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All-EO Baseball Player of the Year

Grogan caps exceptional career

Stanfield senior dazzles on the diamond once again

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

STANFIELD — Dylan Grogan's athletic career at Stanfield Secondary School is nothing short of exceptional.

Specifically on the baseball diamond, Grogan leaves the Tigers as a two-time Eastern Oregon League Player of the Year, 2016 Class 3A state Player of the Year, two-time first team all-state selection, and leader of the 2016 state championship team.

Add in the numerous all-state mentions and league awards in football and basketball, and Grogan is perhaps one of the most decorated Stanfield athletes ever. But as Grogan sat down with the East Oregonian on the bleachers at Madigan Field on Wednesday evening, the 18-year-old said all of those accolades have not quite registered to him just yet.

"I don't think it'll hit me till later down the road,



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Standfield's Dylan Grogan has been named the All-EO baseball player of the year for his efforts on the field and at the plate to lead Stanfield to a league and district title and a trip to the state semifinals.

years from now," Grogan joked, "because right now I'm probably humble about it. But when I'm old I'm sure it'll hit me like 'Yeah

that's pretty good." And now Grogan adds another accolade to his resume, as the East Oregonian Baseball Player of the

Year for the second straight time. After a dazzling 2016 season that saw Grogan set several school records and earn the honor as the

state's best, he followed it up in 2017 with yet another masterful performance.

"You always want to See GROGAN/2B

Grogan by the numbers

.488

Batting Average
(Team-high)

1.295

On-base plus Slugging
Percentage

0.95

Earned Run Average

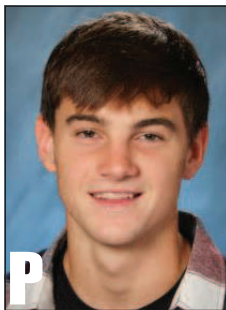
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Strikeouts per
7 innings

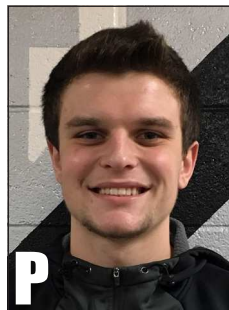
89mph

Four-seam fastball
velocity

2017 ALL-EO BASEBALL FIRST TEAM



Dylan Grogan
Stanfield, senior
Stats: .488 avg., 34 RBI, 1.295 OPS — 0.95 ERA, 53 K.
Honors: EOL Co-Player of the Year, 1st team all-state.



Austin Rice
Irrigon, senior
Stats: 1.53 ERA, 95 K — .406 avg., 11 2B, 30 R, 20 SB.
Honors: Eastern Oregon League Co-Player of the Year.



Levi Thieme
Pilot Rock, senior
Stats: 2.38 ERA, 97 K, 64 2/3 IP, 1 no-hitter — .464 avg, 21 RBI, 1 HR, .559 OBP.
Honors: 1st team all-state for Class 2A/1A.



Thyler Monkus
Stanfield, senior
Stats: .379 avg., .584 OBP, 57 R, 31 SB, 21 HBP, 19 RBI.
Honors: 1st team all-Eastern Oregon League.



Ryan Bailey
Stanfield, senior
Stats: .451 avg., 30 RBI, 44 R, 10 2B, .527 OBP, .559 SLG.
Honors: 1st team all-Eastern Oregon League.



Wyatt Morris
Pendleton, senior
Stats: .375 avg., 2 HR, 25 R, .505 OBP, 1.075 OPS, 11 RBI.
Honors: 1st team all-Columbia River Conference.



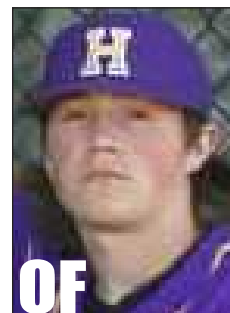
Brody Woods
Stanfield, junior
Stats: .479 avg., 38 RBI, 12 2B, 5 3B, 36 R, .735 SLG — 2.65 ERA, 63 K, 1 no-hitter.
Honors: 1st team all-EOL.



