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Little League Softball

Oregon comes up short

Pendleton all-stars fall short in semis

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The Pendleton softball all-stars' dream of a trip to the Little League World Series in Portland fell just a smidge short.

A comeback victory advanced Team Oregon to the semifinals of the West Regional, but it could not muster a comeback in the semifinal game as Utah sent Oregon packing back home with a 5-0 defeat at Al Houghton Stadium in San Bernardino, California. It was one step further

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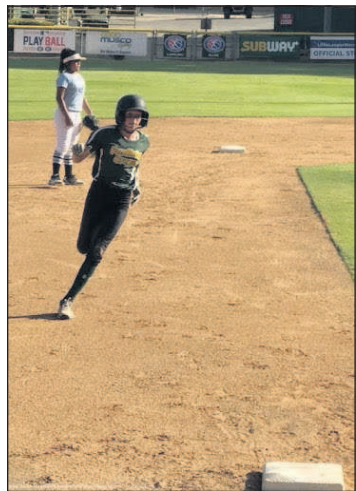


Photo courtesy of Jeanine Younes
Team Oregon (Pendleton) Sauren Garton sprints towards third base during Thursday's West Regional semifinal game in San Bernardino, California.

Soccer

THE US' GOLDEN BOY



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez
United States' Jordan Morris celebrates after scoring a goal against Jamaica during the second half of the Gold Cup final soccer match in Santa Clara, Calif., Wednesday, July 26, 2017.

Morris, 22, adds Gold Cup to NCAA, MLS titles

By JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Bruce Arena found Jordan Morris not long after the final whistle blew to offer some encouraging words to the U.S. forward, who had just helped deliver another CONCACAF Gold Cup title.

Arena learned a little more about the young American in one half of soccer that began with a costly mistake and finished with a spectacular strike.

"I said, 'You made up for the goal you gave away for us.' And then I said, 'You hit that ball pretty good,'" the U.S. coach recalled. "Those kind of moments are important for a player. That's a big step he took tonight, so I'm real pleased with that."

The former star at nearby Stanford scored a tiebreaking goal in the 88th minute, lifting the United States past Jamaica 2-1 on Wednesday night for the Americans' sixth Gold Cup title and first since 2013.

In a span of 19 months, Morris has won an NCAA title in 2015 with Stanford, scoring the first two goals in a 4-0 rout of Clemson; won the 2016 MLS Cup for his hometown Seattle Sounders, who beat Toronto on penalty kicks; and now added a Gold Cup medal to his growing collection.

"Some of those still haven't set in," he said. "It's pretty special to be part of three great teams. It's awesome to be part of championships because they don't come around too often. It's very exciting."

Morris' goal came after he lost his mark on Je-Vaughn Watson, who evened the score in the 50th minute with a 4-yard volley off Kemar Lawrence's corner kick.

"It definitely lingers around a little bit. To be honest, I've never really had anything like that in my career where I was kind of at fault for the other team

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Jeff Ter Har/For The Daily Astorian
A herd of elk look both ways before crossing a street in Gearhart in 2014. notforsale

Golf course sees fix to elk hordes in trap, transfer

By R.J. MARX
EO Media Group

GEARHART — One man's natural wonder is another man's nuisance.

While representatives of the Gearhart Golf Links don't want to rid the city of elk, they would like to see the herd reduced. And after a dramatic incident involving beachgoers menaced by an elk cow, they feel that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife — the organization responsible for the elk's stewardship — has not done

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College Football

Ex-Duck Carrington transfers to Utah

Senior WR dismissed from UO 2 weeks ago

By KAREEM COPELAND
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utes may have a new No. 1 receiver after former Oregon wideout Darren Carrington transferred to Utah.

The university confirmed Thursday that the senior is in Salt Lake City and will join the team but is not immediately able to be with the Utes on the field.

Coach Kyle Whittingham said there are "paperwork things" that must be completed with the Pac-12 and NCAA before Carrington is fully cleared as fall practices begin Friday. He is confident those hurdles will be cleared.

Carrington was dismissed from the Ducks two weeks



AP Photo/Chris Pietsch, File
In this Sept. 10, 2016, file photo, Oregon wide receiver Darren Carrington, left, gestures toward a Virginia player at the conclusion of their game in Eugene.

ago, soon after he was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence. Whittingham said Carrington will be on a short leash when it comes to discipline-worthy actions.

"It was very apparent

and he would be the first to admit he has done some dumb things, made some bad decisions," Whittingham said at Pac-12 media days in Los Angeles, "but he has got the right attitude right now and is bound and determined

Darren Carrington File

- 112 career catches
- 1,919 receiving yards
- 15 touchdowns

to put this behind him, move forward, try to have a successful senior year and then hopefully have a chance to move on to the next level."

The 6-foot-2, 205-pound San Diego native steps onto the Utah team as the most experienced and successful receiver on the roster. Last season as a junior, Carrington had 43 catches for 606 yards and five touchdowns. He has 112 career receptions for 1,919 yards and 15 touchdowns.

The Utes are plenty familiar with Carrington after he caught a game-winning, 17-yard touchdown pass with two seconds left last season for a 30-28 Oregon victory.

"He is a terrific talent on

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Sports shorts

LA Galaxy hires Sigi Schmid

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — The LA Galaxy have fired coach Curt Onalfo just 20 games into his first season in charge of the struggling club.

The Galaxy hired veteran MLS coach Sigi Schmid to return Thursday.

Onalfo went 6-10-4 after being promoted from their developmental squad when longtime Galaxy coach Bruce Arena went to the U.S. national team. Despite a high-priced roster of veteran talent, Onalfo never got consistent results out of the Galaxy, who sit ninth in the Western Conference.

The German-born Schmid's first tenure with the Galaxy began in 1999. His largely successful tenure included the Galaxy's first MLS Cup title in 2002.

Schmid went on to coach Columbus and Seattle in 2009. The Sounders fired him last summer and went on to win the MLS Cup.



Schmid

"It's like the elephant in the room, and you don't want to talk about it. But I've gotten to the point in my life where I'm like, 'No, I'm going to ... there's no need to not talk about it. I believe that I will be hopefully not just the highest-paid receiver in the league, but the highest-paid, period.'"

— Odell Beckham Jr.

New York Giants wide receiver declared Thursday his desires to be the NFL's highest-paid player, which is currently Baltimore QB Joe Flacco at \$24.55 million. Beckham has two years left on his rookie contract.

Nationals blast 8 home runs in blowout win over Brewers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Washington Nationals tied a franchise record with eight home runs, including two apiece by Bryce Harper and Ryan Zimmerman, and Max Scherzer pitched six innings of three-hit ball in a 15-2 rout of the fading Milwaukee Brewers on Thursday.

Washington matched two major league records in a seven-run third inning: Most consecutive home runs (four) and most home runs in an inning (five).

After Harper connected off Michael Blazek (0-1) in the first inning, Brian Goodwin started the long-ball barrage in the third with a two-run drive. Wilmer Difo, Harper and Zimmerman followed with long home runs.

Anthony Rendon resumed the fun with a shot to dead center that finally chased Blazek, who was making his first major league start.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1984 — The Summer Olympics open in Los Angeles with a record 140 nations competing. The Soviet Union and 13 Communist allies, including Cuba and East Germany, boycott the games.

1994 — On the night baseball players set an Aug. 12 strike date, Kenny Rogers of the Texas Rangers pitches a perfect game for a 4-0 victory over California.

2011 — Ryan Lochte celebrates the first world record set since high-tech bodysuits were banned 1 1/2 years ago. Lochte edges Michael Phelps in 200-meter individual medley at the world championships at Shanghai.

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