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Marco the magnificent

Gonzalez pitches seven shutout innings as Mariners blank Angels 3-0

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ANAHEIM, Calif. — Marco Gonzalez pitched seven sharp innings, David Freitas hit his first major league home run and the Seattle Mariners defeated the Los Angeles Angels 3-0 on Wednesday night.

Gonzalez (10-5), who retired his first 10 batters, gave up just two hits and struck out four without issuing a walk. He not only earned his seventh victory since May 17, he became the 10th pitcher in Mariners history to reach 10 wins before the All-Star break.

Freitas, who had been hitless in seven at-bats since being recalled July 5, went deep in the third against starter Jaime Barria. It was Freitas' 32nd career game, 26 of which have been with the Mariners.

Barria (5-6) gave up three runs and five hits in five-plus innings with five strikeouts and no walks. The right-hander has lost his last five decisions, including the past two to the Mariners.

The Mariners have won 11 of 15 games and 18 of their last 29. They also improved to 27-18 on the road.

Seattle shortstop Jean Segura, who found out Wednesday he was added to the American League All-Star team as the result of online balloting, reached base twice. He doubled and was hit by a pitch on the left arm.

The Angels did not have a baserunner until the fourth inning when Andrelton Simmons hit a comebacker off Gonzalez's left leg for a single. Mike Trout followed with a single to center before Gonzalez retired his next 11 batters.

Alex Colome pitched the eighth inning for the Mariners, and All-Star closer Edwin Diaz worked a perfect ninth for his major league-leading 36th save.

After Freitas gave the Mariners a 1-0



AP Photo/Jae C. Hong

Seattle starting pitcher Marco Gonzales throws against the Los Angeles Angels during Thursday's game in Los Angeles.

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Local travel softball team wins state

Oregon Lightning 16U caps stellar summer

East Oregonian

It been a successful summer for the Oregon Lightning softball team.

The 16U travel team, comprised mostly of girls from Pendleton and La Grande, won three consecutive tournaments from June 9 to July 1. The summer season culminated this past weekend as the team went a perfect 5-0 to win the USA Softball 2018 Oregon 16U state championship at Wallace Marine Park in Salem.

State championships have become the norm this season for the group of girls, as eight of the 10 team members were on either Pendleton or La Grande's OSAA state championship-winning teams in the spring. Those girls include Pendleton's Carissa Cooley, Chelsea Farrow, Sami Spriet and Ellie Lankford as well as La Grande's Allie Brock, Kara Gooderham, Jayce Seavert, and Jaiden Hafer.

The Lightning cruised through the bracket over the weekend, winning its first four games by a combined score of 45-4 to reach the championship game. There, the Lightning defeated the Silver Bullets 8-0 to claim the trophy.

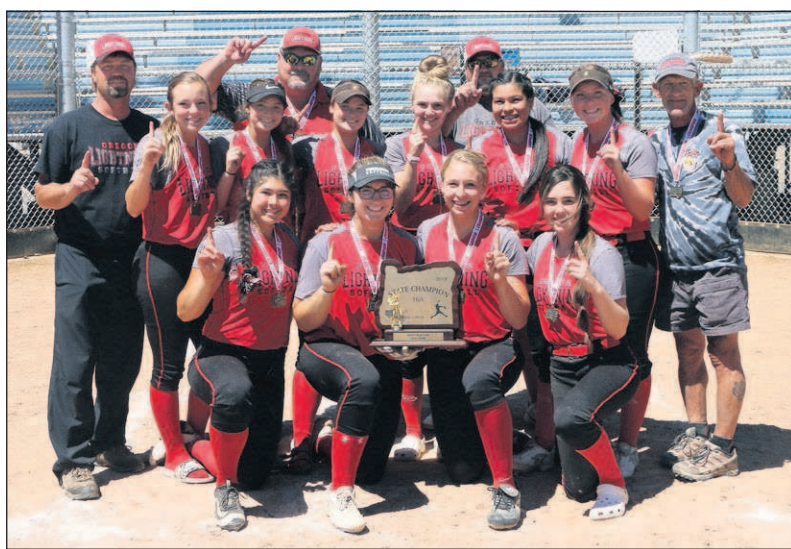


Photo courtesy of John Bradt

The 16U Oregon Lightning softball team poses with the championship trophy after winning the USA Softball 2018 Oregon 16U state championship in Salem on Sunday. Pictured, left to right, back: coach Trent Hafer, coach Mike Brock, coach Jamey Seavert, manager Lin Casciato. Middle: Kara Gooderham, Ellie Lankford, Carissa Cooley, Jayce Seavert, Chelsea Farrow, Sami Spriet. Front: Allie Brock, Katie Bradt, Bailey LeBreton, Jaiden Hafer.

