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## Pendleton Linebacker's Club to add 14 new members to Hall of Fame

Inductees will be honored Friday at the Pendleton Convention Center

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Linebacker's Club is adding 14 new inductees into their Hall of Fame this weekend, and Buckaroo fans will get a chance to see it all happen.

This Friday, the Lineback-

er's Club is hosting a reception in honor of their Hall of Fame's newest members, all of whom were voted on by the Pendleton athletic community at the beginning of the year.

Among this year's honorees is Casey Hunt, who graduated from Pendleton High School in 1998. Hunt was a three-time Intermountain Conference wrestling champion and placed third in the state as a junior before going 35-0 at 135 pounds as a senior. He would later

go on to become a three-year letterman at the University of Oregon at 141 and 149 pounds.

Sarah Keeler, a highly decorated Buckaroo basketball player from the class of 1999, will also be honored. After high school, Keeler continued her career on the court at the University of Washington, where her team won the PAC-10 Conference once and competed twice in the NCAA, making it to the Elite 8.

Current Pendleton baseball

assistant coach Mike Hodgen will also be inducted. Hodgen played football, basketball, and baseball as a PHS student. He has spent over 40 years as a high school baseball coach.

"Let's face it," said Linebacker's Club President Dennis Hunt, "a lot of people probably don't know much about these nominees, but they are all people who have contributed so much to Pendleton athletics. Most of them were not only great high school athletes, but

had tremendous college careers. Everyone here is outstanding in their field."

The Linebacker's Club is an ever-changing organization. The club was established in 1983 and kickstarted the Don Requa Memorial Golf Tournament in 1989 to preserve the longtime Pendleton coach's memory.

In 2004, they introduced the Football Hall of Fame to honor

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### COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

# Vanderbilt wins 2nd national title



AP Photo/John Peterson

Vanderbilt players celebrate after defeating Michigan in Game 3 of the NCAA College World Series baseball finals on Wednesday in Omaha, Neb.

By **ERIC OLSON**  
*Associated Press*

OMAHA, Neb. — Mason Hickman and Jake Eder combined for 14 strikeouts, Vanderbilt knocked out Michigan ace Karl Kauffmann in the fourth inning, and the Commodores won the College World Series with an 8-2 victory in Game 3 of the finals Wednesday night.

Vandy (59-12) won its second title in its four CWS appearances, all since 2011. The other one came in 2014.

Hickman struck out 10 in six innings and limited the Wolverines (50-22) to one hit after he gave up three in a row to start the game.

Kauffmann, making his third start in the CWS, struggled with his control, and Vandy broke open the game with three runs in the third inning and two in the fourth.

When Ako Thomas flew out to center to end the game, the Vandy dugout and bullpen

emptied and catcher Philip Clarke sprinted to the mound to embrace Eder.

The Commodores were a model of consistency from start to finish this season. They swept the Southeastern Conference regular-season and tournament titles, set the league record for wins, tied the record with 13 draft picks and lost back-to-back games just twice.

"It's maturity," coach Tim Corbin said. "It's maturity and the ability to stay centered for a long period of time. I don't have any other word for it. It helps having seven seniors back, and the seven seniors deserve this. It came full circle for them and I'm very happy for them."

Freshman Kumar Rocker, who was dominant in two CWS starts for the Commodores, was named Most Outstanding Player.

Vandy is the sixth national champion from the SEC since 2009 and 12th overall, second only to the 18 won by the Pac-



AP Photo/Nati Harnik

Michigan pitcher Jeff Criswell, left, adjusts his cap as he walks to the dugout after the fourth inning of Game 3 of the NCAA College World Series baseball finals against Michigan on Wednesday in Omaha, Neb.

12 and its previous iterations. At No. 2, Vandy became the highest national seed to win it all since Miami in 2001.

The loss ended a surprising postseason run for Michigan,

which went from being one of the last four teams picked for the 64-team NCAA Tournament to becoming the first

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## Mariners top Brewers 4-2 for 3rd straight win

By **ANDREW WAGNER**  
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MILWAUKEE — J.P. Crawford drove in three runs and Wade LeBlanc struck out six in five innings and the Seattle Mariners extended their winning streak to three games with a 4-2 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday night.

