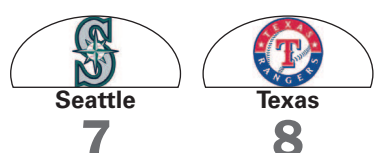


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Odor's 9th inning blast sends Rangers past Mariners

Seattle continues to slide in Wild Card standings



Texas Rangers' Rougned Odor, right, celebrates after hitting a walk-off two-run home run in a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2016, in Arlington, Texas.

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ARLINGTON, Texas — Rougned Odor hit a game-ending two-run homer and the AL-best Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 8-7 on Tuesday night.

Odor's 25th homer was a drive to the hill in center field on a 2-2 pitch from Mariners closer Edwin Diaz (0-3), who had converted his first 11 save chances of the season.

Adrian Beltre started the ninth with a single, his third hit of the game.

Beltre homered for the Rangers, who won their fourth straight game and have a 10 1/2-game lead over third-place Seattle in the AL West. Houston remained 8 1/2 games back after winning earlier Tuesday against Oakland.

Odor had three hits, but twice was thrown out on the bases earlier in the game.

Matt Bush (6-2), who gave up a go-ahead sacrifice fly to Robinson Cano in the eighth, came back for the ninth to finish the game.

After falling behind 4-0 when Beltre hit his 24th homer, a two-run shot in the third, the Mariners pushed ahead against suddenly erratic All-Star lefty and AL ERA leader Cole Hamels with six runs over the next two innings.

The Rangers got even at 6-6 in the seventh on RBI singles by Beltre and Jonathan Lucroy. In between, Odor had a single to right but was easily thrown out by right fielder Shawn O'Malley when trying to stretch that hit to a double.

Right after Beltre's homer, Odor reached second on a double-error

by Mariners starter James Paxton, who bobbled the soft comebacker and then made a throwing error. But Odor was thrown out trying to steal third base, which cost the Rangers a run since Lucroy singled right after

that. Hamels needed only 27 pitches to get through the first three innings, but his 35 in the fourth included three walks — two with the bases loaded.

Four of the first five batters in the fifth reached and Hamels was gone after Dae-Ho Lee's one-out RBI single put the Mariners up 5-4. Leonys Martin greeted reliever Alex Claudio with another run-scoring single, though the lefty worked 2 2-3 scoreless innings.

Hamels struck out four and walked four while his ERA rose from 2.67 to 2.91.

Kyle Seager drew one of the bases-loaded walks in the fourth, and an inning later had an RBI single that produced another run when right fielder Carlos Gomez overran the ball before Lee followed with his hit.

UP NEXT
Mariners: Felix Hernandez (9-4) pitches against Texas for the first time since this year's season's opener, when he gave up only one hit but walked five in six innings in a 3-2 loss. He faced the Rangers five times last season.

Rangers: Martin Perez (8-10) has lost his last two starts, allowing 12 runs in 11 2-3 innings. The lefty is 1-6 his last 10 starts.

BULLDOG BOYS: Held Pioneers without shot on goal in final 40 minutes

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of this team for showing that heart." After matching the Bulldogs (2-0) at a goal apiece through 40 minutes despite a 3-to-1 deficit in time of possession, the Pioneers (0-1) were overruled in the second half.

"We were giving the ball away way too many times so we were just chasing and running back and forth, back and forth," said Mac-Hi coach Jose Garcia. "I think they might have gotten a little tired."

Hermiston's shots on goal quadrupled as Mac-Hi struggled to clear the ball from its end of the field, and Joel Mendez put the Bulldogs ahead in the 53rd minute when he beat a

Mac-Hi defender and goal keeper Humberto Villagomez to a leading pass from Freddy Rodriguez and nudged the ball into a wide-open net to make it 2-1. It was his second goal of the game.

"It was one of those where I

knew if I touched the ball first I'd probably beat them and probably be able to score," Mendez said.

