

MLB
White Sox
get walk-off win
over M's

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CHICAGO (AP) — Todd Frazier tied it with an RBI single in the seventh inning and won it with a line drive down the left-field line in the ninth to lift the Chicago White Sox to a 7-6 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Thursday night.

Adam Eaton led off the ninth with a bloop single off Nick Vincent (3-4) and went to second on Tim Anderson's sacrifice. Jose Abreu was walked intentionally before Frazier's liner over third scored Eaton, leading to a pileup of players behind the pitcher's mound.

David Robertson (4-2) worked around a walk and two incidents of fans running on the field in the ninth that delayed play for several minutes in Chicago's fourth win in five games.

Robinson Cano hit his 29th home run and the Mariners wasted a solid return off the disabled list by James Paxton in their third straight loss. Seattle fell 7 1/2 games behind AL West-leading Texas.

Volleyball:

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White. "I was impressed with our consistency in the first game, and in the second game we showed some flashes, just not enough."

Ali Schroeder was one of the standouts on Thursday, recording 26 assists and six digs while going 27-29 from the serving line with five aces. Bryce Thul and Alyssa Finifrock both were perfect from the serving line in the matches, with Thul going 30-30 with six aces and Finifrock 19-19.

Sara Finifrock was the team's top hitter with 11 kills.

BANKS 3, CONDON/ WHEELER 0 — At Banks, the Condon/ Wheeler Knights started the season with shutout loss by the Banks Braves.

The Knights (0-1) struggled to score consistently against the Class 4A team, as Banks won with scores of 25-7, 25-9, and 25-6.

MUSTANGS: Junior Kevin Smith to start at quarterback

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"At the beginning of the year, I said I'll play where I need to play to help us be successful, and wherever Coach thinks that'll be," Grieb said. "I think I'll be at a few different positions, but I'll just go wherever Coach tells me and help the team."

As for the quarterback position, the 6-4 junior Kevin Smith is pegged in as the starter after serving as the backup last season, where he threw for 271 yards and four touchdowns spread over eight games. But the Mustangs do have a few options behind Smith as well.

"I think Kevin (Smith) is our quarterback, but I think Logan (Grieb) and Jake (Lindsay) are quarterback-capable," Grant said. "Right now we're giving probably 98 percent of the snaps to Kevin, but as we go on you always have to be ready for a Plan B or a Plan C."

Elsewhere, Grant says that fans will see a "different cast of characters" on the field with guys like seniors Jake Lindsay, Kolby Currin,



Staff photo by Eric Singer

Heppner's Jake Lindsay receives a pass during Monday's practice in Heppner. Lindsay, a senior, is expected to be one of the top playmakers this season.

and juniors Coby Daugherty and Beau Wolters serving prominent roles this season.

And even as being the returning state champions, the Mustangs don't believe they should be considered the favorites yet to win the CBC again.

"I think we got some things to prove first before we can say that I think," Murray said, "but we're definitely going to play our hardest and we have our sights set on another (title) that's for sure."

Grant echoed Murray's statement, but did say there is a team who he expects to have a great season in the CBC.

"I think Weston-McEwen will be good, but I think Stanfield has the chance to be great," Grant said. "(Stanfield) brings back nearly everything and whatever they add might be an improvement on what graduated."

Stanfield, led by second-year coach Davy Salas, returns four all-state players

in QB/LB Dylan Grogan, RB/DB Thyley Monkus, OL/DL Jose Garcia, and OL/DL Noe Sanchez to a team that went 10-2 last season. Salas says they are a confident group, but even they don't think they are the favorites, just yet.

"I don't know why we should be, Heppner's dominated the league for so long and Greg finds kids every year and makes them better," Salas said. "I'm a firm believer of 'You have to beat the best to be the best' and we haven't beaten Heppner yet."

Salas does think that the postseason run his Tigers put together last year will pay big dividends this season.

"Last year let the kids know what we are capable of and gave us confidence," he said. "When you get to the state level, the competition stiffens and I feel we are right there at the edge of breaking into the elite level."

LUCKY NUMBER EIGHT

While the majority of teams in the OSAA will be playing out nine-game schedules this season, Heppner

will only have eight, with a bye week on Week 9.

The reason? "When Irrigon was dropped from our league, we were supposed to play them Week 9, and finding someone with a bye on the last week of the season is next to impossible," Grant said. "It's not the best case, we'll have to plan ahead, but we'll make the most of it."

TIGERSCOTS STAY THE SAME

The Weston-McEwen TigerScots found success last season with a ground-and-pound offense and an aggressive defense under first-year coach T.J. Bailey.

