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College Baseball

Beavers ready to re-load in 2018

OSU looking ahead after stunning end in World Series

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Albany Democrat-Herald

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Despite an unfulfilling end to the College World Series, the future is bright for the Oregon State baseball team.

The Beavers, who finished the season 56-6 after dropping consecutive games to LSU at TD Ameritrade Park, are poised to bring back a wealth of talent as they mount a defense of their conference title in 2018. Pac-12 player of the year Nick Madrigal headlines a large group of returners that will be fighting for the program's seventh trip to Omaha.

"Almost everybody on the field, other than KJ (Harrison), is a returner," coach Pat Casey said following Saturday's 6-1 season-ending loss to LSU. "So that's a pretty good piece of the puzzle. ... Our bullpen was really, really good all year long, and they were young guys. They'll be back."

Harrison, the team's home run leader in each of the past three years, is expected to turn professional after getting selected in the third round (84th overall) by the Milwaukee Brewers in



LSU's Michael Papierski shakes hands with Oregon State's Cadyn Grenier after an NCAA College World Series baseball game Saturday, June 24, 2017, in Omaha, Neb.

Brendan Sullivan/Omaha World-Herald via AP

the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

The 6-foot, 209-pound first baseman/catcher hit .313 with nine homers and 43 RBIs in 2016.

Madrigal, a sophomore second baseman, led the team in batting average (.380), runs (53), doubles (20) and stolen bases (16). The Pac-12 defensive player of the year finished the

season with just five errors.

Other notable sophomore returners include shortstop Cadyn Grenier and outfielders Steven Kwan, Trevor Larnach, Andy Atwood and Elliott Cary (a redshirt sophomore). Freshman catcher Adley Rutschman shined defensively at the CWS, making acrobatic catches on popped-up bunts while

throwing out multiple runners.

"I think it's tremendous what Adley Rutschman was able to do, seeing his growth and development behind the plate," pitching coach Nate Yeskie said. "We think this weekend was kind of a glimpse of what he has in his toolbox. The guy played tremendously well on the defensive side, handled the

staff well."

Larnach led the Beavers with 48 RBIs while batting .303.

Redshirt junior Jack Anderson, junior Christian Donahue and senior Kyle Nobach, who redshirted in 2016, could also be back in a crowded outfield that includes promising freshman

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PENDLETON

Hodgen finishes weekend strong

Hodgen Dist. snaps losing skid with three straight wins

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WALLA WALLA — After six straight losses, Hodgen Distributing rattled off three straight wins on Saturday and Sunday at the Walla Walla Bruins Tournament to finish with a 3-2 record.

First on Saturday, Hodgen rallied late to beat Pasco 10-7 and then held off a charge from Yakima to win 15-13. Then on Sunday, Hodgen won a bit more comfortably with a 14-7 victory over Bellingham (WA).

Against Pasco, Hodgen was trailing 7-6 in the bottom of the fifth when the offense got a rally going. Ryan Russell led off with a single and Avery Deutz immediately smacked a double to right field that scored Russell to tie the game. Three batters later, Deutz scored from third on a wild pitch for an 8-7 lead and then Brett Swanson hit a sacrifice fly to center field to score Justin Duso for a 9-7 lead.

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HERMISTON

Line helps South win Les Schwab Bowl

Hermiston alum plays through injury for win

By **ERIC SINGER**
East Oregonian

HILLSBORO — For the third straight season the South conquered the North at the Les Schwab Tires Bowl, with the South winning the 70th meeting of the 6A/5A football all-star game by a 10-7 score at Hillsboro Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Hermiston's John-Henry Line played on the South roster, a key part of his team's stout defensive front that held the North to a mere 44 rushing yards, forced three turnovers and registered three sacks. Line himself tallied three total tackles with one tackle-for-loss.

"Our defense was amazing," Line said on Monday. "I've never been a part of something like that. We were unstoppable."

As good as the week ended for the Hermiston High graduate, it started off a little rough.

On the first day of practice with pads on Wednesday, Line was in the midst of running a routine drill until his right pinkie finger got caught up on a player while making tackle. He knew something was wrong immediately, and had to be taken to the local emergency room where he had x-rays done and was diagnosed with a broken finger.

"My middle finger all the way to



Hermiston alumnus John-Henry Line tries to stay cool on the sidelines during the 2017 Les Schwab Tires Bowl on Saturday, June 24, 2017 in Hillsboro. Line's South team beat the North 10-7.

Contributed photo from Billy Gates/The Oregonian

my pinkie was all swollen and all messed up," Line recalled.

