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Little League Baseball

Hermiston all-stars advance to championship

Hermiston's 10/11 team downs Pendleton

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ENTERPRISE — The Hermiston 10/11-year-old all-star team got some payback on Thursday afternoon, beating the Pendleton all-stars 13-4 to advance to the District 3 championship game.

The two teams met earlier in the tournament, with Pendleton handing Hermiston its only loss to date with a 14-2 win at the time. But Hermiston tallied seven hits, worked nine

walks, and took advantage of numerous errors to earn the victory.

Seven different players tallied all seven hits for Hermiston, with Tyler West and Karver Wilkins each getting doubles. J.R. Starr led the team with three runs scored and also tied Austin Bledsoe with a team-high two RBI.

For Pendleton, Chas Corbett had a team-best three hits with two doubles, one run and an RBI, while Levi Herman went 2 for 3 with a double and two RBI. Gavin Lunny and Colson Primus each tallied one hit.

Hermiston jumped on Pendleton in the top of the first inning with a four-run output. West got things

started when he doubled to right to score Bradley Hottman, and then back-to-back errors led to three Hermiston runs.

It added another run in the second on an error, and then took control with three more in the third behind an RBI double by Wilkins and a two-RBI single by Bledsoe.

Pendleton tried to claw its way back into the game after a two-RBI double by Herman in the third and an RBI single by Corbett put Pendleton within an 8-4 margin, but that was as close as it could get.

Hottman pitched 4 1/3 innings for Hermiston and



struck out three and gave up four runs, while Starr and Kaiden Dammeyer combined to finish the final 1 2/3

innings and struck out three. Hermiston will now play unbeaten Baker today at 5 p.m. for the District 3 championship and Pendleton's run comes to an end.

	R	H	E	
HRM	413014	13	7	2
PND	002200	4	7	8

2B — West, Wilkins (HRM); Corbett 2, Herman (PND).

11/12 LEVEL

LA GRANDE 4, PENDLETON 3 — After scoring a combined 39 runs over its last two games, the Pendleton 11/12-year-old all-stars could not find the

offensive magic when it needed it the most.

In the District 3 championship game on Thursday in Enterprise, Pendleton managed just three runs and five hits in a 4-3 loss to La Grande.

Jack Lieuallen and Andrew Deminew combined for four of Pendleton's five hits, with Lieuallen going 2 for 3 with a double, two runs scored and an RBI and Deminew going 2 for 3 with a double and an RBI.

Dylan Gomez picked up the other hit for Pendleton.

La Grande scored a run in the top of the first but Pendleton battled back to take a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fourth when Lieuallen and Deminew went back-to-

back with RBI hits.

However La Grande came right back in the top of the fifth and scored three times with a two-RBI single and a wild pitch to take a 4-2 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, Pendleton got a single and a double from Lieuallen and Deminew to put the tying run in scoring position. Gomez grounded out to second base to bring in a run and make it a 4-3 game with the tying run at third, but then La Grande got a strikeout to end the game and clinch the championship.

	R	H	E	
LAG	100030	4	6	2
PND	000201	3	5	2

2B — Armstrong (LAG); Andrew Deminew, Jack Lieuallen (PND).

Swimming

Nationals turns into fun speed showing

Olympic medalists impress at US Nationals

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — America's swimmers were on top of the world Thursday night.

Lilly King set an American record in the women's 50-meter breaststroke, three other swimmers had the fastest times in the world this season and two more broke U.S. national championship records.

Each has even bigger plans for next month's world championships in Hungary.

"I'm always happy to get an American record, but I was hoping to go a little faster," King said after posting a time of 29.66 seconds. "I think I've still got a little left in the tank for Budapest."