With Bailey out after one year, in steps former assistant Travis Glover, but he insists not much will change. Glover still expects his team to be a run-heavy team offensively led by senior quarterback Brett Speed and senior running back Ethan Reger, and then come at teams defensively with high aggression as they look to get back to the postseason in 2016.

SCRIMMAGE: Crafton grabs 2 TDs in seven-on-seven action

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— to College of Idaho's one touchdown and field goal converted by Kyle Mitchell.

College of Idaho head coach Mike Moroski said the experience will help his team get up to game speed. After all, his program is entering only its third year following 37 years dormant, while Linfield is coming off a semifinals trip to the 2015 Division III playoffs and enters this season ranked No. 2 in most preseason polls.

"This was way better than what we can mimic (in prac-

tice)," Moroski said. "...This is so important for our young players and experienced players alike to get ready for game one."

Crafton saw little action during the scrimmage, but caught a couple of touchdown passes from J.J. Hyde during seven-on-seven drills in the red zone. According to Moroski, Crafton is currently slotted as the third-string tight end behind senior Ringo Robinson and junior Marcus Lenhardt, who led the team with 573 receiving yards last season.

He lacks the experience

of Robinson and Lenhardt, having only been on campus for two weeks, and only playing one year of high school football. Crafton is still making his way up to the speed of college football, but said his skills are comparable to the upperclassmen.

"I'm just as athletic and talented as they are, but they just have been there longer," Crafton said. "They know what to do in certain situations — cover 1, cover 2. I don't know that stuff yet. I've played one year of football my whole life."

Crafton and Caldwell

met after the scrimmage to congratulate each other and take a picture together. Linfield coach Joseph Smith has Caldwell listed as a center on Linfield's roster, but took most snaps at defensive end during the scrimmage.

Clark-Gammell didn't make the trip to Hermiston in part because of an injury but also a "snafu" over his eligibility, according to Moroski.

Spectators included a mix of locals and fans of both teams who traveled in from out of town. College

of Idaho fan and Sunriver resident Laurie Henberg met friends Sharron and Dave Hansen in Hermiston for the scrimmage. Dave has called Linfield games for over three decades, witnessing all four of their national championships. Henberg said she wanted to see College of Idaho test itself against a top program such as Linfield.

"For us to scrimmage a team like Linfield is a big deal," Henberg said.

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SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS SOCCER				
Saturday	Umatilla at Hermiston, 8 p.m.			
PREP GIRLS SOCCER				
Saturday	Umatilla at Hermiston, 6 p.m.			
PREP VOLLEYBALL				
Today	Condon/Wheeler at Vernonia, vs. Jewell, 4:30/6 p.m.			
Saturday	Weston-McEwen, Heppner, Pilot Rock at Grant Union Tournament, 8 a.m.			
	Pendleton at Lewiston (ID) Tournament, 8:30 a.m.			
	Riverside at Stanfield Tournament, 9 a.m.			

COLLEGE WOMENS SOCCER				
Saturday	Blue Mountain vs SW Oregon at Fall Showcase (Springfield), 1 p.m.			
	Eastern Oregon at George Fox, 6 p.m.			
Sunday	Blue Mountain vs Grays Harbor at Fall Showcase (Springfield), 2 p.m.			
	Eastern Oregon at Lewis & Clark, 2 p.m.			

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL				
Saturday	Eastern Oregon vs Concordia (Neb.), vs Vanguard at Butte, Mont.), 8 a.m./4 p.m.			
	Blue Mountain vs Shoreline, vs Chemeke-ta, vs Tacoma, vs Linn-Benton at Fall Show-case (Springfield), 12:45/2:40/3:45 p.m.			
Sunday	Blue Mountain vs North Idaho, vs Highline at Fall Showcase (Springfield), 9 a.m./1 p.m.			

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	71	56	.559	—
Boston	71	56	.559	—

Baltimore	70	57	.551	1
New York	65	61	.516	5½
Tampa Bay	54	72	.429	16½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	72	54	.571	—
Detroit	68	59	.535	4½
Kansas City	66	61	.520	6½
Chicago	61	65	.484	11
Minnesota	49	78	.386	23½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	75	53	.586	—
Seattle	67	60	.528	7½
Houston	66	61	.520	8½
Oakland	55	72	.433	19½
Los Angeles	54	73	.425	20½

