



LITTLE LEAGUE

Pendleton softball All-Stars on a roll at state tourney

Pendleton 12U team perfect in four games

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The Pendleton 12U Little League softball All-Stars have put together a tremendous run at the 2018 state tournament so far in Baker City, as the team aims for its third consecutive state championship.

The tournament began on Saturday and since the start Pendleton has played four games and won every one. Pendleton opened with a 6-2 win over Beaumont on Saturday, then defeated Taborville 20-10 on Sunday, and took care of Redmond 17-3 and West Valley 8-2 on Monday.

Pendleton's dominance came from a lineup that produced 45 hits and worked 23 walks to score its 51 total runs so far, while also

capitalizing on 26 errors from its opponents.

Melanie Boatman and Madeline Schumacher have a team-best seven hits apiece through four games, with Schumacher doubling twice, scoring nine runs and driving in five runs and Boatman scoring nine runs and driving in three runs.

Behind those two, Avery Krigbaum has six hits, nine runs and five RBI, Nessa Neveau has five

hits with a double and four RBI, Lea Wilson has four hits with seven runs and three RBI, and Lily Brooks has four hits with two runs and three RBI.

Lanie Burke, Boatman, Schumacher and Brooks have all spent time in the pitcher's circle, with Boatman having the best performance so far. In two appearances, Boatman has struck out 13 batters and allowed only three hits, two runs and walked three in nine

innings.

Pendleton will next play Klamath Falls on Tuesday at 4 p.m. before the four-team bracket play starts on Wednesday.

Pendleton 11U baseball 2-1 at state tournament

At the Oregon Little League Baseball 11U state tournament in

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M's earn 3 All-Stars



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Seattle Mariners' Mitch Haniger was selected to the American League All-Star team for the first time in his career.

Cruz, Diaz, Haniger elected as reserves, star power in AL outfield grabs attention

By **JAY COHEN**
Associated Press

Mike Trout, Aaron Judge and Mookie Betts form a dream outfield for the American League. Bryce Harper and Max Scherzer make up a not-so-gracious welcome committee for the NL.

Power in the center of power. A capital-sized All-Star Game.

Baseball unveiled the rosters for its midsummer showcase Sunday night, featuring an imposing AL lineup and Harper starting at his home ballpark in Washington.

Reigning AL MVP Jose Altuve was one of five All-Stars from the World Series champion Houston Astros, matching the Boston Red Sox and Cleveland Indians for most in the majors. The New York Yankees and Atlanta Braves each had four, including rookie Gleyber Torres from the Bronx Bombers and fellow second baseman Ozzie Albies from the surprising Braves.

"It's fun. You're playing but you're looking around because you're playing with all those big boys out there," said Altuve, who made the AL team for the sixth time.



AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout earned his seventh All-Star selection.

Torres is on the disabled list with a hip injury and unlikely to participate. While he and Albies are just 21 years old, the list of 25 first-time All-Stars also includes thirty-something surprises like Boston first baseman Mitch Moreland, Texas Rangers slugger Shin-Soo Choo and Atlanta outfielder Nick Markakis.

"It's something that I didn't know it would ever be quite possible," Moreland said. "I'm definitely excited about the opportunity and appreciative of having that opportunity."

Trout is working on perhaps the best season of his stellar career with the Los Angeles Angels. Judge has 25 homers and 58 RBIs for the Yankees, and Betts is batting .342 with 22 homers for the major league-leading Red Sox.

But that's just the beginning for the AL, which has won five All-Star Games in a row and 17 of the last 21.

Altuve led the fan balloting with 4.8 million votes. Baltimore Orioles shortstop Manny Machado will make the short trip down to D.C. for the July 17 game with speculation increasing about his future ahead of the trade deadline.

Chicago White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu, Cleveland Indians third baseman Jose Ramirez, Red Sox designated hitter J.D. Martinez and Tampa Bay Rays catcher Wilson Ramos round out the AL's starting lineup.

"The best part is being with all the guys. You're on the biggest stage with the best," said Trout, who was selected for the seventh straight year — tying Boston ace Chris Sale for the longest active streak.

Harper was voted a starter for the fourth consecutive year. The slug-

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Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard shoots a three-point basket.

Lillard says he's happy with Trail Blazers

Portland's star point guard squashes trade speculation

By **JOE FREEMAN**

The Oregonian/OregonLive

LAS VEGAS — Was Damian Lillard upset the Portland Trail Blazers let good friend and treasured teammate Ed Davis walk? No question.

Did he want his team's young roster to grow older and more battle-tested this offseason? Yes.

But does he want to leave the only franchise he's ever played for? Hardly.

The three-time All-Star point guard, speaking publicly for the first time this summer, squashed rumors of his unhappiness and shot down reports he's angling to leave Rip City for the Los Angeles Lakers or any other franchise.

"I'm not unhappy," Lillard said Sunday. "I love where I live. I love the organization. I love our coaching staff. I love where I am."

Lillard spoke to reporters after watching the Blazers' NBA Summer League game in Las Vegas, where he has been working out in preparation for a USA Basketball minicamp, and addressed a wide range of topics, including Davis' free agent exodus, the Blazers' off-season moves and the loaded Western Conference.

He admitted to being upset the Blazers let Davis go. Not only did Davis want to stay in Portland, but Lillard had lobbied for it to happen, saying he hoped the respected and hard-working veteran big

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Ducks hire Oklahoma assistant Lombardi as head softball coach

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oregon has hired Oklahoma associate head softball coach Melyssa Lombardi as head coach.

Lombardi guided Oklahoma's pitchers and catchers for the past 21 years and helped the Sooners win four national titles. She coached the Oklahoma battery to a combined 20 All-America honors, 37 All-Region accolades and 77 All-Big 12 honors.

Lombardi replaces Mike White, who left Oregon last month for Texas.

Bird becomes Storm's all-time scorer

SEATTLE (AP) — Sue Bird scored 21 while setting the franchise scoring mark to help the Seattle Storm beat the Washington Mystics 97-91 on Sunday.

Bird became the Storm's all-time leading scorer with her 13th point of the game, passing Lauren Jackson (6,007) on a

pull-up jumper with 7:33 left in the third quarter. Bird also moved ahead of Jackson to seventh on the all-time WNBA scoring list, behind Lisa Leslie (6,263).

The Storm outscored the Mystics 27-10 over the final seven minutes of the third quarter to lead 75-66 at the end of the period. Seattle extended its lead to 88-74 on Breanna Stewart's 3-pointer with 4:18 to go.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1934 — Carl Hubbell strikes out Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Jimmie Foxx, Al Simmons and Joe Cronin in succession, but the American League comes back to win the All-Star game 9-7 at the Polo Grounds.

1976 — Johnny Miller shoots a 66 in the final round to beat 19-year-old Spaniard Seve Ballesteros by six strokes to take the British Open.

2010 — Spain wins soccer's World Cup after an exhausting 1-0 victory in extra time over the Netherlands.

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