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Paxton, Seager pace Mariners past Red Sox, 4-0

By **JIM HOEHN**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — James Paxton allowed four singles over seven innings to win his fifth consecutive start in July and Kyle Seager homered to pace the Seattle Mariners to a 4-0 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Monday night.

Paxton (10-3) retired the first 13 hitters before Jackie Bradley Jr.'s single to center with one out in the fifth. The left-hander, who worked out of trouble in the sixth and seventh innings, struck out 10 and walked none. Paxton has allowed six earned runs in 33 1/3 innings and not given up a home run in five starts this month.

Nick Vincent and David Phelps each pitched a perfect inning to finish.

Eduardo Rodriguez (4-3) allowed four runs on six hits in 5 1/3 innings. He struck out six and walked two in his second start since coming off the disabled list.

Seager started a three-run second with his 14th home run, lining a 2-1 pitch over the wall in straightaway center to open the inning.

UP NEXT: MARINERS

- Boston Red Sox (55-46) at Seattle Mariners (50-51)
- Tonight, 7:10 p.m. TV: RTNW

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

Oregon Coast Invitational Monday's Results Grand Champions Championship Flight

Jeff Canessa def. Samuel Hinton; Avery Keating def. David Berlant; Rex Puterbaugh def. Eric Larson; Mike Fritz def. Colin Alexander; Adam Harrington def. Preston Van Hook; Riley Elmes def. Mark Cooney; Harrison Moir def. Nik Torkelson; Daniel Terrell def. Connor Jetton; Anthony Arvidson def. Ted Ferguson; Kevin Kirakossian def. Joe Torkelson; John DeLong def. Taylor Swingle; Kenneth Sheldon def. Peter Jennings; Nicholas Timm def. Bill Winter; Jamie Sumner def. Patrick Whealdon; Jay Ross def. Jimmy Buell; Randy Tucker def. Stu Gerrish.

Second Flight

Nicolas Mulflur def. Jack McNeill; Brad Carnese def. Craig Froude; Chris Shepard def. Andy Songer; Joel Mayer def. Jack Marrs; A.J. Shepard def. Kevin Kidd, Jr.; Franklin Gauntz def. Tommy Mulflur; Jeremy Wood def. Arlyn Maldonado; Fritz Benz def. Teddy Ferguson; Nicholas Wobbrock def. Ian Kelly; Cameron Nicklos def. Mike T. Whitty; Matthew Tennant def. Jesse French; Patrick Goodman def. Richard McGee; Jeff Jetton def. Scott Vinson; Damon Grant def. Conor Kelly; Patrick Wood def. Jim Wright; William Bennington def. Ryan Person.

Fourth Flight

Jacob Wobbrock def. Kyle Whitty; Matt Chappell def. David Vigliotto; Michael Wood def. J.P. Nantz; David Harding def. Chris Galloni; Rob Goodman def. Pat Kelly; Brad McMahon def. Jim Senescu; Justin Jennings def. Nick Naimo; Darren Palmberg def. Aaron Ehlers; Brian Kim def. Jack Pegler; Steve Mozinski def. Jared Payne; Todd Melrose def. Ronald Stevens; Mark Tyler def. Andrew Laing; Doug Trainer def. Brock Rice; Peter Griggs def. Bill Brooks; Brendan McNeill def. Daniel Sturgell; Johnny Holt def. Spenser Sutherland.

Junior/Seniors Championship Flight

Dennis Sturgell def. Mike Naimo; Jim Parks def. Steve Johnson; John Holtmann def. Mike Ralston; Kurt Payne def. Steve Fordney; James Folk def. Allan LaPlante; Doug Edwards def. Steve Roos; Matt Elmes def. Rob Turk; Henry Emmerson def. Brian Hefe.

Second Flight

Don Frank def. Tal Gohl; Beau Harlan def. Stan Grissinger; Kevin Pasion def. Dan Hall; Greg Korkowski def. Cary Potterfield; Mark McGraw def. Scott Hootenpyle; Scott Reynier def. Brad Nantz; David Ellis def. Bill Hurst; Jim Fromer def. Robert Johnson.

Fourth Flight

John Mangan def. Robert Endres; Greg Hope def. B.K. Srinivasan; Carl Mack def. Brian Pienovi; Jim Jackman def. James Titus; Doug Palin def. Jeffrey Renner; DeWayne Ledbetter def. Storm Floten; Craig Nichols def. Kevin McHone; Mark Murphy def. Len Turnbarello.

Sixth Flight

Wes LaRiviere def. Terry Graff; Tom Talbot def. Mike Obrien; Tony Magden def. Wayne Monfries; Joe Dandoy def. John Tennant, Jr.; John Bunce def. Bob Moir; Dennis McAuliffe def. Michael McNamara; Tim Regan def. Sean Smiley; Dave Sloan def. Rick Campbell.

