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Grogan, Rice named EOL's best

Stanfield, Irrigon seniors are Co-Players of the Year

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Dylan Grogan and Austin Rice have established themselves as two of the top all-around athletes in the region over the past few years and now both players graduate with even more proof.

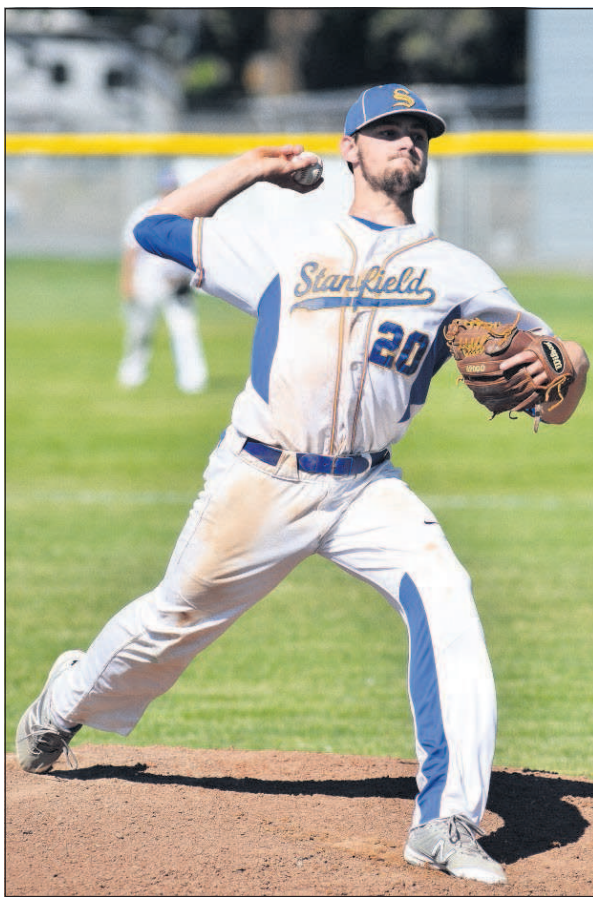
The Stanfield and Irrigon seniors were named Co-Players of the Year by the baseball coaches of the Eastern Oregon League, after leading their respective teams to the postseason with incredible campaigns.

Grogan, a Yakima Valley Community College signee, took home the award for the second consecutive season, as he hit for a .592 average in 49 plate appearances in league play, adding 27 runs scored, 20 RBI, 12 extra base hits and a .672 on-base percentage. On the mound, Grogan was lights-out again, striking out 15 batters in eight innings while giving up just two hits and one run.

Rice, a Whitworth University commitment, was Irrigon's bulldog on the mound, where he logged 34 2/3 innings in EOL action and turned in a 2.01 ERA and 65 strikeouts. His best start came against Joseph when he struck out 11 batters in five innings.

But Rice was also lethal at the plate, hitting for a .487 average in 39 plate appearances, scoring 20 runs, driving in 13 and registering eight extra base hits with a .643 on-base percentage.

Stanfield, the EOL champions, led the league with six first team all-league selections with junior



Irrigon senior Austin Rice, left, and Stanfield senior Dylan Grogan were named Co-Players of the Year in the Eastern Oregon League by the league's coaches. It's Grogan's second straight award and Rice's first.

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Brody Woods (0.95 ERA, 41 K) a unanimous decision at pitcher and Grogan at infield, joined by pitcher/infielder Tony Flores (.462 avg., 36 RBI; 3.31 ERA, 35 K), catcher Thyler Monkus (.418 avg., 35 runs, 25 stolen bases), first baseman Ryan Bailey (.563 avg., 21 RBI, 26 runs) and outfielder Adrian Renner (.375 avg., 22 runs).

Irrigon came away with just two first team selections with Rice a unanimous pick at pitcher as well as the outfield, and sophomore Zack Henrichs (.375 avg., 15 runs, 17

RBI) snagged an infield spot.

