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6A state champion Ellie Slama of Salem 4-and-2 on Friday afternoon to claim the amateur title at Willamette Valley Country Club.

“It’s great – good start to the summer,” Greb said in comments distributed by the tournament. “Hard work’s been paying off. Love the course, and it was an absolute blast all week.”

Greb was able to earn the victory thanks to a tremendous start on the front nine holes. She scored back-to-back birdies on the third and fourth holes and had her largest lead of the day at four-up on Slama after the seventh hole.

On the back nine, Greb once again started off well with a birdie on No. 10 to keep the lead at four-up, which held until Slama birdied fifteen to put some pressure back on Greb.

But the Buckaroo senior was able to seal the victory on the very next hole as she tapped in a par on No. 16 to earn the trophy.

“We want to thank all of the players, the parents and all of our volunteers who made this past week a memorable one,” said Robyn Lorain, Director of Oregon Junior Golf in comments distributed by the tournament. “Lastly, we want to thank the staff and members of Willamette Valley Country Club, for we could not have made this week possible without them.”

PENDLETON
Hodgen splits first day at tournament

Pendleton club gets no-hit in only loss of day

East Oregonian

SPOKANE, Wash. — Hodgen Distributing began its part at the Spokane American Legion Tournament on Friday afternoon by splitting their doubleheader.

Hodgen got started on the right foot in their tournament opener with a

9-2 victory over the Calgary Blues. Hodgen got a great team effort on the pitching mound, as four players pitched in to give up just four hits and two runs.

Daniel Naughton got the start and pitched two scoreless innings, allowing just one walk to go with five strikeouts. Hayden Villers and Jared Beveridge each pitched two innings in relief and gave up an unearned run each as well. Tyler Chichester pitched a perfect seventh inning with two

strikeouts to close it out.

Hodgen peppered Calgary early and often to start the game, scoring two runs in each of the first three innings.

Nick Bower tripled in the first inning for one of his three hits in the game, bringing in Wyatt Morris and Daniel Naughton for the first two runs of the game. Then in the second inning, Hodgen capitalized on a pair of Calgary miscues as Kaden Clark scored from third on an error and Shaw

Jerome scored on a passed ball for the 4-0 lead.

It was Naughton’s turn to do some damage in the third inning as he smacked an RBI single past the shortstop, scoring Cary and Jerome for the 6-0 advantage. Hodgen scored again in the fifth and sixth innings to push the team to the final score of 9-2.

But in game two, Hodgen’s offense could not find the same rhythm as they were no-hit by Sedro Wooley Cubs pitcher Taylor

Trammell in a 4-0 defeat. Trammell dazzled in his seven innings, striking out five and walking just three.

Wyatt Morris had a solid game on the mound for Hodgen, allowing seven hits, four runs, and three walks with eight strikeouts over seven innings.

Game 1						R	H	E
HDG	222	021	0	—		9	10	3
CLG	000	110	0	—		2	4	4
W — Naughton.								
3B — Bower, Jerome (HDG)								

Game 2						R	H	E
SWC	000	040	0	—		4	7	0
HDG	000	000	0	—		0	0	1
W — Trammell. L — W. Morris.								

MARINERS: Lee’s home run his 11th of the season



Seattle Mariners’ Nelson Cruz, left, gives Seth Smith a pat on the head following Smith’s first-inning solo home run against the Baltimore Orioles in a baseball game Friday, July 1, 2016, in Seattle.

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Nelson Cruz started the sixth with a double off the wall in right-center field. He has played 50 games against his former team and has reached base safely in 47, including 45 with at least one hit.

Seager, protecting an 0-2 count, caught a high 96-mph fastball from Gausman and ripped it 15 seats into the bleachers in right. It was his 16th.

In the eighth, with Cruz on first, Lee hit his 11th home run, to left field off Chaz Roe.

GOING DEEP RESEARCH

In one of the more quirky and esoteric baseball stats, deep research by the Elias Sports Bureau has shown that Baltimore’s Hyun-Soo Kim’s home run Thursday meant more than just the record 56, most in major league history for June. It was the 23rd straight year the Orioles have hit at least one home run on June 30.

That’s the longest home run streak by any team on any date in history.

LONG STREAK

LeBlanc came into his start against the Orioles having not given up a run in nearly a season and a half. That’s because he last pitched in the big leagues on Sept. 28, 2014, with the Angels. He played for the Seibu Lions in the Japan League last season then signed with the Blue Jays during the off-season and pitched in the minors until Seattle acquired him in a trade June 22. In his first start Friday, he held St. Louis scoreless for six innings. He carried that over for one more inning Friday before Davis’ second-inning home run ended his scoreless streak at 24 2-3 innings.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Mariners: RHP Felix Hernandez (strained calf) threw a 23-pitch bullpen session three hours before Friday’s game and was watched by more than a few club personnel. He appeared uninhibited.

GROGAN: Small tweak in plate approach fueled breakout season

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was. On the mound, Grogan compiled a 10-1 record with a school-record 0.71 ERA while tossing 133 strikeouts and walking just 21 batters. On top of that, he spun three no-hitters and one perfect game.

