

MILTON-FREEWATER Blazers split with Othello

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OTHELLO, Wash. — The Milton-Freewater Blazers 16U baseball team split a doubleheader with Othello on Wednesday.

Othello took the first game 6-4, the Blazers then held on 11-10 to get the split.

Taylor Turner drove in three runs to pace the Blazers offense in Game 2, and Jesse Jones batted 3 for 4 and scored twice. Rudy Esparza went 2 for 3 with two RBI.

Jones also got the win on the mound, pitching three full innings and allowing four runs on six hits.

Jesse Berry led the Blazers at the plate in the loss, going 2 for 3 with one run one RBI.

Daeregan Stephens pitched five innings and gave up five runs on five hits.

Swimming

Phelps, Lochte set up medley showdown

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OMAHA, Neb. — Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte did their part.

The longtime rivals are headed to another showdown at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials.

Phelps and Lochte cruised through the semifinals of the 200-meter individual medley Thursday night, each of them winning their heats in dominating fashion.

"It means a lot," Lochte said. "I've been racing him in this event since like 2003. He's a tough competitor. I just love racing against him because it's a challenge."

This one is especially significant for Lochte, an 11-time Olympic medalist who has yet to qualify for an individual event in Rio.

Slowed by a groin injury, the 31-year-old Lochte missed out in the 400 IM — a race he won at the Olympics four years ago — finished fourth in the 200 freestyle, and dropped out of the 200 backstroke.



Ryan Lochte swims in the 200-meter individual medley semifinal at the U.S. Olympic swimming trials Thursday in Omaha, Neb. AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

Though also entered in the 100 butterfly, Lochte is basically putting all his hopes on the 200 IM. A top-two finish will give him that cherished spot, but he really wants a win over Phelps in Friday night's final before they head to the Olympics.

"I'm feeling better as far as like mentally, but physically I'm getting tired," said Lochte, who at the very least will be going to Rio as a relay swimmer. "Tomorrow night will definitely be a good battle between

me and Michael."

Lochte was the top qualifier at 1 minute, 56.71 seconds, while Phelps took the second spot in 1:57.61. That means they'll be right beside each other in the final, just as they've been so many times during their dazzling careers.

Phelps has already qualified for Rio in the 200 fly, but the most decorated athlete in Olympic history is eager to add two more individual races to his program. He'll be a

big favorite in the 100 fly, a race in which Lochte doesn't figure to be a major threat.

This is their only real chance to race.

"Him and I have gone back and forth a number of times in this race," Phelps said. "During the big meets, we have great races. We're right there with each other tomorrow in the middle of the pool, probably a couple of tenths apart. We're going to be out and probably step on the gas a little bit more than we have in the past and you'll have an exciting race."

Missy Franklin, on the other hand, didn't even advance to the final of the 100 freestyle.

Another big star from London struggled to an 11th-place showing in the semifinals, leaving her with only one individual race in Rio and just one more chance to bulk up her program: the 200 backstroke.

No matter what, Franklin's bubbly personality will be much less of a presence at these Summer Games than it was four years ago.

CWS: Title first in a team sport for Big South

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the Most Outstanding Player.

"He's been coaching for 21 years, and he deserves every bit of it," Beckwith said of Gilmore. "We got him to Omaha and we got him a national championship. The senior class, the hard work in the fall, the dedication of the guys who don't play much. It doesn't go unnoticed. It was a full team effort the whole College World Series, and we got it done."

Alex Cunningham earned his first save, striking out Ryan Haug with a full-count fastball to end the game after Arizona had pulled within a one in the bottom of the ninth. When

Haug swung and missed, Cunningham turned to his dugout, beat his chest with his fist three times and saluted before flipping his glove away to start the celebration.

"The last three innings, all I've been doing in the dugout is folding my hands and praying to God that this is His will," Gilmore said. "I know my dad's up there. I lost him two years ago, and I wanted him so bad to be here with me. I know he's watching over me right now."

Arizona's Bobby Dalbec (11-6) also worked 5 2/3 innings, with all the runs coming against him. He struck out eight to increase his CWS total to 25 in 20 innings.

The championship also was the first in a team sport in the 33-year history of the Big South Conference. The Big South could savor the accomplishment for only about eight hours. The Chanticleers become members of the Sun Belt Conference on Friday.

