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Rodeo

Londo wins in Eugene

Pendleton native takes saddle bronc riding title

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EUGENE — Pendleton native Ben Londo earned a big payday with some help from an old friend on Monday night at the Eugene Pro Rodeo.

The last of 20 saddle bronc riders to take the arena during the three-day rodeo, Londo scored 82 points on Scarface from Four Star Rodeo to take home the winner's check of \$1,906 from Silverado Arena.

He bumped Johnny Espeland of Tygh Valley from the top spot, and he had to settle for second and \$1,462 with an 81.5 that he also scored on Scarface during Saturday's performance. Brady Nicholes scored 81 on Black Star on Sunday for third and \$1,080.

It wasn't the first time Londo has ridden Scarface, who averaged 75.4 points coming into the event.

"It's been a long time," Londo said told the *Eugene Register-Guard*. "He reared out of there and takes a little bit to get started, but gosh, when he gets going, he's a pretty nice horse."

Eugene was the fourth Cowboy Christmas rodeo for the 33-year-old Londo, who resides in San Luis Obispo, California, after competing in Prescott, Arizona, Oakley City, Utah, and Folsom, California.

He was second after two rides at Folsom, and confirmed he is the new record holder for pancake eating at a local diner — "10, but they were big ones," he told the *Register-Guard*.

He planned to compete at the St. Paul and Molalla rodeos on Tuesday.



Londo

PENDLETON

Hodgen runs away with win



Hodgen's Daniel Naughton slides into second base as a fielder for Australia Varsity leaps to try to catch the high throw from the plate on Tuesday in Pendleton.

Pendleton ball club beats Australian team

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

It was an Independence Day runaway victory for Hodgen Distributing on Tuesday, as the Pendleton ball club stole six bases and scored eight runs off wild pitches and passed balls to beat Australia Varsity 20-10 in five innings.

Tyler Chichester pitched the first three innings and picked up the win. He allowed two unearned runs in the first inning, but Hodgen jumped out in front 3-2 in the bottom of the inning and never trailed again.

Their opponent was a touring team made up of player from Australia and Guam, and was on its way to a tournament in Boise as it hits the middle stretch of a month-long tour through the west.

"It's a lot of fun playing against them," said Hodgen's Justin Duso, who pitched an inning of relief and batted 2 for 3 with an RBI. "We're starting to come together (as a team), and we definitely showed up to play today."

For Australia's players, the loss will surely not take away from their experience this summer.

With about 20 games under their belt following tournaments in Eureka, California and Portland, the players said they were coming straight from their highlight of the trip so far — a whitewater rafting trip on the Deschutes River.

"Definitely whitewater rafting, it was a lot of fun," said Kenji McCarthy, 18, of his favorite part of their trip. "We got to push people out of the boat, and just being able to see all that nature."

For Sam Collier, 17, seeing the city of Portland was another key moment — "It was pretty chill," he said.

Both players agreed that getting to experience the American style of baseball has been something they've been enjoying the entire time.

"Our style is more aggressive, we have more banter," said Collier of the game-play in his native Australia. "Here they just want you to get along with the game."

McCarthy, from Guam, said he's used to a more relaxed approach on the diamond.

"They're a lot more quick on and off the field, more like what you see on TV."

"We're very far from everything, so it's hard to get people to come out there," he said of his island homeland. "So we're just playing for fun. These (American) guys are playing to get

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MLB Royals keep rolling, knock off M's

Hernandez battered for third loss of season

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Whit Merrifield hit the first pitch of the game from Felix Hernandez for his seventh home run. Mike Moustakas added his 24th homer of the season, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Seattle Mariners 7-3 on Tuesday for their fifth win in six games.

Kansas City knocked around Hernandez (3-3) for five earned runs in six innings. Merrifield set the tone jumping on an 89 mph pitch in the middle of the plate and clearing

the wall in left-center. The Royals scored three times in the fourth inning thanks to Moustakas' two-run shot and a two-out error by second baseman Robinson Cano that allowed Brandon Moss to score. Salvador Perez had a two-run double and the five earned runs were the most allowed by Hernandez in his eight starts this season.

Kansas City starter Danny Duffy (5-4) returned after spending a month on the disabled list and allowed just two first-inning runs.

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Kansas City Royals' Mike Moustakas is greeted at home by Eric Hosmer after driving him in with a home run hit on a pitch from Seattle Mariners' Felix Hernandez during the fourth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday, July 4, 2017, in Seattle. Mariners catcher Carlos Ruiz kneels on the ground.

AP Photo/John Froeschauer

Sports shorts

Chestnut breaks hot dog record

NEW YORK (AP) — Joey "Jaws" Chestnut has broken his own record to extend his reign as chowing champion at the annual July Fourth hot dog eating contest at Nathan's Famous in New York.

The San Jose, California-based competitor logged a 10th win by downing 72 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes Tuesday. He beat Carmen Cincotti (sihn-CAH'-tee), who ate 60.

Chestnut set the previous record at 70 last year.

Miki Sudo (MIHK'-ee SOO'-doh) has notched her fourth win in the women's division. The Las Vegas woman ate 41 hot dogs and buns, besting Michelle Lesco's 32.

Police say five people were taken into custody after trying to disrupt the event. The people appeared to be attempting to unfold a black banner in the crowd before police stopped them and took them away.



Chestnut

"We can't wait to someday hang his jersey in the rafters. He is, without a doubt, one of the greatest players in the history of the franchise."

— Pat Riley

Miami Heat President in a statement announcing Chris Bosh has been officially waived 18 months after blood-clot issues halted his career. A one-time deal has allowed the Heat to remove Bosh from the salary cap permanently while allowing Bosh the option of someday returning to his career.

Who wants to be a millionaire? Not students in this school

BOSTON (AP) — A high school mascot controversy is brewing in Massachusetts, and it has nothing to do with Native American-themed nicknames.

Students at Lenox Memorial Middle and High School voted by a 2-to-1 margin at the end of the school year to retire their Millionaires mascot. They say it's divisive, leads to bullying by rivals and doesn't reflect the community's economics.

The nickname was coined in the 1950s and refers to wealthy out-of-towners with second homes in town.

The school vote has sparked debate in town and online. And now the mascot question is included in a townwide survey.

School committee member Francie Sorrentino considers herself working class and has no problem being called a Millionaire.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1947 — Larry Doby becomes the first black player in the American League. He strikes out as a pinch-hitter for the Cleveland Indians in a 6-5 loss to the Chicago White Sox.

1968 — Australia's Rod Laver wins the first open Wimbledon tennis championship, defeating countryman Tony Roche 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Laver becomes the first player since Fred Perry (1934-36) to win the men's title three straight times.

1997 — Martina Hingis, 16, becomes the youngest Wimbledon champion since 1887. Hingis rallies for a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Jana Novotna.

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