

Boxing

Manny Pacquiao guarantees victory

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LAS VEGAS — Manny Pacquiao worried about the punching power of Miguel Cotto. He knew Juan Manuel Marquez was a slick counter puncher, and wondered how he'd fare against a fighter the caliber of Oscar De La Hoya.

He's got no such worries about Floyd Mayweather Jr. on the eve of boxing's richest fight ever.

"I cannot say he is that difficult an opponent," Pacquiao said Tuesday. "My confidence right now is different than the other fights I had. I feel excited, this is it. I have to prove something."

Just hours after arriving in this boxing capital in a motorhome from Los Angeles, Pacquiao oozed confidence at a rally attended by about 1,000 people at the Mandalay Bay hotel. The mostly Filipino crowd watched Pacquiao's latest music video and was entertained by dancers and singers before the fighter himself made a brief appearance.

"I know I'm going to win the fight in the ring," Pacquiao told the crowd. "So relax."

Odds makers aren't so convinced, with Pacquiao remaining about a 2-1 underdog for a fight expected to earn him more than \$100 million. But Pacquiao didn't even have

to break a sweat to win over the crowd that came to the hastily arranged pep rally in a convention area at the hotel.

"You're excited," Pacquiao said to the cheering crowd. "I'm very excited."

Mayweather was greeted by a much bigger crowd at the MGM Grand hotel, where Saturday's night welterweight title fight will play out. The Southern University marching band entertained and a mariachi band played outside before Mayweather arrived 20 minutes early.

For many, it was their only chance to see the two fighters without reaching deep in their pockets. Tickets for the fight itself were being offered online starting at \$3,800 and going over \$100,000 near ringside, while even the \$10 tickets for Friday's weigh-in were being offered for \$100 or more.

"Five years ago this was a \$50 million fight for me and \$20 million for him," said Mayweather, who is expected to make \$180 million or more to \$120 million for Pacquiao's camp.

With the real work already done, both fighters were going over game plans for a bout that was five years in the making. Pacquiao said he had two or three different strategies for the fight, depending on whether Mayweather wants to try to win with his defense or comes out attacking.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston's Lucas Tolan puts the tag on Hood River's Skyler Hunter as they collide at third base in the Bulldogs' 19-9 loss in extra innings to the Eagles on Tuesday in Hermiston.

EXTRAS: Root tied game with team down to final out

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one-run double to shallow right field.

The Bulldogs were down to their final out when junior Chase Root came to the plate with Landon Gammel on second.

Root sent Kam Walker's offering to right field, it dropped in front of the right fielder and Gammel scored to tie it at eight a piece and force extra innings.

Neither side scored in the subsequent two frames. Hood River placed just one runner on base during that stretch. Root came to the plat with two on and two outs but whiffed on a Walker breaking ball to end the inning.

"We battled. That's what I like to see," Hawkins said.

Gammel led Hermiston with three hits that and three runs scored. Root drove in

two on two singles. Kyler Mikami hit the lone Bulldog extra base hit, a two-run double in the opening inning to make the count 6-0.

Jay Lindeman pitched the first four innings, Cole Smith the next four, Root entered and threw into the tenth before he was lambasted and two other relievers entered to close out the game.

Hood River won two games over Hermiston on Saturday. Tuesday's win gives the Eagles the season series over Hermiston. They hold a two-game lead on the field.

HRV 19, HERMISTON 9 (10 innings)					
	R	H	E		
HRV	003031	10011	19	19	1
HER	600010	1001	9	10	3

K Duffy, C. Lariza (1), K. Walker (7) and A. Cameron, J. Lindeman, C. Smith (5), C. Root (10), D. Gossler (10), H. Edmiston (10) and L. Gammel. W — K. Walker. L — C. Root.
2B — Van Hoose (HRV); Duffy (HRV); Cameron (HRV); K. Walker (HRV), C. Lariza (HRV); D. Buckley (HRV); Mikami (HERM). 3B — R. Wilson (HRV).

PHS: Buckaroos improve on best Columbia River Conference start

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two doubles.

"(The third) was a big inning," said coach Tim Cary. "We swung the bats well and have been for several games."

Yet in the field, Cary said there was room for the Bucks to improve. They committed three errors Tuesday and Murphy walked seven batters in her seven innings of work.