"This program has been a lot better than people give it credit for," Gilmore said. "They thought we played in a small conference and couldn't get this done. This bunch wanted to prove everybody wrong."

Arizona, which came into the day with just two errors in seven CWS games, saw second baseman Cody Ramer commit two on the same play

in the sixth inning. Ramer couldn't get a handle on Zach Remillard's grounder, allowing David Parrett to score from third. Then Ramer tried to get Michael Paez running from second to third, but he overthrew Kyle Lewis. That allowed Paez to come home. G.K. Young then launched a no-doubt homer into the seats above the right-field bullpen for a 4-0 lead.

"It's the best feeling of my life," Young said. "I'm trying not to cry right now. Just dreaming of that in my head since I was 10 years old, hitting a home run in the College World Series. I never would have thought it would come in the championship game."

JOHNSON: Team on school-record 29 games in his final season

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"Athletics and sports have been a passion of mine since I was a kid and now it's my world, basically. (Athletic Director) was kind of my best fit learning over the years and something I really enjoyed doing so I'm looking forward to the opportunity."

Baseball has been in Johnson's life for as long as he can remember. He was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to play in college at the University of Washington and then spent two years as a minor leaguer in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization where he hit for a .233 average and compiled a .992 fielding percentage in 127 career games. But after calling it quits on playing, he knew his next step was to go back and finish his teaching degree and become a baseball coach.

He developed experience as an assistant coach at Shadle Park High School in Spokane, Washington for three years during his student teaching tenure there, spent time as a coach and counselor at TBI Baseball camps in Ephrata, and coached some summer league teams. But when he made the move to Stanfield it was Johnson's first shot at running a program, and he made quite an impact.

Johnson compiled a 201-81 career record (.713 win percentage) in his 10 seasons as the Tigers baseball coach and led his teams to nine playoff appearances, five league titles, five district titles, four state Final Four appearances, and two state championships.

He broke the news of his impending departure to the Tigers team before the season began, but insisted that the focus not be on his final games but instead be on working hard, playing as a team, and reaching their goal of a state championship.

"I didn't want this to be a Bryan Johnson going away party," Johnson said. "I just wanted to have a good season, have fun and I think we did that."

And indeed they did. Stanfield set a school record with 29 wins on the year as they completely dominated their competition. The Tigers had the highest-scoring offense of any team in the state in 2016, and won those 29 games by an average score of 12-2.

But the icing on the cake was their 10-inning, 5-4 victory over Santiam

Christian to claim the Class 3A state championship.

"It was a fairytale finish and I couldn't ask for anything better," Johnson said. "It was a great year with a great team and they have a lot coming back which made it hard to walk away from."

Adding into the fanfare of the 2016 season, another personal milestone was reached when former Stanfield star Quin Grogan was selected in the 30th round of the MLB Draft by the Minnesota Twins, becoming the first player coached by Johnson to make it to professional baseball.

"I'm really proud of Quin," he said. "He worked hard to get there, he had to sit the bench a little bit at Lewis-Clark State but he stayed with it and is a great example for all Stanfield kids that just because you graduate from a small school doesn't mean you can't achieve your dreams."

When he looks back on his tenure at Stanfield, Johnson said he'll remember the games, the victories, and the moments that made his 10 years enjoyable. But what will stay with him the most are the people he had the chance to meet and the bonds that were built with hundreds of kids on the baseball field.

In his coaching office at the Horyna Athletic Complex, Johnson had a team hat from each of the 10 seasons hung up on the wall in order. Each hat was designed slightly different from the others to allow Johnson to remember each individual team and the memories that came with it. He said the hats will be re-hung somewhere in his new home in Ephrata to remind him of it all.

In terms of a legacy, Johnson hopes to be remembered for more than just a baseball coach.

"I always wanted to do what was best for the kids in every field I handled," he said. "I know it might sound cliché, but we're trying to give kids at Stanfield the best experience possible academically, athletically, and socially."

"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."

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LITTLE LEAGUE:

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Leading Pendleton on offense was Monkman, as he went 2-3 at the plate with a double and one run scored, while Andrew Demianew gathered two hits, one run scored, and one RBI. Tysain Burns had the big hit of the night for Pendleton with a two-run home run to center-field in the second inning.

