

MLB

Happ gets 20th win, Jays take over first AL wild-card spot

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SEATTLE — J.A. Happ became the major leagues' second 20-game winner and Russell Martin and Michael Saunders each hit a two-run homer, lifting the Toronto Blue Jays over the Seattle Mariners 10-2 on Tuesday night to move into first in the AL wild-card race.

Toronto took the lead with an eight-run fourth inning and moved a game ahead of Baltimore. Detroit remained 2 1/2 games behind the Blue Jays.

Seattle lost for the fourth time in five games and trail Toronto by four games.

Happ (20-4) allowed two runs, six hits and a walk over five innings, striking out eight while winning for the 14th time in his last 15 decisions. He's the first Toronto

pitcher to reach 20 wins since Roy Halladay in 2008.

Martin and Saunders each homered off Hisashi Iwakuma (16-12) during the Blue Jays' big inning. After catcher Chris Iannetta misplayed Jose Bautista's pop foul for an error, Bautista singled with one out and Martin followed with his 20th home run. Troy Tulowitzki singled and Saunders followed with his 24th homer to put Toronto up 4-2.

Kevin Pillar doubled and Ezequiel Carrera chased Iwakuma with an RBI single. Devon Travis greeted reliever Nick Vincent with a bloop single down the right-field



Seattle Mariners players, including Franklin Gutierrez, left, sit in the dugout during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays, Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016, in Seattle.

line, scoring Carrera from first to make it 6-2. Josh Donaldson walked and Edwin Encarnacion capped the inning with a two-run double. Donaldson opened the

sixth with his 35th homer and Encarnacion added an eighth-inning solo homer, his 42nd, for the final two runs.

The Mariners took a 2-0 lead in the third when

Robinson Cano lined a two-run triple off the knee of second baseman Travis that caromed all the way into the right-field corner.

Shawn O'Malley reached on a one-out bunt single and moved to second when Travis couldn't find the handle on Guillermo Heredia's infield single. Both runners advanced on a double steal and came home on Cano's triple.

TRAINING ROOM
Mariners: RHP Taijuan Walker had no issues after taking a line drive off his pitching arm in the first inning on Monday night. "He feels fine. There's nothing there," manager Scott Servais said.

MARINERS AFFILIATE MOVES

Seattle will have two new minor league affiliates in 2017. The Mariners announced a two-year agreement with the Arkansas Trav-

elers in the Double-A Texas League and a four-year deal with the Modesto Nuts in the Class A California League. Arkansas replaces Jackson, which won the Southern League title. Modesto replaces Bakersfield, which was contracted from the California League.

UP NEXT

Blue Jays: RHP Aaron Sanchez (13-2, 3.17 ERA) gets the start in the afternoon series finale at Safeco Field. Sanchez is 2-1 with a 4.65 ERA and four no decisions in his last seven starts. He lasted just 3 2/3 innings in his last start, giving up six runs on five hits.

Mariners: RHP Felix Hernandez (11-6, 3.79) allowed six runs — five earned — and eight hits in 4 1/3 innings in his last start, a 6-0 loss vs. Houston. He is 7-2 in 12 starts since coming off the DL (right calf strain) on July 20.

PREPS: Weston-McEwen unable to match Culver's intensity in loss

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victory and then lost a close second set 26-24 before battling to take the third set 25-23.

But the Buckaroos couldn't hold on to the momentum after taking the 2-1 lead, as The Dalles roared back to win the final two sets 25-19 and 15-9.

Lapp said she was proud of the team's offensive improvements overall on Tuesday.

"Our entire offense really had a great night tonight, the Dalles was always right there to pick up the ball and send it back."

Pendleton next plays at Hermiston on Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

PILOT ROCK 3, HEPPNER 0

At Pilot Rock, strong serving continued to pace the Rockets, which won their third match in a row with scores of 25-22, 25-13, 25-23 on Tuesday in Columbia Basin Conference action.

Shayla Walker had four of the team's 11 aces and added six kills for Pilot Rock (10-4, 2-0 CBC). Grace Austin added a team-high seven kills.

"Heppner is defensively sound, I have to give them that," said Pilot Rock coach Elainea Howland. "We committed too many errors tonight that resulted in a close score. We will reel those errors back in and get ready to battle against Culver on Thursday." "In the end it will come



Ali Schroeder (2) and Maddi Muilenburg (7), of Weston-McEwen, go up for a block during Tuesday's game against Culver in Athena.

down to the team who executes the most, and has the least amount of errors. We will be ready for them."

First serve in Culver is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Heppner (8-8, 0-2 CRC) will play Dufur and Perrydale in Dufur on Friday with the first match at 2 p.m.

IRRIGON 3, RIVERSIDE 0

At Boardman, Irrigon opened its first season in the Eastern Oregon League with a win on Tuesday and beat Riverside by scores of 25-18, 25-22 and 25-19.

"My girls did awesome at the serving line and covered very well," Irrigon coach

Laura Combes said before adding, "We still have some areas to work on."

Freshman Emma Combes led the Knights (10-6, 1-0 EOL) with eight kills, six digs and seven assist, and tied the team-high with three blocks. Taylor Davis and Jada Burns also had three blocks, and Mckenzee Wilson added four kills.

Irrigon's next game is Thursday when it hosts Umatilla at 5 p.m. Riverside (3-9, 1-1) will host non-league opponent Waitsburg (WA) on Thursday at 5 p.m.

CULVER 3, WESTON-MCEWEN 1

At Athena, TigerScots head coach

The TigerScots (11-8, 0-1 CBC) will host Stanfield on Thursday at 6 p.m.

opponent Pine Eagle on Friday at 4 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

IRRIGON 14, DAYTON (WA) 0

At Irrigon, the Knights earned their third-straight shutout to open the season and cruised in a non-league win on Tuesday.

