



Photo courtesy of Kendall Burke

**The Pendleton 12U All-Stars pose after winning the Oregon 12U state championship on Thursday in Baker City. Team players include Melanie Boatman, Lilly Brooks, Lanie Burke, Kyah Hunter, Avery Krigbaum, Bailey Moore, Nessa Neveau, Madaline Schumacher, Chayne Spencer, Sammantha Wilks, Lea Wilson and they are coached by Kendall Burke, Brandon Krigbaum, Gordy Schumacher and Scott Wilson.**

## LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

# Pendleton three-peats

Little League All-Stars win 12U state title for third straight year

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For the third straight year, Pendleton's 12U Little League All-Stars will get to soak up the California sun.

The Pendleton softball team defeated Beaumont Little League 11-5 on Thursday evening in Baker City to capture the Oregon 12U state championship for the third straight year, which clinched its spot in the Little League Western Regional Tournament in San Bernardino, California, once again. The victory wrapped up a perfect 7-0 run at the state tournament for Pendleton.

Beaumont put the pressure on Pendleton at the start of the game, scoring once in the second and once in the third inning while holding Pendleton scoreless and hitless to lead 2-0 after three innings. However, things finally came together for Pendleton in the fourth inning.

Avery Krigbaum worked a one-out walk, stole second base two pitches later, and then scored on an error to get Pendleton on the board. Two batters later, Madaline Schumacher doubled for Pendleton's first hit of the game, which scored Lea Wilson to tie the game at 2-2. Schumacher, Samantha Wilks and Kyah Hunter all scored on passed balls and Lily Brooks scored on an error to help Pendleton jump out to a 6-2 lead.

Beaumont inched closer to Pendleton after that, getting one run in the fourth and fifth innings to make it a 6-4 game. But like it has all tournament, Pendleton's offense came together for a big push late in the game and put five runs on the board in the top of the sixth inning that all but sealed the victory.

With two outs and a runner on first, Bailey Moore walked and Melanie Boatman and Krigbaum hit back-to-back doubles to add three runs to Pendleton's total. Then after a walk to Wilson and a passed ball that brought home Krigbaum, Schumacher singled to left to bring home Wilson to put Pendleton in front 11-4.

The Western Regional will take place from July 21-26 at Al Houghton Stadium in San Bernardino.

# Pujols hits 630th HR, Halos rout M's

By DOUG PADILLA  
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Albert Pujols hit two home runs to tie Ken Griffey Jr. for sixth place on the career list with 630, and the Los Angeles Angels rolled to an 11-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Thursday night.

Tyler Skaggs pitched six strong innings for the Angels in his return from the disabled list. Pujols hit a two-run shot in the first and a solo drive in the sixth. He also had three hits to pass ex-Angel Rod Carew and move into a tie for 25th all-time with Rickey Henderson at 3,055.

It was the 50th multihomer game for Pujols, who went back-to-back with Justin Upton in the sixth.

David Fletcher also homered in the first off Mariners starter James Paxton, who left the game with lower back stiffness after Pujols connected. Paxton (8-4) gave up three runs and three hits in two-thirds of an inning, throwing just 17 pitches in his final start of the first half.

Skaggs (7-5), who missed nine games with a hamstring strain, gave up one run on five hits with five strikeouts and a walk. The left-hander has allowed one earned or less in six consecutive outings, the longest such streak from an Angels starter since George Brunet in 1968.

Fletcher hit the first home run of his career and gave the Angels their third leadoff home run this season. Ian Kinsler had the other two. Upton's home run was his 18th and gave the Angels a commanding 8-1 lead in the sixth.

The Angels took two of three from Seattle and have won three of their past four series. The one they lost was last weekend in Seattle. The Angels had lost five of their last six against the Mariners before the series began.

The Mariners grabbed a 1-0 lead on Kyle Seager's RBI single in the first inning, but it was all Angels after that.

