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## HERMISTON



The Columbia River Legends division compete in a heat race at the Hermiston Raceway on Saturday evening.

Staff Photo by Brett Kane

# FROM HOMETOWN HEROES TO YOUNG GUNS

Hermiston Raceway celebrates drivers young and old

By **BRETT KANE**  
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**H**ERMISTON — It was a celebration of generations young and old at the Hermiston Raceway on Saturday night.

The opening ceremonies included an homage to longtime Hermiston racer Ron Van Cleve, who died 13 years ago at the age of 73 after suffering a heart attack. Van Cleve's daughter Ronda, who took her name from her father, waved a checkered flag as she took a lap around the course.

Van Cleve also served as an official at the Tri-City Raceway.

"He was one of a kind," said promoter Greg Walden. "He enjoyed life and was always pleasant."

The heat races soon kicked off, led by the Bandolero division, which consists of kids between the ages of eight and 12 driving cars with 6.5 horsepower engines. Ryker Ohler — or as the announcers referred to him, the "Ice-man" — swept the competition, taking first place in both the division's heat race and main event.



Kaylynn Jeffery, 14, poses with her street stock racecar.

Staff photo by Brett Kane

Ohler, 10, is from Prosser, Wash., and has only been racing for a couple of months.

"I like driving, passing people, and going fast," he said.

Ohler wasn't the only young racer to steal the show: Yakima driver Kaylynn Jeffery, 14, was the only female in her street stock class, and has been racing since she was eight.

"I love the adrenaline rush," she said. "There's nothing better than driving fast and turning left."

Jeffery even purchased her current race car on her own when she was 11 — with \$2,000 of her own money, earned by selling her first car. She ended up taking third place in the street stock main event.

"With these kids, it's all business," Walden said. "They don't resemble a

normal kid; they're racers."

The Raceway's main attraction for the night was the Columbia River Legends: a class that races strictly in older cars that run on motorcycle engines.

"They're hard cars to drive. There's a ton of horsepower in those tiny, little cars," Walden said. "They're overpowered beasts."

Neena Kik of Hermiston took first place in the division's main event.

The Raceway's next event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.

### HERMISTON RACEWAY RESULTS

- August 18th races
- HORNETS**  
1. (77) Devin Taylor; 2. (77) David Knowles; 3. (18) Karin Pitzer; 4. (17) Kedric Preston; 5. (13) Ryan Rodabaugh; 6. (12) Kris Marlow; 7. (69) Cody McDonald; 8. (21) Owen Berglund; 9. (24) Justus Zamudio; 10. (11) Joe Dunn; 11. (7) Tracy "Snoop" Howell; 12. (5) Andrew Decker; 13. (1) Rob "Ricky Bobby" Cassano; 14. (22) Caroline Barnes; 15. (09) Malorie Whitbeck.
- BOMBERS**  
1. (123) Shade Cole; 2. (17) Kedric Preston; 3. (55) Justin Gage; 4. (N21K) Carl Leggett; 5. (2) Brian Calley.
- STREET STOCKS**  
1. (46) Terry Osborn; 2. (68) Bart Hector Jr.; 3. (28) Kaylynn Jeffery; 4. (77) Jeff Stremcha; 5. (18) Adam Baker.
- MINI STOCKS**  
1. (49) Angel Oseguera; 2. (18) Jeff Mullins; 3. (29) Andy Pitzer; 4. (36) Travis Bonney.
- SUPER MINIS**  
1. (11x) Patrick Mullins; 2. (11) Chris Kohler; 3. (27) Ron Wilbur.
- LATE MODELS**  
1. (3) Ken Bonney; 2. (15) Jeff Whitbeck; 3. (7) Tom Abercrombie; 4. (37) Charles McDonald.
- BANDELEROS**  
1. (13) Ryker Ohler; 2. (77) Jordan Mullins; 3. (5) Brock Genz; 4. (47) Meredith Thompson.
- COLUMBIA RIVER LEGENDS**  
1. (3) Neena Kik; 2. (66) Austin Snodgrass; 3. (54) Trace Thompson; 4. (24) Jose Zamudio; 5. (43) Bill Kik; 6. (13) Donnie Rabbit; 7. (2) Jeff Mueller; 8. (01) Brock McDonough; 9. (10) Lloyd Bigler.

