 14 20 22

**Wednesday's Games**  
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 3  
Real Salt Lake 2, New York 1  
Colorado 0, Los Angeles 0

**Saturday's Games**  
New York City FC at Seattle, 5 p.m.  
New England at D.C. United, 7 p.m.  
Vancouver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
New York at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.  
Sporting K.C. at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
Toronto FC at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.  
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.  
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10 p.m.

**Sunday's Game**  
Houston at Portland, 6 p.m.

**Basketball**

**WNBA**

**Eastern Conference**

W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	4.692	—
Atlanta	8	5.615	1
Washington	7	7.500	2½
Chicago	6	7.462	3
Indiana	5	9.357	4½
Connecticut	3	10.231	6

**Western Conference**

W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	13	01.000	—
Los Angeles	11	1.917	1½
Dallas	6	7.462	7
Phoenix	4	9.308	9
Seattle	4	9.308	9
San Antonio	2	10.167	10½

**Points Standings**  
(Through June 12)

1. Kevin Harvick	526
2. Kurt Busch	486
3. Brad Keselowski	480
4. Carl Edwards	472
5. Joey Logano	455
6. Chase Elliott	453
7. Jimmie Johnson	441
8. Martin Truex Jr	433
9. Kyle Busch	417
10. Matt Kenseth	409
11. Dale Earnhardt Jr	383
12. Austin Dillon	381
13. Denny Hamlin	370
14. Jamie McMurray	370
15. Ryan Newman	369
16. Ryan Blaney	364