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### Mariners add two veteran pitchers

DETROIT (AP) — The Seattle Mariners are trying to bolster their pitching by signing former right-handed reliever Tom Wilhelmsen and acquiring left-hander Wade LeBlanc in a trade with Toronto.



Wilhelmsen was signed to a one-year deal after he declined an outright assignment by Texas earlier this month and was granted free agency. Wilhelmsen was a solid reliever with Seattle from 2011-15 before being traded to the Rangers last offseason. Wilhelmsen struggled in Texas with a 2-3 record and 10.55 ERA in 21 appearances.

To clear a roster spot for Wilhelmsen, Seattle transferred left-hander Charlie Furbush to the 60-day disabled list and optioned Jonathan Aro to Triple-A Tacoma.

LeBlanc was acquired in exchange for cash or a player to be named later and likely will be Seattle's starter on Friday. LeBlanc was 7-2 with a 1.71 ERA in 14 starts with Triple-A Buffalo.

### McIlroy opts out of Olympics over Zika concerns

DUBLIN (AP) — Golfer Rory McIlroy became one of the most high-profile sports stars to opt out of the Rio de Janeiro Olympics because of concerns about the Zika virus, saying Wednesday it is "a risk I am unwilling to take."

"After speaking with those closest to me, I've come to realize that my health and my family's health comes before anything else," the four-time major winner said in a statement released by his management company.

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"I can tell you I am not worried about the NFL, and they're not worried about me. I'm not even starting here."

### — Vernon Adams

Former Oregon Duck and now current QB for the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League speaking to ESPN.com about possible NFL aspirations.

Adams had two NFL tryouts with Seattle and Washington, but neither ended with a contract offer. He is currently one of four quarterbacks on the Alouettes roster.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1972 — President Nixon signs the Higher Education Act of 1972. Title IX of this congressional act bars sex bias in athletics and other activities at colleges receiving federal assistance.

2012 — Ashton Eaton breaks the world record in the decathlon, finishing with 9,039 points at the U.S. Olympic trials in Eugene, Ore., to beat the Roman Sebrle's 11-year-old mark by 13 points.

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## PENDLETON

# Brazile won't defend Round-Up title

## Five-time champion among many stars that left the PRCA

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On Sept. 19, 2015, Trevor Brazile solidified his name in the Pendleton Round-Up record books by earning his fourth consecutive All-Around championship and fifth overall.

In doing so, Brazile became the winningest all-around cowboy in Round-Up history in his 19th trip to Pendleton. However, it appears as that day could be the last time that Brazile steps foot on the Round-Up grounds as a competitor.

Brazile became one of numerous cowboys and cowgirls that departed the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association for the newly-formed



Brazile

Elite Rodeo Association that kicked off its inaugural season this March. Several competitors grew tired of the long season and constant travel of the PRCA schedule, which led to the formation of the new association.

"The regular season of rodeo is terrible," said Team Roper Clay Tryan to KTVQ-TV in Billings, Montana in Feb. 2015. "It costs so much money to make money. All your

heavy money is made at NFR, and I know it's been that way forever, but to me it just doesn't make sense."

There have already been 211 rodeos associated with the PRCA this year, while the ERA tour has only nine events spread out from March through October before the World Championships, which will take place on Nov. 9-13 at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas.

The PRCA followed up the See **RODEO/2B**

## MILTON-FREEWATER

# Pendleton rallies into finals



Pendleton's Mackenzie Burke pitches during a Little League softball game against La Grande at the 11/12 year-old District 3 Championships on Wednesday in Milton-Freewater. Pendleton won 14-4 in five innings to reach the tournament finals.

Staff photo by Matt Entrup

## Milton-Freewater stays alive in consolation bracket with win

By MATT ENTRUP  
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Pendleton came from behind for a run-rule win after scoring 10 runs in the final two innings against La Grande on Wednesday in their 11/12 year-old District 3 softball game.

Mackenzie Burke pitched two innings of scoreless relief and Daisy Jenness pushed Pendleton over the top when she slid into home in the bottom of the fifth inning to make it 14-4.

The win advanced Pendleton to the championship round, where it will wait for an opponent to rise from the consolation bracket.

La Grande took the early lead when Kaylin Nowak scored in the first inning on a fielder's choice off the bat of Kaylie Lantis, but Pendleton answered in the bottom of the frame when Jenness drove in Josie Wilson for the first of her four RBI.

La Grande added two in the second — McKaylee Orton scored on a passed ball and then Nowak scored on Sierra Meuser's double — and then went up 4-1 in the third when Orton

single to drive in Jayde Wiggins.

A change in the circle shut them down from there, though, and Pendleton relief pitcher Mackenzie Burke allowed just one hit while striking out one and walking none over the next two innings. Starter Sauren Garton allowed eight hits and three earned runs while striking out two and walking one.

Pendleton's comeback started with a three-run rally in the bottom of the third. Delaney Duchek hit going with a double that plated Maria Lilienthal from second, and later scored from third on a groundout by Garton.

Jenness, who had reached on a single, then knotted the score at 4-4 when she scored on an infield error on a ball hit by Burke.

Pendleton added five runs in each of the next two at-bats, and Lilienthal scored the eventual game-winner on a single by Duchek with one out in the bottom of the fourth.

Lilienthal, Wilson, Duchek and Jenness all scored three times for Pendleton. Jaden Samp was 3 for 4

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Pendleton's Daisy Jenness slides into home plate as La Grande catcher Jayde Wiggins receives the throw during the fifth inning of a Little League softball game at the 11/12 year-old District 3 Championships on Wednesday in Milton-Freewater.

Staff photo by Matt Entrup

## MLB

# Mariners slide continues with sixth straight loss



Seattle Mariners pitcher Hisashi Iwakuma reacts to allowing a solo home run by Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera during the first inning of a baseball game in Detroit, Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Seattle falls to .500 on season, slides into third place in AL West

By NOAH TRISTER  
AP Baseball Writer

DETROIT — Steven Moya is finally showing off a bit of his power at the major league level.

Moya homered twice, and the Detroit Tigers withstood a shaky fifth inning from right-hander Michael Fulmer to beat the Seattle Mariners 5-1 on Wednesday night. After slugging his way through the minors, the 6-foot-6 Moya was without a home run in his first 31 games for the Tigers — but he hit one Sunday and then added a couple



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more Wednesday.

"You have that first one and you know like, 'OK man, I can hit home runs here,'" Moya said. "It feels good, and you just try to repeat it over and over."

Miguel Cabrera also went deep for Detroit, and reliever Kyle Ryan (2-2) helped the Tigers stay comfortably ahead after Fulmer went through some control problems in the fifth. Ryan came on with one out in that inning and the bases loaded, with Detroit up 4-1.

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