The Bulldogs were right back in front of the Pioneer net less than a minute later and this time it was Rodriguez scoring unassisted when his hard putback from 10 yards out glanced off a defender and beat a diving Villagomez on a the near post.

Rodriguez said the Bulldogs' second-half dominance was all about a change in mindset.

"I feel like our composure was not what we wanted it to be (in the first half), we weren't stable, we weren't, I guess you could say confident, in our moves, our passes, anything," he said. "We just needed to step up, reconcile with each other and step up our game and say, 'We know we can play better and we're going to give it to you guys.'"

"We tried to talk each other up and tried to do as much as we all

could. We wanted to finish this game with victory."

Mac-Hi's best scoring chance in the second half came in the 69th minute when Eduardo Corona found himself looking at an open net after Hermiston keeper Antonio Campos couldn't get his fist on a corner kick, but the ensuing shot caromed harmlessly off a pair of Hermiston defenders and the Pioneers didn't get a shot on goal in the final 40 minutes.

Mac-Hi didn't exactly pepper the goal early, either, but Juan Salazar gave them the lead in the sixth minute when he used his chest to control a lofted pass from Corona and then chipped a shot over a charging Campos to score on the game's first shot.

"It did (sting) but we didn't hang our heads," Mendez said. "We let it go and fought back."

The lead lasted until 19th minutes when Mendez scored in similar fashion, only from

the end-line after a Mark Mejia throw-in. Mendez took control near the line and lofted a shot just inside the post on the backside of the net.

"Honestly I was just trying to cross it to the center and hopefully we'd get a corner out of it," Mendez said.

Garcia said an injury to senior midfielder Kobe Carrillo in the 18th minute on a hard tackle that did not draw a foul seemed like the turning point for his young team.

"First of all I think once we lost (Carrillo) that whole thing just fell down," he said of the team's ability to win in the midfield and maintain possession of the ball. "If we can't hold the ball then we aren't going to be able to do anything. I think their self esteem went down after that second goal."

"It's a learning experience and I thought we could have done a lot better. We missed a couple of early goals, but that's how it is. If

you miss you're going to pay the price."

Despite the dominant second half, Hermiston thought its execution in front of the goal could have been a little better as well.

"I feel like all we need to do now as a team is working our finishing," Rodriguez said.

"We had so many opportunities outside the 18, inside the 18 that we just need to work on finishing."

Hermiston's next game is Saturday at La Grande at 2 p.m. Mac-Hi plays at Stayton on Friday at 3 p.m.

Goals
6 — M-H Juan Salazar (Eduardo Corona)
19 — HHS Joel Mendez
53 — HHS Joel Mendez (Freddy Rodriguez)
54 — HHS Freddy Rodriguez
Saves
M-H — Humberto Villagomez, 10
HHS — Antonio Campos, 2
Yellow Cards
HHS — Fidel Contreras

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HERMISTON GIRLS:

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minute to put Hermiston up 2-0 at halftime, then in the 61st minute Flor Cardenas fed Gilbert with a through pass just inside the 18 and Gilbert put the ball into the far corner of the net to make it 3-0. Cardenas scored on a header off an Alysia Garcia corner kick in the 69th minute for the final goal.

Hermiston's next game is on Friday at La Grande at 4 p.m. Mac-Hi also plays Friday on 1 p.m. at Stayton.

Goals
24 — HHS, Shaelynn Gilbert, PK
37 — HHS, Makayla Akers
61 — HHS, Shaelynn Gilbert (Flor Cardenas)
69 — HHS, Flor Cardenas (Alysia Garcia)

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HAZING: Philomath cancels first three games of season in wake of scandal, first game set for Sept. 23

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Oregon State University. He does not have a listed phone number and did not immediately reply to a Facebook message seeking comment.

Kikuta does not have a criminal record in Oregon, according to state records. Haroldson did not immediately respond to a telephone message inquiring if Kikuta has a lawyer who could comment on his behalf.