The injury slowed him a bit for the rest of the week, but not enough to keep him out. When it came time for the game, Line had his fingers taped up with some gel padding underneath to help protect the finger.

Line's South squad got the scoring going first when McMinnville quarterback Wyatt Smith hooked up with Wilsonville's Harrison Steiger on a 17-yard touchdown pass for a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. Then in the third quarter the South added to the lead with a 28-yard field goal from Grants Pass' Jerin Appling for a 10-0

lead.

The South's defense did not give in until late in the fourth quarter, when North running back Jake McGreevy, of Clackamas, scored on a 2-yard rush up the middle to make it a 10-7 game.

"It was a super serious game," Line said. "The other team was trash talking us a lot."

Line and the rest of the players also had to deal with a blistering heat during the game, which made temperatures on the field turf hover around 100 degrees. Luckily, both teams had tents to give the players some shade to sit under on the side-

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MLS

Sounders, Timbers draw in Cascadia Cup rivalry

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
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PORTLAND — Clint Dempsey likened his goal against the Timbers to a slam dunk.

Dempsey scored in stoppage time and the Seattle Sounders pulled into a hard-fought 2-2 draw with rival Portland in a Cascadia Cup match on Sunday night.

Fanendo Adi scored his 50th career goal for Portland and Dairon Asprilla added another at the end of the first half to give the Timbers a 2-1 advantage until Dempsey's late equalizer — a perfectly placed header in the final to stun the home crowd at Providence Park.

It gave Dempsey nine goals against the Timbers, making him the top scorer in MLS play between the teams. It is



also the most goals the veteran midfielder has against any league team.

"It definitely feels good. I guess it's what it must feel like to slam dunk in a game, because you're just going up for it and giving it everything you have on it and putting on frame," said Dempsey, who came in as a sub in the second half.

The Sounders, who took a 1-0 lead in the 27th minute when Jovoin Jones scored on his own rebound, played a man down after Brad Evans was sent off with a red card in the final minutes of the first

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Seattle's Roman Torres, left, and Portland's Fanendo Adi battle for the ball during an MLS game Sunday, June 25, 2017, in Portland.

Pete Christopher/The Oregonian via AP

Sports shorts

Harvick gets first win of season

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Harvick returned to victory lane for the first time this season with a dominating run Sunday on the road course at Sonoma Raceway.

The former NASCAR champion came to Sonoma winless in 20 races since Kansas last fall and has been overshadowed in this season of NASCAR's young new superstars. But at a track where experience and ability can separate the field, it was Harvick and a bunch of veterans who led the way.

It was the first win on the winding wine country road course in 17 tries for the Bakersfield, California, driver. Sonoma was one of just four active tracks where Harvick had never before scored a Cup victory.

Harvick's Stewart-Haas teammate Clint Bowyer was second and Brad Keselowski third as Ford cars went 1-2-3.



Harvick

"I'm lucky to have played with great people wherever I went in hockey. The game is a team effort, and I have a long list of those who helped me."

— **Teemu Selanne**

Longtime NHL forward was one of seven members elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame on Monday. Selanne scored 684 career goals in 1,451 career NHL games over 21 seasons. Joining him in the class of 2017 are Paul Kariya, Dave Andreychuk, Mark Recchi, Danielle Goyette, Clare Drake and Jeremy Jacobs.

Florida holds off LSU in Game 1 of CWS Championship Series

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Brady Singer struck out a career-high 12 in seven innings, Jonathan India doubled in two runs, and Florida beat LSU 4-3 in Game 1 of the College World Series finals Monday night.

The Gators (51-19) need a win Tuesday or Wednesday to earn their first national championship. First pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. and the game will be televised on ESPN and WatchESPN.com.

Singer's strikeout total was highest by a single pitcher in a CWS finals game. Singer (9-5) limited LSU (52-19) to three singles before Antoine Duplantis homered in the sixth.

Florida led 3-0 after LSU starter Russell Reynolds (1-2) issued three straight walks in the fourth, with India driving in two runs on a ground-rule double.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1999 — Juli Inkster shoots a 6-under 65 to win the LPGA Championship, becoming the second woman to win the modern career Grand Slam. Pat Bradley won her Grand Slam 13 years earlier.

2006 — Roger Federer wins his record 42nd straight grass-court match, beating Richard Gasquet 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 to open his bid for a fourth consecutive Wimbledon championship. Federer breaks the record he shared with Bjorn Borg, the five-time Wimbledon champion who won 41 straight matches on grass from 1976-1981.

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