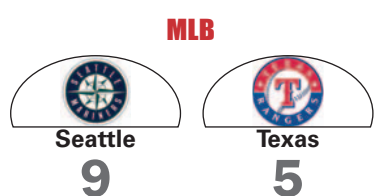


Pro Baseball

Cano stays hot as Mariners rally in ninth for win

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Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano (22) makes contact for a two-run home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Texas Rangers Wednesday, April 6, 2016, in Arlington, Texas.

ARLINGTON, Texas — Robinson Cano keeps going deep, and the Seattle Mariners are already starting to set a new tone in the AL West.

Cano homered two more times and drove in five runs, including a two-run shot to cap a five-run ninth inning rally, and Seattle ended its three-game opening series with a 9-5 victory at defending division champion Texas on Wednesday.

"It was a good series. Not only because the way I ended up swinging the bat but the way we came back," Cano said. "Especially in that game and be able to win the series."

After a 3-2 loss in the opener, the Mariners got to the Texas bullpen in back-to-back games. In the finale, all five Seattle batters that faced closer Shawn Tolleson in the ninth got hits and scored.

Pinch-hitter Nori Aoki and No. 9 batter Ketel Marte started the rally with consecutive singles, and Leonys Martin had a tying RBI double. Kyle Seager then had a two-run single before Cano's fourth homer already this season chased Tolleson (0-1).

"Anytime you have success, especially early in the season, it lets everybody relax, lets everybody

get into their rhythm," Seager said. "When you have success against another team's bullpen, that gives you confidence as well."

The Mariners scored eight runs over two innings Tuesday for a 10-2 victory.

Cano has homered in the first three games, the first Seattle player ever to do that — and is also the first with four homers in that opening stretch. He had 21 homers last season, and his fourth didn't come until his 71st game on June 26. He later played much of the last two months of the season with a sports hernia.

"You can tell that he feels good. You can tell just in his swings," Seager said. "You can tell just the way he's walking around, the way he's moving."

Joaquin Benoit (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth.

Prince Fielder hit his first homer of the season, a three-run drive in the sixth off Wade Miley put Texas up 5-3. It was the first homer this season for the Rangers, who allowed nine long balls to Seattle.

Martin also homered for the Mariners, his first of the season putting them up 3-0 in the second against Colby Lewis. But Lewis got through the sixth with allowing any more runs.

The Rangers bullpen allowed 14 runs and 17 hits in only six innings the last two games of the series. Tolleson was the second Texas reliever in as many games to allow five runs without recording an out.

"After two outings I'm not going to raise the red flag and being concerned. We'll continue

to pay attention to it," Rangers manager Jeff Banister said. "The three starters have given us three quality outings. We have to shore up, sharpen up and we'll get it going in the right direction."

EVEN WHEN HE DOESN'T SWING

Along with the pair of two-run homers, Cano got an RBI when he drew a bases-loaded walk on a full-count pitch in the seventh to get the Mariners to 5-4. "I wanted to swing really bad, but you get two balls with bases loaded. Even

if you get a walk, you get the game closer," he said.

FIRST SERIES FOR SERVAIS

The Mariners won their first series with new manager Scott Servais. "We're pretty good. And we're starting to come together," he said. "The biggest thing is it's not one guy, it's not two guys. It's an entire group. It's a bullpen group. It's a starting group. It's a very deep lineup. It's bench guys."

NO WALKS

Miley struck out seven without a walk over six innings in his Mariners debut. He was acquired from Boston in an offseason trade.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Mariners: Aoki was out of Seattle's starting lineup, a day after the outfielder fouled a ball off a shin. Manager Scott Servais said he was a little tender, but available if needed. Aoki came on and started the ninth-inning rally.

UP NEXT

Mariners: Seattle gets a day off before its home opener Friday night against Oakland. Taijuan Walker, who was 11-8 last season, is the scheduled starter.

Rangers: Left-hander Derek Holland, who got hurt in the first inning of his first start last season, is to take the mound Thursday night when Texas opens a four-game series at the Los Angeles Angels.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

BMCC third baseman Tate Spivey winds up to throw to first base after fielding a ground ball in the Timbers' game against Treasure Valley on Wednesday in Pendleton.

