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Oregon State pitcher Luke Heimlich throws during an NCAA college baseball game against UC Davis in Corvallis, Ore. Oregon State pitcher Luke Heimlich, who as a teenager pleaded guilty to molesting a 6-year-old relative, was not selected in the Major League Baseball draft for the second straight year, Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

OSU's Heimlich goes undrafted again as teams pass on troubled past

By DENNIS WASZAK JR. Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oregon State pitcher Luke Heimlich, who as a teenager pleaded guilty to molesting a 6-year-old relative, was not selected in the Major League Baseball draft for the second straight year.

Heimlich is a two-time Pac-12 pitcher of the year and is regarded as one of college baseball's top players, but his troubled past has given big league teams pause.

The 22-year-old left-hander was expected to be drafted in the early rounds last year until The Oregonian reported last June that Heimlich admitted to the crime when he was 15. He did not play for Oregon State last year in the second round of the NCAA Tournament or the College World Series.

Heimlich recently insisted in stories by Sports Illustrated and The New York Times he was actu-

ally innocent and said he pleaded guilty because of poor legal advice — to avoid the possibility of jail time and prevent further stress for the girl.

"Nothing ever happened," he told the Times, "so there is no incident to look back on."

In an interview with the Times, the girl's mother said "there is no way he didn't do it."

The three-day draft concluded Wednesday night, with 1,214 players selected — but not Heimlich.

The Oregon State star is 15-1 with a 2.42 ERA and 142 strikeouts against just 25 walks in 111 2/3 innings this season. The Beavers are hosting Minnesota in the super regionals starting Friday, with the winner of the best-of-three series advancing to the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska. Heimlich, who is 26-2 over the last two seasons, is expected to pitch against the Golden Gophers.

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community college into playing not only basketball at the collegiate level, but also softball. While joining the Storm's softball team is still in the works, it's what factored into the late decision to commit to the college nestled in Hayesville, just outside of Salem.

"I already had my plans (to go to Pacific)," Burns said. "Then, the coach contacted (girls basketball head coach Mike) Royer, and I was kind of like, 'Ehhh,' because it was just for basketball and then Royer mentioned to him I was really into softball too."

Athletically, the choice was made and on top of that Chemeketa offered Burns a scholarship that would cover two terms, which was something she could not pass up.

Burns plans on majoring in exercise science and later becoming a physical therapist.

The two-year community college will give Burns a start at her future career goals, but also help with the indecision of picking between basketball and softball.

Burns is joined by Olivia Luna and Adrian Roa on the list of athletes from the Class of 2018 to further their athletic careers. Both Luna and

Roa already signed their Letters of Intent, and Luna was also in attendance Tuesday to support teammate Burns, and share her excitement in taking the next step — a dream that wasn't realized until just her junior year.

"I love the sport, so I just want to play," Luna said.

Luna has been playing soccer ever since she was young girl growing up in Mexico, and after moving to Oregon just five years ago, she found solace in the sport she loved.

"I felt more involved and everything," Luna said.

Added football and softball coach Steve Sheller, who has seen her transformation in the classroom as well: "The growth of Olivia Luna from freshman year to senior year is incredible. She is a walking example of the good stuff going on at Irrigon High School."

Luna contacted Blue Mountain Community College first, went to try-outs and made the decision to stay close to family to continue her soccer career. She will be joining the Timberwolves women's soccer team with the likes of Hermiston's Heidi Fuentes and BMCC Jordan Hillmick.

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Dynasty's doorstep: Warriors take 3-0 lead over Cavs in Finals

By TOM WITHERS Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kevin Durant pushed the Golden State Warriors to dynasty's doorstep.

LeBron James may be at the door.

Durant scored 43 points, draining a long 3-pointer in the final minute to cap his magnificent performance, and the Golden State Warriors defeated James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 110-102 in Game 3 of the NBA Finals on Wednesday night to move within a victory of a sweep, their second straight title and third championship in four years.

No team has ever overcome a 3-0 deficit in the NBA playoffs.

It might be time to order some champagne from Napa Valley.

With the Cavs within 103-100, Durant stood motionless after dropping his 33-footer, which effectively ended the fourth straight finals matchup between two teams who have gotten to know each other well since 2015.

"That was amazing what he did out there tonight," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "Some of those shots, I don't think anybody in the world can hit those but him. He was incredible."