After Fletcher's homer, Pujols' two-run shot gave the Angels a 3-1 advantage. Kole Calhoun made it 4-1 in the second on a sacrifice fly, and the Angels increased their lead to 5-1 in the fifth on an RBI single from Kinsler.

Mike Trout scored three runs and stole a base, making him the second player all-time, along with Joe Morgan in 1974, to compile 100 hits, 80 walks and 15 steals before the All-Star break.

Mariners infielder Andrew Romine entered as a pitcher in the eighth to

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## JUNIOR LEAGUE SOFTBALL

# WHIRLWIND WEEKEND

Columbia Juniors to represent Oregon at regionals



Photo courtesy of Jennifer Brown

**Columbia Juniors player Taylor Longhorn fields a ball during the 2018 District 3 championship game in Pilot Rock in June. Longhorn and her Columbia teammates are en route to Arizona for the Little League Juniors regional tournament that begins this weekend.**

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ  
East Oregonian

It was a whirlwind of a weekend for the Columbia Little League Junior team, "an emotional roller-coaster" in the words of head coach Travis Reeser.

The team had just finished a doubleheader with Warm Springs, which took the state championship with a 7-4 victory over Columbia on Thursday.

Reeser, the team and parents who all made the trip to Clackamas were gathered around the bus loading up their gear and celebrating their efforts. Reeser was expressing how proud he was of the team's efforts despite coming up a few runs short when the tournament director approached him with news that would extend Columbia's season.

Warm Springs handed back the banner and accolades and weren't going to be moving on to the regional tour-



Photo courtesy of Cecili Martin-Longhorn

**Columbia Juniors' Taylor Longhorn and Katelyn Griffin pose in the window of Java Junkies. The Umatilla coffee shop opened for business on its usual day off to help Columbia raise funds for its next stop, regionals in Tucson, Arizona.**

namment in Arizona. Instead, it would be Columbia, who were then named the new state champions.

"It was an emotional roller-coaster," Reeser said. "We went from sitting there talking about what they had accomplished to pulling all the parents together to talk about the situation and the trip to Arizona."

Columbia is one of five teams in Pool A, and will be joined by Arizona's representative and teams from Nevada, Northern California and Washington. The team, made up of nine players from Stanfield and one from both Echo and Boardman, will play its first game of the six-day tournament at 11:30 a.m. Saturday.

The softball they are ready for, after grinding out tough victory after tough victory late in the season, but it was the trip that seemed like an impossible feat

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## Sports shorts

# Marlins suspend business relationship with Papa John's

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Marlins have suspended their business relationship with Papa John's after the company's chairman of the board apologized for using a racial slur and resigned.

In a statement Thursday, the Marlins said "derogatory and insensitive comments" by John Schnatter weren't reflective of the values of the baseball franchise.

TO WIN 2018 WORLD SERIES

New Jersey businesses get \$16M in sports bets in 1st 2 weeks

OCEANPORT, N.J. (AP) — Two casinos and a racetrack in New Jersey took in \$16.4 million in sports bets during the first two weeks such wagers were legal in the state.

Figures released Thursday by the state Division of Gaming Enforcement show the Borgata and Ocean Resort casinos, in Atlantic City, and the Monmouth Park racetrack, in Oceanport, saw gross sports betting

revenue of nearly \$3.5 million on those bets.

But regulators caution that bets involving future outcomes, such as the winner of baseball's World Series or football's Super Bowl, won't be paid out for months. Just over \$1 million was wagered on such bets.

The casinos and the track are the only places legally taking sports bets right now.

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1971 — Reggie Jackson hits a mammoth home run off the power generator on the right-field roof at Tiger Stadium to highlight a barrage of six homers — three by each team — as the AL beats the NL 6-4 in the All-Star game.

1980 — Amy Alcott shoots a record of six homers — three by the U.S. Women's Open by nine strokes over Hollis Stacy.

1996 — Cigar matches Citation's modern North American record of 16 consecutive wins.

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