"We've got to clean

PENDLETON 12, THE DALLES 4					
	R	H	E		
PHS	028	002 0	12	14	3
DAL	101110	0	4	4	2

Keirsten Murphy and Mfkal Wissenfluh, Sierra Watson and Tracy Heyler. W—Murphy. L—Watson.
2B: Richards, Hergert, Morrison (2). 3B:

MLB

Mariners slide past Rangers

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ARLINGTON, Texas — J.A. Happ probably will never be considered a strikeout artist for the Seattle Mariners.

The hard-throwing lefty will still get his share of Ks.

Happ doubled his season strikeout total with nine in 6 2-3 innings, and Rickie Weeks homered for the Mariners in a 2-1 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

"He kept them off balance all night, really commanded his fastball and curveball," Seattle manager Lloyd McClendon said. "His velocity last year was right up there with all the top hard-throwing lefties. I don't think he had his best velocity fastball tonight, but certainly had real good command."

Happ (2-1) allowed only one run and walked one. In 20 2-3 innings over his first three starts for Seattle after arriving in an offseason trade from Toronto, Happ had nine strikeouts, three in seven innings of a loss to the Rangers.

"Down in the zone for the most part, able to switch between going

down and up pretty well," Happ said. "Confidence is a huge thing, and just being aggressive with whatever pitch you're going to throw."

Fernando Rodney worked a perfect ninth with two strikeouts for his sixth save in seven chances, and second in as many nights in Texas.

Rangers lefty Ross Detwiler (0-3) struck out five while allowing two runs in 5 1-3 innings. He lowered his season ERA from 10.95 to 8.66.

The Mariners went ahead to stay in the fourth after a leadoff triple by Nelson Cruz, who had three hits. Cruz scored on Kyle Seager's groundout before Weeks' 150th career homer, his second with the Mariners.

Detwiler, the offseason addition who was a reliever for Washington last year, pitched for the first time in nine days. Texas skipped his previous turn in the rotation during a stretch with off days to allow him to work more with pitching coach Mike Maddux.

"More than anything, he controlled the strike zone for himself. Other than the pitch out over to Weeks, really, I felt like he pitched much better," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "It was nice

progress for Detwiler."

Happ struck out the side in the fourth and fifth, though the last strikeout in the fourth came after giving up a single and a walk to consecutive batters with two outs.

Those two runners were the only ones allowed by Happ during a stretch of nine batters when he struck out seven.

Jake Smolinski had a leadoff single in the seventh and scored on a two-out double by Delino DeShields. Smolinski played right field, with struggling Shin-Soo Choo (.096 batting average) getting a night off.

Cruz had a triple and double in the same game for the second time in his career. The other was at Boston in June 2009 while playing for the Rangers. ... It was Happ's sixth career game with at least nine strikeouts, his first since posting a career-high 12 against Baltimore last year.

Relief pitcher Tom Wilhelmson, on the disabled list since April 13 with a hyperextended right elbow, played catch in the outfield for about 25 minutes before the game. He could throw a bullpen session Friday.

LEAGUE WIN: Doubleheader against PHS Friday

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in the bottom of the second, however, with five runs on three hits with help from two Hood River errors.

First, Breyanna Naylor and Makenzie Juul both singled with one out, and then Hinkley struck out but got to first when the ball, again, slipped past the catcher, allowing Naylor to cruise across for a 3-0 lead. An out later, Alex Barron walked, and two runs scored when Hood River short-stop Kelsey Wells misplayed a sharp grounder from Kopacz. A batter later, Jones stung one into left field, plating Barron and Kopacz and putting Hermiston up 7-0.

The Bulldogs have had big leads before this season. They carried a four-run lead into the bottom of the seventh at The Dalles and gave up five to lose. They had no such problem Tuesday.

Wells doubled off the left-center fence with two outs in the fourth for HRV's first hit of the afternoon, but Betz forced a comebacker for the third out. The Eagles had a chance to extend the game in the fifth when two of the first three batters of the inning singled. Wells shot a bullet up the middle, but second baseman Bobbi Hofbauer played it perfectly for the second out. Betz tagged Breanna Weekly to load the bases with two outs, but the junior got Packer to lob one into center, where the speedy Moser coasted under it and retired the side.

In the home half of the fifth, up 9-0, Moser and Naylor walked to start the



Sam Barbee photo

Hermiston's Jaime Hinkley pulls the bat back on a bunt attempt during the Bulldogs' 10-0 win Tuesday over Hood River Valley at Rocky Heights Elementary.

frame, and both moved up on a fielder's choice, and Moser scored an out later on a wild pitch to send Hermiston home happy.

