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School to receive grant from Blazer Foundation

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Astoria Middle School will be awarded a \$9,500 grant from the Trail Blazers Foundation and Wells Fargo Banks for new backboards in the main gymnasium of the school.

Representatives from Astoria Middle School will receive the grant at a special presentation March 17 at the "Take it to the Court for Education" celebration at the Moda Center.

Astoria Middle School principal Linda Brech, physical education teacher Eric Gohr and Astoria High boys basketball coach Kevin Goin helped secure the grant.



Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson hits during batting practice before an exhibition game against the Philadelphia Phillies.

AP Photo/Lynne Sladky

Pinstripe passer: Seahawks QB Wilson works out with Yankees

By RONALD BLUM
 Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Russell Wilson's head knows football was the right choice. Baseball still has his heart.

A 2014 Super Bowl champion quarterback with the Seattle Seahawks, the 29-year-old began a week of workouts Monday with the New York Yankees.

"Is this just a stunt?" he said. "I think that if you really know me, baseball's been a part of my blood. It's been a part of who I am and where I've come from and what I've done. When you see me

make plays on the football field, a lot of that's a direct correlation to baseball."

Wilson hit six homers in 39 swings as part of a batting practice group that included Aaron Judge and Giancarlo Stanton, the top sluggers in the major leagues last season, plus Gary Sanchez and Greg Bird.

A middle infielder who hit .229 over 93 games at Class A in the Colorado Rockies' system in 2011 and '12, Wilson became the Seahawks' starting quarterback in autumn 2012. He was selected by Texas in the 2013 winter meeting draft and attended spring training with the Rangers.

Wilson was on vacation in the Bahamas early this month when he learned he had been acquired in a trade by the Yankees, his favorite team growing up. While the Yankees gave playing time to football players Deion Sanders and Drew Henson, they said Wilson will not appear in any spring training games; they want to observe his leadership skills, and he wants to soak up the attitude of a franchise with a record 27 World Series titles.

"There's an aroma around here that I've got to figure out, and I can't wait to learn more about it and use that for my football career," he said.

Hernandez hurting but Mariners fortunate no major injury

By TIM BOOTH
 Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — During a spring training that's been filled with small nagging injuries, the Seattle Mariners believe they caught a fortunate break after Felix Hernandez took a line drive off his right arm.

Hernandez said Tuesday he is still very sore a day after a liner off the bat of the Chicago Cubs' Victor Caratini hit Hernandez in the right forearm.

The injury happened in Hernandez's first spring training start and left the right-hander feeling pain he's rarely felt in his career.

"That hurt real bad. I can't explain how bad it was. I didn't feel anything like that before," Hernandez said.

"I finished the pitch and I saw the ball coming and I said 'Oh my God.' And then my brother told me yesterday, 'Why didn't you pick the ball up and throw it to first?'"

Hernandez was in too much pain to do anything but walk around in complete discomfort. Hernandez went down to a knee, hopped up and eventually was helped to the dugout with a trainer holding his arm. While it looked significant initially, X-rays were negative.

The ball caught Hernandez just below his right elbow, hitting directly on a star tattoo with '13' on the inside, signifying his All-Star Game selection in 2013.

Hernandez was still unable to fully straighten his right arm when he arrived in the clubhouse Tuesday morning because of the swelling in the area around his elbow.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY

Boys basketball — Hardwood Classic (Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena), Naselle vs. Tacoma Baptist, 10:30 a.m.

THURSDAY

Girls basketball — Hardwood Classic (Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena), Mabton or Saint George's vs. Ilwaco, 10:30 a.m.

Boys basketball — OSAA 2A State Tournament (Pendleton Convention Center), Vernonia vs. Knappa, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Boys basketball — Gladstone at Seaside, 7 p.m.; Kennedy or Columbia Christian vs. Knappa (Pendleton Convention Center), TBA

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