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Pendleton steamrolls to district title

Pendleton's Delaney Duchek connects for one of her two hits Friday against La Grande in the 11/12 District 3 Little League softball championship at Yantis Park. Pendleton won 17-8.

Staff photo by Matt Entrup



Pendleton totals 15 hits to beat La Grande in finals

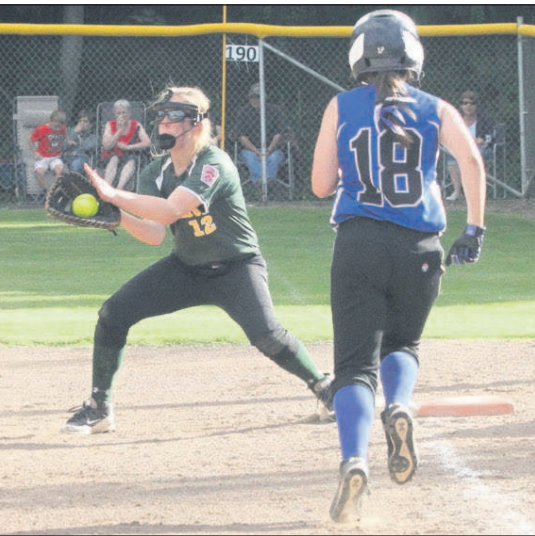
By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

The 11/12 year-old Pendleton all-stars turned up the heat and steamrolled their way into the state bracket with a 17-8 win over La Grande on Friday in the Little League District 3 softball championship at Yantis Park.

Pendleton third baseman Delaney Duchek said the team learned a little about steam locomotives before cruising to a second straight district title with 63 runs in four games.

"We all tried our best and (coach Kristan Garton) showed us a video about 212," Duchek said. "A tank engine can't go on

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Pendleton's Ella Chrisman receives the throw from pitcher Mackenzie Burke to get La Grande's Sierra Meunser at first for the final out in Friday's 11/12 District 3 Little League softball championship at Yantis Park. Staff photo by Matt Entrup

MLB

Lind's walk-off homer snaps M's losing streak



Seattle Mariners' Adam Lind celebrates his three-run home run off of St. Louis relief pitcher Trevor Rosenthal during the ninth inning Friday's game in Seattle.

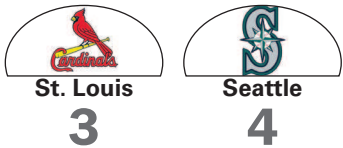
AP Photo/Stephen Brashear

Seattle erases two-run deficit in ninth

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Adam Lind hit a game-winning three-run home run in the ninth inning off St. Louis closer Trevor Rosenthal, and the Seattle Mariners rallied for a 4-3 win over the Cardinals on Friday night to snap a six-game losing streak.

The Mariners opened the ninth with a double by Kyle Seager and a walk to Dae-Ho Lee. Lind reached down and drove a 1-1 pitch out to right field for his fourth career walk-off home run. It was the third home run allowed this season by Rosenthal (2-3) and



his third blown save.

St. Louis had scored three times in the eighth inning without the help of a base hit. Seattle reliever Joaquin Benoit issued three walks and a hit batter and Kyle Seager's error on Matt Holliday's hard ground ball allowed two runs to score.

UP NEXT

Cardinals: Mike Leake (5-4) is 5-1 with a 2.70 ERA over his past eight starts.

Mariners: Nathan Karns (5-2) allowed five earned runs in five innings in his last start against Detroit.

NBA

Payton II to sign with Houston

Oregon State standout to continue career with Rockets

By JESSE SOWA
Albany Democrat-Herald

CORVALLIS — Gary Payton II never did hear his name called during the NBA draft on Thursday night, but that didn't close the door for the Oregon State senior guard.

Just minutes after the draft had finished, Payton had apparently landed in free agency.

Chris Haynes, NBA beat reporter for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, was among those reporting that Payton had signed a three-year deal with the Houston Rockets.

A 6-foot-3 senior guard, Payton led Oregon State in scoring (16.0), rebounding (7.8), assists (5.0) and steals

Payton II

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Olympics

World doping watchdog shuts down Rio Olympic lab

Suspension given for lab being non-conformal with world standards

By STEPHEN WADE
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Just weeks before the Olympic Games open in Rio de Janeiro, the city's accredited anti-doping laboratory has been stopped from conducting tests.

The World Anti-Doping Agency said Friday it has suspended the lab's accreditation due to "non-conformity with the International Standard for Laboratories." It did not give details of the non-conformity.

The suspension is an embarrassment to

Brazil and Rio so close to the games, which will open Aug. 5 after months of political turmoil and financial crisis for federal, state and city authorities.

"This is another severe blow," Mario Andrada, the spokesman of the Rio Games organizing committee, told The Associated Press.

"We might not resolve this lab situation before the games. We might have to choose another lab outside Brazil to do the tests. But this will be under the instruction and guidance of WADA."

If the Rio lab is not reinstated in the next six weeks, other testing centers with WADA accreditation include: UCLA in Los Angeles; Salt Lake City, Utah; Bogota, Colombia; Havana, Cuba; and Mexico City.

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In this May 8, 2015 file photo, Brazil's Sports Minister George Hilton, top right, and Professor Francisco Radler, left, talk during Hilton's visit to the Brazilian Doping Control Laboratory in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Sports shorts

Portland's Lillard the latest to back out of Rio Olympics

Portland Trail Blazers point guard Damian Lillard added to the list of NBA stars pulling themselves out of Olympic consideration.

Yahoo Sports reported Thursday evening that the fourth-year NBA player wouldn't play with Team USA as he continues his rehab of a plantar fasciitis injury that he has dealt with since December.

Lillard earned his way onto the 31-man Team USA finalist list earlier this spring, and appeared to be a lock to make the roster as point guards Chris Paul, Steph Curry, Russell Westbrook, and John Wall all backed out earlier this spring choosing rest over more play.

His withdrawal leaves Toronto's Kyle Lowry, Cleveland's Kyrie Irving, and Memphis' Mike Conley remaining on team roster.



Lillard

"It's not a secret that he's a druggie. I don't know what to say other than my son is a druggie and he needs help. He just hasn't seeked it yet ... I hate to say it but I hope he goes to jail. I mean, that would be the best place for him."

— Paul Manziel

Johnny Manziel's father speaking with ESPN's Josina Anderson about his son's inability to stay clean from substance abuse as Manziel tries to get his life and a once-promising career on track.

Coastal Carolina, Arizona victorious on Friday night

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Andrew Beckwith pitched his second straight complete game and set a school record with his nation-leading 14th win, and Coastal Carolina stayed alive in the College World Series with a 4-1 victory over TCU on Friday night.

The Chanticleers forced a second Bracket 2 final Saturday night against a TCU team that's in Omaha for the third straight year. The winner of the rematch will make its first appearance in the best-of-three finals beginning Monday.

For Arizona, Nathan Bannister and two relievers pitched a four-hitter, Arizona had 14 hits against what had been the best pitching staff in the NCAA Tournament, and the Wildcats beat Oklahoma State 9-3 at the College World Series on Friday.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1999 — San Antonio wins its first NBA championship, defeating the New York Knicks 78-77 in Game 5 of the Finals. The Spurs, keyed by finals MVP Tim Duncan's 31 points, becomes the first former ABA team to win the championship.

2014 — Tim Lincecum pitches his second no-hitter against the San Diego Padres in less than a year, allowing only one runner and leading the Giants to a 4-0 win. The 30-year-old right-hander became just the second pitcher in MLB history to twice no-hit the same team.

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