"(Tuesday's win) finally just got us riled up," Kopacz said. "From going what, 0-4, 0-5, to just 10-running (Hood River), it just got us so ready and pumped for Friday ...

I just think it's really starting us off." Hermiston hosts the Pendleton Buckaroos in both teams' final CRC doubleheader Friday at Rocky Heights Elementary. First pitch is set for 3 p.m.

HERMISTON 10, HOOD RIVER VALLEY 0 (5)					
	R	H	E		
HRV	000	00	0	2	4
HHS	252	01	10	7	2

K. Winans, M. Zeller and Z. Munn; T. Betz and J. Hinkley. 2B: K. Wells (HRV), M. Kopacz (HHS).

ROUNDUP:

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a double to center field. Tony Papol also drove in two. The senior finished with three singles.

With the win, Pendleton draws even with The Dalles for second place in the league standings at the halfway point of Columbia River Conference play.

They'll try to continue their winning ways with a road doubleheader against rival Hermiston on Friday.

PENDLETON 13, THE DALLES 1 (6 innings)					
	R	H	E		
PHS	305014	—	13	12	3
TD	001000	—	1	3	2

C. Smith and Q. Cockburn. C. Noonan, Piekkola (3), J. Miller (4), D. Derochers (6) and K. Mathison. W — C. Smith. L — C. Noonan.
2B — D. Roe (PHS); G. Harris (TD). HR — C. Smith (PHS).

HEPPNER 4, UMATILLA 2 — At Heppner, three-run fifth inning propelled Heppner to a 4-2 win over Umatilla.

Weston Putnam keyed the win, with strong efforts from the mound and the plate.

In seven full innings, he allowed two hits and two unearned runs while walking six Umatilla batters and striking out five.

Corey Landon didn't fare as well for Umatilla. He allowed four runs in 5 1/3 innings of work.

Heppner broke open a 1-1 tie in the fifth inning with three runs scored on error and a sacrifice fly.

HEPPNER 4, UMATILLA 2					
	R	H	E		
UMA	000 011	0			
HEP	100 030	x			

W—Putnam L—Landon
3B: Putnam (HEP)

DUFUR 9, STANFIELD 4 — At Dufur, Dufur jumped early on Stanfield pitcher Ryan Bailey, scoring six runs in the first 2 1/3 innings en route to a nine run lead that could not be overcome.

Dylan Grogan was dialed in at the plate, driving a three-run homer in the sixth inning and Klay Jenson adding another one an inning later. But the comeback was not enough.

DUFUR 9, STANFIELD 4					
	R	H	E		
STN	000003	1	4	3	2
DFR	114030	9	8	1	

W—Bailes L—Bailey
2B — Uhalde, Tibbitts, Little (2), Keever, Sumner. HR — Grogan, Jenson

IRRIGON 12, GRANT UNION 4-16 — At John Day, the Knights and Prospectors traded thumpings in two non-league games Tuesday.

Cougar Kroske smacked the ball around for Irrigon (9-5) in the opening game, coming a triple short of the cycle in a 4-4, 3 RBI performance. Darin Chapman added four more hits and scored three runs. Austin Rice went the duration on the mound.

Grant Union (5-5) rebounded to put the Knights to task in a six inning mercy rule victory.

Kroske added two more hits. AJ Timpy laced two doubles in the loss.

IRRIGON 12, GRANT UNION 4					
	R	H	E		
IRR	300304	2	12	14	6
GU	103000	0	4	7	6

A. Rice and C. Kroske. Winters, Reimers (4), Copenhaver (7) and Mansitas. W — A. Rice. L — Winters.
2B — D. Chapman (IRR); C. Kroske (IRR) 2; F. Vera (IRR); Young (GU). HR — C. Kroske.

GRANT UNION 16, IRRIGON 6					
	R	H	E		
IRR	201120	6	9	2	
GU	061054	—	16	13	2

D. Chapman, J. Phillips, N. Gumbert, A. Timpy, F. Vera and C. Kroske. McConnell, Burch, Gravely and Mansitas. W — McConnell. L — D. Chapman.
2B — D. Chapman (IRR); A. Timpy (IRR) 2. 3B — Young (GU) 2; Mansitas (GU).

WAITSBURG (WA) 16, RIVERSIDE 1 — At Boardman, visiting pitchers Chance Leroue and Jacob Dunn combined to no-hit the Pirates in a non-league contest on Tuesday.

Riverside scored a run on a Waitsburg error, but was unable to record a base hit.