Isaac Estrada scored four goals and added two assists, and the Knights (3-0) got two goals each from Alejandro Alvarez, Ruben Barrera and Pedro Maciel.

The scoring started right away as Ruben Torres got them on the board in the second minute when he converted a header off a cross by Barrera, then Oscar Armenta made it 2-0 less than a minute later when he bounced a cross off the far post and in.

Coach Paul Keefer said it was a classic team win with strong defense leading to good transitions and a well-balanced attack.

"We found out what happens when we spread the field, we make good passes and we play unselfishly," said Keefer.

Irrigon's next game is Saturday when it opens league play Riverside at 1 p.m.

DHS	0	0	0
IHS	8	6	14
Goals			
2'—Ruben Torres (Ruben Barrera)			
3'—Oscar Armenta			
12'—Isaac Estrada (Oscar Armenta)			
15'—Alejandro Alvarez			
16'—Pedro Maciel			
22'—Isaac Estrada (Alejandro Alvarez)			
26'—Clemente Resendez (Isaac Estrada)			
28'—Isaac Estrada (Clemente Resendez)			
52'—Alejandro Alvarez			
60'—Pedro Maciel			
62'—Isaac Estrada (Ruben Barrera)			
70'—Ruben Barrera (Isaac Estrada)			
72'—Sylvestre Vasquez			
74'—Ruben Barrera			

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday
Regis at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Pendleton at Ridgeview, 7 p.m.
Summit at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Portland Christian at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Imbler at Heppner, 7 p.m.
Union at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Echo, 7 p.m.
Touchet (WA) at Lone, 7 p.m.
Mitchell at Arlington, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Irrigon at Coeur d'Alene (ID) JV, 1 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Riverside, 6 p.m.

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Thursday
Umatilla at Irrigon, 5 p.m.
Waitsburg (WA) at Riverside, 5 p.m.
Cove at Nixyaawii, 5 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Baker, 6 p.m.
Stanfield at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.
Lone at Horizon Christian (Hood River), 6 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Thursday
Hermiston at Hillsboro, 4:30 p.m.
Friday
Redmond at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.
Nyssa at Umatilla, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
La Grande at Mac-Hi, Noon
Irrigon at Riverside, 1 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday
Hermiston at Sandy, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Redmond, 4 p.m.
Friday
Nyssa at Umatilla, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday
La Grande at Mac-Hi, 2 p.m.

PREP CROSS COUNTRY

Friday
Pendleton, Helix, Weston-McEwen, Stanfield, Heppner, Umatilla at The Dalles, 4 p.m.
Saturday
Hermiston at Nike Portland, 11:15 a.m.
Mac-Hi at Connell (WA) Invite, 12:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Montana Tech at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Today
Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.
Friday
Warner Pacific at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.
Saturday
Spokane at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.
Multnomah at Eastern Oregon, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER

Thursday
Eastern Oregon at Carroll, 1 p.m.
Friday
Eastern Oregon at Great Falls, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

Today
Spokane at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.
Thursday
Eastern Oregon at Carroll, 3 p.m.
Friday
Walla Walla at Blue Mountain, 1 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Great Falls, 3 p.m.

Football

NFL AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	0	0	10.000	54	45
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	5.000	59	54
Miami	0	2	0	0.000	34	43
Buffalo	0	2	0	0.000	38	50
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	2	0	0	10.000	42	26
Tennessee	1	1	0	5.000	32	40
Indianapolis	2	0	0	10.000	55	47
Jacksonville	0	2	0	0.000	37	65
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	2	0	0	10.000	62	32
Baltimore	2	0	0	10.000	38	27
Cincinnati	1	1	0	5.000	39	46
Cleveland	0	2	0	0.000	30	54
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	2	0	0	10.000	55	40
Kansas City	1	1	0	5.000	45	46
San Diego	1	1	0	5.000	65	47
Oakland	1	1	0	5.000	63	69

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	10.000	36	32
Philadelphia	2	0	0	10.000	58	24
Dallas	1	1	0	5.000	46	43
Washington	0	2	0	0.000	39	65
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	5.000	38	64
Carolina	1	1	0	5.000	66	48
Atlanta	1	1	0	5.000	59	59
New Orleans	0	2	0	0.000	47	51
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	10.000	42	30
Green Bay	1	1	0	5.000	41	40
Detroit	1	1	0	5.000	54	51
Chicago	0	2	0	0.000	28	52

WEST

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
San Francisco	1	1	0	5.000	55	46
Los Angeles	1	1	0	5.000	9	31
Arizona	1	1	0	5.000	61	30
Seattle	1	1	0	5.000	15	19

THURSDAY'S GAME

Houston (-1.5) at New England, 5:25 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Washington (+4.5) at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
Cleveland (+10) at Miami, 10 a.m.
Detroit (+7.5) at Green Bay, 10 a.m.

NCAA

Top 25
Thursday
No. 5 Clemson at Georgia Tech, 7:30 p.m.
Friday
No. 24 Utah vs. Southern Cal, 9 p.m.
Saturday
No. 1 Alabama vs. Kent State, Noon
No. 3 Louisville at Marshall, 8 p.m.
No. 4 Michigan vs. Penn State, 3:30 p.m.
No. 6 Houston at Texas State, 7 p.m.
No. 7 Stanford at UCLA, 8 p.m.
No. 8 Michigan State vs. No. 11 Wisconsin, Noon
No. 9 Washington at Arizona, 10:30 p.m.
No. 10 Texas A&M vs. No. 17 Arkansas at Arlington, Texas, 8 p.m.
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No. 13 Florida State at South Florida, Noon
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