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Home, safe and sound

Softball all-stars happy to be home after 10-day trip

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Hugs, smiles, and laughter filled up the terminal at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport on Saturday evening as the Pendleton 11/12-year-old softball all-star team returned home and greeted their families following its trip to the Little League Softball West Regional tournament. The team, flying in from Portland

aboard two SeaPort Cessna planes, touched down in Pendleton at 8:15 p.m. and 8:35 p.m. respectively after their 10-day trip to San Bernardino, California for the tournament. After more than a week away from their homes, it was clear that everyone was happy to be back in Eastern Oregon.

"A lot of us said if we cried it was happy tears because we missed home," Pendleton's Maria Lilenthal said. "We loved California but it was too hot and humid, and we wanted to be back."

"Flying into Oregon every time is nice to see the green, San Bernardino was so dry," Pendleton coach Kristan Garton said. "It was 110 degrees on the playing field a few days, so it was great to be

back."

The Pendleton all-stars came home without the trophy and World Series ticket they had hoped for, but it was clear they were all happy with the performances they put forth. Playing as Team Oregon at the West Regional, the team went 2-1 in pool play and won its first game in the single elimination bracket before being blanked 8-0 by Montana in the quarterfinals.

"It was an honor and it was just really incredible," said Pendleton's Maria Lilenthal of the experience.

"It was so much fun to play with my team and to have my first airplane ride with my team, too it was really cool," added Mackenzie Burke.

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A few of the Pendleton 11/12-year-old softball all-stars deplane at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport on Saturday in Pendleton.

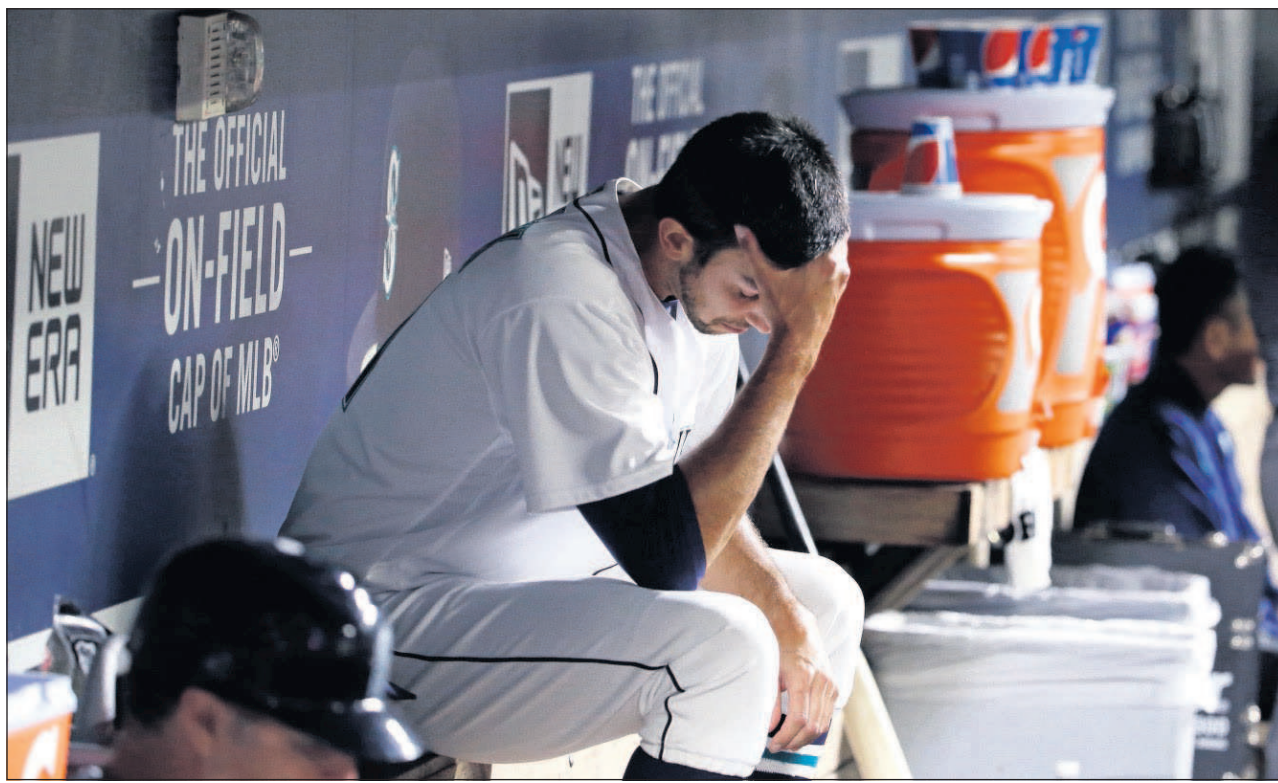
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MLB

Mariners falter late again

Seattle Mariners relief pitcher Steve Cishek looks down as he sits in the dug-out after giving up a home run and being relieved in the ninth inning of Monday's game in Seattle.

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson



Seattle blows late lead for second consecutive game

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Mookie Betts homered to lead off the ninth inning, Craig Kimbrel got his 18th save in his return from knee surgery and the Boston Red Sox beat James Paxton and the Seattle Mariners 2-1 on Monday night.

Paxton held Boston to a run and four hits over eight innings before Betts hit his



22nd homer off closer Steve Cishek (2-6), who blew a three-run lead in the ninth inning Sunday against Chicago. Kimbrel made his first appearance since

having surgery to repair a medial meniscus tear in his left knee. He allowed a walk, and Kyle Seager reached on a third-strike wild pitch, but Kimbrel got two other strikeouts to end it.