OREGON COAST INVITATIONAL



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Dennis Sturgell lines up a putt in Monday's match in the Championship Flight of the Junior/Seniors division, with the help of son Ryder. Sturgell defeated Mike Naimo to advance to the quarterfinals.

First round of match play brings surprise win

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The first group teed off at 7 a.m., and the last group came in some 12 hours later, on a busy Day 1 of match play in the 107th annual Oregon Coast Invitational.

Golfers in the Grand Champions and the Junior/Seniors divisions were in action Monday at the Astoria Golf & Country Club, with golfers in the Women's, Seniors and Super Seniors divisions taking to the links today.

The action was hot on the first day of bracket play.

In the Grand Champions division, the Match of the Day was the No. 1 seed, qualifying medalist Samuel Hinton, vs. No. 32 seed Jeff Canessa.

And Canessa — Grand Champions winner in 2007 and '09 — scored the victory to advance to the Sweet 16, where he will face Avery Keating Wednesday.

Also advancing were former champs Anthony Arvidson, John DeLong and Jay Ross.

Ilwaco's Kenneth Sheldon — a teammate of Hinton's at Willamette University — moved on with a win over Peter Jennings, while Jamie Sumner downed Patrick Whealdon.

Meanwhile, Junior/Seniors qualifying medalist Dennis Sturgell picked up right where he left



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Defending Junior/Seniors champion James Folk tees off on the second hole in Monday's match, which he eventually won.

off Saturday.

Sturgell built an early lead in Monday's match and played a solid round to advance to Wednesday's quarterfinals.

Defending Junior/Seniors champion James Folk had to rally on the back nine to win his match, and he will face Doug Edwards in Wednesday's quarterfinals.

'Wrecking' Nall leads inspired group of Oregon State backs

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Last time fans got a look at Oregon State's Ryan Nall, he was bounding into the end zone against the rival Oregon Ducks.

Four times.

That 34-24 victory in last season's final game is still fueling the Beavers as they prepare to open fall camp today.

"It was positive for us because we're going in (to camp) knowing that we can compete," Nall said. "We're ready. This offseason was definitely a shift in attitude and momentum."

The victory in the Civil War snapped an eight-game losing streak for Oregon State in the series. Nall, then a sophomore who had been dogged by a foot injury, ran for 155 yards — and those four scores — against the Ducks.

Afterward, fans stormed the field at Reser Stadium and a few hoisted Nall on their shoulders to celebrate. His four TDs were the most for a Beaver in a single game since Jacquizz Rodgers ran for three and caught another against Washington in 2010. Steven Jackson had the last game with four rushing TDs in 2003.

The Beavers finished 4-8 overall, a



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez

Oregon State running back Ryan Nall, top, dives over Oregon's Danny Mattingly for a touchdown in the second half an NCAA college football game in Corvallis in November. Oregon State won 34-24.

two-game improvement over the previous season, and won three Pac-12 games after going winless in the conference in 2015.

Nall, a native Oregonian who played at Portland's Central Catholic High School, finished last season with 951 yards rushing and 13 touchdowns on the ground and also caught a

pair of TD passes. The 6-2, 237-pound back who fans have dubbed "Wrecking Nall" had four 100-yard rushing games.

He's clearly the leader of the team's running back corps heading into this season — and it's a position where the Beavers appear to have made a significant improvement.

Brain disease seen in most football players in large study

By **LINDSEY TANNER**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Research on 202 former football players found evidence of brain disease in nearly all of them, from athletes in the NFL, college and even high school.

It's the largest update on chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE, a brain disease linked with repeated head blows.

But the report doesn't confirm that the condition is common in all football players; it reflects high occurrence in samples at a Boston brain bank that studies CTE. Many donors or their families contributed because of the players' repeated concussions and troubling symptoms before death.

"There are many questions that remain unanswered," said lead author Dr. Ann McKee, a Boston University neuroscientist. "How common is this" in the general population and all football players?

"How many years of football is too many?" and "What is the genetic risk? Some players do not have evidence of this disease despite long playing years," she noted.

It's also uncertain if some players' lifestyle habits — alcohol, drugs, steroids, diet — might somehow contribute, McKee said.

Dr. Munro Cullum, a neuropsychologist at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, emphasized that the report is based on a selective sample of men who were not necessarily representative of all football players. He said problems other than CTE might explain some of their most common symptoms before death — depression, impulsivity and behavior changes. He was not involved in the report.

McKee said research from the brain bank may lead to answers and an understanding of how to detect the disease in life, "while there's still a chance to do something about it." There's no known treatment.

The strongest scientific evidence says CTE can only be diagnosed by examining brains after death, although some researchers are experimenting with tests performed on the living. Many scientists believe that repeated blows to the head increase risks for developing CTE, leading to progressive loss of normal brain matter and an abnormal buildup of a protein called tau. Combat veterans and athletes in rough contact sports like football and boxing are among those thought to be most at risk.

The new report was published today in the Journal of the American Medical Association.