At the plate, he was just as unstoppable. Grogan hit for a .516 average with 20 extra-base hits (five home runs), 45 RBIs, 55 runs scored all while striking out just four times in 128 plate appearances.

But now Grogan heads into the offseason before his senior season with a lot on his plate. How can he improve his game even more after such an eye-popping season?

“There’s a lot of things I can improve on, honestly,” he said. “Pitching-wise I can always improve on throwing more strikes, gaining more command

on pitches and hitting I’m going to work on more line drives... there’s always things to improve on in baseball.”

On the mound, Grogan has the ability to throw five pitches. His bread-and-butter is a fastball and curveball combination, but he also sprinkles in a changeup, slider, and has been experimenting with a knuckleball. Grogan’s fastball velocity this season sat in the 83-84 miles-per-hour range and topped it out at 86 mph.

Increasing that velocity is something he would like to do over the course of the next year, but it’s not Grogan’s main goal.

“Really for next year I want to really get a good second and third pitch,” he said. “I think that will help me a lot more, because I didn’t have total command on those ones.”

Offensively, a small

change in approach led to the breakout season and he said he will continue to work to refine it in the offseason.

“My approach was going opposite field and letting the ball get deeper because that was my big problem my sophomore year,” Grogan said. “I was pulling everything and maybe had three hits to right field all season, but this year I sprayed it everywhere and I think it was just keeping my hands back and then see-ball, hit-ball and that’s it.”

Former Stanfield coach Bryan Johnson said that all of Grogan’s successes stem from a work ethic he has not seen at the high school athlete in a long time.

“There was one time (this season) we gave the kids some time off because we had one week until our next game. On a Tuesday, I came down to the field to get something out of the

locker room and there was Dylan hitting in the cage, all by himself, off of a tee,” Johnson said. “He knows what it takes, has a great attitude and puts in the work every time.”

Johnson added, though, that he hopes Grogan is able to keep a level-head as he goes into his senior season following all of the attention, awards, and success of the team this past season.

“I wrote a letter to each kid at the end of the year and to Dylan I wrote ‘Don’t let all of these awards go to your head and keep working hard and focus on the process. The awards are great but it’s all because of the hard work you’ve put in,” Johnson said.

“It’s going to be hard to improve on a .516 average and a 0.71 ERA, and heck they might even drop off a little but he could still have a great year.”

Grogan is also focused on preparing himself for his post-high school career. He has aspirations of playing Division I college baseball with hopes of following his brother’s path to the professional ranks. As of now, Grogan said he has had very high interest from the University of Portland but hopes to gain more interest throughout the summer and his senior season.

To help with that, Grogan has loaded his plate with baseball this summer, playing with Stanfield’s summer league team as well as playing with a team out of Spokane, Washington. On top of that, Grogan is attending the Area Code Baseball Team Tryout in Portland later this month, which is a showcase of the best-of-the-best players in the Pacific Northwest. If he plays well and is selected to the team, he will earn a trip to the Area Code Underclass

Games in Long Beach, California on Aug. 6-10.

So far in the recruiting process, his college future seems to be as a pitcher which is a choice Grogan said he would be more than happy with.

“It’s a more emotional position,” Grogan said. “Just going deep into games ... it gets more intense because everything is on you, and I like that feeling.”

And even though baseball will most likely be his future, Grogan has no plans on giving up his other sports, football and basketball, to focus on baseball because he believes the two sports play a part of his baseball preparedness.

“Playing football and basketball work different (muscles) and parts of the body,” he said. “Football is speed and strength and basketball is agility and technique.”

ALL-EO Baseball First Team



Pitcher
R.J. Robles, Hermiston, SR
1st team 5A All-State; CRC Pitcher of the Year; All-League 1st team; 50.1 IP; 4-5 W-L; 1.39 ERA; 80 K; 33 BB; 1 perfect game



Pitcher
Austin Rice, Irrigon, JR
1st team 2A/1A All-State; 82.0 IP; 1.36 ERA; 159 K; 49 BB; .443 avg.; .607 OBP; .557 SLG; 20 RBI; 36 R; 7 2B; 21 SB; .900 FLD%



Pitcher
Hunter Yensen, Mac-Hi, SR
1st team 4A All-State; GOL Player of the Year; 2.21 ERA; 68 K; .492 avg.; 17 RBI



First Base
Tyler Sexton, Hermiston, SR
Honorable Mention 5A All-State; All-League 1st team; .361 avg.; 1 HR; 20 RBI; 11 R



Infield
Dylan Grogan, Stanfield, JR
3A Player of the Year; 1st team 3A All-State; EOL Player of the Year; All-League 1st team; .516 avg.; 5 HR; 45 RBI; 55 R; 10-1 W-L; 0.71 ERA; 133 K; 21 BB; 3 no-hitters; 1 perfect game