Crawford put Seattle on the board with an RBI double in the first inning and then made it a 3-0 game with a run-scoring triple in the second.

Those runs came at the expense of Brewers right-hander Adrian Houser, who had earned a spot start with an impressive showing out of the bullpen over the past few weeks.

Houser (2-2) allowed three runs and four hits. He walked three and struck out four.

Freddy Peralta came on in the third inning and struck out five while allowing two hits and a pair of walks over four scoreless innings.

Mariners opener Matt Carasiti needed just 18 pitches to get through his one inning. LeBlanc (5-2) took over in the second and kept Milwaukee off the board until Mike Moustakas led off the sixth with his 23rd home run.

Ben Gamel got the Brewers within 3-2 when he hit a line drive down the left-field line that bounced into left field allowing him to score on an inside-the-park home run — the first by a Brewer since Tyler Saladino did it on May 14 of last season at Arizona and the first at Miller Park since Orlando Arcia on June 17, 2017, against the Padres.

LeBlanc allowed five hits and a walk in five innings. With the right-handed-hitting Jesus Aguilar set to lead off the seventh, the Mariners turned to right-hander Austin Adams, who left the tying run stranded when he struck out Christian Yelich.

Crawford struck again in the ninth, driving in Mallex Smith with a two-out double off Jeremy Jeffress, and Rolenis Elias worked two scoreless innings for his 10th save of the season.

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: 3B Kyle Seager was held out of the starting lineup after suffering a minor injury to his right hand Tuesday night in the series opener. Manager Scott Servais said the move was precautionary and that Seager could return Thursday.

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### SPORTS SHORTS

#### Bob Ley retires after 40 years

(AP) — Bob Ley, a fixture at ESPN since the network's launch 40 years ago, has decided to step away.

The 64-year-old Ley announced his retirement Wednesday. He said during a phone interview that he made the decision late last month and started calling close friends and colleagues Tuesday with the news.

Ley had been on sabbatical since last September. He was supposed to return in March but told the network he needed more time.

"The company was understanding and I couldn't have asked for more," Ley said. "It was a constant process (in reaching a decision). When you step away

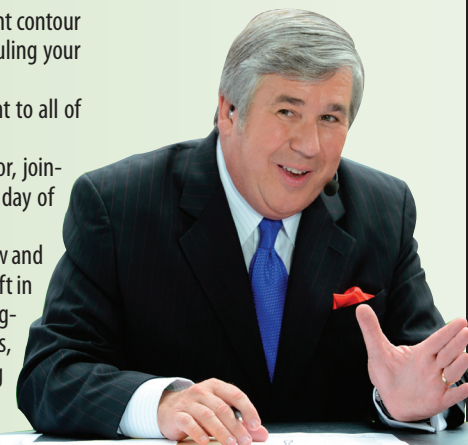
and reassess things, life assumes a different contour where it is not to-the-second deadlines ruling your life and sometimes a personality.

"There's a heavy emotional component to all of it, but I am managing it."

Ley was ESPN's longest-tenured anchor, joining "SportsCenter" on the channel's third day of operation on Sept. 9, 1979.

He hosted the first NCAA selection show and the inaugural live broadcast of the NFL draft in 1980. He also anchored many of sports biggest news stories over the past 40 years, including the Boston Marathon bombing and the death of Muhammad Ali.

ESPN Photo/Allen Kee, File



#### Federer seeded No. 2 at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Eight-time champion Roger Federer was seeded No. 2 for Wimbledon, one spot ahead of Rafael Nadal, reversing their positions in the ATP rankings and creating a debate about whether the All England Club's seeding system should be changed.

Top-ranked Novak Djokovic, the defending champion, was seeded No. 1 on Wednesday at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament,

where recent results on the surface are used to help determine seedings. The other majors do not do that.

Nadal told a Spanish TV station that he doesn't think it makes sense that Wimbledon is the only tournament that uses its own seeding system. Former U.S. Davis Cup captain Patrick McEnroe and former player and coach Brad Gilbert tweeted that they thought Nadal should have been seeded No. 2.