T-WOLVES:

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innings on the mound.

Treasure Valley's offense also did plenty of damage, tagging Blue Mountain pitcher Brock Breshears for five runs in the first inning. Breshears did settle down after that, finishing the game with six innings pitched with four strikeouts, but it was enough cushion for Treasure Valley to cruise to the win. Blue Mountain's only run

of the game came on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Brandon Cederholm to score Oldham.

Game 1		R	H	E	
TV	500 000 103	—	9	11	0
BM	010 000 000	—	1	4	2

Wong, Harris (8), Lucas (9) and Hall. Breshears, Pedroza (7), Smith (9) and Rogers. W — Wong, L — Breshears. 2B — Jekich (TV). 3B — Jekich (TV).

Game 2		R	H	E	
TV	320 000 130	—	9	11	0
BM	520 001 011	—	10	11	1

Hammond, Harris (1), Lucas (4), Cutsforth (6) and Hall, Howell, Pena (3), Oldham (8). W — Oldham, L — Cutsforth. 2B — Seamons (TV). Oldham, Cordeiro, Serrano (BM).

Women's Soccer

Long scores twice as US routs Colombia

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EAST HARTFORD, Conn. — Allie Long scored her first two international goals, and the United States routed Colombia 7-0 Wednesday night in the Americans' first exhibition since five players filed a wage-discrimination action against the U.S. Soccer Federation.

Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan, Hope Solo, Megan Rapinoe and Becky Sauerbrunn filed an action last week with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, accusing the USSF of unlawfully paying them less than members of the U.S. men's national team. The union for the women's national team is in a legal battle with the USSF, claiming it can terminate its labor contract. The USSF

claims the deal runs through December.

"We weren't really thinking about all that stuff, because at the end of the day that stuff will work itself out," Lloyd said. "We have to continue to make sure we are putting a good result out on the field."

The U.S. team was not the only one fighting money issues. The Colombian team has not been paid in two months, Philly.com reported last week.

"What happens, if we get money or if we don't get money, that's not important now," Rincon said.

Crystal Dunn, Mallory Pugh, Lloyd, Tobin Heath and Christen Press also scored for the Americans, who are preparing for this summer's Olympics, where they will try to win their fourth straight gold medal.

"This team has always done a wonderful job of managing to compartmentalize," U.S. coach Jill Ellis said. "I don't think in any way shape or form we let anything spill over to the training ground or the pitch tonight. I think it was a really good team performance, the crowd was fantastic and I admire them to be out in this cold weather."

Solo made two saves in her eighth shutout of the year, and the U.S. improved to 10-0 this year going into Sunday's match against Colombia at Chester, Pennsylvania.

Morgan (hip) and Morgan Brian (hamstring) did not suit up but are expected to be available for Sunday.

The U.S. outshot Colombia 24-6, including 14-2 in shots on goal.

"I have great respect for Colombia, I always have," said Solo, who was part of last year's team that beat Colombia 2-0 in the World Cup's round of 16. "I'm a little bit surprised that the score was 7-0. I expected more from them. It was a pretty combative game in the World Cup, but tonight we looked pretty good."

Dunn put the Americans ahead in the 27th, beating goalkeeper Catalina Perez, and Long, a 28-year-old midfielder, doubled the lead in the 32nd with a header off a pass from Portland teammate Lindsey Horan.

BLAZERS: Half game back for No. 5 seed

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McCollum, Aminu and Maurice Harkless hit 3-pointers as the Blazers ran off 11 consecutive points to take a 17-6 lead. Aminu led Portland early, scoring 13 of the team's first 21 points.

Oklahoma City pulled to within four points at 36-32 early in the second quarter, but McCollum scored the first five points during a 9-0 run that helped the Blazers regain a double-digit lead. Portland tied a season high with 39 second-quarter points. Kanter helped keep the Thunder in the game, with 17 points and 10

rebounds during the first half.

