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10U All-Stars win state

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MEDFORD — Pendleton's 10U All-Star softball team became the latest Pendleton team to win its state tournament this season when it defeated South Beaverton 2-0 in the 2018 Little League State Tournament on Monday afternoon.

The 10U All-Stars now join the 12U All-Stars and Pendleton High School's varsity softball team as state champions in 2018.

The 10U All-Stars advanced to the championship game with a 3-2 win over South Beaverton on Sunday, and then lost to the same South Beaverton team 5-3 on Mon-

day morning, resulting in a winner-take-all championship game between the two.

In the final game, Pendleton scored in the top of the first inning when Josie Jenness walked, stole second base, moved to third base and then scored when Avery Quaepts grounded out to second for a 1-0 lead.

The only other run of the game came in the fourth inning, when Pendleton's Reese Furstenberg hit a leadoff home run to put Pendleton up 2-0. That cushion was all pitcher Kendall Murphy needed as she struck out 10 batters and allowed only three

hits in six innings to help earn the championship.

Pendleton 12U All-Stars starts 2-0 at Western Regional

Down in sunny Southern California, Pendleton's 12U All-Star softball team, playing as Team Oregon, got off to a tremendous start at the Little League Western Regional over the weekend as it defeated Wyoming 23-0 on Saturday and Idaho 24-0 on Sun-

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Photo courtesy of Julie Murphy

Pendleton's 10U All-Star softball team poses with the championship banner after winning the 2018 Little League Oregon State Tournament on Monday in Medford. Pictured, left to right, Front: Kendall Murphy, Cambria Van Nice, Josie Jenness, Bella Estrada. Middle: Reese Furstenberg, Finley Evans. Top row: Avery Quaepts, Bay Bay Matamoros, Caitlin Cooley, Addison Kosey, Ella Sams.

HERMISTON



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

A member of the Net Rippers drives to the basket during the Takin' it to the Streets 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

'We can't get enough'

More than 150 teams compete in Hermiston's Takin' It To The Streets

By BRETT KANE
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — The only thing burning hotter than the sun over downtown Hermiston over the weekend was the passion for basketball.

More than 150 teams from across the Pacific Northwest competed from sunrise to sunset in 90-degree-and-sunny temperatures in the city's annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament, known as Takin' It to the Streets. This year marked the 14th year that Hermiston's Main Street has hosted the competition, where teams compete against one another in 20 different brackets depending on age and skill level and winners are awarded with assorted athletic gear.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

A competitor in the slam dunk competition gets ready to stuff it Saturday during the Takin' it to the Streets 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Funds raised over the course of the weekend are then used to support Hermiston High School's basketball programs.

"We had teams come from all over the region this year," said tournament organizer Juan Rodriguez. "Some came from as far as Portland, Spokane, and even Boise."

Rodriguez, also in the midst of his third year as Hermiston High School's varsity girls head coach, says that basketball is part of the community.

"We keep this tournament going because we love the game," he said.

And judging by the turnout, he's right. Main Street was packed day in and day out with players, fans, friends, and family. Ages of the athletes ranged from adults and all the way down to the second grade, and even included players from Hermiston High, hoping to keep their skills in tune during the offseason.

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Molinari survives wild day to win British Open

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Francesco Molinari played a steady hand amid the cheers for Tiger Woods and another crazy ending at Carnoustie to win the British Open and become Italy's first major champion.

Woods brought pandemonium by charging into the lead on Sunday at a major for the first time in nine years, only to lose it with one bad hole. Jordan Spieth cost himself by failing to make a single birdie.



Molinari

Seven players had a share of the lead at some point. Six were still tied on the back nine.

Through all that, Molinari never flinched.

He closed with a 2-under 69, playing the final 37 holes on the toughest links in golf without a bogey. The clincher was a bold drive on the 18th hole that flirted with the edge of a pot bunker, a wedge to 5 feet and a birdie putt that gave him a lead no one in the last two groups was able to erase.

Molinari raised his fist and shook it lightly before slamming it for emphasis.

"Just disbelief, to be honest," the 35-year-old said with the gleaming claret jug in front of him. "To go the weekend bogey-free, it's unthinkable. Playing with Tiger was another challenge. But I felt really good this morning. I felt I was ready for the challenge."

He finished at 8-under 276, the lowest score in eight Opens at Carnoustie, the course where Jean Van de Velde threw away the British Open with a triple bogey on the last hole in 1999, where Padraig Harrington twice hit into Barry Burn on the last hole to make double bogey and still won.

The victory adds to Molinari's best stretch of golf. Now at a career-best No. 6 in the world, he has won three times and been runner-up twice in the past two months.

Molinari is the first Italian with his name on the claret jug. He was 12 when he watched Costantino Rocca lose in a play-off to John Daly at the British Open at St. Andrews.

"Hopefully, there were a lot of young kids watching on TV today, like I was watching Costantino in '95 coming so close," he said. "Hopefully, they will get as inspired as I was at the time."

Sports shorts

Nowitzki officially signed for record 21st season with Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki is officially signed for a record 21st season with the Dallas Mavericks.

The Mavericks announced Monday that they had re-signed the 13-time All-Star. That was their plan when they declined a team option on Nowitzki's contract at the start of free agency to create more room under the salary cap before signing DeAndre Jordan.



Tim Tebow doubled in the Eastern League All-Star game.

Mets' Tebow likely out for rest of season

NEW YORK (AP) — Mets minor leaguer Tim Tebow is set for hand surgery Tuesday, dashing his hopes of playing in the majors this year.

The 30-year-old outfielder will have surgery in New York to remove his broken right hamate bone, an injury that occurred Thursday while swinging a bat for Binghamton against Trenton in the Double-A Eastern League.

The former NFL quarterback and

Heisman Trophy winner was hitting .273 with six home runs and 36 RBIs in 84 games for Binghamton. He doubled in the Eastern League All-Star Game on July 11.

"It's about a six-to-eight week recovery, so effectively his season is over," Mets assistant general manager John Ricco said after Tebow was examined Monday at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Tebow hit .301 in June for the Rumble Ponies and .340 in 15 games in July.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1908 — John Hayes wins the Olympic marathon in a record of 2 hours, 55 minutes, 18.4 seconds. Italian Dorando Pietri is the first to enter the stadium but collapses several times before being disqualified when officials help him across the line.

2014 — Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice is suspended for two games by the NFL following his offseason arrest for domestic violence. He was arrested after punching then-fiancee.

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