

SCHWAB: North team wins game 24-7

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Buckaroos last fall and Jerome said it was a thrill to be a part of the game.

“Playing with the best in Oregon was one experience I will never forget,” Jerome said, “and I met a lot of life-long friends and even future teammates attending (Western Oregon University). It was also a cool feeling knowing you are one of the best and getting recognized in rural Eastern Oregon!”

The teams had a weeks worth of practices at Pacific University’s campus in Forest Grove, and Gutierrez admits that the start of the week wasn’t pretty.

“It felt weird the first couple days of practice, we were all a little out of shape,” he said, “but by the end of the week, I was home.”

Not only did Gutierrez feel at home on the football field, but he was returning to the very field Hermiston won its first state title since 2014 and the first under head coach David Faateete, who also served as the assistant



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Hermiston’s Jonathan Hinkle carries the ball during the annual Les Schwab Tires Bowl on Saturday in Hillsboro. Hinkle gained 43 yards on 10 carries in the game.

coach in Saturday’s game.

“We had some down time before the game and it definitely set in that we’re back at the same field and it was nice taking it and reliving those moments,” Gutierrez said.

“But no matter the score, no matter how much time is left on the clock, you have to live for the moment,” he added.

In the North versus South matchup, the North broke a three-year losing streak with

a 24-7 victory.

The five locals that competed all fared well on the South team. Hinkle finished with the third most rushing yards — second best on the South’s team — with 43 yards on 10 carries. Bower was backed up for to finish with a net loss of nine yards on 10 carries as quarterback. He went 3-5-1 for 12 yards and was sacked three times.

“It was an amazing experience,” Bower said. “The game was fast and compet-

itive, but it was an unbelievable time.”

Hinkle caught two short passes good for four yards, and Jerome went long for a 34 yard reception. Gutierrez notched five tackles and 0.5 tackles for a loss.

But this time around, it was less about the numbers and more about the memories shared with teammates, and for some the new bonds formed on the gridiron.

“Going into it I didn’t really know anybody, I only knew the guys that came with me,” Gutierrez said, “but coming out of it I made brothers for life.”

For most of the locals, their sports careers aren’t coming to an end just yet. Gutierrez and Hinkle will continue playing football at Eastern Oregon University next year while Jerome will be attending Western Oregon University to play football and Bower to Pacific University to play football and baseball.

Sports reporter Eric Singer contributed to this story.

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really understand it until you play here and you’re around ‘Case’ and this program. That’s motivating for us. And that’s what his message was, just to strictly compete.”

Oregon State (50-11-1), the No. 3 national seed, was coming off a loss to North Carolina in its CWS opener and still must win three more games to reach the best-of-three finals. Washington (35-26) went two games and out in its first CWS.

“A lot of people expected us to roll over halfway through the season,” Huskies shortstop Levi Jordan said. “Instead, we went the other direction and brought this program to its first College World Series. To hang our heads about our performance in the College World Series... it shouldn’t be a reflection of our season. Obviously, a tough loss. But the program is moving in a great direction.”

Washington had leads of 3-0 and 5-4 before the delay in the top of the sixth inning. The Beavers had bases loaded with two outs when play was stopped. Washington sent out closer Alex Hardy (5-4), the fourth of seven Huskies pitchers, after the delay and he walked in the tying run.

The Huskies elected to intentionally walk Adley Rutschman to set up forces on the bases with two outs in the seventh. Michael Gretler smashed a ball down the left-field line for the tie-breaking double, and Nobach hit a 2-2 pitch that barely cleared the wall in right center for his sixth homer of the season and a 9-5 lead.

Oregon State scored all but one of its runs with two outs. The Beavers were 13 for 21 with two outs and 7 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

Tyler Malone homered

to start a five-run eighth inning that finished off the Huskies.

Beavers starter Bryce Fehmel turned the game over Kevin Abel after giving up a single to start the fifth. Abel (5-1) threw 17 pitches before the delay, and Casey opted to have him go back to the mound when play resumed. Abel allowed one run on one hit and two walks. He struck out five.

Oregon State avoided going 0-2 at a CWS for the first time in five appearances since 2005.

KWAN INJURED

Oregon State lost All-Pac-12 center fielder Steven Kwan to a hamstring injury at the end of the third inning. Kwan, who came into the game batting .363 and reached base four times in the loss to North Carolina, pulled up as he was running to first base on a double play ending the third inning. Preston Jones replaced him and was 1 for 4 with a two-run double. Casey said he didn’t know if Kwan would play Wednesday.

UP NEXT

Oregon State will play another elimination game Wednesday against the North Carolina-Mississippi State loser. That game was postponed until Tuesday morning because of the long delay in the Beavers’ game and the threat of more rain Monday night.

Washington made a big late-season push to get to Omaha after being picked seventh in the Pac-12 pre-season coaches’ poll. The Huskies were just 18-18 after an April loss to Texas-Rio Grande Valley. They closed the regular season with a series win over Stanford to finish third in the conference and secure an at-large NCAA bid. They traveled across the country to sweep through the Conway (South Carolina) Regional and won a three-game super regional at Cal State Fullerton.



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Pendleton’s Shaw Jerome (5) prepares to haul in a leaping catch during the annual Les Schwab Tires Bowl on Saturday in Hillsboro. Jerome caught one pass for 34 yards in the game.

HOF: Pond, two-time Happy Canyon princess, among four to be honored

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to make the Round-Up possible.

A volunteer for the past 50 years, Dawson is most renowned for maintaining the wagons and stage-coaches used in the West-

ward Ho! Parade.

His dedication has earned him the Round-Up Outstanding Volunteer Award, the Orville Gerberding Memorial Award, and the title of grand marshal for the 2018 Westward Ho! Parade.

The late Janie Pond won’t be able to receive the honor in person, but she’s also being honored by the hall of fame for her dedication to the Round-Up.

A two-time Happy Canyon princess, Pond inherited the role of “whip woman”

from her mother in 1958.

From then on, she supervised the American Indian participants in the Round-Up arena to make sure they were wearing the proper regalia and kept them within the program’s schedule by directing the drum-

mers and dancers.

Rounding out the 2018 class is Smith & Velvet, the four-time winner of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association’s Bareback Bucking Horse of the Year award.

His run at the Round-Up

in the 1970s and 1980s culminated in carrying JC Trujillo to the bareback championship.

Smith & Velvet died in a truck and trailer collision in 1983, but the PRCA Pro Rodeo Hall of Champions inducted him in 2017.

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