Eastern Oregon League
Players of the Year — Dylan Grogan, sr., Stanfield; Austin Rice, sr., Irrigon.
Coach of the Year — Brad Rogers, Stanfield
First team
Pitchers — Austin Rice*, sr., Irrigon; Brody Woods*, jr., Stanfield; Tony Flores, sr., Stanfield.
Catcher — Thyler Monkus, sr., Stanfield.
First base — Ryan Bailey, sr., Stanfield.
Infield — Dylan Grogan*, sr., Stanfield; Heath Hartley*, sr., Nyssa; Tony Flores, sr., Stanfield; Zack Henrichs, soph., Irrigon.
Outfield — Adrian Renner, jr., Stanfield; JP Martinez, sr., Nyssa; Austin Rice, sr., Irrigon.
Utility — Blake Cleaver, sr., Nyssa.
Second team
Pitcher — Dylan Grogan, sr., Stanfield; Klay Jensen, sr., Stanfield; Blake Cleaver, sr., Nyssa.
Catcher — Isaac Zamora, soph., Burns.
First base — Andres Gonzales, sr., Nyssa.
Infield — Brody Woods, jr., Stanfield; Seth Cranston,

soph., Umatilla; Rylie Howard, sr., Joseph; Adrian Roa, jr., Irrigon.
Outfield — Talon Case, sr., Burns; Klay Jensen, sr., Stanfield; Travis Haga, Joseph.
Utility — Hunter Barnes, sr., Stanfield.
Honorable mention
Pitcher — Elijah Cleaver, fr., Nyssa; Tate Olsen, sr., Joseph; Andres Gonzales, sr., Nyssa.
Catcher — Matt McBride, fr., Vale.
First base — Tanner Mills, jr., Irrigon; Anthony Rodelo, soph., Riverside; Chris Nobles, soph., Joseph.
Infield — Andrew Contreras, jr., Nyssa; Elijah Cleaver, fr., Nyssa; Aramis Corpus, jr., Riverside; Nate Gumbert, jr., Irrigon; Bryce Goss, jr., Burns; Cade Perry, jr., Vale; Dawson Eddy, sr., Vale; Colton Kesey, fr., Vale.
Outfield — Justin Keeney, jr., Stanfield; Alex Martinez, sr., Nyssa; Nick Mosey, sr., Burns; Tanner Hamilton, soph., Vale; Marco Gomez, sr., Vale; Chris Bathke, jr., Joseph; Dillon Kaschmitter, sr., vale; Diego Soto, sr., Umatilla.
Utility — Andrew Martinez, sr., Riverside; Kaleb Nyborg, sr., Burns; Gus Ramsden, soph., Joseph; Cody Samson, jr., Umatilla.

GOL cashes in on Fortune

Mac-Hi senior is Player of the Year

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MILTON-FREEWATER — For four seasons, Micha Fortune was an important piece to the Mac-Hi softball dynasty.

Though her Pioneers failed to reach the state title

game for a fifth consecutive season in 2017, Fortune left her mark on the Greater Oregon League in a big way again, convincing

the league's coaches to vote her Player of the Year.

In the Pioneers' 12 league games, Fortune hit for a .555 average and had at least two hits in nine of the 12 games, adding one home run, two doubles, eight RBI, 20 runs scored and 20 stolen bases as Mac-Hi's leadoff hitter. She was a standout in the field, too, registering just four errors while manning the hot corner at third base.

It's the fourth straight year that a Pioneer has won the league's Player of the Year award, with Fortune

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Fortune

NBA Finals

Warriors late run steals Game 3

Durant's 3-pointer with 45 seconds left leaves Warriors one from title

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kevin Durant drained the shot of his professional life — a 3-pointer with 45.3 seconds left — and scored 31 points as the Golden State Warriors moved within one win of postseason perfection and payback by rallying to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 118-113 on Wednesday night to take a 3-0 lead in the NBA Finals.

The Warriors trailed by six with three minutes left before Durant, who signed with Golden State last summer to win a championship, brought them back, scoring 14 in the fourth.

With their 15th straight win, the Warriors have the longest postseason streak for any team in the four major professional sports.

And with a victory in Game 4 on Friday night, Golden State can exor-



AP Photo/Ron Schwane

Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) celebrates with teammates after the Warriors defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 118-113 in Game 3 of the NBA Finals in Cleveland on Wednesday.

cise those haunting demons from last June when the Warriors blew a 3-1 lead in the Finals to the Cavaliers. Not team has ever overcome a 3-0 deficit.