Infield
Antonio Flores, Stanfield, JR
2nd team 3A All-State; All-League 1st team; .410 avg.; .488 OBP; .524 SLG; 1 HR; 42 RBI; 46 R; 7 2B; 9 SB; .852 FLD%; 40.1 IP; 6-0 W-L; 2.08 ERA; 1.28 WHIP; 66K; 32 BB



Infield
Adrian Roa, Irrigon, SO
Honorable mention 2A/1A All-State; SD6 Fielder of the Year; .487 avg.; .545 OBP; .632 SLG; 27 RBI; 28 R; 11 2B; 9 SB; .826 FLD%



Outfield
Kai Quinn, Pendleton, SR
2nd team 5A All-State; All-League 1st team; .337 avg.; .352 OBP; .419 SLG; 16 RBI; 17 R; 5 SB; 5 2B; .957 FLD%



Outfield
Fredy Vera, Irrigon, SR
1st team 2A/1A All-State; SD6 Player of the Year; .468 avg.; .557 OBP; .709 SLG; 3 HR; 15 RBI; 47 R; 8 2B; 21 SB; 1.000 FLD%



Outfield
Wayne Killion, Riverside, SR
2nd team 3A All-State; All-League 1st team; .370 avg.; .444 OBP; .611 SLG; 2 HR; 15 RBI; 3 2B; 2 3B; 13 R; 4 SB; .950 FLD%



Catcher
Thyler Monkus, Stanfield, JR
1st team 3A All-State; All-League 1st team; .424 avg.; .602 OBP; .652 SLG; 2 HR; 21 RBI; 58 R; 31 SB; 7 2B; 4 3B; .984 FLD%



Utility
Ryan Bailey, Stanfield, JR
1st team 3A All-State; All-League 1st team; .514 avg.; .566 OBP; .676 SLF; 1 HR; 43 RBI; 41 R; 11 2B; 19 SB; .972 FLD%; 16.2 IP; 1-0 W-L; 0.84 ERA; 1.38 WHIP; 20 K; 12 BB; 4 SV



Designated Hitter
Cougar Kroske, Irrigon, SR
3rd team 2A/1A All-State; .481 avg.; .588 OBP; .675 SLG; 1 HR; 24 RBI; 8 2B; 2 3B; 13 R; 5 SB; .988 FLD%

ALL-EO Baseball Second Team



Pitcher
Brody Woods, Stanfield, SO
2nd team 3A All-State; All-League 1st team; 56.0 IP; 11-1 W-L; 1.37 ERA; 0.875 WHIP; .127 BAA; 72 K; 24 BB; .396 avg.; .484 OBP; .524 SLG; 1 HR; 41 RBI; 32 R; 7 2B; 20 SB



Pitcher
Levi Thieme, Pilot Rock, SO
3rd team 2A/1A All-State; 74.1 IP; 11-3; 2.64 ERA; 131 K; 22 BB



Pitcher
Josh Dever, Umatilla, SR
3rd team 3A All-State; All-League 1st team; 33.0 IP; 2-1 W-L; 2.50 ERA; 56 K; .520 avg.; 2 HR; 19 RBI; 7 2B; 25 R; 18 SB; .947 FLD%



First Base
Jimmy Patrick, Weston-McEwen, SR
.293 avg.; .394 OBP; .478 SLG; 2 HR; 27 RBI; 26 R; 9 2B; 15 SB; .762 FLD%; 73.0 IP; 2.97 ERA; 1.64 WHIP; 75 K; 32 BB



Infield
Wyatt Morris, Pendleton, JR
All-league 2nd team; .316 avg.; .409 OBP; .408 SLG; 11 RBI; 23 R; 5 2B; 10 SB; .910 FLD%



Infield
Brett Speed, Weston-McEwen, JR
.319 avg.; .435 OBP; .505 SLG; 2 HR; 21 RBI; 22 R; 7 2B; 10 SB; .840 FLD%



Infield
Bryson Pierce, Pilot Rock, SO
.452 avg.; 19 RBI; 16 R



Outfield
Hayden Edmiston, Hermiston, SR
All-League 1st team; .301 avg.; 12 R; 8 RBI



Outfield
Vince Roff, Weston-McEwen, SR
3rd team 2A/1A All-State; .442 avg.; .532 OBP; .662 SLG; 3 HR; 26 RBI; 6 2B; 25 SB; .868 FLD%



Outfield
Shaw Broncheau, Weston-McEwen, JR
.357 avg.; .447 OBP; .386 SLG; 13 RBI; 26 R; 25 SB; .850 FLD%;



Catcher
Quinn Cockburn, Pendleton, SR
All-league 2nd team; .279 avg.; .400 OBP; .353 SLG; 11 RBI; 9 R; .963 FLD%; 40% caught stealing.



Utility
Chris Weinke, Pilot Rock, SO
.358 avg.; 23 RBI; 21 R.



Designated Hitter
Weston Putman, Heppner, SR
Honorable Mention 2A/1A All-State; .429 avg.; .562 OBP; .518 SLG; 20 RBI; 22 R; 5 2B; 7 SB; .948 FLD%