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PENDLETON

Pendleton cruises into title round at state

Softball all-stars run-rule SE Portland

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PORTLAND — With more strong hitting and pitching, Pendleton won again in lopsided fashion at the Oregon Little League Softball State Tournament on Tuesday to punch its ticket to the championship.

It was another run-rule shortened game as Pendleton beat SE Portland 12-2 in four innings, and Sauren Garton pitched the entire way giving up just three hits.

She got SE Portland out in order in the first, two on comeback hits to the mound, then Pendleton went right to work supporting her with four runs in its first at-bat.

Garton was the lead-off batter and reached on an error, then Jaden Samp hit a one-out single and both of them scored on a double by Ellie Samford.

After another out, Faith Broadfoot hit a triple to center field that pushed Samford in for the eventual game-winner, and Kylee Sellers followed with an RBI double to make it 4-0.

Pendleton added two more runs in the second and five in the third before SE Portland could get onto the scoreboard.

Looking to initiate the run-rule, Pendleton got two

quick outs in the bottom of the fourth, but Charlie Mae Franklin kept the inning going with a single to center, and then took second on the throw. Garton walked to bring up Nora Yoshioka, and she came through with a single to center that brought in Franklin for the 12-2 win.

Samford led Pendleton at the plate, going 3 for 3 with three RBI and two runs. Garton also had a big day hitting going 2 for 3 with two RBI and three runs.

The championship round begins Thursday, and Pendleton would have to lose twice in a row to be eliminated.

Their opponent will be determined by today's games in the losers' bracket.



Pendleton was all smiles as it headed off the field Tuesday after beating SE Portland in the Oregon Little League Softball State Tournament. Pendleton won 12-2.

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MLB

Cano home run lifts AL in 10th

Pitchers dominate in low-scoring All-Star game

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

MIAMI — A new-look All-Star Game ended with an old-time score.

Robinson Cano homered off Cubs closer Wade Davis leading off the 10th inning and the American League beat the National League 2-1 Tuesday night in an All-Star Game dominated by this era's flame-throwers, rather than its standout sluggers.

Craig Kimbrel wiggled out of a jam in the ninth and right fielder Justin Upton made a lunging catch in See ALL-STAR GAME/2B



AP Photo/Alan Diaz

The American League team cheer Seattle Mariners Robinson Cano (22), after he hit a home run in the tenth inning, during the MLB baseball All-Star Game, Tuesday, July 11, 2017, in Miami. The American League defeated the National League 2-1.

HERMISTON

Herm rallies for split

Smith homer drives in winning runs

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A late rally capped by an inside-the-park home run by Paytan Smith in the sixth inning lifted Hermiston over La Grande 7-6 in the night cap of their American Legion baseball doubleheader on Tuesday.

La Grande had an inside job of its own in the opener, and won 14-2 to split the day.

Smith came up in the sixth with two outs and the bases loaded, but Landon Jones was able to cut La Grande's lead to 6-5 when he scored on a wild pitch.

Two pitches later with a 3-1 count, Smith hit a fly ball to left field and touched all the bags before La Grande could get it in.

Reliever Wyatt Noland then retired La Grande in See BASEBALL/2B

Wimbledon

Williams continues to defy age, advances to 10th semifinals

Will face Britain's Konta next

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press

LONDON — Venus Williams' mother could not stop smiling and laughing. She had just watched her 37-year-old daughter reach the Wimbledon semifinals for the 10th time and, well, the whole thing was just a bit hard to believe.

"She says, 'I love my job!' and she means it. I guess she's kind of like a boxer: People think it's time for

her to quit because she's too old." Oracene Price said after leaving Centre Court, where the roof was shut because of rain Tuesday. "But she keeps getting back in the ring — and she seems to be doing pretty well. This is really amazing."

Enjoying a career renaissance deep into her 30s, despite dealing with an energy-sapping disease, Williams rode a strong serve that produced eight aces, imposing returns and her court coverage of old to a 6-3, 7-5 victory over French Open champion Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia, edging

closer to a sixth singles title at the All England Club.

"The competition keeps you growing," Williams said. "You have to get better if you want to stay relevant."

Somehow, at age 37, she's done that. This was her 100th Wimbledon match, coming in her 20th appearance. The first of her trophies at the grass-court tournament came in 2000. And now, for the third match in a row, Williams beat a player who was born in 1997 — after she made her Grand Slam debut that year.

"The first one was 20 years ago? Lord," Price said,

her eyes wide, her chuckle loud. "Well, you know, that's a long time."

This is not exactly new, though. Williams is the only woman to have made the fourth round at each of the past six majors, and now she's into her third semifinal in that span. She made it that far at Wimbledon last year, too, before losing, and got to the final at the Australian Open in January, when she was beaten by her younger sister, Serena.

"Who knows if she's lost a step?" said Williams' coach, David Witt. "She looks pretty See WIMBLEDON/2B



AP Photo/Alastair Grant

Venus Williams of the United States returns to Latvia's Jelena Ostapenko during their Women's Quarterfinal Singles Match on day eight at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Tuesday, July 11, 2017.

Sports shorts

Michigan sports doctor pleads guilty in child porn case

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — A former Michigan State University and USA Gymnastics doctor pleaded guilty Tuesday to possessing child pornography, admitting he tried to get rid of the evidence last fall while police were investigating allegations that he had sexually assaulted young female athletes.

Dr. Larry Nassar pleaded guilty to three charges in federal court in Grand Rapids in western Michigan. Each could land him in prison for up to 20 years.

He is awaiting trial on charges in three separate cases alleging that he sexually molested a total of nine girls, including eight who were gymnasts seeking treatment for injuries. He has pleaded not guilty, and his attorney, Shannon Smith, said Nassar intends to proceed to trial in those cases.



Nassar

"It's a good thing in terms of the overall financial health of the sport that we have this level of interest at this price level, but it would be nice to wrap it up."

— Rob Manfred

MLB Commissioner speaking about the three groups reported to be in the running to buy the Miami Marlins for more than \$1 billion. It was reported Tuesday that Michael Jordan has joined Derek Jeter's group, which is backed by money manager Bruce Sherman.

No getting around Donald Trump at the US Women's Open

BEDMINSTER, N.J. (AP) — There will be no getting around President Donald Trump for the USGA and the world's top golfers at the U.S. Women's Open this week.

The biggest event in women's golf is being held at Trump National Golf Club, and the first day of formal interviews Tuesday had as much to do with the tournament that starts Thursday as it did about the Republican president.

The USGA has faced pressure from women's groups and three Democratic U.S. senators to move the event because of Trump's comments about women and minorities, namely audio that surfaced during the campaign of Trump vulgarly describing his interactions with women. The USGA refused, keeping the marquee event at the course located a few miles from its headquarters in Far Hills.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1930 — Bobby Jones wins the U.S. Open. Jones, who also won the British Open, the American Amateur and the British Amateur, becomes the only golfer to take all four events in the same year.

1954 — The Major League Baseball Players Association is founded.

1998 — France wins soccer's World Cup, beating heavily favored Brazil 3-0 in the final.

2012 — Every country competing at the London Games includes female athletes for the first time in Olympic history after Saudi Arabia agreed to send two women to compete in judo and track and field.

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