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All-EO Softball Team

Richards thrives on competition

Pendleton junior named All-EO Player of the Year

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Leading Corvallis 1-0 in the top of the sixth inning, with no outs and the bases loaded, Pendleton pitcher Lauren Richards held her team's season in her right hand.

With pursed lips and a steely glare, Richards went to work.

Three straight strikeouts — three of 14 in the game for the 2017 All-EO Player of the Year — sent the subdued Spartans back into the field without a single run, and the Buckaroos would come through for three runs in their turn at bat to seal a 4-0 win.

It was a huge moment in what had become the junior Buckaroo's breakout season, and was the perfect example of the attribute that allowed Richards to obliterate Pendleton's strikeout record in her first season as the team's full-time starter in the circle.

"It's just her amazing work ethic and competitive spirit," said Pendleton head



Pendleton's Lauren Richards has been named the All-EO softball player of the year for her efforts behind the plate and in the pitching circle.

softball coach Tim Cary. "She's a great competitor."

"I think on the mound one of the biggest things you need to have is the ability

to shake things off and not letting anything bother you," Richards said. "I think that's why (my coaches) say I compete, because I try not to

let anything affect me. I just let it go and I get on to that next batter."

By the time the Buckaroos' season ended in the

semifinals with a 6-5 loss to eventual state champion Marist Catholic, Richards had turned in one of the

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Richards by the numbers

229

Strikeouts (Single-season school record)

1.46

Strikeouts per inning (Single-season school record)

21

Pitching Wins

1.25

Earned Run Average

.156

Opponent Batting Average Against

2017 ALL-EO SOFTBALL FIRST TEAM



Lauren Richards
Pendleton, junior
Stats: 21-4, 1.25 ERA, 229 K, 157 IP — .394 avg., 24 R, 9 2B, Honors: CRC Pitcher of the Year, 1st team all-state



Tehya Ostrom
Pilot Rock, senior
Stats: 21-5, 1.80 ERA, 142 IP — .421 avg., .495 OBP, 26 RBI, 26 R
Honors: SD6 Co-Player of the Year.



Bailey Hillmick, sr.
Weston-McEwen
Stats: 11-4, 2.07 ERA, 138 K — .527 avg., 26 R, 8 2B, .675 OBP
Honors: SD1 Player of the Year, 1st team all-state



Rhyanne Oates
Pilot Rock, junior
Stats: .487 avg., .598 OBP, .705 SLG, 27 RBI, 40 R, 18 SB
Honors: Special District 6 first team



Micha Fortune
Mac-Hi, senior
Stats: .574 avg., .830 SLG, 44 R, 3 HR, 38 SB
Honors: GOL Player of the Year, 1st team all-state.



Bekah Roe
Pilot Rock, senior
Stats: .513 avg., .642 OBP, .795 SLG, 17 RBI, 23 R, 14 SB



Payton Hergert
Pendleton, senior
Honors: Columbia River Conference Player of the Year, 1st team all-state



Kalan McGlothlan
Pendleton, junior
Honors: 1st team all-Columbia River Conference, 2nd team all-state



Jordyn Lambert
W-McEwen, soph.
Stats: .410 avg., .718 SLG, 31 R, 34 RBI, 5 HR
Honors: 1st team all-district, HM all-state



Ashlyn Marly
Mac-Hi, freshman
Stats: .342 avg., 21 R, 26 RBI, 2 3B
Honors: 1st team all-GOL, all-state honorable mention.



Kirah McGlothlan
Pendleton, soph.
Honors: 1st team all-Columbia River Conference



Mallory Copeland
Mac-Hi, senior
Stats: .519 avg., 7 HR, 36 RBI, .951 SLG — 10-2, 2.84 ERA, 58 K
Honors: 1st team all-GOL, 1st all-state



Alexi Brehaut
Pendleton, jr.
Honors: 1st team all-Columbia River Conference

PENDLETON

All-Star softball team captures district title

Garton, Samp combine to throw perfect game

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — With the Pendleton 9-11-year-old all-stars already winning a district championship earlier in the week, the 10-12 All-Stars followed suit on Thursday as it toppled Pilot Rock 10-0 in the Little League District 3 softball tournament.

Sauren Garton and Jaden Samp each combined to throw a perfect game in the circle, with Garton throwing three perfect frames with seven strikeouts and Samp striking out a pair in her lone inning.

Muriel Jones-Hoisington led Pendleton's offense with a perfect 3 for 3 day, smacking a pair of doubles with a run and one RBI. Samp had a team-high three RBIs to go with one run and a pair of hits, and Daisy Jenness went 2 for 2 with a double, a run and an RBI.

The Pendleton team will now compete in the state tournament in Portland on July 8. Pendleton is the defending state champions at the 10-12 level, beating Southeast Portland 8-4 on July 13, 2016.

MLB

Mariners finish off four-game sweep of Tigers

Seattle's Moore dazzles in MLB debut

By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Robinson Cano hit a grand slam and a two-run homer, Andrew Moore pitched seven effective innings to win in his big league debut, and the Seattle Mariners held off the Detroit Tigers 9-6 on Thursday night for their fifth straight victory.

Cano's seventh-inning grand slam off Francisco Rodriguez, his 13th homer, put the Mariners up 9-3. His two-run shot off Daniel Norris (4-5) in the third staked Moore to a 5-1 lead.

Moore (1-0), a surprise



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Mariners' Nelson Cruz, left, greets Danny Valencia at home after both scored on a double by Ben Gamel against the Detroit Tigers during the second inning of a baseball game Thursday, June 22, 2017, in Seattle.

call-up Wednesday from Triple-A Tacoma, allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings. The 23-year-old right-hander, a second-round pick in 2015 out of Oregon State, struck out four and walked none. He began the season in Double-A, then went 3-1 in eight starts at Tacoma.

The Mariners moved above .500 for the first time this

season at 38-37.

Detroit got within three runs at 9-6 in the eighth with four consecutive two-out hits against Max Povse, also making his debut. Povse, called up from Double A on Sunday, allowed a two-run homer to Miguel Cabrera and an RBI single to Justin Upton. Tony Zych got the final out of the eighth and Steve Cishek pitched a perfect

ninth for his first save.

Norris allowed five runs on five hits in six innings as the Tigers lost their season-high sixth straight.

The Mariners capitalized on Norris' lack of command for three runs in the second. Nelson Cruz drew a leadoff walk and Danny Valencia worked a one-out walk. Ben Gamel followed with a two-run double to right-center, extending his hitting streak to 14 games. Guillermo Heredia then singled in Gamel.

Ian Kinsler got a run back for Detroit with two outs in the third with his eighth homer.

Mitch Haniger singled with one out in the bottom half and Cano then lined a 2-1 pitch over the wall in center.

The Tigers pulled within 5-3 in the fifth on an RBI groundout by Jose Iglesias and a run-scoring single by Kinsler.

UP NEXT:

Mariners: Felix Hernandez (2-2, 4.73) is expected to be activated from the DL and start the series opener against Houston.