Tony Flores
Stanfield, senior
Stats: .434 avg., 46 R, 50 RBI, 15 2B, 4 3B, .667 SLG — 2.65 ERA.
Honors: 1st team all-EOL.



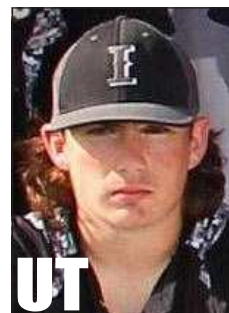
Nick Bower
Pendleton, junior
Stats: .316 avg., 1 HR, 25 RBI, .410 OBP.
Honors: 1st team all-Columbia River Conference.



Wyatt Noland
Hermiston, soph.
Stats: .370 avg., 14 R, 14 RBI, 4 2B, 4 3B.
Honors: 2nd team all-Columbia River Conference.



Chris Weinke
Pilot Rock, junior
Stats: .324 avg., 27 R, 4 HR, .510 OBP.
Honors: 2A/1A all-state honorable mention.



Zack Henrichs
Irrigon, sophomore
Stats: .424 avg., 25 R, 26 RBI, 8 2B, .559 SLG.
Honors: 1st team all-Eastern Oregon League.



Braydon Postma
Pilot Rock, senior
Stats: .486 avg., 21 runs, 17 RBI, .575 OBP, 5 2B.
Honors: 2A/1A all-state second team.

College Baseball

Beavers offense sputters in loss to LSU

OSU held to season-low two hits

By ERIC OLSON
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — With a wave of his cap to the LSU fans, Alex Lange disappeared into the dugout after what very well could have been his last outing as a collegian.

It was one of his best, and most timely.

The Chicago Cubs' first-round draft pick limited top-seeded Oregon State to two hits over 7 1/3 innings in a performance Friday that carried the Tigers to a 3-1 victory and ended the Beavers' 23-game winning streak.

It also set up a winner-take-all Bracket 1 final at the College World Series on Saturday, with the winner going to the best-of-three finals beginning Monday.

Lange (10-5) won a CWS



AP Photo/Nati Harnik

LSU's Zach Watson (9) slides past Oregon's catcher Adley Rutschman (35) to score on a sacrifice bunt by Beau Jordan during the second inning of a College World Series game in Omaha, Neb., Friday, June 23, 2017.

elimination game for the second time in his career, and he said his experience pitching so many important games at home in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, prepared him.

"I had a sense of calmness about me this morning when I woke up, and getting to the

yard. I was expecting to be amped up and juiced up," Lange said. "I was calm and relaxed. I think that goes back to pitching in Alex Box Stadium in front of 12,000 people every Friday night. It wasn't a big shocker or big difference. This is why I came to LSU, to play in these

College World Series



big games. And keeping your team in the ballgame and keeping the season alive is pretty awesome."

The Tigers (51-18) avenged a 13-1 loss to the Beavers (56-5) on Monday and became the first team to knock them off since Southern California on April 29.

They did all of their scoring against national wins leader Jake Thompson (14-1). Max Engelbrekt relieved in the seventh after Josh Smith hit Thompson's first pitch of the inning into the right-field seats for a two-run lead.

Oregon State was still stinging after the game from a call in the third inning

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MLB

Mariners pile on for win over Astros

King Felix solid in return from DL

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Felix Hernandez pitched six solid innings in his first start in nearly two months and was backed by home runs from Mike Zunino, Ben Gamel and Kyle Seager in the Seattle Mariners' 13-3 win over the Houston Astros on Friday night.



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A day after climbing over .500 for the first time this season, the Mariners continued their June surge with their sixth straight win thanks to an offense that knocked out Houston starter Joe Musgrove (4-7) early. Jarrod Dyson's RBI double in the second got Seattle started, but it was a six-run third inning that blew the game open.

Danny Valencia's two-run single dribbled past the diving attempt of Alex Bregman and two batters later Zunino hit a three-run shot for his 10th home run of the season.

All of Zunino's homers have come since being recalled from Triple-A on May 23, and he has 29 RBIs in June — just four short of the franchise record for any

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