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HERMISTON

Hermiston takes second at state

Lake Oswego stays hot for 12-1 win

East Oregonian

GOLD HILL — The Hermiston all-stars ended their season with a second-place finish at the 9/10-year-old Little League Baseball State Tournament on Friday.

For the third game in a row, it was Lake Oswego standing in Hermiston's way after the teams had split their two previous meetings.

But it was Lake Oswego that had the momentum coming off a 16-0 win



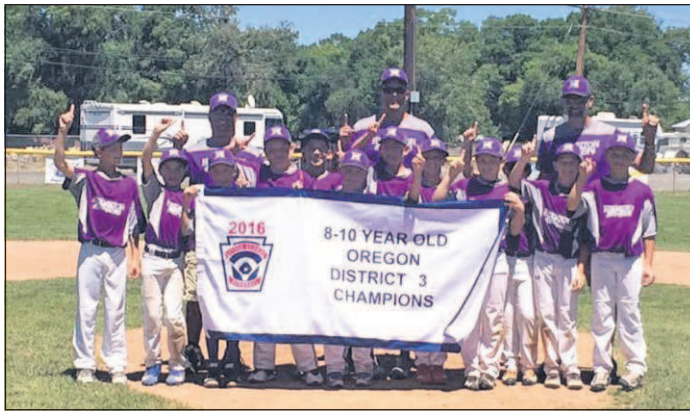
Baseball

Hermiston had beaten Lake Oswego 11-8 in the semifinals to reach the championship round without a loss, but was walking a thin line in each of the first three rounds by outlasting Klamath Falls 11-8, and The Dalles 12-9.

Hermiston had earned its spot in the state bracket by winning the District 3 championship 11-7 over Baker.

on Thursday, and it carried that through the championship game for a 12-1 victory.

Details of the game were not available at press time.



In this July 1, 2016 photo, Hermiston's 9/10-year-old baseball all stars pose with their championship banner at the District 3 Little League Tournament in Burns.

Contributed photo/Hermiston Little League

PENDLETON

Pitching leads Hodgen to wins

Pendleton teams win three total at Seattle-area tournament

East Oregonian

SEATTLE — Hodgen Distributing rode the arms of Daniel Naughton and Wyatt Morris to a pair of wins on Friday to open play at the Battle of the Bats baseball tournament held at Seattle-area high schools.

Naughton took the hill against NW Reign Black to open play in the 17U bracket and struck out 14 while allowing just two hits over six innings in a 4-1 win.

Then Morris gave them another sterling start against City and carried a no-hitter through four innings of Hodgen's 8-0 win.

All of the runs in Game 1 were scored in the fourth inning, and NW Reign struck first in the top of the inning with a two-out RBI single, but Naughton got a looking strikeout for the third out.

Hodgen answered in the bottom of the inning and started off with a Shaw Jerome single. Then Naughton reached on an error that also allowed Jerome to score, and Nick Bower (1 for 1) was hit by a pitch.

Ryan Russell (1 for 2) then put Hodgen up for good with a bases-clearing double to make it 3-1, and pinch-runner Joe St. Pierre added the final run when he beat the throw to the plate on a grounder to second by

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Man Up On Main



EO file photo by Maegan Murray

11th Takin' It To The Streets

Don't miss the action:

SATURDAY

Noon: Slam Dunk and 3-point contests

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m.: High School Boys and Girls Championships

3 p.m.: Men's Open Championship

Basketball players ranging from early elementary school through adults will Take it to the Streets this weekend at the annual 3-on-3 tournament on Hermiston's Main Street. This file photo shows action from the 2014 event.

MLB

Correa, Springer lead Astros past Mariners

Houston wins fifth-straight over Seattle

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press



SEATTLE — Carlos Correa had a two-out, two-run double then scored from second base on a wild pitch during Houston's five-run fifth inning, and the Astros opened the second half with a 7-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Friday night.

Correa and his teammates picked up where they left off before the All-Star break, winning for the sixth time in eight games and their fifth straight over the Mariners.

Correa's two-out double off Seattle starter James Paxton (2-4) gave the Astros a 5-0 lead and he scampered

home from second moments later when Paxton's third wild pitch of the inning ricocheted off catcher Chris Lannetta over to the third base dugout. George Springer scored earlier in the inning on a wild pitch.

