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Hall of Fame inducts largest class

Pendleton Linebacker's Club adds 16 to exclusive group

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East Oregonian

When Kelli Bullington's phone rang on a day in January this year, she was not expecting to hear Dean Foquette's voice on the other line.

Foquette had reached out to welcome the 1994 Pendleton High School graduate and Buckaroo basketball star to the Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame, as the club expanded its scope to include more than just former football greats into the exclusive club.

"I was just flabbergasted," said Bullington, recalling the conversation. "It's a huge honor and I wasn't aware that they were opening it up to females and other sports this year. I bleed green-and-gold and am excited to be here."

She joined 15 other members to make up the Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame's Class of 2017 — the largest one in the Hall of Fame's 14 years — that was formally inducted on Friday night in a ceremony at the Pendleton Convention Center. The class included Linebacker's Club donors and basketball, baseball, football, and track stars including Bullington, Cyd Cimmiyotti, David Boor, Ty Haguewood, John Eggers, Terre Rasmussen, Clarence Cowapoo, Brian Nooy, Michael Schindler, Roger Schiewe, Roger Johnson,

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"It's an amazing feeling and I'm glad they're opening the door. There are a lot of great female (Pendleton) athletes so I feel honored to be one of the firsts."

— Cyd Cimmiyotti, 2017 Pendleton Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame inductee.



Cyd Cimmiyotti, left, receives her Pendleton Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame plaque from club President Tom Melton at the induction ceremony on Friday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

Staff photo by Eric Singer



Tex Ayler speaks to the crowd after being inducted into the Pendleton Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame at the induction ceremonies on Friday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

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Kelli Bullington reads her acceptance speech after becoming one of the first female athletes to be inducted into the Pendleton Linebacker's Club Hall of Fame at the induction ceremonies on Friday.

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MLB

Cruz's 300th HR, Paxton's pitching pace M's

Seattle beats Oakland to snap four-game skid

By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Nelson Cruz hit his 300th home run and drove in five, James Paxton allowed two hits over seven innings and the Seattle Mariners beat the Oakland Athletics 7-2 on Friday night.

Cruz's three-run drive off Liam Hendricks put Seattle up 6-2 during a four-run eighth. Cruz also had RBI singles in the first and third as Seattle snapped a four-game skid.

Paxton (7-3) did not allow a hit after Marcus Semien's two-run double in the second. The left-hander matched a season high with nine strikeouts while walking three and hitting a batter. Nick Vincent pitched a perfect eighth, and Mark Rzepczynski and Steve Cishek finished.

Paxton has won consecutive starts after losing three of four and struggling in his return from the disabled list in May.

Sean Manaea (7-5) gave up three runs and



Seattle Mariners' Nelson Cruz is greeted in the dugout after he hit a three-run home run during the eighth inning of the team's baseball game against the Oakland Athletics, Friday, July 7, 2017, in Seattle.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

eight hits in seven innings. Manaea, 6-1 in his previous nine starts, struck out three and walked one.

Cruz's homer was his 16th. Danny Valencia had three hits and scored twice for Seattle, and Mitch Haniger had two hits.

CANO NAMED AN ALL-STAR
Mariners 2B Robinson Cano was named Friday to the All-Star team as an injury replacement. It is his eighth career selection and third with the Mariners. Cano entered Friday hitting

.279 with 13 doubles, 17 homers and 60 RBIs.

MARINERS MOVES
Seattle recalled RHP Emilio Pagan from Triple-A Tacoma on Friday and optioned RHP Sam Gaviglio to Tacoma.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Mariners: INF Shawn O'Malley, on the 60-day DL recovering from appendix surgery, is scheduled to begin his rehab Friday or

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Baseball/Softball

Hodgen out-pitches NW Naturals

Stahl throws four scoreless innings in win

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CENTRALIA, Wash. — Hodgen Distributing took advantage of some early struggles by NW Naturals pitching to plate four runs in the first inning of a game they would go on to win 10-3 in six innings on Friday.

Gabe Umbarger drew a lead-off walk in the bottom of the first, and scored two batters later when Daniel Naughton hit into a fielder's choice for the first out.

Nick Bower and Ryan Russell were then hit by pitches to load the bases, but just briefly as Naughton scored from third on a passed ball.

An error on a grounder to second hit by Tyler Chichester brought Bower and Russell in, and Ryan Stahl pitched four scoreless innings to get

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Sports shorts

McIlroy misses cut at Irish Open

PORTSTEWART, Northern Ireland (AP) — Rory McIlroy missed the cut at the Irish Open for the fourth time in five years, leading the four-time major winner to express concerns on Friday about parts of his game ahead of the British Open.

McIlroy shot 1-over 73 in his second round over the links at Portstewart and was 1 over for the tournament, which he is hosting to benefit his foundation. He was four strokes below the cut mark and 14 strokes off the joint leaders, Benjamin Hebert and Daniel Im.

McIlroy also missed the cut at the U.S. Open last month and hasn't had a victory so far in 2017, during which he has had two spells out because of a rib injury.

The only time he made the cut at the Irish Open since 2012 was last year, when he won.



McIlroy

"I'm not really worried about it but as of today, I do not have a job for next year. Hope to still be racing. I think I got some wins left in me and hopefully race for championships. Right now, I'm focusing on finishing up this year."

— Matt Kenseth
NASCAR driver during an announcement on Friday that he has no job lined up next year and likely has no future at Joe Gibbs Racing.

DraftKings to offer WNBA as a daily fantasy game

NEW YORK (AP) — WNBA daily fantasy players will have more options after DraftKings added the league to its offerings on Friday.

"It's been on our roadmap since we launched the company," said Matt Kalish, DraftKings Co-Founder and Chief Revenue Officer. "Glad we finally (added it), think it will do really well."

DraftKings has had a sponsorship deal with Madison Square Garden for the past few years. It's been the marquee name on the New York Liberty's jersey since 2015. Kalish said it was too early to say if the site would offer any sort of promotions with the Liberty or MSG.

Daily fantasy games pit people against each other by picking a lineup of WNBA players. DraftKings contests will have participants choosing six WNBA players.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1889 — John L. Sullivan defeats Jake Kilrain in the 75th round in Richburg, Miss., for the U.S. heavyweight championship. It's the last bare-knuckle boxing match before the Marquis of Queensbury rules are introduced.

1967 — Billie Jean King sweeps three titles at Wimbledon. King beats Ann Hayden Jones 6-3, 6-4, for the singles title; teams with Rosie Casals for the women's doubles title, and pairs with Owen Davidson for the mixed doubles title.

1994 — Boston shortstop John Valentin completes the 10th unassisted triple play in baseball history in the sixth inning of a 4-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

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