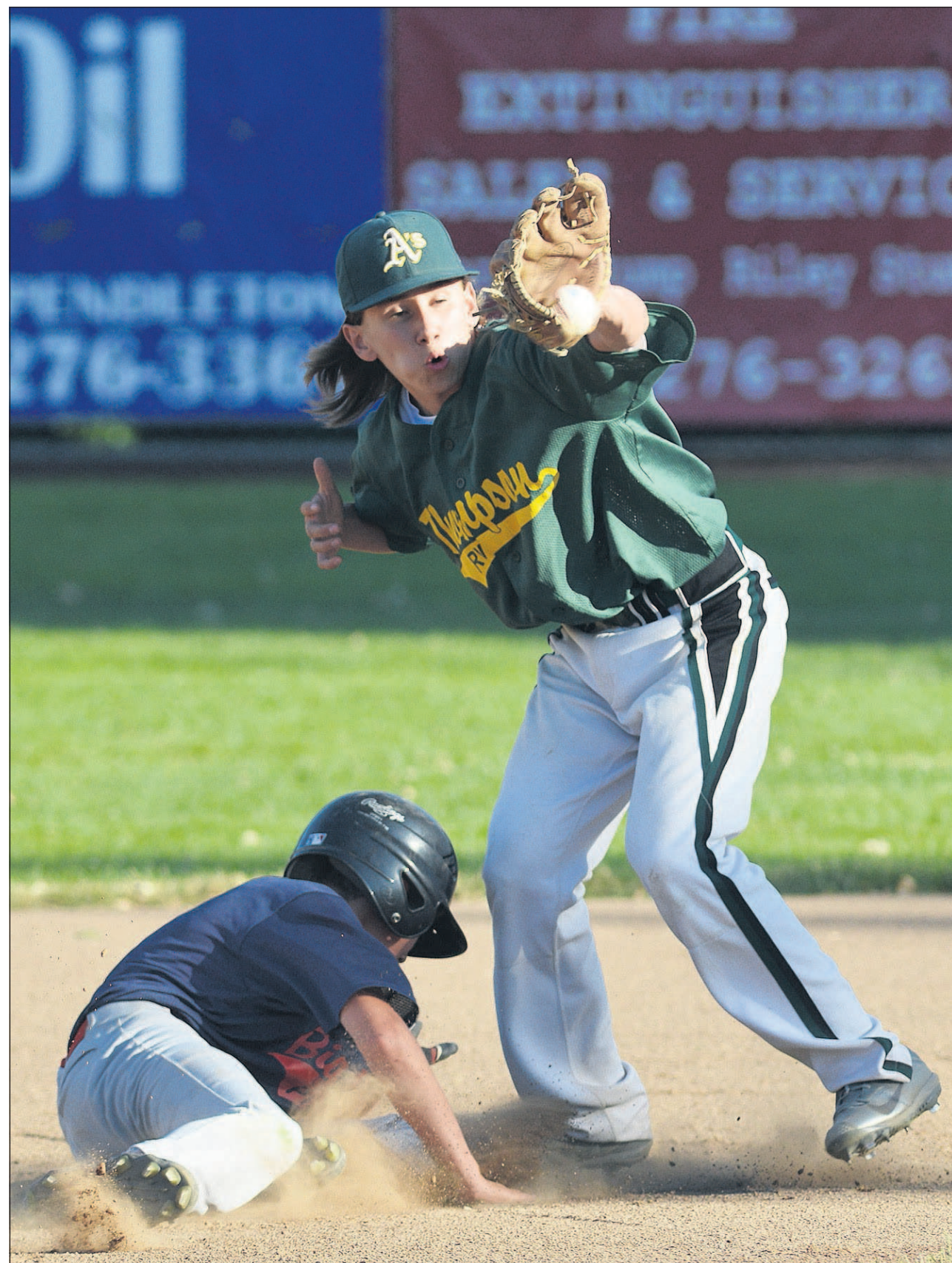
She'll have almost three weeks to prepare after breaking the record Jessica See SWIMMING/2B



AP Photo/Michael Conroy
Lilly King starts the women's 50-meter breaststroke at the U.S. swimming national championships in Indianapolis, Thursday, June 29, 2017.

