

Sports shorts

Fan makes catch while holding baby

CHICAGO (AP) — A man holding a baby made a great barehanded catch over the glove of Dodgers first baseman Adrian Gonzalez on Tuesday night, prompting a replay review.

With two out and none on in the second inning at Wrigley Field, Cubs right-hander Jason Hammel fouled off a pitch from Zack Greinke. Gonzalez chased the popup and reached over the rolled-up tarp while trying to make a play, but Keith Hartley, of Chicago, reached out and grabbed the ball with his right hand while carrying his 7-month-old son, Isaac, in his left arm.

“I was just feeding him and I saw the ball coming our way and held on to him and made sure I protected him and I stood up and it kind of just fell in my hand,” Hartley said.

After a short delay, the call was reversed and Hammel was ruled out, ending the inning.



Brady appeals NFL suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — After a 10-hour hearing, Tom Brady now must wait to find out if his appeal of a four-game suspension carried any weight with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

Brady was suspended by the league for his role in the use of deflated footballs in the AFC championship game win over Indianapolis. He arrived at the NFL’s Park Avenue offices Tuesday morning, as did attorney Jeffrey Kessler, who is leading Brady’s defense.

It was growing dark when Goodell left the league headquarters after he heard Brady and representatives from the players’ union during the lengthy meeting. League security said Brady also had left.

No details of the hearing were immediately available.

“While NASCAR recognizes that freedom of expression is an inherent right of all citizens, we will continue to strive for an inclusive environment at our events.”

— **NASCAR** Motorsports sanctioning body in a release stating it would not endorse, but also would not ban fans from displaying the Confederate flag at its events.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1911 — John McDermott becomes the first American-born winner of the U.S. Open when he beats Michael Brady and George Simpson in a playoff. McDermott finishes two strokes better than Brady and five better than Simpson.

2001 — Karrie Webb, 26, captures the LPGA Championship by two strokes to become the youngest woman to complete the Grand Slam.

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Track & Field

Roelle’s balance rewarded

EOU runner named Academic All-American of Year

East Oregonian

AUSTIN, Texas — Nobody can ever say Hans Roelle didn’t give his full effort during five standout years as a student-athlete at Eastern Oregon University.

The NAIA national champion was named the 2015 Capitol One Academic All-American of the Year for men’s track and field and cross country this week.

Although a hamstring injury kept him from successfully defending his outdoor track title from 2014, the distance runner said becoming the first Mountaineer to earn the distinction eased the sting.

“Although I was not able to

finish my running career as I would have wanted, it’s very gratifying to receive an award that in a way represents the culmination of my five years at Eastern Oregon University as both an athlete and a student,” Roelle stated in an EOU press release. It was his seventh academic all-american honor of some level.



Roelle

A native of Anchorage, Alaska, Roelle led the EOU men’s cross country team to fourth place at the NAIA national meet in 2014, the same year he won track titles in the 1,000-meters (indoor) and 800 (outdoors).

He battled an Achilles injury to repeat as the 1,000 champion, surging from sixth to first in the last 100 meters to finish with a time of 2:52.65.

He then helped the Mountaineers win their first Cascade Collegiate Conference outdoor track title since 2007 while limiting his participation due to a hamstring injury, which would ultimately derail his attempt to repeat in the 800 at nationals.

During his EOU career, Roelle was an eight-time Academic All-CCC selection, a six-time NAIA All-American and a five-time NAIA Scholar-Athlete. He was also honored this year as with the EOU Male Scholar Athlete Award.

“Hans has consistently helped raise the profile of the cross country and track and field programs here at EOU and this is just one more example of what he has come to represent here at EOU,” said EOU

See ROELLE/2B

ECHO Cougar makes all-state

East Oregonian

ECHO — Junior center fielder Jennifer Christopher was Echo’s lone representative on the Class 3A All-State softball teams, which were voted on by coaches and released on Tuesday.

Christopher batted for a .325 average for the Cougars and led the team with 27 hits and 30 runs scored.

See SOFTBALL/2B



MLB

Rookie sets tone for M’s route

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Rookie Mike Montgomery tossed a four-hitter against the team that drafted him, Dustin Ackley singled, doubled and homered for his first three-hit game of the season and the Seattle Mariners beat the Kansas City Royals 7-0 on Tuesday night.

Montgomery (2-2) became the second Mariners pitcher this season to toss a complete game, joining Felix Hernandez, and he became the 10th rookie in Seattle history to toss a complete game.

Montgomery retired 17 straight batters at one point, striking out a career-high 10 and allowing only two base runners after the second inning.



