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## Little League

# La Grande beats Pendleton for title

### 11/12 all-stars in big hole after first inning

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BURNS — The Pendleton 11/12-year-old all-star baseball team

saw its season come to an end in the District 3 championship game as La Grande pounded out 13 runs and 12 hits to earn the title with a 13-4 win on Thursday night.

La Grande put Pendleton in a deep hole in the bottom of the first inning by scoring six runs on starting

pitcher Aiden Gunter for the 6-0 lead. Gunter lasted just 0.2 innings in the game, as Jack Monkman came on in relief in the first inning, but did not fare much better.

Pendleton put together its four runs in the second and third innings as they tried to claw their way back

into the game, however Monkman could not keep the La Grande bats quiet. After getting the lead down to 8-4 after three innings, La Grande tagged Monkman for five runs in the fourth and fifth innings to extend their lead to the final score of 13-4.

See LITTLE LEAGUE/2B

## PENDLETON

# Greb makes finals in match play

### Pendleton golfer to face 6A state champion

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Haley Greb has been unflappable this week at the 86th Bob Norquist Oregon Junior Amateur, and punched her ticket to the match-play finals with another dominant win on Thursday at Willamette Valley Country Club in Canby.

Greb, who will be a senior at Pendleton High in the fall, defeated Camille Dozois of Lake Oswego 5-and-4 in the semifinals.

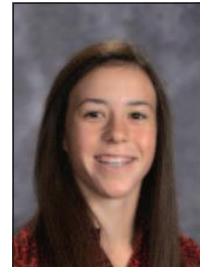
That followed a 7-and-6 win over Olivia Loberg

of Bend in the quarterfinals on Wednesday, and a 6-and-5 victory over Jessica Ponce of Portland to open match play.

Greb's opponent in the championship will be Ellie Slama of Salem, the 2016 OSAA 6A girls state champion. Slama edged Madalyn Ardueser of Eugene 1-up in her semifinal match.

The 16-player match-play bracket was seeded with a round of stroke play on Monday, and Greb was third with a two-over par 74. Slama earned the No. 1 seed with a 70.

The championship round begins today at 10:40 a.m.



Greb

## STANFIELD

# Johnson bids adieu to Tigers

### Championship coach takes dream job in hometown

By ERIC SINGER  
East Oregonian

Wednesday was a bittersweet day for Bryan Johnson.

After 10 years of serving as an educator and baseball coach at Stanfield Secondary School, Johnson spent his final day at the school packing the remaining items from his office. He is moving back to his hometown of Ephrata, Washington to serve as the athletic director at Ephrata High School — the alma mater for he and his wife Katie — and his final day at Stanfield capped what has been a long several months. "It's been an emotional spring," Johnson said on Wednesday. "I'm happy about getting a new job and having success with baseball, but we're sad to be leaving because we've established a lot of great relationships with great students, staff, and community members."

It was a very tough decision to leave the Stanfield school and the Eastern Oregon community, Johnson said, but the pull to head back home with a job he called a dream was too good to pass up.

"It wasn't a snap decision by any means," Johnson said. "Ultimately, Ephrata was a place we wanted to get back to, and having both sets of parents there and a job that's the best fit possible for (myself) was what sold it."

"I wish I could have waited a year (with the players we have coming back) but the timing was bad."

The 35-year-old Johnson served



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Stanfield principal and baseball coach Bryan Johnson is taking a job as athletic director at his hometown high school in Ephrata, Wash.

"The wins are nice and state titles are great, but hopefully they don't just remember me as a guy that won a lot of baseball games."

— Bryan Johnson

Former Stanfield baseball coach who led the team to 201 wins and two state titles in 10 seasons.

as the Athletic Director at Stanfield from 2007-2012 before moving into his position as Secondary School principal. He developed a passion for the position over that period of time, and he knew it was something

we wanted to pursue full-time in the future.

He will have to put a hold on his high school coaching career as his administrative contract bars him from coaching at that level

in Ephrata. But Johnson said he's happy to have a little bit of a break from the everyday grind of coaching.