PENDLETON

Athletics win Babe Ruth title



Thompson RV takes down Big John's Red Sox

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

The bleachers at Bob White Ballpark were swarming with baseball fans on Thursday night with the Pendleton Babe Ruth Baseball League's championship game as the main event.

After weeks upon weeks of practice and games, the season culminated with the Big John's Red Sox and the Thompson RV Athletics battling it out for bragging rights and a championship T-shirt.

What started out as a bit of a sloppy contest turned into a nail-biter, with the Athletics squeezing out a 9-8 victory over the Red Sox for the league championship.

"It feels pretty good," Thompson RV player Jimmy Jones said after the game, grinning from ear-to-ear. "I didn't really think we would be here at the beginning of the year but I guess hard work pays off and we did pretty good tonight."

Jones was a hero for the Athletics on Thursday, as he scored two runs on offense but threw 4 1/3 solid innings on the mound, allowing just one run four strikeouts and only five hits allowed.

"I had so much fun tonight," Jones said of the game. "As a pitcher you always want to focus on the zone and sometimes it doesn't work out. But I was able to shake some things off and do my thing."

"We made it a point to try and keep him under his pitch limit earlier in the week," Thompson RV coach James Drake said. "We had him

See BABE RUTH/2B

Staff photo by E.J. Harris
Big John's Red Sox player Noah dives back to second base as Thompson RV's Jimmy Jones makes the catch in the Red Sox's 9-8 loss to the A's on Thursday in Pendleton.

Sports shorts

Braves designate Colon for assignment

ATLANTA (AP) Right-hander Bartolo Colon was designated for assignment by the Atlanta Braves on Thursday, one day after the 44-year-old right-hander fell to 2-8.

Pitching for the first time since going on the disabled list with a strained left oblique on June 6, Colon allowed six runs, eight hits and three walks in four innings in during Wednesday night's 7-4 loss at San Diego, ballooning his ERA to 8.14 in 13 starts.

Unless Colon is traded or claimed on waivers, the Braves would be responsible for the remainder of his \$12.5 million salary. If he is released and signs with another team, the new club would be responsible for only a prorated share of the \$535,000 minimum.

The Braves hoped Colon could serve as a fill-in for a year while the team waited for pitching help from prospects still in the minors.



Colon

"I didn't know. I had tape on my wrist, so initially it didn't feel that bad. But I went out there and tried throwing ... I stayed in there a little bit, and then after a while it started stiffening up so I figured I'd get out of there."

— Trea Turner

Washington Nationals star shortstop suffered a broken wrist on Thursday after getting hit with a pitch during an at-bat. X-rays confirmed the break afterward. Turner is hitting .279 with 7 HR and leads MLB with 35 stolen bases

Timbers to be without two key players for at least a month

PORTLAND — The Portland Timbers earned a big point with Sunday's draw against Seattle, but it came at a high cost.

Timbers head coach Caleb Porter announced on Thursday that midfielder Diego Chara and defender Amobi Okugo will each miss at least four weeks due to injury.

Chara suffered a hamstring injury, while Okugo sprained his MCL. The 31-year-old Chara has played in 17 games this season with one goal and three shots, while the 26-year-old Okugo has appeared in just eight games and started only three.

Portland (7-7-4, 25) next hits the field on Saturday when it hosts the Western Conference leader Sporting Kansas City (8-4-6, 30) at Providence Park with a 4 p.m. start.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1994 — Tonya Harding is stripped of her national title and banned for life from the U.S. Figure Skating Association because of her role in an attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

1995 — Eddie Murray of the Cleveland Indians becomes the second switch-hitter and the 20th player in baseball history to reach 3,000 hits when he singles in the sixth inning against the Minnesota Twins.

2010 — Six-time champion Roger Federer loses to Tomas Berdych in the quarterfinals of Wimbledon. Berdych beats Federer, the first time since 2002 that Federer fails to reach the final.

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