Springer led off the game with his 20th home run of the season and Marwin Gonzalez added a solo shot in the seventh inning.

The Astros' big inning offset a shaky performance from starter Doug Fister, who struggled to get through five innings. Fister (9-6) retired 12 of the first 14 batters, but gave back three runs after being staked to

a 6-0 lead, two scoring on Shawn O'Malley's double in the fifth. After walking Seth Smith, Fister broke Robinson Cano's bat on a weak grounder back to the mound and escaped the inning.

Houston's bullpen was nearly perfect the rest of the way throwing four shutout innings.

While Correa and Springer had the big hits, the Astros' rally in the fifth started with consecutive doubles by Evan Gattis and Jake Marisnick. Springer scored on the second of Paxton's three wild pitches in the inning and Correa missed a three-run homer by just a few feet doubling off the wall in left-center field. He showed off his speed moments later scoring from second on Paxton's final wild pitch of the inning.

Springer's home run was his seventh career long ball in

18 games at Safeco Field, and the 20 homers matched the career-high he set in 2014.

Seattle lost shortstop Ketel Marte to a sprained right ankle in the third inning when he was thrown out sliding into third base trying to extend a double into a triple. The team said he was day-to-day.

TRAINER'S ROOM:

Mariners: RHP Felix Hernandez made his second rehab start in the minors. Pitching for Triple-A Tacoma, Hernandez threw 5 2/3 innings, giving up one run and five hits. He is slated to start for Seattle on July 20 against the White Sox.

UP NEXT

Astros: Lance McCullers (4-3) lasted just four innings last week against Oakland.

Mariners: Hisashi Iwakuma (9-6) goes for his 10th win.



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Seattle Mariners left fielder Seth Smith catches a fly ball hit by Houston Astros' Luis Valbuena during the second inning of a baseball game Friday, July 15, 2016, in Seattle.

Sports shorts

Johnson earns pole for Sunday's race at New Hampshire

LOUDON, N.H. (AP) Jimmie Johnson gave Hendrick Motorsports a needed bright spot, turning a lap of 133.971 mph Friday at New Hampshire to win his first pole of the season.

Johnson, a two-time race winner this season, could use a boost following a five-race slump where he failed to finish better than 13th. He has crashed out of his last two races, finishing 35th at Daytona and 32nd at Kentucky

Hendrick suffered a blow this week when Dale Earnhardt Jr. dropped out of Sunday's race because of concussion symptoms.

Alex Bowman, in his first Sprint Cup start this season, qualified 20th for Earnhardt.

Kyle Busch was second, followed by Martin Truex Jr., Kurt Busch and Denny Hamlin.

FACES



Johnson

"Unfortunately, this stopped being about air pressure a long time ago. This entire process has indelibly taken a toll on our organization, our fans and most importantly, Tom Brady."

— Robert Kraft

New England Patriots owner in a statement released in reaction to Brady's decision to stand with the decision of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and not take his case against the NFL with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Brady's four-game suspension for his role in the "Deflategate" scandal will be served at the beginning of the upcoming season.

Lesnar notified of potential violation of UFC doping policy

(AP) — Former UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar has been notified of a potential violation of the promotion's anti-doping policy from an out-of-competition drug test administered June 28.

Lesnar is among the most popular athletes in both mixed martial arts and professional wrestling. He beat Mark Hunt by decision at UFC 200 in Las Vegas last weekend, handily winning his first MMA fight in nearly five years.

"We will get to the bottom of this," Lesnar said Friday in a statement provided exclusively to The Associated Press.

The AP also obtained copies of three letters from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency to Lesnar, informing the fighter that he had passed tests on three samples submitted over a nine-day period in mid-June, mere days before the sample with the potential violation was collected.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1920 — Babe Ruth breaks his own season record of 29 homers with his 30th, and the New York Yankees beat the St. Louis Browns, 5-2. Ruth ends the season with 54.

1993 — Nick Faldo ties the best single round in 122 years of the British Open with a course-record 63 to give him a one-stroke lead after the second round.

2012 — Roger Federer surpasses Pete Sampras to set the record for the most weeks at No. 1 in the ATP rankings. It marks his 287th week at No. 1, one more than Sampras.

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