## Cano's homer lifts M's past Astros

By **TIM BOOTH**  
Associated press

SEATTLE — Robinson Cano hit his first home run since returning from an 80-game suspension, a three-run shot in the bottom of the eighth inning and lifted the Seattle



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano, right, points toward the stands as he passes Houston Astros catcher Martin Maldonado at home on his three-run home run in the eighth inning.

Mariners to a key 7-4 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night. Seattle won its fifth straight against the Astros, thanks to a huge night from Cano. He doubled twice earlier in the game — his first two extra-base hits since coming back from his suspension for violating baseball's joint drug

policy. But those were precursors to his drive to left-center field off Houston's Collin McHugh (5-2) with one out in the eighth.

It was Cano's fifth home run of

the season and his first since May 12 against Detroit. Seattle pulled within 3½ games of Houston in

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## OSU FOOTBALL

### Beavers show improvement in second scrimmage

By **BOB LUNDEBERG**  
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Oregon State held its second scrimmage of fall camp Friday at Reser Stadium.

Quarterback Jake Luton felt it was an improvement from the team's Aug. 11 scrimmage that was open to the public. Friday's dress rehearsal was closed to fans and media.

"On both sides of the ball, I thought we executed well and the energy was good. We got after it," said Luton, who noticed a heightened attention to detail during the scrimmage. "You just saw it in a lot of the guys. They were flying around a little bit faster and were able to stop thinking so much and

play football."

Wide receiver Trevon Bradford agreed with the senior quarterback.

"We've gotten a lot better in our execution," Bradford said after Saturday's practice at Prothro Field. The Beavers are two weeks away from their Sept. 1 opener at Ohio State.

"We had a meeting today and the coaches said 'you've come a long ways,' but we are just trying to get better every single day. It was good to compete, get to hit like that."

The defense dominated the first half of OSU's Aug. 11 scrimmage as Luton, Jack Colletto and

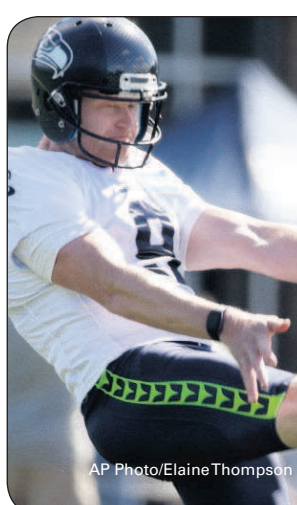
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### Sports shorts

#### A's Davis has fan sign his jersey, then slugs HR

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Khris Davis asked a young fan from the Make-A-Wish Foundation to sign his jersey, then slugged a mighty home run for the Oakland Athletics against the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

Davis let Anthony Slocumb print his name in blue ink on Davis' white jersey, then wore the uniform while hitting his 37th home run in the third inning. Slocumb was at the Coliseum with a group from the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

#### Seahawks release longest-tenured player, punter Jon Ryan

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks have released punter Jon Ryan, who had been the longest-tenured member of the team.

Ryan posted a lengthy goodbye to the Seahawks and their fans on social media Monday morning.

"I never wanted this day to come, but knew it would someday," Ryan wrote.

Ryan's time in Seattle appeared to be up when Michael Dickson was selected in the fifth round of this year's draft.

The 36-year-old Ryan was among the most popular Seahawks players for his skill as a punter and his personality off the field.

He played for three head coaches in Seattle, Mike Holmgren, Jim Mora and Pete Carroll.

### THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1931 — Babe Ruth of New York hits his 600th home run.

1985 — Mary Decker sets the world record in the mile run with a time of 4:16.71 in Zurich.

2010 — Kyle Busch makes NASCAR history with an unprecedented sweep of three national races in one week, completing the trifecta with a victory in the Sprint Cup race at Bristol Motor Speedway, the Nationwide race a day earlier and the Trucks race. He was the first to complete the sweep.

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