McCollum and Aminu hit 3-pointers to start the second half, and Portland had an 84-63 lead four minutes into the third quarter. Oklahoma City was unwilling to go quietly, as Kanter scored back-to-back baskets early in the fourth quarter to cut the deficit to 10.

But the Blazers soon stretched the lead back to 16, and held on during the final minutes.

TIP-INS

Thunder: Randy Foye and Kanter made their first Oklahoma City starts of the

season against Portland. The only regular starter to play was C Steven Adams. ... Westbrook was the only regular starter who had played in each of Oklahoma City's previous 78 games. ... Oklahoma City split the four-game season series with the Blazers, each team winning two games at home. ... The Thunder have lost four straight in Portland.

Trail Blazers: With a playoff bid clinched, Portland now has its eye on the No. 5 seed. The Blazers are currently one-half game behind No. 5 Memphis, with a far easier remaining

schedule. Portland finishes the season with home games against Minnesota and Denver. Memphis (42-36) has four games remaining: two against Golden State, plus Dallas and the Los Angeles Clippers. ... Mark Mason, the Blazers' long-time public address announcer, missed Wednesday's game for the first time in 843 games with an illness. ... The Blazers have had at least five double-digit scorers in 12 consecutive games.

UP NEXT

Trail Blazers: Home vs. Minnesota on Saturday

PREPS: Hermiston girls tennis opens league play with win over The Dalles

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Tennis

HERMISTON 6, THE DALLES 2 — At Hermiston, the Riverhawks took the top matches in singles and doubles but the Bulldogs swept the rest to get the win on Wednesday in their Columbia River Conference opener.

"It was definitely one of our better days," said Hermiston coach Jason Sivey. Sivey was particularly pleased with his second and third doubles teams.

First Chy Peterson and McKenzie Hill dominated their match with 6-0, 6-0 wins, then Breana Wadekamper and Reed Middleton overcame a slow start to win in three, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

Hermiston's next match is Tuesday when its hosts Pendleton at 4 p.m.

Singles	
Robin Pashaek (T) def. Jaycee Ternes 6-1, 6-0	
Katelyn Millard (H) def. Emma Smith 6-0, 6-2	
Lindsey McAllister (H) def. Leslie Lina-Lopez, inj. for. 6-4, 6-1	
Sydney Moore (H) def. Britney Bastein 6-4, 6-1	
Doubles	

Johanna Wilson/Kiana Pielli (T) def. Kylene Markwick/Whitney McMahon 6-1, 6-3	
Chy Peterson/McKenzie Hill (H) def. Rebekah Kohitseber/Elle Trujillo 6-0, 6-0	
Breana Wadekamper/Reed Middleton (H) def. Cassie Vazquez/Maggie Corey 5-7, 6-3, 7-5	
Adrian Stewart/Paola Sanchez (H) def. Rosario Rucobu/Kiani Langston 6-3, 6-2	

Baseball

UMATILLA 12, SHERMAN 9 — At Moro, the Vikings snapped a five-game losing streak by beating the Huskies in a non-league game on Tuesday.

Umatilla (3-5) broke a scoreless tie by scoring seven runs in the top of the fourth inning and Brylee Dufloth got the win on the mound going 6 2-3 innings.

Umatilla added two runs in the sixth and three in the seventh. Sherman (7-1) scored one in the fifth and six in the sixth to make it 9-7 going into the final inning.

Cory Landon came on for Umatilla with one out in the seventh to get the save.

Seth Cranston hit a triple and Josh Dever hit a double for the Vikings.

Umatilla plays at Vale on Friday in a twin bill starting at 1 p.m.

Softball

IRRIGON 11-11, UMATILLA 1-1 (5 innings) — At Irrigon, the Knights extended their winning streak to seven games with a doubleheader sweep of the Vikings on Tuesday.

Flawless defense and opportunistic baserunning highlighted the afternoon for Irrigon (7-1), which finished with no errors and 12 stolen bases.

Julissa Garza and Kayla Gilman earned wins in the circle. Garza had four strikeouts and one walk, and Gilman had two strikeouts and zero walks.