Golden State will now have four chances to wrap up its title starting with Game 4 on Friday night.

James scored 33 points and Kevin Love added 20 for the Cavs, who have fallen into a hole in which no team has ever emerged. Cleveland came back from a 3-1 deficit to stun the Warriors in the 2016 NBA Finals, but that was when Durant was in Oklahoma City and James had a different supporting cast.

The Warriors won despite a 3-of-16 shooting performance from Stephen Curry, who did come up big down the stretch as the Cavs were trying to salvage their season.

Now Cleveland could be down to one final game with James. The three-time champion can opt out of his \$35.6 million contract and test free agency this summer, and it may be time for the 33-year-old to find a team capable of beating the Warriors.

Durant, who tilted this



AP Photo/Carlos Osorio

Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant is defended by Cleveland Cavaliers' George Hill during the second half of Game 3 of basketball's NBA Finals.

rivalry toward the West Coast when he signed with the Warriors as a free agent before last season, was brilliant from the start. He helped offset a rough night for Curry, who made a finals-record nine 3-pointers in Game 2, but was just 1 of 10 from behind the arc and didn't score his second field goal until there were under three minutes left.

Curry's scoop shot put the Warriors up 98-97 and defensive specialist Andre Iguodala, who didn't play in Games 1 or 2 because of a knee injury, came up with a steal under the basket. Curry finally buried a 3 and after James matched him with a long shot, Iguodala drove the lane for a thundering dunk.

Moments later, Durant delivered his dagger to silence Cleveland's crowd.

"The shot clock was running down, I was pretty far out, I just wanted to get a look," Durant said. "I didn't want to run there and shoot a bad shot, fall on the ground and they got numbers going the other way so I decided to pull up."

James made a layup to pull the Cavs within four, it was too little too late as the Warriors closed it out and beat Cleveland for the fourth straight time in finals games.

With JaVale McGee getting three point-blank shots at the rim, the Warriors opened the third quarter with a 9-3 spurt and it wasn't long before

they took their first lead on Curry's two free throws.

Durant scored 24 in the first half, when the Warriors attempted 13 free throws to zero for the Cavs, a disparity that induced further wrath on the officials from Cleveland fans still stinging from the now infamous reversed call in Game 1.

The Cavs needed a strong start, and they got it helped by a playground move from James.

Dribbling near the foul lane, he used a head fake on McGee before stepping past the Warriors center. James then threw the ball off the backboard to himself and crushed a two-handed dunk — he pulled off a similar stunt in last year's Finals — that sent Cleveland's bench and fans into a frenzy.

As coach Tyronn Lue had hoped, Cleveland was more physical and won several 50-50 balls while outrebounding and outworking the Warriors, who spent much of the first half barking about the officiating.

The problem, though, was that the Cavs couldn't stop Durant. He wouldn't allow Cleveland to pull too far ahead and the superstar made up for an ineffective Curry.

James arrived at 6 p.m. dressed more casually — camouflage pants, purple hoodie, "Billionaire Boys Club" baseball cap — than on the road where he and the Cavs have been wearing suits during the

postseason.

Everything is more relaxed and familiar at home for James and his teammates, who were counting on a return to their own noisy building, where they play better and shoot better, to get them back into the series.

The Warriors had other plans.

TIP-INS

Warriors: Draymond Green passed Wilt Chamberlain (922) for the most rebounds in Warriors playoff history. ... Thompson played in his NBA-high 390th game over the last four seasons. Green is second with 387, while James is third at 381. ... Green and Thompson, who have tangled all series, were both slapped with technical following an exchange in the first quarter ...

Cavaliers: James (238) broke a tie with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and moved into fourth place for the most playoff games. Only Derek Fisher (259), Tim Duncan (251) and Robert Horry (244) have made most postseason appearances. ... Abdul-Jabbar attended the game and got a rousing ovation when introduced in the third quarter. ... There was an awkward moment at the start of Lue's pregame news conference when he was asked by a foreign reporter who he expected to be the key player in Game 3. "LeBron James, I guess," he said with a laugh.

UP NEXT

Game 4 is Friday night.