Aaron Hill homered off Paxton in the eighth to tie the game 1-1.

Junichi Tazawa (2-1) got the win with a scoreless eighth after Eduardo Rodriguez

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MLB

Trade deadline spurs action

Teams combine to make 18 trades on deadline day

By BEN WALKER
Associated Press

Jonathan Lucroy got a deal he liked, Carlos Beltran joined him in Texas and Jay Bruce and Rich Hill also moved Monday during an 18-swap frenzy at the trade deadline.

Matt Moore, Francisco Liriano and Joe Smith found new homes, too, as playoff contenders stocked up for the stretch.

"That's what we play for. Those are the moments we want to be in," Moore said after NL West-leading San Francisco got the lefty from last-place Tampa Bay. "For someone to reach out and come get me, it's a really good feeling."

Monday was the busiest deadline day since at least 1995, eclipsing the 15 deals made on the final day for non-waiver trades in 2010 and 2015, according to Major League Baseball.

Teams had until 4 p.m. EDT to make trades without waivers. From now, no player can be dealt unless he goes unclaimed by everyone else.

The AL West-leading Rangers made two major moves.

After Lucroy used his limited no-trade clause to block a deal to Cleveland, the All-Star catcher was sent to Texas.

"Now, moving on to the (at)Rangers let's

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NFL

Seahawks' Chancellor refocused on teammates after 2015 holdout

Training camp atmosphere lighter with Seattle's safety back and roaming the field

By CURTIS CRABTREE
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — After a contentious holdout last year that extended two weeks into the regular season, Seahawks safety Kam Chancellor is enjoying football again.

Chancellor is smiling and joking with teammates again. It's an aspect of Chancellor's personality that wasn't

often on display after he returned to the team last season.

"The presence and the atmosphere is amazing," cornerback DeShawn Sheard said of having Chancellor with the team this year in training camp. "Everybody is here. That leadership and the brotherhood is connected. You don't feel no missing links."

Chancellor missed the first two games of 2015 as the Seahawks went 0-2 without him. However, Chancellor's holdout resulted in nothing gained for the star safety and a massive amount of fines for the missed time.

He returned to the team and played in 11 regular-season games. An injured tailbone kept him out for three weeks in December. But despite not getting the new contract he desired, Chancellor

has managed to turn the page on the contractual front and focus once again on his teammates.

"Just getting back to where we left off," Chancellor said. "We want to get back to being at the top of the division, the conference and getting that ring again. That's the main focal point and you can't do that unless you're focusing on each other."

The Seahawks tried to go about their business without letting Chancellor's absence become a distraction. However, it clearly had an effect on the team, both on the field and in the locker room.

"When he's here and he's around, he affects other people," head coach Pete Carroll said. "His toughness, his mentality, his words, his leadership is

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Seattle Seahawks' Kam Chancellor (31) raises the ball as he crosses the goal line after intercepting a pass during a scrimmage at the team's training camp Saturday, July 30, 2016, in Renton, Wash.

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Sports shorts

Dodgers to demote Puig to AAA

LOS ANGELES (AP) Yasiel Puig expects to be sent to the minors on Tuesday after the Los Angeles Dodgers were unable to trade him at the deadline, according to his agent.

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Puig

Adam Katz, Puig's agent said he was told Puig didn't show up to Dodger Stadium on Monday before the club departed on its road trip to Colorado. Katz said he wasn't there because the Dodgers didn't expect him to be on their roster for Tuesday's game.

Puig was an All-Star in 2014 after a meteoric rise with the Dodgers, who signed the refugee prospect to a seven-year, \$42 million deal in June 2012. Puig has been physically limited and largely inconsistent even when healthy this season, batting .260 with seven homers in 81 games. His on-base-plus-slugging percentage is down to a career-worst .706.

"Steven Taylor gives us a proven piece that can step into our backline and perform immediately. His experience and leadership will be very important to our team down the stretch."

— Caleb Porter

Portland Timbers head coach speaking about the team's newest signee, longtime English Premier League defender Steven Taylor on Monday. Taylor, 30, has played the last 12 years and 190 games with Newcastle United of the EPL.

Team USA clobbers Nigeria in final Olympic tuneup

HOUSTON (AP) Carmelo Anthony scored 19 points and the U.S. Olympic basketball team wrapped up its unbeaten exhibition tour with a 110-66 victory over Nigeria on Monday night.

The Americans forced the African champions to miss their first 22 3-point shots and held them to 4 for 29 behind the arc.

Klay Thompson had 17 points and Kevin Durant added 14 for the U.S., which went 5-0 and wasn't tested during its easy pre-Olympic schedule. The U.S. men and women who arrived in Houston earlier Monday and attended the game are scheduled to fly Tuesday night to Rio de Janeiro, where both will be favored to repeat as Olympic basketball champions.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1979 — New York Yankees catcher Thurman Munson is killed in a plane crash practicing takeoffs and landings near his Ohio home.

2005 — In the largest trade in NBA history, Antoine Walker is dealt from Boston to Miami in a transaction involving five teams and 13 players. The Heat acquire point guard Jason Williams and small forward James Posey from Memphis, while the Grizzlies receive guard Eddie Jones from the Heat. The New Orleans Hornets and Utah Jazz also are involved in the deal.

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