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Sounders sign defender Torres

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Sounders' midseason makeover continues as the club has signed Panamanian central defender Roman Torres.

Seattle announced the signing of Torres on Wednesday, the third major signing by the club in the past 10 days.



Seattle has also signed Paraguayan striker Nelson Valdez and Austrian midfielder Andreas Ivanschitz.

Torres should instantly help a defense that has struggled of late as the Sounders have dropped eight of nine MLS matches.

Torres was previously playing for Millonarios in Colombia and is regarded as the top defender on Panama's national team.

Ex-NFL player writing book on head trauma

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Utecht, the former NFL tight end who became a leading advocate for players suffering from head trauma, is working on a memoir.

Utecht has a six-figure deal with the Simon & Schuster imprint Howard

FACES Books, the Abrams Artists Agency announced Wednesday. Utecht's book, "Counting the Days Until My Mind Slips Away," is

scheduled to come out in the fall of 2016. He sustained numerous concussions as a player and struggles with severe memory loss.

Utecht, 34, earned a Super Bowl ring after the 2006 season with the Indianapolis Colts, but left the NFL in 2009 after an injury settlement with the Cincinnati Bengals. He testified last year before Congress about concussion issues.

"If we didn't think this young man would be successful on the football field, in our locker room, he would not be here."

— **Rex Ryan**
Buffalo Bills head coach after the Bills claimed linebacker IK Enemkpali off of waivers from the Jets. Enemkpali was released yesterday by the Jets after punching QB Geno Smith in the jaw during a locker room scuffle. Enemkpali was on the Jets last season when Ryan was coach.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1979 — Lou Brock of the St. Louis Cardinals reaches the 3,000-hit plateau with an infield hit off Chicago Cubs pitcher Dennis Lamp.

1987 — Jackie Joyner-Kersey equals the world record in the women's long jump with a 24-5½ leap in the Pan American Games at Indianapolis. The record was set in 1986 by Heike Dreschler of East Germany.

2008 — Michael Phelps swims into history as the winningest Olympic athlete ever with his 10th and 11th career gold medals. He wins the 200-meter butterfly and swims leadoff for the U.S. 800 freestyle relay team, which shatters the world mark by four seconds.

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MLB

Iwakuma throws no-hitter



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Hisashi Iwakuma, second from right, is greeted by teammates after Iwakuma threw a no-hitter against the Baltimore Orioles Wednesday in Seattle. It was Seattle's fourth no-hitter in franchise history and first one since Felix Hernandez in 2012.

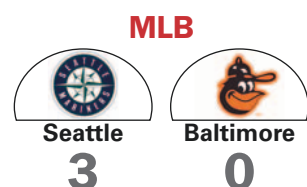
Fourth no-hitter in Mariners history

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Hisashi Iwakuma became the second Japanese-born pitcher in major league history to throw a no-hitter, leading the Seattle Mariners to a 3-0 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday.

The right-hander struck out seven and walked three in the fourth no-hitter this season and first by an American League pitcher in nearly three years. Hideo Nomo threw big league two no-nos after starting his career in his home country of Japan.

"I was aware of it obviously, but I felt it real deep in my heart in the ninth inning," Iwakuma said



through a translator. "Just focusing on one hitter at a time and I'm glad I got it done."

Philadelphia's Cole Hamels — prior to his trade to Texas — Washington's Max Scherzer and San Francisco's Chris Heston all tossed no-hitters this season.

Third baseman Kyle Seager made a nifty, twisting over-the-shoulder catch in foul territory to start the ninth, but the 34-year-old Iwakuma needed little help in completing his first career complete game and the Mariners' fifth no-hitter.

Teammate Felix Hernandez
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RODEO

Rough stock puts on a show to open Farm-City



Ty Breuer of Mandan, N.D., rides Blue Wings from 81 points in bareback riding on Wednesday at the Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.

New calves and steers made roping tough on first night of Farm-City

By **SAM BARBEE**
Staff Writer

Rough stock took the show Wednesday night during the night one of Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston, while the roping events proved to be a bit disappointing.

In that roughstock, with particularly onery bulls at the end of the night,

several cowboys put on dazzling displays. One of them was 21-year-old Zeke Thurston from Big Valley, Alberta, Canada.

In his first FCPR, Thurston rode Navajo Sun for 85 points in saddle bronc, far and away the best score of the night.

"I've seen that horse lots this year so far, and it's just been really good," Thurston said. "I was hoping I'd do my part and ride her well. I feel like I could've done a few things a little different, but overall I felt like it was really good. She was really good today."

There was a bit of pressure applied as he readied in the chute. It was announced that if we could stay on for the full eight seconds, he would
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Oregon WR watches QB drama unfold as he makes comeback

Addison ready after missing 14 to ACL injury

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
Associated Press

EUGENE — After injury kept him out of Oregon's march to the national championship game last season, wide receiver Bralon Addison is closely watching the Ducks' quarterback position as he prepares for his comeback.

He's become friends with Vernon Adams, the Eastern Washington star who needs to pass one more class to join the Ducks. He also has chemistry with Jeff Lockie, who was the backup to Heisman winner Marcus Mariota last season.



Oregon wide receiver Bralon Addison (11) carries the ball during a football game in 2013. It was expected that Addison would be Mariota's favorite target in 2014, but in a spring scrimmage he tore the ACL in his right knee.

Naturally the questions he's getting at the start of fall camp have to do with which QB he'd like to see win the starting nod come September.

Addison is diplomatic.

"I think we'll be fine. We're comfortable with whichever guy gets the job," Addison says. "We have full confidence in the coaches that they'll make the best decision for the team."

Addison was a breakout star at receiver for the Ducks in 2013, with 61 catches for 890 yards and seven touchdowns. It was expected that Addison would be Mariota's favorite target in 2014, but in a spring scrimmage he tore the ACL in his right knee and needed surgery.

There was talk that Addison might join the Ducks for college football's first playoffs last season, but the team opted to preserve his redshirt. He looked sharp in the 2015 spring game, catching four passes for 50 yards and a touchdown.

But the real surprise was that Addison also completed three passes, including a 10-yard touchdown to Darren Carrington in the second quarter.

"I feel great. Spring ball is a big curve for me and being able to get over the curve is good and I'm feeling great

going into fall camp," he said. "I'm just ready to get out there and compete, and just get ready to go."

Obviously, who starts at quarterback for the Ducks is important to Addison.

Adams could join the Ducks as early as Thursday if he passes the last final he needs to complete his degree at Eastern Washington. A star for the Eagles for the past three seasons, Adams announced in February that he intended to play his senior season at Oregon as a graduate transfer.

The Ducks were one of several teams courting Adams, an FCS All-American who threw for 10,438 yards and 110 touchdowns in three seasons at Eastern Washington.

Adams has been working out in Eugene while also studying for that final math
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