Thursday's Games				
Detroit 8, Minnesota 5				
Tampa Bay 2, Boston 1				
Washington 4, Baltimore 0				
L.A. Angels 6, Toronto 3				
Kansas City 5, Miami 2				
Texas 9, Cleveland 0				
Chicago White Sox 7, Seattle 6				

Friday's Games				
Baltimore (Gallardo 4-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 3-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Dean 1-3) at Toronto (Liriano 6-12), 4:07 p.m.				
Kansas City (Kennedy 8-9) at Boston (Wright 13-5), 4:10 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Nolasco 4-11) at Detroit (Verlander 13-7), 4:10 p.m.				
Cleveland (Kluber 13-8) at Texas (Griffin 5-3), 5:05 p.m.				
Seattle (Hernandez 8-4) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 15-6), 5:10 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Smily 6-11) at Houston (Fiers 9-6), 5:10 p.m.				
Oakland (Detwiler 1-2) at St. Louis (Weaver 0-1), 5:15 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	74	53	.583	—
Miami	66	61	.520	8
New York	64	63	.504	10
Philadelphia	59	68	.465	15

Atlanta	47	81	.367	27½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	81	45	.643	—
St. Louis	67	59	.532	14
Pittsburgh	64	61	.512	16½
Milwaukee	56	71	.441	25½
Cincinnati	54	72	.429	27
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	71	56	.559	—
San Francisco	69	58	.543	2
Colorado	60	67	.472	11
San Diego	53	74	.417	18
Arizona	53	75	.414	18½

Thursday's Games				
Washington 4, Baltimore 0				
Kansas City 5, Miami 2				
N.Y. Mets 10, St. Louis 6				
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 2, 10 innings				
Atlanta 3, Arizona 1				
San Francisco 4, L.A. Dodgers 0				

Friday's Games				
Colorado (Hoffman 0-1) at Washington (Gonzalez 8-9), 4:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Morgan 1-7) at N.Y. Mets (Colon 11-7), 4:10 p.m.				
San Diego (Cosart 0-1) at Miami (Phelps 7-6), 4:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 2-3) at Milwaukee (Garza 4-5), 5:10 p.m.				
Oakland (Detwiler 1-2) at St. Louis (Weaver 0-1), 5:15 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Finnegan 8-9) at Arizona (Shipley 2-3), 6:40 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 4-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Norris 6-10), 7:10 p.m.				
Atlanta (De La Cruz 0-6) at San Francisco (Samardzija 10-9), 7:15 p.m.				

Wild Card Standings				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	71	55	.563	+1
Boston	71	55	.563	+1
Baltimore	70	56	.556	—
Seattle	67	59	.532	3
Detroit	67	59	.532	3
Houston	66	61	.520	4½
Kansas City	65	61	.516	5

New York	65	61	.516	5
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NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	68	58	.540	+5
St. Louis	67	58	.536	—
Miami	66	60	.524	1½
Pittsburgh	63	61	.508	3½
New York	63	63	.500	4½

MILB				
NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
Thursday's Games				
No games scheduled				
Friday's Games				
Tri-City at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.				
Eugene at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.				
Boise at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.				
Vancouver at Everett, 7:05 p.m.				

Football

NFL				
Preseason				
AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
East				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
New England 2	0	0	0	0.000 57 44
Miami 2	1	0	0	.667 58 57
Buffalo 1	1	0	0	.500 39 19
N.Y. Jets 1	1	0	0	.500 35 35
South				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Houston 2	0	0	0	0.000 40 22
Tennessee 1	1	0	0	.500 43 36
Indianapolis 1	1	0	0	.500 37 37
Jacksonville 0	2	0	0	.000 34 44
North				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Baltimore 2	0	0	0	0.000 41 37
Cincinnati 1	1	0	0	.500 46 31
Pittsburgh 0	2	0	0	.000 17 47
Cleveland 0	2	0	0	.000 24 41
West				
	W	L	T	Pct PF PA
Denver 1	1	0	0	.500 46 31
San Diego 1	1	0	0	.500 29 30
Oakland 1	1	0	0	.500 43 30
Kansas City 0	2	0	0	.000 36 38

Thursday's Games				
Miami 17, Atlanta 6				
Seattle 27, Dallas 17				

Friday's Games				
Buffalo at Washington, 4:30 p.m.				
New England at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 5 p.m.				
Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.				
Green Bay at San Francisco, 7 p.m.				

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	0.000	34	9
Washington	1	1	0	.500	39	41
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	82	69
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	0.000	10	48

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	53	47
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	36	38
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	45	38
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	31	50

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	0.000	35	27
Green Bay	2	0	0	0.000	37	23
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	44	47
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	22	45

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