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PENDLETON

Whitehorse rides with purpose



Keyshawn Whitehorse of The Woodlands, Texas, rides One Night Stand for 84.5 points on Monday during the Pendleton PBR Classic.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Pendleton PBR Classic Night 1 winner has message for the crowd

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Oil and water. The antagonistic compounds mixed on Monday night to provide the winning combination for Keyshawn Whitehorse at the Pendleton PBR Classic. After two heart-pumping rides for a total of 173.5 points, Whitehorse took his time in the winner's

circle to speak to the crowd at Happy Canyon Arena about an issue close to his heart. "Those two rides were for the Native American people in Standing Rock (North Dakota) fighting for their land," he said of the ongoing dispute over the Dakota Access Pipeline. "I believe that this was my moment for them, and I just wanted to spread the word in a positive manner."

Whitehorse, just 19 years old, is a full-blooded Navajo/Dine from The Woodlands, Texas. "It is important and that is our land," he said. "I believe they're doing the right thing, just not getting enough attention. Us as Native Americans are just standing up for our rights, and we're not doing it violently." There was nothing non-violent about Whitehorse's two rides at

Happy Canyon, and he sealed the win with an 89-point ride on BMC Bucking Bulls' King Buck in the final round. King Buck burst from the chute and came down hard before going into a series of 11 tight spins into Whitehorse' grip hand. Midway through the ride Whitehorse appeared to be losing his balance, but pulled himself back to high

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Saturday Prep Roundup

Knights win big in season opener

Irrigon boys get confidence boost with shutout

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IRRIGON — While most of the state is already two weeks deep into the 2016 soccer season, the Irrigon Knight boys team had to wait until Saturday to play their first game. But they made the wait worth it.

On Saturday afternoon, Irrigon shutout City Christian 8-0 — accumulating nearly as many goals in one game as the team had in 10 games during 2015 (12).

"It's a huge win for us," said Irrigon coach Paul Keefer after the game. "Especially for these seniors with all of the struggles we've had over the last few years, it's a huge confidence boost."

The Knights (1-0, 1-0 Spec. Dist. 4) took a little while to get going, using the first roughly 15 minutes of the game to get a feel for City Christian (0-2, 0-1) and the game atmosphere. But in the 16th minute, Irrigon found its way into the score column as sophomore Pedro Maciel drilled a goal with an assist from Alejandro Alvarez for the 1-0 lead.

"When we got that first goal, the guys got a big confidence boost," Keefer said. Irrigon controlled the ball and the pace of the game throughout the rest of the half and within the last 10 minutes of the half Irrigon scored four times to put a firm grasp on the game.

Junior Oscar Armenta
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Pendleton Round-Up

Hillman wings it, soars into Round-Up lead

Texas barrel racer has memorable first run at Round-Up

By MATT ENTRUP
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PENDLETON — Coming into her first Pendleton Round-Up, Texas barrel racer Stevi Hillman wasn't sure who was less prepared

— herself or five-year-old mare Martini. After a white-knuckle ride across the giant grass infield that moved her into first place during Monday's slack, Hillman wasn't shy to admit which half carried the team. "She handled it like a champ. It was me that was lost," said the Women's Professional Rodeo Association's No. 7 racer entering the week. "My eyes were watering, I couldn't really see, and she handled it like a pro."

Hillman, whose 29.64-seconds leads 2015 Pendleton champion Kimmie Wall by .13, didn't get much more than a walk-through to prepare for the largest pattern in the sport. "We just came from Puyallup (Washington) which is a 14-second pattern to this, so I'm very, very proud of her," she said of Martini, who is owned by Michelle Darling under the name Morning Traffic. "Some people set up barrels in the pasture and just practice the big

pattern. We didn't get to do that coming from Puyallup so we just hoped for the best. "I came in and worked this morning, so we kind of felt the pattern, and I don't think you can really prepare for a run like this. That's a lot of running, and I don't think you're going to know what your horse will do until you do it. ... This was just going to be a fun day, and I'm extremely proud of her for making that run."

