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MLB Mariners fall in 13 innings

Springer's walk-off home run keeps Seattle winless

Associated Press

HOUSTON — George Springer hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the 13th inning to cap a five-RBI game, lifting the Houston Astros to a 5-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday night.

Springer's shot off Chase De Jong (0-1), who started the inning to make his major-league debut, landed in the first row of the left-field Crawford Boxes. Evan Gattis drew a one-out walk and advanced to second on Norichika Aoki's single with two outs.

Houston reliever Jandel Gustave walked Mitch Haniger, Robinson Cano and Nelson Cruz to load the bases to start the top of the 13th. He was replaced by Brad Peacock (1-0), who walked Kyle Seager on five pitches to drive in the go-ahead run before getting the next three hitters.

The Astros improved to 3-0 for the first time since 2001, while dropping the Mariners to their first 0-3 start since 2011.

Springer also had a two-run double in the seventh to tie the score against Seattle reliever Dan Altavilla.

Houston had at least one baserunner in eight straight innings starting in the sixth. The Mariners used nine pitchers in the game, while the Astros used seven to keep the hitters in check.

Jean Segura homered off Houston starter Charlie Morton to put Seattle up 2-0 in the fifth inning. The opposite-field shot to right was Seattle's first home run of the season, more than 22 innings into the year. Last season, the Mariners homered in the first inning of the opener.

Segura's home run scored Leonys Martin, who had reached base on a single.

The Astros struggled to get anything going against Seattle starter James Paxton, a hard-throwing lefty. Paxton allowed just two hits, one walk and no runs in six innings, while striking out five.

Morton gave up the two runs and five hits with two walks while striking out four.

UP NEXT

Mariners: LHP Ariel Miranda starts in the last game of a four-game series in Houston on Thursday.

Astros: RHP Joe Musgrove will face the Mariners for the first time in his career.



PENDLETON

Shorthanded Buckaroos swept



Pendleton's Silas Johnston prepares to return a shot in his singles tennis match against Hood River's Sawyer Bogard on Wednesday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by Matt Entrup

Hood River dominates Pendleton boys in league opener

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

Forced to shuffle the top of its lineup due some conflicting schedules, Pendleton was unable to pose much of a challenge for Hood River Valley in their boys tennis match on Wednesday.

With his top two singles players attending convention in

Portland, Buckaroos coach Chris Holdman brought over some doubles players to fill in the gaps. The difference in experience and skill level was overwhelming, and the Eagles swept all six matches while dropping only a handful of sets in their Columbia River Conference opener.

"I think it would have been a little bit closer if we would have had (seniors Lincoln Johnson and

Peter Wallace)," Holdman said. "We had to move guys around they were matched up against players that were better than them. But I think that's good for them because they're gaining experience, and it's good to play somebody who's better than you because it makes you better. Matches like this are good for the kids whether they realize it or not."

Stepping into the No. 1 single

match was Silas Johnston, half of the No. 1 doubles team and a player Holdman thinks could make the transition to singles. Johnston came out with an aggressive approach, attacking the net as early as possible in each point, but inconsistency with his returns and some well-placed lobs by Hood River's Sawyer Bogard made it a

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College Roundup

T-wolves split doubleheader with Chukars

BMCC softball snaps three game skid

East Oregonian

ONTARIO — After a disappointing result over the weekend, the Blue Mountain softball team bounced back to split a doubleheader with Treasure Valley on Wednesday.

The Timberwolves (7-16,

4-9 NWAC East) the Timberwolves held on against the Chukars (10-10, 8-6) for an 8-7 victory and nearly pulled out a doubleheader sweep before the Chukars battled back in Game 2 and pulled out a walk-off victory.

In Game 1, the bulk of both teams' scoring came via one inning as BMCC scored seven



runs in the top of the second and TVCC scored seven of its own in the bottom of the third. For the Timberwolves, three straight

batters reached base with one out to load the bases and then Michaela Thompson was hit-by-pitch to bring in the first run and Brook Kralman drew a walk for

the second run.

After that, Lauryn Cagle, Sydney Saxton Siaki and Megan Ulrey all had RBI singles, and then Addy Daubert drew a bases-loaded walk to bring in the seventh run.

After TVCC scored its seven runs, Ulrey came up with another RBI single to drive in Siaki for what proved to be the winning

See BMCC/2B

NFL Seahawks open to trading Sherman

Seattle GM says trade unlikely, but talks have occurred

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Seattle Seahawks general manager John Schneider said Wednesday the team has listened to trade offers regarding cornerback Richard Sherman, but downplayed that a deal may actually

happen.

Schneider made his comments in an interview with KIRO-AM. Schneider said, "What you've seen lately in the news is real. That's on both sides," in regard to recent rumblings that teams have inquired about Sherman.

Schneider's comments back those made by Seattle coach Pete Carroll during the NFL owners' meetings last week in Arizona. Carroll said the team always entertains calls about players, but didn't anticipate anything happening with Sherman.

Schneider also gave the impres-

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In this Nov. 27, 2016, file photo, Seattle Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman (25) covers a Tampa Bay wide receiver during a game, in Tampa, Fla.

AP Photo/Phelan Ebenhack, File

Sports shorts

Lynch considering NFL comeback

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Retired running back Marshawn Lynch visited the Oakland Raiders on Wednesday as he decides whether to come back to the NFL and the team decides whether it wants to acquire the hometown favorite.

Seahawks general manager John Schneider told a Seattle radio station that he has discussed a deal to send Lynch to Oakland with Raiders general manager Reggie McKenzie in case Lynch does come out of retirement.

Lynch retired following the 2015 season. The Seahawks still hold his rights but would be unlikely to want to pay his \$9 million for this year if he decides to comeback. The Raiders have a need for a power running back after losing Latavius Murray in free agency.

Lynch was born and raised in Oakland and played college ball nearby at California.



Lynch

"I wouldn't take any of it seriously. I was naive enough to think my playing days would last forever ... At one point I was on top of the world and now watching the team that cut me a few months prior from a jail cell, that stung a lot."

— Montee Ball

Former NFL running back opened up to the Sporting News about his alcoholism, as well as the felony battery charge he was arrested and jailed for in 2015, forcing him to watch his old team win Super Bowl 50 in a jail cell.

Amazon wins streaming rights to NFL Thursday night games

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon's new deal gives Prime Time a whole new meaning.

The e-commerce powerhouse will stream NFL Thursday Night games this season via its Amazon Prime video service, replacing Twitter. The live-streams of the games will be available to the estimated 65 million members of Amazon Prime, which costs \$99 per year and also includes other perks like free videos, books and shipping.

A person with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press on Wednesday that it's a one-year deal worth close to \$50 million.

That would be about five times what Twitter paid for the right to stream the games last year. Twitter's reach last year for the 10 games was an average of about 2.7 million users.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1896 — The first modern Olympics begin in Athens, Greece. James B. Connelly wins the first event the hop, step and jump.

2004 — Connecticut's championship sweep is complete as the UConn women beat Tennessee 70-61, making Connecticut the first Division I basketball school to sweep both men's and women's titles.

2010 — New Jersey Devils goalie Martin Brodeur gets his 600th career win with his second straight shutout in a win over Atlanta. The shutout is Brodeur's the 110th of his career.

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