Kelly McLaughlin drove in six runs total in the two games, and Bea Aguilera added four RBI. Aguilera and Lily Mills hit doubles in each game.

Irrigon will begin league play on Tuesday when it hosts Union at 3:30 p.m. Umatilla (1-6) will play at Vale in a league doubleheader on Friday starting at 1 p.m.

Game 1		R	H	E	
IHS	100 00	—	11	3	0
UHS	004 43	—	1	8	3

Trujillo and Reyes. J. Garza and L. Mills. W — Garza. L — Trujillo.

2B — B. Aguilera, L. Mills, K. McLaughlin (IHS).

Game 2		R	H	E	
IHS	001 00	—	1	3	4
UHS	911 0X	—	11	7	0

Trujillo and Reyes. K. Gilman and J. Burns. W — Gilman, L — Trujillo.

2B — J. Burns, B. Aguilera, L. Mills, C. Fleming (IHS).

THE DALLES 10, MAC-HI 2 — At The Dalles, Riverhawks pitcher Maddy Bradford hit a two-RBI single in the first inning and then scored the eventual game-winner on a dropped third strike on the next at-bat as The Dalles took down Mac-Hi in a non-league softball game on Tuesday.

Bradford went the whole game in the circle with five strikeouts and two walks. She allowed two earned runs on seven hits.

Mac-Hi hurt itself with eight fielding errors as starter Mallory Copeland took the loss with three innings pitched, two strikeouts, two walks, and eight runs (five earned) on five hits.

Rachael Lyon led Mac-Hi (9-2) at the plate going 2 for 3 with one run, and Micha

Fortune went 2 for 4 with one run and one RBI.

Up next for the Pioneers is the start of Greater Oregon League play with a home doubleheader against Ontario on Saturday starting at noon.

M-H	001001	0	—	2	7	8
TD	332020	X	—	10	8	1

M. Copeland, S. Earls (4) and J. Lesko. M. Bradford and catcher. W — Bradford. L — Copeland.

2B — M. Fortune (M-H).

Rodeo

KLAMATH FALLS — Three Intermountain Rodeo team members won aggregate titles at the Klamath Falls doubleheader rodeo on April 1-3.

Kolby Currin of Heppner won steer wrestling, Preston Pederson of Hermiston won tie-down roping and Phoenix Everano of Pendleton won for team roping heeler.

Currin won with a time of 9.64 second on two head, Pederson clocked in at 23.65 in his event, and Everano timed in at 19.16 with header Will Gallagher of Merrill.

Currin was also the

round winner in both performances, and added a second-place finish in tie-down on the second night.

Calgary Smith of Pendleton also won two rounds. He won the first night of tie-down with a 10.73, and combined with Trent Sorey for the team roping win on night two with a 7.31.

Next on the schedule for the high school rodeo season is a cutting event at Madras on Saturday. The next full rodeo is April 22-24 in Hermiston.

Intermountain results

Klamath Falls Rodeo No. 1

Steer Wrestling — 1, Kolby Currin, 5.69

Team Roping — 1, Will Gallagher/Phoenix Everano, 11.89

Goat Tying — 7, Jaden Mahoney; 10, Jacee Currin

Tie-Down Roping — 1, Calgary Smith, 10.73; 3, Preston Pederson, 12.14; 8, Trent Sorey, 16.09

Pole Bending — 4, Jacee Currin, 21.289

Klamath Falls Rodeo No. 2

Steer Wrestling — 1, Kolby Currin, 3.95

Breakaway Roping — 7, Jaden Mahoney, 4.06

Team Roping — 1, Trent Sorey/Calgary Smith, 7.31; 4, Will Gallagher/Phoenix Everano, 11.89

Goat Tying — 10, Jacee Currin, 10.28

Barrel Racing — 10, Jacee Currin, 17.146

Tie-Down Roping — 1, Preston Pederson, 11.51; 2, Kolby Currin, 14.78; 7, Trent Sorey, 20.40

Pole Bending — 3, Taylor Bett, 21.062; 6, Jaden Mahoney, 21.411