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

NBA FINALS
Golden State 3, Cleveland 0 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
 Thursday, May 31: Golden State 124, Cleveland 114
 Sunday, June 3: Golden State 122, Cleveland 103
 Wednesday: Golden State 110, Cleveland 102
 Friday: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 x-Monday, June 11: Cleveland at Golden State winner, 6 p.m.
 x-Thursday, June 14: Golden State winner at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 x-Sunday, June 17: Cleveland at Golden State winner, 5 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	5	1.833	—
Washington	5	3.625	1
Atlanta	3	3.500	2
Chicago	3	3.500	2
New York	2	3.400	2½
Indiana	0	6.000	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE			
W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	4	1.800	—
Seattle	5	2.714	—
Phoenix	5	3.625	½
Dallas	3	3.500	½
Minnesota	2	5.286	3
Las Vegas	1	5.167	3½

Wednesday's Games
 No games scheduled.
Thursday's Games
 Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Connecticut at New York, 4 p.m.
 Seattle at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

STANLEY CUP
 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Washington 3, Vegas 1
 Monday, May 28: Vegas 6, Washington 4
 Wednesday, May 30: Washington 3, Vegas 2
 Saturday, June 2: Washington 3, Vegas 1
 Monday: Washington 6, Vegas 2
 Thursday, June 7: Washington at Vegas, 5 p.m.
 x-Sunday, June 10: Vegas at Washington, 5 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, June 13: Washington at Vegas, 5 p.m.

Baseball

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	19.694	—
New York	40	18.690	1
Tampa Bay	28	32.467	14
Toronto	26	35.426	16½
Baltimore	19	41.317	23

Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	32	28.533	—
Chicago	29	34.460	4½
Minnesota	26	32.448	5
Chicago	20	39.339	11½
Kansas City	21	41.339	12

West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	38	23.623	—
Houston	38	25.603	1
Los Angeles	35	28.556	4
Oakland	31	31.500	7½
Texas	27	37.422	12½

Wednesday's Games

Washington 11, Tampa Bay 2
 Baltimore 1, N.Y. Mets 0
 Cleveland 3, Milwaukee 1
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Toronto 0, 13 innings
 Boston 7, Detroit 1
 Texas 8, Oakland 2
 Chicago White Sox 5, Minnesota 2
 Houston 7, Seattle 5
 L.A. Angels 4, Kansas City 3
Thursday's Games
 Chicago White Sox (Shields 1-6) at Minnesota (Berrios 6-5), 10:10 a.m.
 Baltimore (Hess 2-2) at Toronto (Garcia 2-4), 4:07 p.m.
 Detroit (Boyd 3-4) at Boston (Beeks 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Leake 5-3) at Tampa Bay (Staneke 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
 Houston (Cole 6-1) at Texas (Hamels 3-5), 5:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Hammel 2-5) at Oakland (Montas 2-0), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	35	25.583	—
Atlanta	36	26.581	—
Philadelphia	32	27.542	2½
New York	27	32.458	7½
Miami	22	39.361	13½

Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	37	25.597	—
Chicago	34	24.586	1
St. Louis	32	27.542	3½
Pittsburgh	31	30.508	5½
Cincinnati	21	41.339	16

West Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	32	29.525	—
Colorado	32	29.525	—
San Francisco	31	31.500	½
Los Angeles	30	31.492	2
San Diego	29	35.453	4½

Wednesday's Games

Washington 11, Tampa Bay 2
 Baltimore 1, N.Y. Mets 0
 Cleveland 3, Milwaukee 1
 San Diego 3, Atlanta 1
 San Francisco 5, Arizona 4, 10 innings
 Pittsburgh 11, L.A. Dodgers 9
 Chicago Cubs 7, Philadelphia 5
 Miami 11, St. Louis 3
Thursday's Games
 Colorado (Anderson 3-1) at Cincinnati (Mahle 4-6), 9:35 a.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Santana 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Tailon 3-4), 9:35 a.m.
 Miami (Richards 0-2) at St. Louis (Mikolas 6-1), 10:15 a.m.
 Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-4) at Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 3-4), 11:20 a.m.

NCAA Men's Baseball Tournament

Super Regionals
 Best-of-3; x-if necessary
 Visiting school is home team for Game 1; coin flip determines home team for Game 3

FRIDAY HILL SUPER REGIONAL
 Thursday, June 8: North Carolina (41-18) vs. Stetson (48-11), 8 a.m.
 Saturday, June 9: North Carolina vs. Stetson, 9 a.m.
 x-Sunday, June 10: North Carolina vs. Stetson, 9 a.m.