"I'm looking forward to a little more narrow focus," he said. See JOHNSON/2B

## MLB

# Walker tames Orioles Smith homers in Mariners win

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Taijuan Walker held the powerful Orioles to just four hits over 6 1/3 innings, Seth Smith hit a two-run home run and the Seattle Mariners beat Baltimore 5-3 on Thursday night.

Walker (4-6) gave up a solo home run to Hyun Soo Kim in the seventh but otherwise did not allow a runner past first base. He struck out five and walked no one.

With Kim's homer, the Orioles set the major league record for most home runs in June with 56. The 1996 Oakland A's had held the record of 55.

Chris Tillman (10-2) took the loss, ending his nine-game winning streak. He pitched 4 2/3 innings, his second shortest outing in 17 starts this season, and gave up four runs on six hits, walking three and

See MARINERS/2B



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## College World Series

# Coastal Carolina wins national championship

### Cunningham closes out Arizona with runners on base

By ERIC OLSON  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Coastal Carolina coach Gary Gilmore often said he just wanted his team to reach the College World Series. Until this week, he never imagined the Chanticleers would do so much more.

They're heading back to Conway, South Carolina, with the school's first national championship in any sport.

Coastal Carolina capitalized on two errors on the same play for four unearned runs



AP Photo/Nati Harnik

Coastal Carolina players celebrate their 4-3 victory over Arizona to win the championship after Game 3 of the NCAA College World Series baseball finals in Omaha, Neb., Thursday, June 30, 2016.

in the sixth inning, and the Chanticleers defeated Arizona 4-3 in the deciding Game 3

of the College World Series finals on Thursday. Coastal Carolina (55-18)



became the first team since Minnesota in 1956 to win the title in its first CWS appearance. Arizona (49-24) was trying for its second national title since 2012.

"We're not the most talented team in America. We're just the national champion," Gilmore said. "That's all that matters."

Andrew Beckwith (15-1), the national leader in wins, went 5 2/3 innings after pitching two complete games and picked up his third victory of the CWS. He was named

See CWS/2B

## Sports shorts

### McGirt goes low in Ohio, leads after first round at Firestone

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Golf in Ohio must bring out the best in William McGirt.

One month after his first PGA Tour victory at the Memorial, McGirt looked just as good two hours up the road at the Bridgestone Invitational. In his World Golf Championship debut, he opened with six birdies and finished with a 45-foot par for a 6-under 64 and a three-shot lead.

An Ohio sweep? That's only happened four times, and McGirt made a strong guess at the answer.

"Tiger Woods, Tiger Woods, Tiger Woods and Tiger Woods?" he said. "That would be pretty special company."

He left out Greg Norman in 1995 (Memorial and World Series of Golf), no less a select group.



McGirt

"I didn't let Tony (Stewart) win. ... I've not been that competitive on road courses. I didn't know the proper defensive move going into the last corner."

— Denny Hamlin

NASCAR driver reiterating that the result in the Sprint Cup Series race at Sonoma Raceway on Sunday was due to a mistake. Hamlin passes Stewart on the final lap, but took the final turn too wide, which allowed Stewart to pass on the inside and end his 84-race winless streak.

### Cleveland matches franchise record with 13th-straight win

TORONTO (AP) — Carlos Carrasco struck out a season-high 14, Jason Kipnis and Rajai Davis hit solo home runs and the Cleveland Indians matched a franchise record by winning their 13th consecutive game Thursday night, beating the Toronto Blue Jays 4-1.

Cleveland's streak is the longest by any team this season, and the longest for the Indians since winning 13 straight in 1951. Cleveland also won 13 in a row in 1942.

Indians starting pitchers are 10-0 during the streak, and Cleveland has outscored its opponents 80-26.

Coming off a four-hit shutout victory at Detroit, Carrasco (4-2) allowed one run and three hits in 7 1/3 innings to win back-to-back starts for the first time since April 13 and 19.



## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1859 — Amherst defeats Williams 73-32 in the first intercollegiate baseball game. The game is played by Massachusetts Rules and Amherst wins by reaching the pre-established score of 65 runs.

1995 — The NBA locks out its players at 12:01 a.m., the first work stoppage in league history.

2012 — Tiger Woods wins the AT&T National at Congressional in Bethesda, Md. for the 74th win of his career. That moves him past Jack Nicklaus into second place on the tour list, eight short of Sam Snead.

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