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Seattle Mariners’ Dustin Ackley is congratulated after scoring against the Kansas City Royals during the fourth inning of a baseball game Tuesday in Seattle.

center that gave Seattle a 6-0 lead. Ackley is 9 of 13 with four doubles and three home runs against Guthrie in his career.

Ackley nearly got the triple he needed for the cycle when he came up in the seventh. He hit a deep drive to left-center off Michael Mariot, but Lorenzo Cain was able to sprint over and make the catch.

Logan Morrison added a solo homer in the eighth inning, his ninth of the season.

Montgomery was in trouble right away, giving up singles to Alcides Escobar and Mike Moustakas and he hit Cain in the span of seven pitches to load the bases.

But a strikeout and double play got him out of the inning. The first two batters of the second reached, but then Montgomery took over, striking out the side and starting a string of 17 straight retired before shortstop Brad Miller’s error with two outs in the seventh.

Guthrie gave up nine hits and in all five of his losses this season has allowed at least six hits. Miller walked with the bases loaded in the third for Seattle’s first run and Mike Zunino followed with an RBI single, snapping an 0-for-14 skid that included 11 strikeouts.

RING TONE

Raul Ibanez, part of the Royals’

roster last season before retiring, was presented with his AL championship ring in a pregame ceremony in the clubhouse.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Mariners: Nelson Cruz was back in the lineup a day after popping his pelvic bone out of place and having it put back. Cruz will likely be the designated hitter for a little while to make sure he doesn’t aggravate the injury.

UP NEXT:

Mariners: Roenis Elias (4-4) looks for his second straight win after striking out 10 in a victory over Houston his last time out.

Royals: Danny Duffy (2-3)

HERMISTON

Hermiston holds off Stanfield

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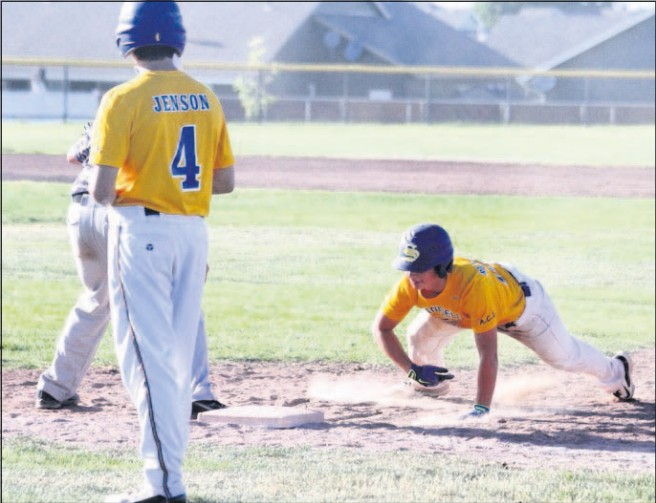
Hermiston outlasted Stanfield in a high-scoring AAU baseball game 15-8 on Tuesday.

The teams traded runs in the early innings before Hermiston was finally able to gain some breathing room in the bottom of the fourth inning.

The Bulldogs headed into their half of the frame holding a 7-6 lead and added runs on singles by Garron Anderson and Paytan Staker, and another on a groundout by Dustin Maddox to take their largest lead of the game to that point.

Paytan Staker was able to escape trouble in the fifth for Stanfield’s first scoreless inning, and Hermiston added two more runs in the fifth when Caden Schwirse scored on a wild pitch and Jacob Poznanski scored on a Landon Jones groundout.

Adrian Renner drove in two runs for Stanfield with a double in the sixth, but Hermiston answered with three



more of its own before Lukas Tolan stranded one to close out Stanfield in the seventh.

Kody Moss got the start for Hermiston and allowed six runs (three earned) on eight hits before giving way to Staker.

Anderson (2 for 2, RBI), Daniel Gossler (2 for 3, three runs) and Staker (2 for 4, run, two RBIs) led Hermiston at the plate. Jones only had one

hit, but walked twice, scored twice and drove in three runs.

Damien Curiel was 3 for 4 with one RBI to lead Stanfield.

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Thyler Monkus, Makiah Blankenship (3), Justin Keeney (4), Jason Fitzpatrick (5), Keith Wampler (5) and Adrian Renner. Kody Moss, Paytan Staker (4), Lukas Tolan (7) and Kaden Caldwell, Jacob Poznanski (5), W — Moss, L — Monkus.				
2B — Klay Jensen, A. Renner (STN); P: Staker (HHS).				



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ABOVE: Hermiston’s Lukas Tolan comes home with a delivery late in an AAU baseball win over Stanfield on Tuesday in Hermiston.

INSET: Stanfield’s Makiah Blankenship dives back to first base during a pick-off attempt Tuesday in Hermiston.