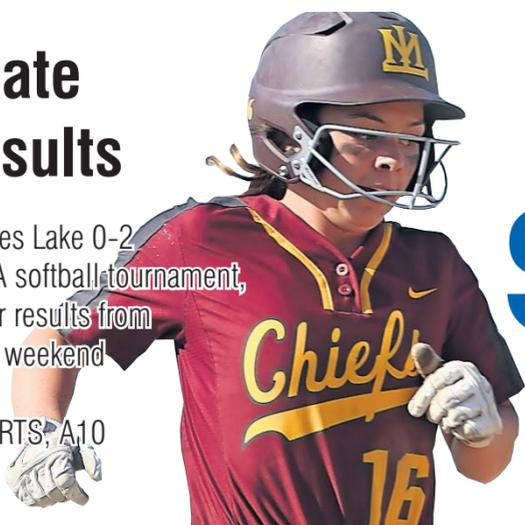


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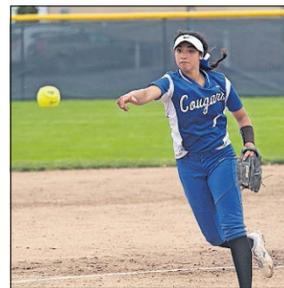
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A PERFECT ENDING

McLean pitches perfect game in semis; Moses Lake wins 4A state baseball championship



Casey McCarthy/Columbia Basin Herald
 Moses Lake's Evan McLean celebrates after throwing a perfect game against Skyview in the 4A state tournament semifinal on Friday in Pasco. For the full story, see page A8.



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Warden's Kiana Rios throws the pitch against Elma in the opener of the 1A state tournament in Richland on Friday. The Cougars would finish in third place at state.

Warden grabs 3rd place at state

By CASEY MCCARTHY
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RICHLAND — Warden softball claimed third place in the 1A state tournament over the weekend in Richland, defeating Forks 10-2 on Saturday afternoon.

The Cougars fought back after losing a heartbreaking game to open the tournament against Elma. After a two-run home run from Jocelyn Chagoya put Warden up 4-2 going into the top of the 7th, Elma knocked in five runs to take a 7-4 lead. Warden was unable to respond in the bottom of the inning.

Warden head coach Wes Richins said the loss was a "punch to the stomach."

"We went to toe to toe with one of the favorites to win the tournament," he said. "I thought we had a really good chance. We just had that one inning where the ball didn't bounce where we wanted it to."

The Cougars responded in their next games, taking down Colville 8-4 before meeting Mt. Baker, a team Warden faced last year. Warden managed to fight past six errors to take a 12-2 victory in their final game on Friday in Richland.

Warden opened up play on Saturday with another commanding win, defeating Cle-Elum/Roslyn 11-1 for a chance to face the team that knocked them out in their opener, Elma.

The Eagles fell just shy of a chance to play for the state championship, falling to eventual champion Montesano 2-1 on Saturday. The Cougars got revenge for their opening defeat, beating Elma 9-5 behind an early surge of runs in the first two innings.

"We were rolling," Richins said of his team going into the third-place game.

The Cougars defeated Forks 10-2 to claim third

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