Philomath, population about 4,500, was a timber town for generations but has undergone a transformation as the lumber industry declined and was the

subject of the 2006 documentary "Clear Cut: The Story of Philomath, Oregon" about the clash of cultures hitting the community amid an economic transition driven by technology.

Haroldson declined comment on who reported the hazing and would not say whether authorities believe it was an annual initiation ritual for the team. The intimate areas of the victims that were touched included their genitals and anus.

"One of the critical points here is ensuring that we're not continuing to have hazing in this

football program," Haroldson said in the newspaper's report. "It ends now."

The announcement of charges followed weeks of uncertainty about the team after Philomath school officials canceled the first three games, citing an investigation into unspecified football camp misconduct.

The fourth game of the season is scheduled for Sept. 23 but officials are still "continuing to assess if, or when, the varsity team will begin competing," Superintendent Melissa Goff said in statement.

She said families of students identified as possible victims were given information about mental health providers and coaches are being required to take new training on prevention of bullying, harassment, and hazing. Teachers and staff members will take child sexual abuse prevention training in September, she added.

"We take hazing and bullying issues very seriously, and we have no tolerance whatsoever for the type of allegations raised in this investigation," Goff said.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Thursday
Waitsburg (WA) at Mac-Hi, 7 p.m.
Friday
Pilot Rock at Imbler, 2 p.m.
Pendleton at La Grande, 7 p.m.
Union (WA) at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Amity at Irrigon, 7 p.m.
Riverside at Tri-Cities Prep (WA), 7 p.m.
Union at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Grant Union, 7 p.m.
Enterprise at Stanfield, 7 p.m.
Heppner at St. Paul, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Echo vs. Siletz Valley (at Dufur), 10 a.m.
Ione vs. Triad (at Dufur), 7:30 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday
Mac-Hi at Helix, 4 p.m.
Echo at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Sherman at Heppner, 5 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Irrigon, 5 p.m.
Union at Umatilla, 5 p.m.
Riverside at Helix, 5:30 p.m.
Echo vs Sherman (at Heppner), 6 p.m.
Mac-Hi vs. Riverside (at Helix), 7 p.m.
Friday
Pendleton at Mountain View, 8:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Union, 4 p.m.
Stanfield at Echo, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday
Pilot Rock at Neah-Kah-Nie Tournament, 8 a.m.
Weston-McEwen at Heppner Tournament, 9 a.m.
Mac-Hi, Umatilla, Ione, Echo at Riverside Tournament, 10 a.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday
Pendleton at Milwaukie, 4 p.m.
Friday
Mac-Hi at Stayton, 3 p.m.
Saturday
Mac-Hi at Hood River, Noon
Riverside at Umatilla, 1 p.m.
Hermiston at La Grande, 2 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday
Milwaukie at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
Saturday
Umatilla at Tillamook, Noon
Pendleton, Mac-Hi, Helix, Heppner, Weston-McEwen, Stanfield at Hermiston, 12:55 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Thursday
Blac Mountain at Olympic, 6 p.m.
College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.

COLLEGE MENS SOCCER

Thursday
Eastern Oregon at St. Katherine (CA),

1:30 p.m.

Friday
Eastern Oregon at Bethesda (CA), 5 p.m.

Saturday
Eastern Oregon at Soka (CA), Noon

COLLEGE WOMENS SOCCER

Saturday
Centralia at Blue Mountain, 1 p.m.
Sunday
NW Christian at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

Football

NFL

Preseason
Thursday's Games
Jacksonville at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Tennessee at Miami, 4 p.m.
New England at New York Giants, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
Houston at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Green Bay at Kansas City, 5 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Baltimore at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 7 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 7 p.m.