NASHVILLE SUPER REGIONAL
 Friday, June 8: Vanderbilt (34-25) vs. Mississippi State (35-26), 5 p.m.
 Saturday, June 9: Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi

pi State, 6:30 p.m.

x-Sunday, June 10: Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi State, 3 p.m.
CORVALLIS SUPER REGIONAL
 Friday, June 8: Oregon State (47-10-1) vs. Minnesota (44-13), 2 p.m.
 Saturday, June 9: Oregon State vs. Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
 x-Sunday, June 10: Oregon State vs. Minnesota, 6 p.m.
FULLERTON SUPER REGIONAL
 Friday, June 8: Cal State Fullerton (35-23) vs. Washington (33-23), 11 a.m.
 Saturday, June 9: Cal State Fullerton vs. Washington, 3:30 p.m.
 x-Sunday, June 10: Cal State Fullerton vs. Washington, 6 p.m.
GAINESVILLE SUPER REGIONAL
 Saturday, June 9: Florida (45-18) vs. Auburn (42-21), 9 a.m.
 Sunday, June 10: Florida vs. Auburn, 9 a.m.
 x-Monday, June 11: Florida vs. Auburn, 5:30 p.m.

FAYETTEVILLE SUPER REGIONAL

Saturday, June 9: Arkansas (42-18) vs. South Carolina (36-24), 3:30 p.m.
 Sunday, June 10: Arkansas vs. South Carolina, 12 p.m.
 x-Monday, June 11: Arkansas vs. South Carolina, 4 p.m.
LUBBOCK SUPER REGIONAL
 Saturday, June 9: Texas Tech (42-17) vs. Duke (44-16), 12 p.m.
 Sunday, June 10: Texas Tech vs. Duke, 3 p.m.
 x-Monday, June 11: Texas Tech vs. Duke, 1 p.m.
AUSTIN SUPER REGIONAL
 Saturday, June 9: Texas (40-20) vs. Tennessee Tech (52-10), 12 p.m.
 Sunday, June 10: Texas vs. Tennessee Tech, 12 p.m.
 x-Monday, June 11: Texas vs. Tennessee Tech, 10 a.m.

Soccer

MLS

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	9	3	29	30	18
New York City FC	8	3	27	29	19
Columbus	7	3	26	21	13
New York	7	4	22	27	14
New England	6	4	22	24	20
Orlando City	6	6	19	22	23
Philadelphia	5	6	18	19	23
Chicago	5	7	17	20	25
Montreal	4	10	12	15	29
Toronto FC	3	7	11	17	23
D.C. United	2	5	9	14	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting K.C.	8	2	28	28	14
FC Dallas	7	1	26	22	14
Real Salt Lake	7	6	22	19	26
Los Angeles FC	6	4	21	25	21
Portland	6	3	21	20	18
Vancouver	5	5	20	21	28
Houston	5	3	18	21	21
LA Galaxy	5	7	17	19	23
Minnesota United	5	8	16	17	26
San Jose	2	8	9	19	25
Seattle	2	7	8	17	24
Colorado	2	8	8	14	22

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Monday-Thursday's Games
 No games scheduled.
Friday's Games
 Toronto FC at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.

Tennis

FRENCH OPEN
Wednesday's Results

Men's Singles

Quarterfinals
 Diego Schwartzman (11), Argentina, leads Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, 6-4, 3-6 (30-15), susp., rain.
 Marin Cilic (3), Croatia, and Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, 6-6 (5-5), susp., rain.

Women's Singles

Quarterfinals
 Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Angelique Kerber (12), Germany, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-2.
 Garbine Muguruzza (3), Spain, def. Maria Sharapova (28), Russia, 6-2, 6-1.

Men's Doubles

Quarterfinals
 Nicolas Mahut, France and Pierre-Hugues Herbert (6), France, def. Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina and Nicolas Jarry, Chile, 6-4, 7-6 (8).

Women's Doubles

Quarterfinals
 Makoto Ninomiya, Japan and Eri Hozumi, Japan, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France and Tímea Babos (1), Hungary, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
 Barbora Strýcová, Czech Republic and Andrea Sestini Hlaváčková (2), Czech Republic, def. Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia and Lara Arruabarrena-Vecino, Spain, 6-3, 6-1.

Mixed Doubles

Semifinals
 Ivan Dodig, Croatia and Latisha Chan (2), Taiwan, def. Robert Farah, Colombia and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (8), Germany, 4-6, 7-5, 10-8.