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Tuesday's Game: Coastal Carolina 5, Arizona 4 (Series tied 1-1)	022000	—	4	8	1
Wednesday's Game: Postponed	61114X	—	13	12	0

W — Fitzgerald, L — A. Gunter.
2B — J. Monkman (PEN). Morton (LAG).
3B — M. Morris (PEN). HR — T. Burns (PEN).

MARINERS: Zunino called up from Tacoma

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striking out three.

It also was Tillman's first career loss to the Mariners, who traded him to the Orioles in 2006. He is now 7-1 with a 3.55 ERA in 10 career starts against Seattle.

Leony's Martin started the Mariners' three-run fifth with a one-out single to left. Smith attempted to advance Martin with a bunt but popped it foul. On the next pitch, he roped his seventh home run into the right-field seats.

Dae-Ho Lee had two RBI for the Mariners.

The Orioles rallied for two runs in the eighth as Kim and Manny Machado each had RBI singles. But closer Steve Cishek struck out Chris Davis with two on to end the eighth. He then took care of the O's in the ninth for his 19th save in 23 opportunities.

SECOND CHANCE
The Mariners former first-round draft choice (in 2012) catcher Mike Zunino was called up from Triple-A Tacoma after backup catcher Steve Clevenger broke his hand Wednesday. Zunino struggled in his starting role last season and the Mariners

hope time in the minors helped.

"From the reports I got, it has been better. He's a more productive hitter and he's controlling the strike zone better," manager Scott Servais said. "He'll have plenty of opportunities to contribute."

Zunino was hitting .282 with 15 home runs and 51 RBI for Tacoma.

NO SECOND LEFTY
With the Orioles placing left-hand reliever T.J. McFarland on the 15-day DL Thursday, that leaves only one lefty on the roster, closer Zach Britton.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

NCAA
College World Series Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
x if necessary
Monday's Game: Arizona 3, Coastal Carolina 0 (Arizona leads 1-0)
Tuesday's Game: Coastal Carolina 5, Arizona 4 (Series tied 1-1)
Wednesday's Game: Postponed
Thursday's Game: Coastal Carolina 5, Arizona 4 (Coastal Carolina wins series 2-1)

MLB

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Yankees 2, Texas 1
Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 5
Cleveland 4, Toronto 1
Detroit 10, Tampa Bay 7
Kansas City 4, St. Louis 2
San Francisco 12, Oakland 6
Seattle 5, Baltimore 3
Today's Games
Cleveland (Tomlin 9-1) at Toronto (Stroman 6-4), 1:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 6-6) at Philadelphia (Hellison 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Fulmer 7-2) at Tampa Bay (Smolyk 2-8), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Chacin 3-6) at Boston (Wright 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 1-3) at Houston (Fiers 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
Texas (Perez 7-4) at Minnesota (Santana 2-7), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 7-5) at Oakland (Gray 3-6), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 1-5) at Seattle (LeBlanc 0-0), 10:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 6-5) at San Diego (Rea 4-3), 10:40 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
L.A. Dodgers 8, Milwaukee 1
Washington 13, Cincinnati 4
Atlanta 8, Miami 5
N.Y. Mets 4, Chicago Cubs 3
Kansas City 4, St. Louis 2
San Francisco 12, Oakland 6
Today's Games
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 2-0) at Washington (Roark 7-5), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 6-6) at Philadelphia (Hellison 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 7-4) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 3-4), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Nicolino 2-4) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-7), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 1-0) at St. Louis (Garcia 5-6), 8:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Cueto 11-1) at Arizona (Miller 2-7), 9:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 7-5) at Oakland (Gray 3-6), 10:05 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 5-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Norris 3-7), 10:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 6-5) at San Diego (Rea 4-3), 10:40 p.m.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

Thursday's Games
Eugene 5, Boise 1
Everett 8, Spokane 5
Hillsboro 8, Salem-Keizer 2
Tri-City 4, Vancouver 3
Today's Games
Hillsboro at Boise, 6:15 p.m.
Spokane at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.
Everett at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.
Salem-Keizer at Eugene, 7:35 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA

Thursday's Games
Los Angeles 84, Atlanta 75

Today's Games

Dallas 83, Seattle 78
Today's Games
San Antonio at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
New York at Phoenix, 7 p.m.

Motorsports

NASCAR Sprint Cup

Upcoming Schedule
July 2 — Coke Zero 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
July 9 — Quaker State 400, Sparta, Ky.
July 17 — New Hampshire 301, Loudon, N.H.
July 24 — 'Your Hero's Name Here' 400, Speedway, Ind.
July 31 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond, Pa.

