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Prep Softball

Roe, Morrison picked as All-Americans

Pendleton, Pilot Rock stars add to their trophy cases

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The awards and recognition continue to roll in for Pendleton star Alexis Morrison and Pilot Rock star Bekah Roe

Morrison and Roe were recently named as all-american honorees by the prep sports website MaxPreps, with Morrison earning first team honors in the Medium Schools division and Roe earning second team honors in the Small Schools.

There were four total Oregonians named over the two divisions, with the other two being Marist's Lauren Burke and Dayton's Kylie Hill.

Morrison, a recent graduate of Pendleton, helped her Buckaroo team to a dominant regular season where they captured the Columbia River Conference league title and advanced into the 5A state semifinals before losing to the eventual state champion Churchill. Morrison hit .512 on the season with 10 home runs and



Morrison



Roe

12 doubles to go with 50 runs scored and 33 RBI. She will be playing softball at Portland State University starting this fall. Roe, who just completed her junior season at Pilot Rock, took Class 2A/1A by storm in 2016. She was an intricate part of the Rockets firepower on offense and defense, and helped lead the Rockets to their second-straight state championship and later wrapped up both district and state Player of the Year honors. She led Pilot Rock with a .593 batting average

and a .632 on-base percentage and smacked seven home runs with 51 RBI. Roe also turned in a whopping 1.713 OPS with 43 runs scored and 24 stolen bases.

The Small School Player of the Year was Nicky Dawson out of Parkview Baptist in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and the Medium Schools Player of the Year was Ashlee Swindle of Curry in Jasper, Alabama.

According to the MaxPreps site, the small school list is compiled of the top athletes from schools that play in state divisions where enrollment is less than 1,000 students and the medium school is schools of 1,000 to 2,000 students.

Little League Softball

Oregon ousted with loss to Montana

Team musters just four hits in tournament finale

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SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — The Pendleton 11/12-year-old softball all-stars' incredible run deep into the postseason has come to a disappointing end.

Pendleton, playing as Team Oregon at the Little League Softball West Regional tournament, was bested by Montana 8-0 in the single elimination quarterfinals on Wednesday morning to send Oregon packing.

Oregon's offense could not get much of anything going at the plate against Montana pitcher Grace Hardy, as the team mustered just four hits in six innings. Hardy also struck out nine Oregon batters.

Oregon had a scoring chance from the get-go in the first inning as Josie Wilson, Maria Lilenthal and Delaney Duchek all reached base to start the game with no outs. However, they could not cash in as back-to-back infield groundouts and a pop fly out ended the inning and left Oregon with no runs on the board.

Montana scored one run in the top of the second inning and never looked back, scoring in each of the next three innings to jump into its 8-0 lead.

Oregon ends the West Regional tournament with a 3-2 overall record, one game better than the last time a team from Pendleton represented the state in 2014.



Zack Brown of Red Bluff, Calif., rides Girl Crush for 83-points in bareback riding at the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo on Wednesday in Joseph. Staff photo by E.J. Harris

KICK THE DUST UP

MLB

Mariners pummeled by Pirates to finish with series split

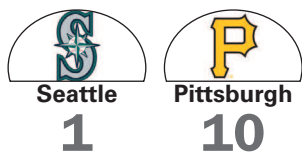
Pittsburgh's Cole tosses three-hit complete game

By JOHN PERROTTO
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Gerrit Cole never obsessed about pitching a complete game, but was happy to get his first one.

Cole pitched a three-hitter and slumping Andrew McCutchen had a three-run home run among his three hits as the Pittsburgh Pirates rolled to a 10-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday night.

"It was good, a really good feeling," Cole said.



"You try to do it every time out but it's not something I had been dwelling on. There are lot of variables that can leak into any start and throw you astray, so you just focus on the things you can control like your delivery and making quality pitches."

Making the 88th start of his four-year career, Cole (6-6) struck six and walked one while winning for the first time since May 20. He had gone six starts without a victory while also spending nearly five weeks on the disabled list with strained right triceps from June 11-July 16.

Cole threw 94 pitches, 70 for strikes, against a Mariners' lineup stacked with seven left-handed hitters and a switch-hitter while becoming the first Pirates pitcher to complete a game with fewer than 100 pitches since Francisco Liriano, who also needed just 94 at St. Louis on Aug. 14, 2013.

"He put his foot down and pitched," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "That's as efficient as I've seen him since he's been here. Twenty pitches the first inning, 74 for the other eight. Really good outing."

McCutchen's three-run blast off David Rollins came in the eighth inning and capped the scoring. His 15th home run of the season pushed the nine-year veteran's career total to 166, tying

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Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Gerrit Cole delivers during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners in Pittsburgh, Wednesday, July 27, 2016. AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar

Sports shorts

Straily shines, leads Reds to win

SAN FRANCISCO — Dan Straily allowed three hits and one run in 7 2/3 innings to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 2-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday.

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Straily

The win also improved Straily to 2-0 against San Francisco's ace starter Madison Bumgarner.

"Definitely, you take pride in battling against the best in baseball," Straily said to the Associated Press. "It's no different than any other game, but when it happens on a day like today it makes it a little more special."

"It's important that we take care of our entire extended NBA family, and I'm proud of my fellow players for taking this unprecedented step to ensure the health and well-being of our predecessors."

— Chris Paul
Los Angeles Clippers guard and NBA Players Association president speaking after the NBAPA voted unanimously to fund health insurance for all retired NBA players with at least three years of service time.

Mets closer Familia's save streak snapped at 52 games

NEW YORK (AP) — Yadier Molina and pinch-hitter Kolten Wong each stroked an RBI double in the ninth inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals ended Jurys Familia's streak of 52 straight saves in rallying past the New York Mets 5-4 on Wednesday night.

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Familia

Familia's franchise-record saves streak was the third-longest in major league history behind Tom Gordon (54) and Eric Gagne (84). Yoenis Cespedes hit a go-ahead homer off Adam Wainwright to cap a three-run comeback in the seventh that gave the Mets a 4-3 lead. But then Familia, who hadn't blown a regular-season save opportunity since July 30 last year, finally faltered.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1984 — The Summer Olympics open in Los Angeles with a record 140 nations competing. The Soviet Union and 13 Communist allies boycott the Games.

1994 — On the night baseball players set an Aug. 12 strike date, Kenny Rogers of the Texas Rangers pitches a perfect game for a 4-0 victory over California.

2011 — Ryan Lochte sets a new world record in the 200-meter IM, edging Michael Phelps at the world championships at Shanghai. Lochte touches the wall in 1:54.00.

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