

Youth baseball

Pendleton 11u All-Stars claim District 3 title

Shut out Hermiston 4-0

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton 11u Little League All-Star team captured the District 3 championship on Monday afternoon as it shut out Hermiston 4-0 for the second time in as many games. Pendleton took the lead right away in the first inning, as Evan Lehnert ripped an RBI single to right field to bring home Kaden Moore for a 1-0 lead. It added

on to its lead in the fourth inning when Tugg McQuinn singled to center field to score Connor Cook and Vance Nelson to make it a 3-0 game. In the fifth, Pendleton added an insurance run when Cook doubled to bring in Nelson to push its lead to 4-0. And that was more than enough support for pitchers Lehnert and McQuinn. Lehnert pitched four innings with five strikeouts and allowed only two hits and two walks, while McQuinn pitched two perfect innings with three strike-

outs to end the game. Tate Neddo and Victor Valdez recorded Hermiston's only two hits in the game. Isaac Corey was good on the mound, striking out four in six innings while allowing five hits and four runs with no walks. Pendleton earned its way to the title game with wins over Triangle (19-1) on Thursday and Hermiston (4-0) on Saturday. Hermiston reached the title game after defeating Baker twice, on Thursday (12-2) and on Sunday (10-0).

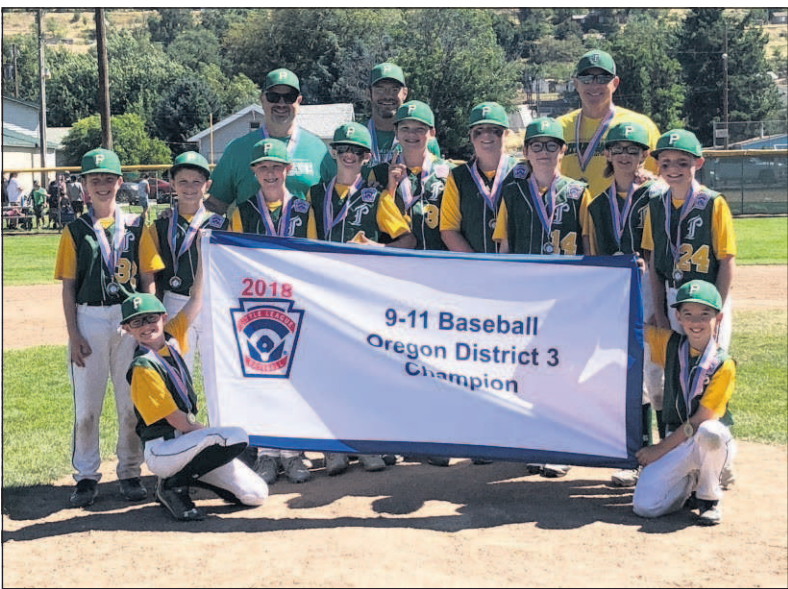


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The Pendleton 9-11 Little League All-Stars pose with the championship banner after winning the District 3 tournament on Monday in Pendleton. Pictured, left to right: (FRONT) Tugg McQuinn, Anson Dressler, (MIDDLE) Kaden Moore, Vance Nelson, Keegan Kline, Evan Lehnert, Jacob Neistadt, Deacon Pace, Art Hill, Connor Cook, Miller Johnson, (BACK) Corey Neistadt, J.R. Cook, Chris Moore.

OSU BASEBALL



AP Photo/Nati Harnik

Oregon State pitcher Kevin Abel, left, is greeted by Christian Chamberlain, right, as Abel walks off the field following the seventh inning of Game 3 against Arkansas in the NCAA College World Series baseball finals.

Beavers rode bullpen to title

Abel, Eisert, Mulholland, Chamberlain proved to be crucial for Oregon State in Omaha

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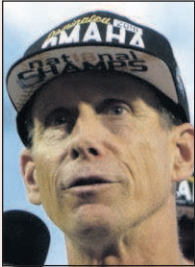
Oregon State spent much of conference play in search of a reliable third starting pitcher. Luke Heimlich and Bryce Fehmel were consistent performers atop the rotation, but the Beavers' 3-6-1 record in Pac-12 series finales was a notable blight on their resume. Would the team be vulnerable in the NCAA tournament due to a lack of pitching depth? The question didn't seem unreasonable in May, but Kevin Abel and the bullpen proved any concerns to be unwarranted. The less-ballyhooed arms ended up carrying OSU to its third Col-

lege World Series title and a 6-0 record in elimination games. "You always hear people talking about how you win a championship, and this team is a prime example of what it takes," senior outfielder Kyle Nobach said after Thursday's 5-0 win over Arkansas that clinched the CWS. "It takes a whole team. When we needed people to step, they did. When they got the opportunity, they produced. That's why we won this thing." Abel, a freshman right-hander, made two starts and two relief appearances at TD Ameritrade Park. He finished 4-0 — the first four-game win-