Baseball

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	75	57	.568	—
Boston	73	59	.553	2
Baltimore	72	60	.545	3
New York	67	63	.515	7
Tampa Bay	56	75	.427	18½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	75	56	.573	—
Detroit	71	61	.538	4½
Kansas City	69	62	.527	6
Chicago	63	68	.481	12
Minnesota	49	83	.371	26½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	79	54	.594	—
Houston	70	62	.530	8½
Seattle	68	64	.515	10½
Los Angeles	58	74	.439	20½
Oakland	57	75	.432	21½

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore 5, Toronto 3
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 4
Detroit 8, Chicago/White Sox 4
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3
Texas 8, Seattle 7
Houston 3, Oakland 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, Kansas City 4, 10 innings
L.A. Angels 4, Cincinnati 2

Wednesday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Sale 15-7) at Detroit (Verlander 14-7), 10-11 a.m.
Tampa Bay (Smyly 6-11) at Boston (Wright 13-8), 10-05 a.m.
Seattle (Hernandez 9-4) at Texas (Perez 8-10), 11:05 a.m.
Oakland (Detwiler 1-3) at Houston (Fiers

9-6), 11:10 a.m.

Toronto (Sanchez 12-2) at Baltimore (Gallardo 4-6), 4:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Dean 1-4) at Cleveland (Kluber 14-8), 4:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 4-4) at Kansas City (Kennedy 9-9), 5:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	77	55	.583	—
New York	68	64	.515	9
Milwaukee	67	65	.508	10
Philadelphia	60	72	.455	17
Atlanta	49	83	.371	28

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	84	47	.641	—
St. Louis	70	61	.534	14
Pittsburgh	67	63	.515	16½
Milwaukee	56	76	.424	28½
Cincinnati	55	76	.420	29

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	73	58	.557	—
San Francisco	71	59	.546	1½
Colorado	63	68	.481	10
Arizona	55	76	.420	18
San Diego	55	76	.420	18

Tuesday's Games

Washington 3, Philadelphia 2
Atlanta 7, San Diego 3
N.Y. Mets 7, Miami 4
Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 1, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, ppd., 2nd game
L.A. Angels 4, Cincinnati 2
Arizona 4, San Francisco 3

Wednesday's Games

L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 3-5) at Colorado (Anderson 4-5), 12:10 p.m., 1st game
Arizona (Miller 2-9) at San Francisco (Moore 8-10), 12:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Fimengen 8-9) at L.A. Angels (Nolasco 4-12), 4:05 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 9-9) at Philadelphia (Morgan 1-8), 4:05 p.m.
Miami (Pheps 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (Colon 12-7), 4:10 p.m.
San Diego (Clemens 2-3) at Atlanta (Wisler 5-11), 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Vogelsong 3-3) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 13-7), 5:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Weaver 1-1) at Milwaukee (Garza 4-6), 5:10 p.m.

Wild Card Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	73	59	.553 +1
Baltimore	72	60	.545 —
Detroit	71	61	.534 —
Houston	70	62	.530 2
Kansas City	69	63	.523 3
New York	68	64	.515 3½
Seattle	68	64	.515 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	72	59	.550 +2
St. Louis	70	61	.534 —
Pittsburgh	67	63	.515 2½
New York	68	64	.515 2½
Miami	67	65	.508 3½

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Northwest League

North Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Everett (Mariners)	23	9	.719 —
Tri-City (Padres)	13	19	.406 10
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	11	21	.344 12
Spokane (Rangers)	11	21	.344 12

South Division

W	L	Pct.	GB
Eugene (Cubs)	23	9	.719 —
Hillsboro (Dbacks)	19	13	.594 4
Boise (Rockies)	14	18	.438 9
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	14	18	.438 9

Tuesday's Games

Everett 17, Boise 1
Spokane 8, Hillsboro 0
Salem-Keizer 5, Vancouver 4
Eugene 7, Tri-City 5

Wednesday's Games

Salem-Keizer at Vancouver, 1:05 p.m.
Everett at Boise, 6:15 p.m.
Hillsboro at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.
Tri-City at Eugene, 7:05 p