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PENDLETON

T-Wolves split with Chukars

Treasure Valley steals Game 2 in extras

East Oregonian

The Blue Mountain softball team continued to show a lot of heart on Wednesday afternoon as the Timberwolves split a doubleheader with Treasure Valley. The Timberwolves won the opener 8-6 in comeback fashion, but the Chukars outlasted the Timberwolves in Game 2 to win 7-5 in nine innings.

Softball

 **6-7**

 **8-5**

In Game 1, BMCC (15-29, 11-19 East) erased a 6-2 deficit in the sixth inning to steal the win. Three straight walks set the table for an RBI groundout by Miah Slater to cut the lead to 6-3, and two batters later Sydney Saxton Siaki made it a 6-5 game with a two-RBI double.

Next up, Lauren Cagle lined an RBI single to the outfield to bring home Saxton Siaki to tie the game at 6-6. But the tie did not last long, as the very next batter Sarah Bonner launched her team-leading 14th home run of the season, a two-run shot, to put BMCC on top.

In Game 2, an RBI double by Megan Ulrey scored Bonner to tie the game at 2-2 in the bottom of the fourth. But that would be the last run scored until extra innings in the top of the eighth, when TVCC (23-19, 18-12) took a 3-2 lead.

In the bottom of the frame, BMCC kept the game going with a sacrifice fly to left by Bonner to bring home Saxton Siaki to tie it at 3-3. Then in the ninth, Treasure Valley tallied five hits and four runs to jump

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HERMISTON

Bulldogs go big on Day 1



Hermiston's Makayla Akers competes in the javelin at the Columbia River Conference district track meet on Wednesday in Hermiston. Akers won the district title with a throw of 123-feet, 9-inches.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston claims six district titles as the boys, girls teams take early leads

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

For most of his senior season, Hermiston's Vaemu Ena treated long jump as a fun diversion.

He discovered what he could do when he really put all of his effort into his leaps on Wednesday, the first day of the Columbia River Conference track and field championships at Hermiston's Kennison Field.

After entering as the seventh-seeded jumper, Ena walked away a district champion with a personal-record distance of 20 feet, 5.75 inches.

Ena hit the mark on his last attempt in the finals to push him past Hood River's Jonah Tactay who had just taken the lead with 20-4.5.

"I was very inconsistent, then all of a sudden today magic happened," said Ena. "I honestly think it's just because I

warmed up really well today and usually I don't take it as serious because it's long jump and I've never been good at it. But I actually took it seriously today for this districts, and I think that's why."

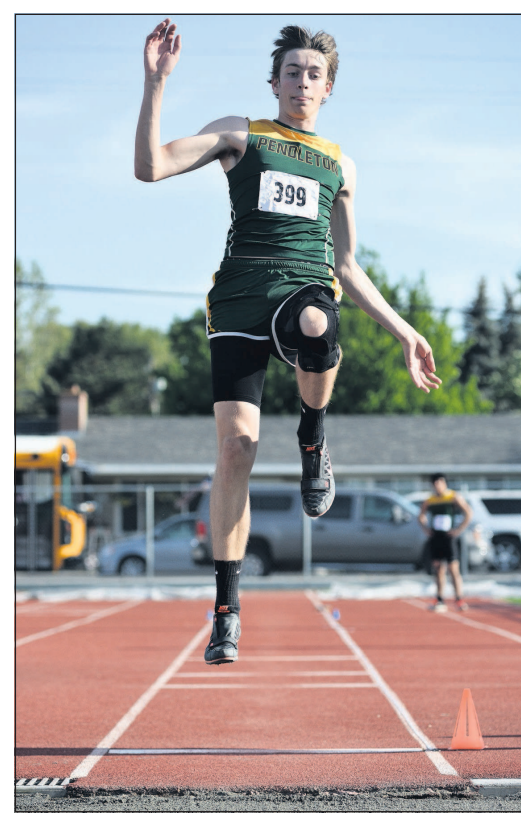
He posted the highest mark in preliminaries at 20-2.75 with his first attempt, then left the jumping area and headed to the track where he won his heat and was second overall in the 100-meter prelims with a time of 11.64 seconds, then returned to finish the long jump.

"It was a good day, now I'm excited for tomorrow," he said.

Ena's winning jump elicited one of the biggest crowd reactions of the afternoon, and Hermiston throws coach David Faaeteete (Ena's football coach) let out the loudest of the cheers from his nearby vantage point.

Faaeteete had plenty to celebrate on Tuesday as Hermiston throwers also had

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Pendleton's Johnny Stuvland competes in the long jump at the Columbia River Conference district track meet on Wednesday in Hermiston.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

MLB

Ruiz helps M's get fourth straight win with sweep of Phillies

Seattle Mariners' Carlos Ruiz hits a three-run double off Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher Joaquin Benoit during the seventh inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, May 10, 2017, in Philadelphia. Seattle won 11-6.



