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Hermiston's Hiatt records perfect score at state

Bulldogs will send a team of 6 to nationals in Michigan

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East Oregonian

HILLSBORO — In an event that featured 474 participants, recent Hermiston High grad Case

Hiatt was the only one to walk away with a perfect score.

Hiatt hit 100 of a possible 100 targets June 22 at the Oregon State High School Trap Shooting Championships.

"He had a good day," Hermiston coach Slade Smith said. "We have a really good group of kids."

It's the second time Hiatt has earned the individual high gun

honors. He captured the title his freshman year, also with a perfect score.

As a team, Hermiston finished second at state to Madras by one target. The Bulldogs had won the past three state team titles.

"They had 468 out of 500, and we had 467," Smith said. "We have pretty high standards for our program."

It's just the fourth year of the state championships for the event. The first year, there were just three teams, with Hermiston being one of them.

This year, there 35 teams.

"In 2016, we had 11 kids in our program," Smith said. "This year we had 51. It is the fastest growing sport."

The shooters compete in six

events during the season, all at their own club. The scores are entered into a computer program and are organized at the state and national level.

Going into state, Hermiston was ranked No. 1 in the state, with Haylee Hamilton the top-ranked girls shooter. The incoming senior

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U.S. REACHES TITLE GAME



AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino

United States' Alex Morgan celebrates after scoring a goal during the Women's World Cup semifinal match Tuesday against England at the Stade de Lyon, outside Lyon, France. The U.S. beat England 2-1.

Morgan scores and Naeher saves in 2-1 victory over England

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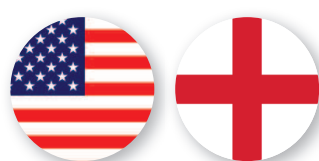
LYON, France — With Alex Morgan's cheeky tea-sipping celebration and a postgame mobbing of goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher, the United States has moved a step closer to successfully defending its latest Women's World Cup title.

Morgan scored the go-ahead goal and Naeher preserved the 2-1 semifinal victory over England by smothering a late penalty kick Tuesday night.

The top-ranked United States will now face the winner of Wednesday's semifinal between the Netherlands and Sweden in the Americans' third straight appearance in the World Cup title match.

Christen Press — who started with Megan Rapinoe out with a hamstring injury

SEMIFINALS



United States 2
England 1

Championship game:
Sunday, 8 a.m., at Parc
Olympique Lyonnais,
Lyon France **TV:** FOX



AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino

United States' Alex Morgan scores her side's second goal, during the Women's World Cup semifinal against England at the Stade de Lyon, outside Lyon, France, Tuesday. The U.S. won 2-1 and will play in the championship match Sunday.

"I feel like this team just has had so much thrown at us, and I felt that we didn't take the easy route to the final this tournament, and that's the tea," she said.

White's goal was also her

sixth but Morgan has the edge for the tournament's Golden Boot with three assists. White appeared to score her seventh in the 69th

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17U BASEBALL

Hodgen Distributing can't survive Cubs doubleheader

By BRETT KANE
East Oregonian

EAGLE — One run meant defeat twice for Pendleton's Hodgen Distributing summer baseball team during their doubleheader against the Idaho Cubs at Eagle High School on Tuesday.

The 17U Pendleton team fell behind after a 1-1 tie as the Cubs escaped with the opener 2-1, and despite fighting back from an early seven-run deficit, they couldn't stop Idaho from claiming the closer, 10-9.

The last time the two teams met, it was Pendleton that made off with the sweep. However, a repeat was kept just out of reach.

"They had some older kids playing with them this time around," Pendleton head coach Wes Armstrong said. "(Idaho) is always a good ball program. They're a solid team."

Pendleton's Ty Beers gave up just two runs while tallying three strikeouts to keep the Cubs under control over six innings of game one. The Cubs held a 1-0 lead in the third inning until Pendleton finally responded in the top of the sixth.

With two outs on the board, Greysen Clark drew a walk and Kyle Field drove him home on the next play with a line drive to center field. Field advanced to second on the throw, but was left stranded as Cooper Roberts grounded out to end the inning.

The Cubs wouldn't keep things even for long. A sacrifice ground out in the bottom of the sixth drove a run in, good enough to keep the Idaho team on top of the rest of the game.

"Overall, it was a good ball game," Armstrong said of the opener. "Really, we just had some mental lapses at the end that put us down in a tied game."

The Cubs wasted no time taking the lead in game two. The team posted two singles and a double in the bottom of the first to take charge early.

Although Clark hit an RBI single for a brief 1-0 Pendleton advantage in the top of the first, Idaho's seven-run response ensured that they would have to fight for a comeback.

Tucker Zander sparked the rally with a two-RBI single to center field that scored Roberts and Nic Sheley. He finished the final game with three RBIs.

The Cubs ceased scoring after the bottom of the third, leaving it open for Pendleton to put in four more runs to keep things close.

Although Idaho got two outs in the top of the fifth, they proceeded to walk Sheley and Field, and allow Roberts a single to load the bases. Tyler Browning was hit by a pitch, scoring Roberts. Jordan DeGeer notched an RBI single, and Field took advantage of an error at home plate

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SPORTS SHORTS

Nike pulls flag sneaker after Kaepernick complaint

NEW YORK (AP) — Nike is pulling a flag-themed tennis shoe after former NFL quarterback Colin Kaepernick complained to the shoemaker, according to the Wall Street Journal.

The shoe's heel has a U.S. flag with 13 white stars in a circle on it, known as the Betsy Ross flag. Citing

unnamed sources familiar with the matter, the Journal said that Kaepernick, a Nike endorser, told the company he and others found the flag symbol offensive because of its connection to slavery.

The Air Max 1 USA shoe had already been sent to retailers to go on

sale this week for the July Fourth holiday, the Journal reports.

Arizona Governor Doug Ducey lashed out at Nike over Twitter, saying that he is asking the state's Commerce Authority to withdraw all financial incentives for the company to locate there.