Points Standings

Through June 26
1. Kevin Harvick 562
2. Kurt Busch 527
3. Carl Edwards 510
4. Brad Keselowski 506
5. Joey Logano 493
6. Chase Elliott 473
7. Jimmie Johnson 469
8. Martin Truex Jr. 452
9. Kyle Busch 452
10. Matt Kenseth 430
11. Denny Hamlin 421
12. Dale Earnhardt Jr. 413

Soccer

MLS

Today's Games
San Jose at Chicago, 5 p.m.
D.C. United at Real Salt Lake, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
New England at Montreal, 2:30 p.m.
Seattle at Toronto FC, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Houston, 6 p.m.
Sunday's Games
New York at New York City FC, 9 a.m.
Columbus at Sporting Kansas City, 4 p.m.

Tennis

Wimbledon

Thursday's results
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club

London
Prize: \$38.4 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles
Men

First Round
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Donald Young, United States, def. Leonar-do Mayer, Argentina, 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

John Isner (18), United States, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Matthew Barton, Australia, def. Albano Olivetti, France, 6-7 (7), 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (5), 14-12.

Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Federico Delbonis, Argentina, 6-4, 1-6, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-3.

Lucas Pouille (32), France, def. Marius Copil, Romania, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Second Round
Daniel Evans, Britain, def. Alexandr Dolgop-olov (30), Ukraine, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 6-1.

Sam Querrey (28), United States, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Roberto Bautista Agut (14), Spain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, walkover.

Milos Raonic (6), Canada, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2.

Pierre-Hugues Herbert, France, def. Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 3-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (0), 6-2.

David Goffin (11), Belgium, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-4, 6-0, 6-3.

Lukas Lacko, Slovakia, def. Ivo Karlovic

(23), Croatia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Jack Sock (27), United States, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-4.

Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. Nicolas Almagro, Spain, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Nicolas Mahut, France, def. David Ferrer (13), Spain, 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

Steve Johnson, United States, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-1, 7-6 (6), 6-3.

Kei Nishikori (5), Japan, def. Julien Ben-etteau, France, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Gilles Simon (16), France, 6-3, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 6-4.

Marin Cilic (9), Croatia, def. Sergiy Stakhovskiy, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-4.

Bernard Tomic (19), Australia, def. Radu Albot, Moldova, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-3.

John Millman, Australia, def. Benoit Paire (26), France, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, def. Victor Troicki (25), Serbia, 3-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

Joao Sousa (31), Portugal, def. Dennis Novikov, United States, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

Andy Murray (2), Britain, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.

Richard Gasquet (7), France, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-1.

Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Dominic Thiem (8), Austria, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3).

Women

First Round
Timea Bacszyszky (11), Switzerland, def. Lukiska Kurnkhun, Thailand, 6-4, 6-2.

Annika Beck, Germany, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 3-6, 6-0, 12-10.

Aliaxandra Sasnovich, Belarus, def. Kristina Mladenovic (31), France, 6-3, 6-3.

Sloane Stephens (18), United States, def. Peng Shuai, China, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, def. Anna Tatishvili, United States, 7-5, 3-0, retired.

Barbora Strycova (24), Czech Republic, def. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-4.

Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

Anna-Lena Friedsam, Germany, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (1).

Simona Halep (5), Romania, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-1, 6-1.

Kiki Bertens (26), Netherlands, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-4, 6-4.

Madison Keys (9), United States, def. Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Sabine Lisicki, Germany, def. Sam Stosur (14), Australia, 6-4, 6-2.

Verena Williams (8), United States, def. Maria Sakkari, Greece, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

Alize Cornet, France, def. Sara Errani (20), Italy, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Misaki Doi, Japan, def. Karolina Pliskova (15), Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Carina Witthöft, Germany, def. Kurumi Nara, Japan, 6-3, 6-0.

Lucie Safarova (28), Czech Republic, def. Samantha Crawford, United States, 6-3, 6-4.

Angelique Kerber (4), Germany, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-1, 6-4.

Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, def. Elina Svitolina (17), Ukraine, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4.

Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Garbine Muguruzza (2), Spain, 6-3, 6-2.

Roberta Vinci (6), Italy, def. Duan Ying-Ying, China, 6-3, 7-5.