AP Photo/Matt Slocum

Seattle catcher gets clutch hit to beat his old team


By ROB MAADDI
Associated Press


PHILADELPHIA — Just like the old days, Carlos Ruiz soaked in the adoring cheers after another clutch hit. It didn't matter he was a visiting player.

Ruiz hit a three-run double against his old team, Robinson Cano and Danny Valencia homered and the Seattle Mariners beat the Philadelphia Phillies 11-6 Wednesday.

Ruiz earned another standing ovation a day after he returned and was honored with a video tribute that highlighted his career with the Phillies. The former All-Star catcher was 3 for 30 this season before clearing the bases with a liner off the left-field wall in the seventh inning.

"I kind of feel like my legs were

 **11**

 **6**

not on the ground, it was real special," Ruiz said. "That was huge for my team and also to see the ovation from the fans, their support, and I said thank you to them, because they were real good to me when I was here, and I'm so happy that they do that."

Tony Zych (2-0) tossed a scoreless inning after Yovani Gallardo allowed three runs and four hits in five innings.

Robinson Cano led off the seventh with a single off Joaquin Benoit (0-2). After Kyle Seager walked, Danny Valencia lined an RBI double to right to give the Mariners a 4-3 lead. Guillermo Heredia flied out and Jarrod Dyson was intentionally walked, setting the stage for Ruiz.

His liner, which missed being a grand slam by a few feet, extended

Seattle's lead to 7-3. Fans chanted "Chooch!" and cheered the same way they did for Chase Utley when he hit two homers against the Phillies in his return to Philadelphia last August.

Ruiz caught the final out of the 2008 World Series and spent his entire career in Philadelphia before a trade to the Los Angeles Dodgers last summer.

"That was really special to come to Philadelphia and get the ovation the fans gave to me," he said.

Cano drove one out to the opposite field in left for a 3-0 lead in the third. Valencia connected in the eighth.

STREAKING

Seattle has now won four straight and six of seven to even its record (17-17) for the first time since the opener.

UP NEXT

Mariners: RHP Chase De Jong (0-2, 6.75 ERA) pitches Thursday at Toronto in the opener of a four-game series. RHP Marco Estrada (1-2, 3.14) goes for the Blue Jays.

Sports shorts

Ritchie's goal sends Anaheim to Western Conference finals

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Nick Ritchie scored the tiebreaking goal early in the third period, and the Anaheim Ducks ended their streak of five straight Game 7 losses with a 2-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Wednesday night, advancing to the Western Conference finals for the second time in three years.

Andrew Cogliano scored the tying goal midway through the second period for the Ducks, who had blown a 3-2 series lead and lost a Game 7 on home ice in four consecutive seasons.

After a rally from an early deficit and a strong defensive performance to back John Gibson's 23 saves, the Ducks ended their ignominious streak.

Anaheim will host Nashville in Game 1 of the conference finals Friday night.



Ritchie

"They just always find a way to respond the right way to any of the challenges or the adversities that this league throws at us, and they did it again tonight. I think these guys are at their best when the stakes are high."

— Mike Sullivan

Pittsburgh Penguins head coach after his team beat the Washington Capitals 2-0 in Game 7 of their second round playoff game on Wednesday. The defending Stanley Cup champions will face Ottawa in the Eastern Conference finals.

Seahawks sign veteran DE, release eight others

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — The Seahawks have signed veteran defensive end David Bass as Seattle continues to look for options on the defensive front.

Seattle announced the signing of Bass on Tuesday, along with the release of eight players, ahead of this weekend's rookie minicamp.

Bass spent the past two seasons with Tennessee. He started seven games in the 2015 season with the Titans and had a career-high 36 tackles, but had more of a reserve role last season. Bass spent his first two seasons in the league with Chicago.

Among those released by Seattle was cornerback Perrish Cox, running back George Famer and kicker John Lunsford, leaving the Seahawks with Blair Walsh as the only kicker on the roster.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1918 — Exterminator, a 30-1 long shot ridden by Willie Knapp, loses the lead but regains it to win the Kentucky Derby by one length.

1992 — The Portland Trail Blazers win the highest-scoring playoff game in NBA history, 153-151 in double OT against the Phoenix Suns in the Western Conference semifinals.

2016 — Max Scherzer strikes out 20 batters, matching the MLB record for a nine-inning game as he pitches Washington past Detroit 3-2. He joins Roger Clemens, Kerry Wood and Randy Johnson as the only pitchers to reach the record.

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