

TITLE: Villanova’s first since 1985

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Ryan Arcidacono running at him — double clutch and pumped one from beyond the arc to tie the game at 74 with 4.7 seconds left.

After a timeout, Arcidacono worked the ball upcourt and got it to Jenkins, who swished it from about two steps behind the 3-point line.

“Kris told him he was going to be open, Arch made the perfect pass,” Villanova coach Jay Wright explained. “Kris lives for that moment.”

Jenkins’ range is anywhere in the gym, as he showed earlier in the tournament by nonchalantly draining a shot from the edge of the midcourt logo.

He never had a doubt.

“I think every shot’s going in, and this one was no different,” he said.

After being thrown to the floor by his teammates, he got up, leaped over press row, hugged his family and shouted: “They said we couldn’t, they said we couldn’t, they said we couldn’t.”

Oh yes, they could.

It’s Villanova’s first title since 1985, when Rollie Massimino coaxed a miracle out of his eighth-seeded underdogs for a victory over star-studded Georgetown.

Hard to top this one, though.

Jenkins, who was adopted by the family of North Carolina guard Nate Britt, now has a spot with Keith Smart, Lorenzo Charles and anyone else who ever made



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Villanova players celebrate after the NCAA Final Four tournament college basketball championship game against North Carolina, Monday, April 4, 2016, in Houston. Villanova won 77-74.

a late game-winner to win the whole thing.

Paige finished with 21 for the top-seeded Heels (33-7), who came one agonizing shot short of giving coach Roy Williams his third national title.

Instead, this one belongs to Villanova, a team full of scrappers, grinders and also-rans, who proved you don’t have to have a roster full of NBA-bound one-and-dones to win a title.

Before Jenkins did his thing, it was Phil Booth — one of the many unheralded players on that Villanova squad — pouring in a career high 20 points to give the Cats their late six-point lead.



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Villanova head coach Jay Wright waved to fans after the NCAA Final Four tournament Monday.

MARINERS: Cano, Seager both hit home runs

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Beaneaters (1887-96) as the only major league clubs to win 10 straight openers. Robinson Cano and Kyle Seager homered early for the Mariners, but the midgame mistakes cost them in the debut of manager Scott Servais.

Hernandez fell to 6-1 in nine opening day starts. Hampered by a lack of run support throughout much

of his career, the ace right-hander gave up one earned run in six innings, walking five and striking out six.

“That’s not me,” Hernandez said. “I was missing a lot of pitches. All game. I would say I was wild, but when I got in trouble, I made good pitches.”

Lefty reliever Jake Diekman struck out Cano on a wild swing during a perfect eighth inning. Closer Shawn

Tolleson had a perfect ninth for a save in just the second win for Texas when getting one hit. The other was 1-0 at Kansas City in July 1993.

Odor opened the Texas fifth with a walk, stole second and was racing toward third when Seager misplayed Elvis Andrus’ grounder in front of him.

Shin-Soo Choo’s bases-loaded walk ruined Hernandez’s shutout, then Fielder

ended the no-hit bid with a bloop away from the shift into shallow left field to tie the score. Beltre’s sharp one-out grounder with the bases loaded kicked off Marte’s glove.

“Felix just lost command a little bit, and we didn’t make all the plays behind him,” Servais said. “Other than that, I thought we played a ball game. Our pitching was outstanding all day.”

MILTON-FREEWATER Pioneers extend winning streak

Balanced lineup helps Mac-Hi pick up doubleheader wins on Saturday

By ERIC SINGER
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One week to the day after their last game, the Mac-Hi Pioneers hit the field for a doubleheader against Yamhill-Carlton and Banks and finished the day as winners in both games.

The Pioneers overcame a slow start on offense to defeat the Yamhill-Carlton Tigers 6-2, and then came from behind against the Banks Braves to earn the 5-4 win in eight innings.

Mallory Copeland started on the mound in both games, and had a strong start in game one before running out of gas in game two. Against Y-C, Copeland tossed a complete game allowing just two unearned runs and four hits with four strikeouts, and then against Banks she threw four innings and allowed three earned runs and seven hits with six strikeouts.

“She did really well today,” Mac-Hi coach Nicole Christian said. “Sometimes with pitchers you never know how much they’ll give you with two games, but she did an awesome job. She has total confidence in her team behind her, but can also get the strikeout for us.”

The Mac-Hi (9-1) bats were a little slow out of the gates against the Tigers, registering just two hits through the first three frames. Facing a 1-0 deficit, the offense started to wake up in the fourth inning as

Copeland and Abby Biggs started off the inning with back-to-back singles. Then after two-straight outs, Kaitlyn Slusarenko came through with a soft hit up the middle which was enough to score both runners and put the Pioneers in front 2-1.

Slusarenko was filling in at first base for the Pioneers regular first baseman Sydney Richwine, and finished the day a combined 2-6 at the plate with three runs scored, two RBIs and a walk to earn the approval from her coach.