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Beavers' Casey voted National Coach of the Year

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Casey

TUCSON, Ariz. — Oregon State head coach Pat Casey was voted Collegiate Baseball's National Coach of the Year, the publication announced Monday morning. Casey guided the Beavers to the program's third national championship last week, including a perfect 6-0 record in College World Series elimination games. The 5-0 victory over Arkansas to clinch the title was Casey's 900th career win in Corvallis. The Beavers won 55 games in 2018, one shy of the school record of 56 set in 2017. OSU has posted a 111-18-1 (.858) record over the past two seasons. Casey has now been named National Coach of the Year by at least one publication in five different seasons: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2017 and 2018.

Legion baseball

Hodgen Distributing has tough go in Walla Walla

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After a very solid showing for the first three weeks of the summer season, the Hodgen Distributing Legion baseball team finally hit a rough patch against some talented teams at the Walla Walla Bruins Tournament over the weekend. Hodgen finished the weekend 1-3 with Friday's 5-4 loss to Michael's Toyota (Bellevue, Washington), and a 7-3 loss to Coeur d'Alene and 16-6 loss to Mt. Vernon Riverdogs on Saturday before finally notching a 10-8 win on Sunday against the Washington Rush. Against Coeur d'Alene, Hodgen (16-8) took a 3-1 lead after four innings when Kyle Field hit a two-run triple and then scored on a CDA error in the bottom of the fourth. However, Hodgen couldn't hang on as in the top of the fifth CDA tallied four hits and worked two walks against pitchers Cooper Roberts and Tucker Zander and turned it into five runs for a 6-3 lead. Then against Mt. Vernon, Hodgen again held an early lead as it scored one run in the top of the first on a RBI single from Chris Large that scored Ryan Stahl. However, Mt. Vernon came to bat in the bottom half of the first and stunned Hodgen pitcher Tanner Sweek for nine hits — seven singles and two doubles — and worked two walks to end the inning with a 10-1 lead and coasted from there. Finally on Sunday, an RBI single by Ty Beers and a two-run home run off the bat of Quinn Doherty put Hodgen up 3-0 in the top of the first inning. Washington battled back for a 6-4 lead in the fourth, and Hodgen responded in the fifth with an RBI double by Logan Weinke, a bases-loaded walk from Tucker Zander and both Sweek and Curtis Simons scoring on wild pitches to take back the lead 8-6. Beers pitched four innings to earn the win, allowing seven hits and six runs (three earned) while Field pitched the final three innings with three strikeouts and two runs allowed to earn the save. Beers, Field and Weinke each had four hits over the final two days to lead Hodgen's offense, with Beers scoring two runs with a triple, Weinke hitting two doubles, scoring two runs and driving in two runs, and Field scoring twice and driving in three runs. Ryan Stahl also doubled and scored three runs.

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Sports shorts

Kyle Busch notches fifth win of NASCAR season

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Kyle Busch outdueled Kyle Larson on a wild final lap Sunday in the NASCAR Cup Series race at Chicagoland Speedway, earning his fifth victory of the season. Busch and Larson were neck-and-neck on the final lap. Larson bumped into the back of Busch's car and moved into the lead. Busch then raced into the back of Larson's car and sped ahead for the victory. Busch matched Kevin Harvick for the series lead in wins.



AP Photo/David Banks

Sung Hyun Park reacts after winning in a playoff

Park wins KPMG Women's PGA in playoff

(AP) — **Sung Hyun Park** beat So Yeon Ryu on the second hole of a playoff Sunday in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship for her second major championship. After a brief rain delay on the par-4 16th hole at Kemper Lakes, Ryu's birdie try rolled past, and Park finished off her South Korean compatriot with a 10-footer. Park raised her arms and placed

her hands on her head before hugging her caddie and wiping away tears. Japanese teen Nasa Hataoko, after shooting an 8-under 64 to post at 10 under, dropped out of the playoff with a par on the par-4 18th. Ryu made a 20-footer for birdie from the fringe, and Park followed from 10 feet. Park closed with a 3-under 69. Ryu had a 73.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1931 — Max Schmeling knocks out Young Stribling at 2:46 of the 15th round to retain the world heavyweight title in Cleveland. 1966 — Atlanta pitcher Tony Cloninger becomes the first National League player to hit two grand slams in one game. He adds a single for nine RBIs in a 17-3 triumph over San Francisco. 1976 — Bjorn Borg beats Ilie Nastase 6-4, 6-2, 9-7, to win his first men's singles title at Wimbledon.