In that game, Hafer swung the biggest bat as she went 2-for-3 with a double and a home run to drive in three runs. After her, both Bailey LeBreton — from The Dalles — and Spriet had two hits as well.

For the weekend, Cooley had the best performance at the plate of the Pendleton products, going 8-for-18 (.444) with two doubles,

seven runs and four RBI. Katie Bradt was 7-for-14 (.500) with three RBI, Spriet 6-for-14 (.428) with five runs and three RBI, Farrow 5-for-14 (.357) with four RBI and three runs and Lankford scored twice.

The Lightning finish the summer season 31-2-2 overall, but will keep playing in two national tournaments later this month.

Pendleton All-Stars head to state finals

12U softball team thumps Klamath Falls in semifinal

East Oregonian

The Pendleton 12U Little League Softball All-Stars now sit just one win away from a state championship.

The All-Stars won their sixth straight game at the 12U state tournament in Baker City on Wednesday, thumping Klamath Falls 18-3 in the semifinals to reach the championship game. The win came on the heels of Pendleton's 14-2 win over the same Klamath Falls team to finish up pool play on Tuesday.

Klamath Falls scored the first run of the game in the bottom of the first inning when Pendleton pitcher Melanie Boatman walked the bases loaded and then let a run in with a passed ball. But Pendleton answered back with a four-run top of the second inning when Nessa Neveau scored on a wild pitch, Boatman scored on an error, Avery Krigbaum on a passed ball and Lea Wilson on a RBI single from Madaline Schumacher.

Pendleton and Klamath Falls then each scored a run in the third to make the score 5-3 in favor of Pendleton. However in the fourth inning, Pendleton blew the doors off the game as 18 batters stepped to the plate in the inning and 13 of them scored. Pendleton recorded five hits in the frame, worked three walks and had the help of six Klamath Falls errors.

Schumacher was Pendleton's leading hitter, going 2-for-3 with a double, three RBI and a run scored and Krigbaum was 1-for-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs. Neveau scored a team-best three runs while Bailey Moore, Lanie Burke, Samantha Wilks and Wilson each scored two runs.

Boatman pitched all four innings for Pendleton, allowing three hits, three runs and five walks with six strikeouts.

Pendleton plays for the championship at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Baker Sports Complex against Beaumont Little League, which defeated Redmond 21-1 in the other semifinal. Pendleton defeated Beaumont 6-2 on Day 1 of the tournament on Saturday.

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Sports shorts

NFL player Pacman Jones attacked at airport by employee

ATLANTA (AP) — Police say former Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was attacked during a run-in with a facility-service employee at the airport in Atlanta.

Atlanta Police spokesman Jarius Daugherty says Jones confronted ABM Industries employee Frank Ragin after Ragin made a "gesture" toward the football player Tuesday night at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.



Louisville's Luke Hancock

Ex-Louisville players sue NCAA over vacated title

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A group of former Louisville men's basketball players have filed a lawsuit against the NCAA over the organization's vacation of the Cardinals' 2013 national championship and 2012 Final Four.

John Morgan, one of several attorneys representing former Cardinals captain Luke Hancock, the 2013 Final Four Most Outstanding Player, and four teammates from that title team,

said a lawsuit had been filed and described the NCAA as "a morally bankrupt organization" that exploits student-athletes during a Wednesday news conference.

The suit filed Wednesday in Jefferson County Circuit Court does not specify monetary damages. It states the NCAA cast the plaintiffs in a false light and seeks declaration that it wrongfully vacated the plaintiffs' wins, honors and awards.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1901 — Cy Young of the Boston Red Sox wins his 300th game with a 5-3 victory over the Philadelphia A's.

1980 — Mary Decker has her fourth record-setting performance of the year, setting an American mark in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:01.17 at an international meet at Stuttgart.

1998 — France wins soccer's World Cup, beating heavily favored Brazil 3-0 in the championship match.

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