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MLB

Mariners extend win streak to six in blowout of Angels

Seattle now just two-and-a-half games from Wild Card spot

By ABBEY MASTRACCO
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Leonys Martin went 4 for 4 with three doubles and three runs, and Robinson Cano homered to help the Seattle Mariners beat the Los Angeles Angels 8-1 on Monday night for their sixth straight victory. Cano went 3 for 5 with his 33rd home run. Ben Gamel added his first major league homer, a two-run shot to left-center in the eighth inning to



close the scoring. Ariel Miranda (4-1) shut out Los Angeles over six innings, striking out three and walking one in his third straight win. C.J. Cron scored the Angels' only run in the bottom of the seventh inning on an RBI single by Pennington. **TRAINER'S ROOM** Mariners: 1B Adam Lind is expected to miss 3-4 days with a sprained finger on his right hand. Lind sprained the finger in Sunday's game.

Angels: SS Andrelton Simmons was scratched from the lineup with a bruised right hand late Monday. Simmons, who jammed his hand in Sunday's game, was initially in the lineup before being replaced by Pennington.

UP NEXT Mariners: RHP Taijuan Walker will start the second game for Seattle. Walker has battled injuries and inconsistency this season but earned his first win since June 30 in his last start against the Texas Rangers. Walker is 2-2 with a 7.23 ERA in five starts against the Angels.

Angels: RHP Alex Meyer will make his third major league start and his fourth appearance. Meyer is 2-2 with a 7.71 ERA at the major league level and went 1-1 with a 1.86 ERA in eight minor league games.



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill
Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano, right, celebrates after hitting a solo home run as Los Angeles Angels catcher Jett Bandy stand at the plate during the third inning of Monday's game in Anaheim, Calif.

Sports shorts

Wilson sprains ankle, likely to play Week 2 against Los Angeles

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Seattle Seahawks coach Pete Carroll believes quarterback Russell Wilson will be able to play in Week 2 against Los Angeles despite suffering a sprained ankle against Miami. Speaking on his weekly radio show on KIRO-AM on Monday, Carroll said Wilson has been diagnosed with a sprained ankle. Carroll said both X-rays and an MRI came back clear, but there is some swelling. Wilson may be limited in practice ahead of facing the Rams, Carroll said. Wilson has not missed a game during his career. Wilson was injured in the third quarter of Sunday's 12-10 win over the Dolphins while being sacked by Ndamukong Suh. Wilson had his ankle re-taped and did not miss a snap.



Wilson

"The best (refs) will be at (the Power 5) level. When we're playing in these games, we need to use our officials. Or we don't sign a contract."

— Mike Gundy

Oklahoma State head football coach said he won't agree to a nonconference home game with a school unless a Power 5 officiating crew is staffed after Saturday's gaffe when officials from the MAC gave Central Michigan a free play at the end of the game, which shouldn't have been the case, and CMU won on a successful hail mary.

Griffin III breaks bone in shoulder, could miss season

BEREA, Ohio (AP) Browns quarterback Robert Griffin III broke a bone in his left shoulder and will miss at least eight games. Griffin was injured on an 11-yard run in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 29-10 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles. As he tried to get out of bounds, Griffin was drilled by Eagles defensive back Jalen Mills. The team said Griffin will be placed on injured reserve under new rules he can brought off the list and will be evaluated in 3 to 4 weeks. RG3 is the 25th quarterback to start for the Browns since 1999, a roll call of rookies, veterans and free agents. With Griffin out, Josh McCown will start this week's home opener against Baltimore.



Griffin III

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1992 — Buffalo's Jim Kelly and San Francisco's Steve Young throw for more than 400 yards and neither team punts, the first time in NFL history, as the Bills beat the 49ers 34-31. 2007 — New England coach Bill Belichick is fined the NFL maximum of \$500,000 and the Patriots are ordered to pay \$250,000 for spying during New England's 38-14 win over the New York Jets on Sept. 9. 2010 — Rafael Nadal wins his first U.S. Open title to complete a career Grand Slam, beating Novak Djokovic 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. Contact us at 541-966-0838 or sports@eastoregonian.com