Klay Thompson added 30 points and Stephen Curry had 26 for this California Dream Team now one win from its second title in three years.

LeBron James shook off a knee-buckling blow to the chin while scoring 39 and Kyrie Irving added 38 for the Cavs, who took a 113-107 lead with 3:09 left on J.R. Smith's 3-pointer.

Curry hit a layup and after both James and Irving missed for the Cavs, Durant dropped his 3 — a shot that could be the one most remembered in this magnificent run by the Warriors.

"All I was looking at was the bottom of the net," Durant said. "I've been working on that shot my whole life. To see that go in, that was liberating, man. We've got one more to go."

After the Warriors went up, Irving missed a 3 from his favorite spot on

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MLB



Seattle's Mike Zunino heads home on his two-run, walk-off home run against Minnesota in the ninth inning of Wednesday's game in Seattle.

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

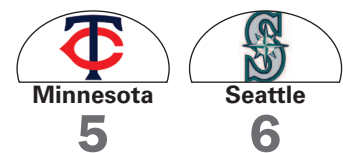
M's walk-off Twins on Zunino's blast

By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Mike Zunino hit his second homer of the game with two outs in the ninth inning, a two-run shot that gave the surging Seattle Mariners a 6-5 comeback victory over the Minnesota Twins on Wednesday night.

Kyle Seager and Carlos Ruiz also homered for the Mariners, who overcame a three-run deficit and won for the ninth time in 10 games.

Ben Gamel singled with two outs in the ninth off closer Brandon Kintzler (2-1). Zunino,



who hit a solo shot in the third, sent a 2-1 pitch over the center-field wall for his fourth home run.

Edwin Diaz (2-2) pitched a scoreless inning for the win.

After trailing 5-2, the Mariners scored once in the fifth and pulled to 5-4 in the sixth on Seager's seventh homer.

Miguel Sano's three-run
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Mariners sign Segura to extension

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners have agreed to a \$70 million, five-year contract with shortstop Jean Segura covering 2018-22, a deal that brings stability to what has been a position of flux for more than a decade.

Segura is making \$6.2 million this year and would have been eligible for free agency following the 2018 season. The contract announced Wednesday calls for a \$3 million signing bonus, a \$9 million salary next season and \$14.25 million in each of the following four years. Seattle has a \$17 million option for 2023 with a \$1 million buyout. Segura gets a full-no trade provision.

Since being acquired from Arizona as part of a five-player trade, Segura has not disappointed in his move to the AL. Despite two stints on the disabled list, Segura is leading the American League in hitting with a .341 average.



Segura

"I think we're going to expect their best hockey in their rink. I think both teams have gotten better throughout the series and that's expected. It's going to be a battle going in there and we need to steal one in their arena."

— James Neal

Nashville Predators forward on his team's mindset as they hit the road again for Game 5 of the Stanley Cup Final. The Penguins won the first two games in Pittsburgh in the series. Puck drop for Game 5 is 5 p.m. on NBC.

Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops retires after 18 seasons

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops abruptly announced his retirement Wednesday, a stunning offseason move by the 56-year-old future Hall of Famer who led the Sooners to 10 conference championships and a national title in 18 seasons.

Stoops was the longest-tenured active coach in major college football and was 190-48 (.798) at Oklahoma — his only college head-coaching job — giving him more victories than Sooners coaching greats Barry Switzer (157) and Bud Wilkinson (145).

Offensive coordinator Lincoln Riley, 33, is being promoted to head coach, making him the youngest head coach in FBS. Just last month, Oklahoma gave Riley a three-year contract extension worth \$1.3 million per year.



Stoops

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1950 — The Boston Red Sox beat the St. Louis Browns 29-4 at Fenway Park, and the Red Sox set six major league records: most runs scored by one team; most extra-base hits in a game with 17; most total bases with 60; most extra bases on long hits with 32; most runs for two games with 49 (20 a day earlier); and most hits in two games with 51.

2000 — Mike Modano deflects Brett Hull's shot at 6:21 of the third overtime, ending the longest scoreless overtime game in Stanley Cup finals history and helping the Dallas Stars beat the New Jersey Devils 1-0 in Game 5.

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