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2A/1A Softball State Championship

Warriors knock off Rockets

Pilot Rock's title streak snapped by North Douglas

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CORVALLIS — For parts of the past two-plus seasons, the Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii softball team proved itself as the best in Class 2A/1A.

But on Friday afternoon, the Rockets finally met their match. The No. 5 seed North Douglas Warriors displayed clutch defense and timely hitting as they upset the No. 2 Rockets 3-1 to capture the first softball title in school history at the OSU Softball Complex.

Even as Pilot Rock's reign as two-time defending champion came to an end with the loss, coach Darin Fitzpatrick told his team after the game to keep their heads held high.

"I told all of them how proud I am of them," he said by phone after the game. "There are 38 other teams in our division that would have loved to be where we are. They've made themselves proud and they've made their town proud. We've had a great run and still have a lot coming back next season."

The Rockets (25-6) offense ran into North Douglas' (22-4) standout freshman pitcher Nicki Derrick, as the right-hander allowed just four hits and two walks with 10 strikeouts. The only run against her came in the bottom of the fourth on a huge inside-the-park home run by Pilot Rock catcher Rhyanne Oates, which was aided by some Warrior defensive miscues.

"We had a decent scouting report on her," Fitzpatrick said of Derrick. "But she's a good pitcher, she mixed her pitches well and got the girls



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Teammates greet Pilot Rock's Rhyanne Oates after she hit a solo home run to lead off the bottom of the fourth inning of the 2A/1A softball state championship against North Douglas in Corvallis.



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Pilot Rock's Tehya Ostrom (2) consoles teammate Jillian Adlard after the Rockets' 3-1 loss to North Douglas in the 2A/1A state championship game Friday in Corvallis.



North Douglas pitcher Nicki Derrick tags Pilot Rock's Brielle Howland as she attempted to score in the first inning of Friday's OSAA 2A/1A Softball State Championship game at OSU Softball Complex in Corvallis.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

College Baseball

Beavers open regional with win

Oregon State to face Yale next

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Jake Thompson allowed one run on four hits while striking out 10 over 7 2/3 innings and Oregon State defeated Holy Cross 8-2 in the Corvallis Regional on Friday night.

Oregon State, the No. 1 national seed, goes on to face Yale on Saturday night in the double-elimination tournament. The Bulldogs, the regional's No. 3 seed, beat second-seeded Nebraska 5-1 in the early game.

Thompson, treated to a standing ovation by the sellout crowd at Goss Stadium, improved to 13-0 and the



Beavers won their 17th straight. Brendan King (5-7) allowed five runs on eight hits over 5 1/3 innings for fourth-seeded Holy Cross (23-27), which advanced to the postseason for the first time since 1978.

Nick Madrigal and Jack Anderson each hit RBI singles to put the Beavers up 2-0 in the third inning.

Thompson didn't allow a hit until the fifth inning when he gave up three straight, including freshman Chris Rinaldi's RBI single. But Thompson struck out Austin Masel looking to get out of a bases-loaded jam.

Adley Rutschman's RBI

double padded Oregon State's lead, and after Cadyn Grenier's sacrifice fly made it 4-1, Rutschman scored on a balk.

Trevor Larnach hit a run-scoring double before Michael Gretler's solo home run in the seventh put the Beavers up 7-1. Preston Jones added an RBI double in the eighth.

Kellen McCormick drove in a run with a single in the ninth for the Crusaders.

Oregon State's four losses in the regular season were the fewest since Texas was 53-4 going into the tournament in 1982.

The Beavers went 27-3 in Pac-12 play for the league title, surpassing Arizona State's record of 26 league wins set in 1981. Along the way, coach Pat Casey surpassed the 1,000-win

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Oregon State's Cadyn Grenier celebrates at second base after driving in a run against Holy Cross during an NCAA college baseball tournament regional game in Corvallis, Ore., Friday, June 2, 2017.

Andy Cripe/
The Corvallis
Gazette-Times
via AP

Sports shorts

Penguins' Bonino using crutches

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Pittsburgh center Nick Bonino was wearing a walking boot on his left foot and using crutches Friday, raising the possibility that he will not play in Nashville in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Final.

Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said the veteran has a lower-body injury and will be a game-time decision against the Predators on Saturday night. Team captain Sidney Crosby said everybody's banged up at this time of year on both teams.

Bonino plays on Pittsburgh's fourth line, but the veteran is a key penalty killer. He had a slap shot from Nashville defenseman P.K. Subban go off the inside of his left ankle in Pittsburgh's 4-1 win Wednesday night while on the ice helping kill a big penalty. Bonino went to the locker room but returned to finish the game.



Bonino

"(Colin Kaepernick's) a starter in this league. We have a starter, but he is a starter in this league and I can't imagine somebody won't give him a chance to play."

— Pete Carroll

Seattle Seahawks head coach on free agent QB Colin Kaepernick, who visited with the Seahawks last week. Seattle is the only team to have hosted the polarizing player, although there appears to be no intent to sign him.

Ex-Penn State administrators get jail time in Sandusky case

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Three ex-Penn State officials are getting jail time for failing to report now-convicted sexual predator Jerry Sandusky to authorities.

Former Penn State President Graham Spanier and former vice president Gary Schultz will have to spend two months in jail. Former athletic director Tim Curley will spend three months in jail. The rest of their sentences will be served in house arrest.

A graduate coaching assistant told administrators that he saw Sandusky molesting a boy in a football team shower in 2001. But Spanier, Curley and Schultz didn't report him to child welfare authorities or police.

Sandusky wasn't arrested until a tip in 2011 led investigators to interview the shower witness. Sandusky is now serving a 30- to 60-year sentence for abusing 10 boys, but is appealing.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1927 — The United States wins the first Ryder Cup golf tournament by beating Britain 9½-2½.

1987 — Danny Harris defeats Edwin Moses with a 47.56 mark in the 400 hurdles at a meet in Madrid, Spain, ending the longest winning streak in track and field history. Moses, who finishes .13 seconds behind Harris, had won 122 consecutive races dating to Aug. 26, 1977.

2009 — Randy Johnson earns his 300th win, becoming the 24th major league pitcher to reach the milestone by leading San Francisco to a 5-1 victory over the Washington Nationals. Contact us at 541-966-0838 or sports@eastoregonian.com