WAITSBURG (WA) 16, RIVERSIDE 1					
	R	H	E		
WAI	401122	6	16	12	2
RIV	000001	0	1	0	3

C. Leroue, J. Dunn (7) and J. Hargrove. W. Killion, A. Corpus (4), M. Hagar (7) and J. Salgado. W — C. Leroue. L — W. Killion.
2B — T. Larsen (WAI) 2.

SOFTBALL
WESTON-MCEWEN 9, TOUCHET (WA) 0 — At Athena, Taylor Entze struck out 13 to shut down the Indians in a lopsided non-league affair on Tuesday.

Entze kept Touchet off the board and allowed just three hits in the process.

Keegan Shepard provided the biggest bat for th TigerScots (11-6). The senior third baseman drove in three runs on two hits. She was the only WMHS player with more than one hit.

WESETON-MCEWEN 9, TOUCHET (WA) 0					
	R	H	E		

RIVERSIDE 8, WAITSBURG (WA) 1 — At Riverside, Sadie Hasbell and Cassidy McCullough combined to drive in five Pirate runs in a non-league win on Tuesday. Skylar Whiteman got the victory on the mound throwing seven innings of two-hit ball for Riverside (7-10).

RIVERSIDE 8, WAITSBURG (WA) 1					
	R	H	E		
WAI	000001	0	1	2	2
RIV	305000	x	8	8	0

W — S. Whiteman. L — J. Brown.

GIRLS TENNIS
PENDLETON 7, SOUTHRIDGE (WA) 0 — At Kennewick, Wash., the Buckaroos swept Southridge Tuesday.

The team heads to Bend for a tournament Friday and Saturday.

Pendleton 7, Southridge 0
Singles: Lynne Roberts (Helix) def. LuAmanda Kidd (WM) 8-3; Paige Gabriel (Helix) def. Babe Calley (WM) 8-2; Mecaia Espy (Helix) def. Emmaline (WM) 8-6.
Doubles: Keren and Keziah Hampton def. Brittany Hancock and Rachael Nicholls 6-0, 6-2; Christina Thompson and Kiana Sperl (PHS) def. Savannah Brown and Alani Saford (SR) 1-6, 6-2; tiebreaker 10-3; Sam Bixler and Jenna Senter def. Taylor Yount Anna Diskin 6-3, 6-4.

Helix 5, Weston-McEwen 1
Singles: Lynne Roberts (Helix) def. LuAmanda Kidd (WM) 8-3; Paige Gabriel (Helix) def. Babe Calley (WM) 8-2; Mecaia Espy (Helix) def. Emmaline (WM) 8-6.
Doubles: Kyla R/Lynne R (Helix) def. Lacey Kuehn/Johanna Albert 9-7; Kyle R. and Lynn R. (Helix) def. Hannah McIntyre/Christina Swafford (WM) 6-4; Becky Taylor/Mary Bagdon (WM) def. Paige G./Mecaia E. (Helix) 8-6.

BOYS TENNIS
SOUTHRIDGE (WA) 4, PENDLETON 2 — At Kennewick, Wash., Pendleton fell Tuesday to Kennewick's Southridge High School in boys tennis. The Buckaroos next matches are May 6 at The Dalles.

Southridge (WA) 4, Pendleton 2
Singles: Gareth Haug (PHS) def. Sam Raposas (SR) 6-1, 6-1; Rayden Cozad (SR) def. Jeremy Cochrane 6-3, 5-7, 9-9 (injury forfeit). Cochrane injured his wrist after a fall in the third set tiebreak and could not continue. Henry Holdman (PHS) def. Joel Erickson (SR) 6-3, 6-1.
Doubles: Nathan McClintock and Mason Cramer def. Lincoln Johnson and Daniel Medina 7-5, 6-4; Jared Skulrud and Brandon Knutzen def. Peter Wallace and Silas Johnson 6-2, 6-2; Garrett Scanlan and Tyler Wardlow def. Josh Mendoza and Henry Scanlan 6-0, 6-0.

Weston-McEwen 4, Helix 3
Singles: Caleb Olson (WM) defeat Jon Shaw (Helix) 8-5; Jon Cogswell (WM) defeat Erik Jones (Helix) 8-6; Kellen Fairchild (WM) defeat Allan Holden (Helix) 8-1; Robbie Davison (WM) defeat Ryan Jones (Helix) 6-2.
Doubles: John Shaw/Eric Jones (Helix) def. Michael Shafer/Ryan Schmidgall (WM) 8-5; Caiden Marks/Jake Sprenger (Helix) def. David Froese/Curtis Papineau (WM);