“Kaitlyn did an awesome job today,” Christian said emphatically. “She came up clutch today filling in ... she’s had a few at-bats this season but to see her come in clutch a couple of times, I was really excited to see her do that.”

In game two, Shannon Carter played the hero as her two-RBI single in the bottom of the eighth inning gave

the Pioneers a walk-off win against the Braves. The Pioneers got two runners on as Slusarenko reached on an error and Lyon reached on a single to centerfield.

Banks had just taken a 4-3 lead on Mac-Hi in the top of the inning on a steal of home off of pitcher Sydney Earls, the only run Earls allowed in four innings of relief for the Pioneers.

Mac-Hi next plays today with a trip to The Dalles with first pitch scheduled for 4 p.m.

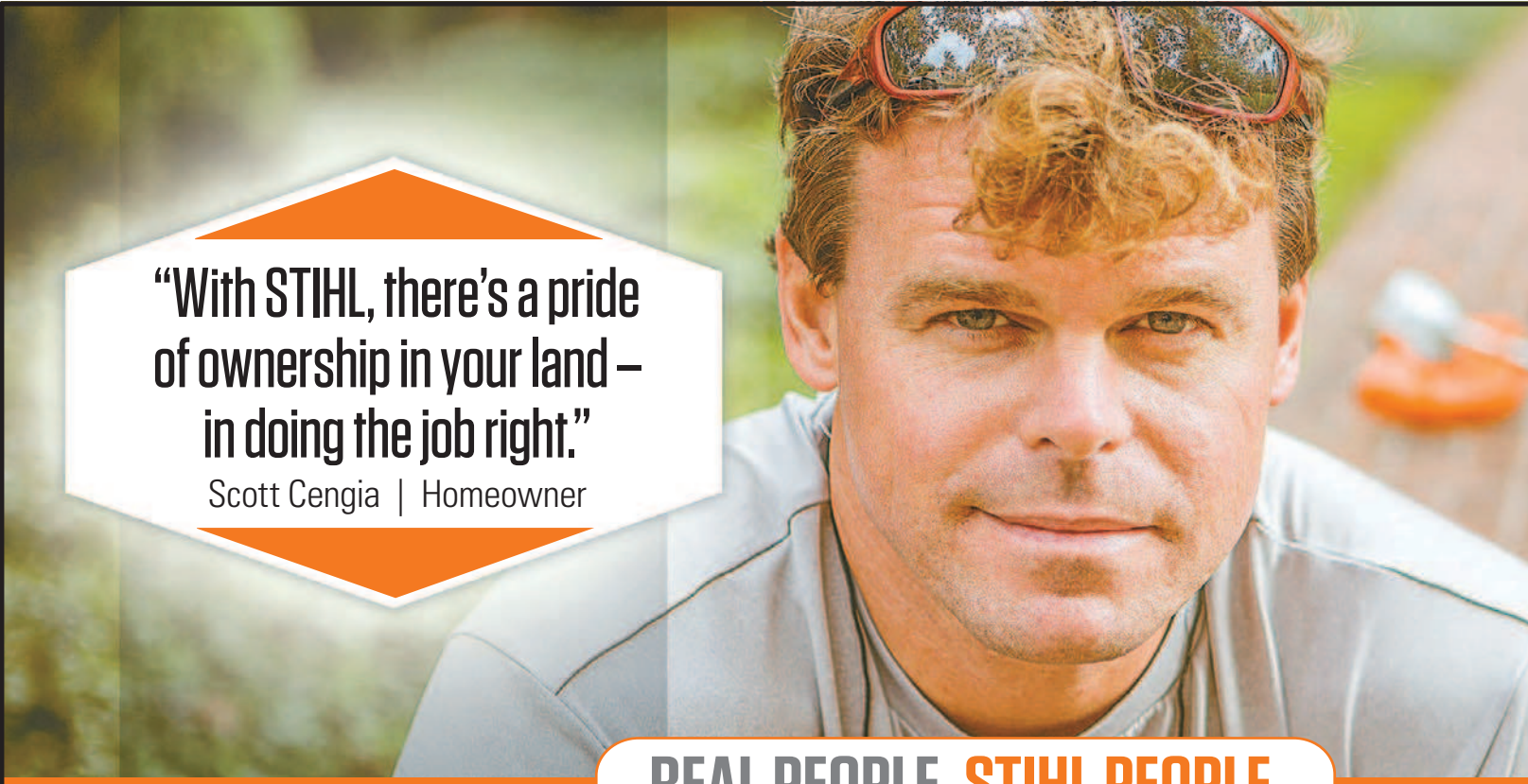
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Game 2						R	H	E
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McCourt, Hernandez (6), and Benson. Copeland, Earls (5), and Lesko. W — Earls, L — Hernandez. 2B — McCourt, Snyder (BHS). Field (MHS). 3B — Field (MHS). HR — McCourt (BHS).								



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