

Soccer

Cascadia rivals clash with national team duty on horizon

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TUKWILA, Wash. — When Portland and Seattle meet Saturday in the first matchup between the Cascadia rivals this season, there will be no lack of intensity or acrimony.

No one would expect anything less when the Timbers and Sounders meet, especially now with both being able to claim championships on their MLS resumes.

“(The rivalry games), I think, do set the tone for the rest of the season in a lot of ways,” Portland coach Caleb Porter said. “Obviously it’s not the only time we’ll play them, but because it’s bigger than 3 points, in terms of magnitude — the

supporters and how they feel about it, and the players and how they feel about it — you want to get that result even more so. It’s the best medicine, when you haven’t won, to get 3 points.”

But the timing of this rivalry match makes things a bit uneasy for a handful of players.

For the likes of Jordan Morris, Clint Dempsey, Darlington Nagbe and possibly a few others, a key period of World Cup qualifying matches is on the horizon. The U.S. national team will face Venezuela in a friendly on June 3 in Salt Lake City before two hugely important qualifiers — June 8 against Trinidad and Tobago in Commerce City, Colorado, and June 11 against Mexico in Mexico City.

MLS



Seattle Sounders (3-5-4) **Portland Timbers (5-4-3)**

• Today, 11:30 a.m.
• at Providence Park, Portland

The U.S. is expected to announce the roster for its upcoming training camp and those matches soon, and the last thing any player wants is to pick up an injury right before the qualifiers.

“Obviously jumping into the international game it’s a different level and it’s pretty exciting, but I think you try and have the same mentality to go in and work hard

every day and try to get better,” Morris said. “I guess it’s a little different going into (national team) camp that I have to prove myself a little bit more. There are a lot of good forwards and I want to fight for some time on the field so I have to go into every practice and prove myself.”

Morris understands the risk that comes with trying to balance club commitments and national team duty. He was unavailable for both U.S. qualifying matches in March after injuring his ankle in an MLS match just before reporting for national team camp. Morris was left at home as a spectator while the U.S. beat Honduras and played to a 1-1 draw at Panama.

“You have to try and push it out

and focus on the now,” Morris said. “Obviously, the most important thing is this game this weekend.”

Seattle defender Brad Evans likely won’t be selected for camp in this round of qualifying after recently returning from an injury. Having played in World Cup qualifiers in the past, Evans understands the difficult dynamic that comes with knowing a national team opportunity is on the horizon while not sacrificing performance for the club.

“Ultimately you’ve got to be smart in certain situations,” Evans said. “But at the same time, if you don’t perform well with your club team you don’t get called in with the national team. And (U.S. coach) Bruce Arena will see that.”

Rodriguez strong, Red Sox down Mariners for 5th straight win

By **KYLE HIGHTOWER**
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Seattle
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Boston
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BOSTON — The Red Sox scored runs in bunches in tallying four consecutive victories. They leaned on pitching and defense to earn their latest.

Eduardo Rodriguez pitched six scoreless innings and the Red Sox took advantage of a sloppy performance by the Seattle Mariners for their season-high fifth straight win, 3-0 on Friday night.

It was the third win in a row for Rodriguez (4-1), who gave up just five hits and struck out four while throwing a season-high 112 pitches. Craig Kimbrel earned his 13th save.

“I just go out there and pitch,” Rodriguez said. “I’m never really thinking about numbers. I just go out there and throw my pitches and do the best I can do.”

That effort is producing one of the best stretches of his three-year career.

Rodriguez has pitched at least six innings in his last seven starts, going 4-0 in that span. He hasn’t allowed a run in 10 innings and only 11 runs in his last 49 1/3 innings. His ERA is just 2.01 over that same period.

“He was amazing,” Jackie Bradley Jr. said. “Put zeroes on the board all night long. And he made the big pitch when he needed to.”

The only run support Rodriguez needed came in the second inning, when Hanley Ramirez scored on Josh Rutledge’s RBI groundout. Boston added two more runs in the sixth, scoring on a wild pitch and passed ball.

Manager John Farrell said his 24-year-old pitcher is in a “very good place” right now.

“He was powerful tonight,” he said. “It’s just a matter of his abilities coming together. This has always been an extremely talented young guy. We’ve talked about his maturity, we’ve talked about his progression. It’s been on display here for a good number of starts consecutively.”

Yovani Gallardo (2-5) took the loss. He lasted 5 1/3 innings, gave up seven hits and was responsible for



Boston pitcher Eduardo Rodriguez delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners at Fenway Park in Boston on Friday.

AP Photo/Charles Krupa

all three of Boston’s runs.

“The whole night obviously wasn’t consistent,” he said.

Seattle has won just one of its last seven.

Meanwhile, Boston gave Rodriguez got lots of help defensively. Bradley had a pair of nice plays, getting an outfield assist in the second and running down another ball on the warning track in the sixth.

In addition to the pitching miscues, the Mariners had all kinds of issues in the wet conditions, committing two

fielding errors.

The Red Sox left 11 runners on base, leaving the door open for the Mariners to get back in the game. But Seattle couldn’t capitalize, going 0 for 6 with runners in scoring position. The Mariners also left seven runners stranded.

TRAINER’S ROOM

Mariners: LHP James Paxton (strained left forearm) was slated to make a rehab start Friday night in Double-A Arkansas. He has been on the 10-day disabled list since May 5. He could

be activated for a start at the end of the month against Colorado.

Red Sox: Infielder Marco Hernandez will be out the remainder of the season after undergoing stabilization surgery on his left shoulder on Friday. Hernandez was placed on the disabled list May 4 with a left shoulder misalignment. The 24-year-old hit .276 with two RBIs in 21 games. ... A night after he left the game with left knee pain, 2B Dustin Pedroia was held out Friday for what

Farrell said was “precautionary reasons” because of the wet playing surface.

MISSING: OFFENSE

Mariners manager Scott Servais said they are doing everything they can to find production from an offense that has gone missing.

“Offensively, we struggled to put innings together. That’s kind of been the story here for the last week or so, we just haven’t gotten the line moving at all, for whatever reason,” he said. “Guys are frustrated by it, we all are. We know we’re better than that, offensively. It’s not happening right now.”

Seattle was held scoreless for the fourth time this season.

UP NEXT

Mariners: RHP Rob Whalen (0-2, 4.09 ERA in Triple-A Tacoma) will be making his first major league start since last season with Atlanta. He will be 12th different starting pitcher the Mariners have used this season.

Red Sox: LHP Brian Johnson (1-0, 7.20 ERA) will be making his second major league start this year and third of his career.

Golf

Spieth avoids Colonial cut scare, has shot to defend title

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**
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FORT WORTH, Texas — Jordan Spieth normally doesn’t concern himself with the cut line in the middle of a round.

Unless the Dallas native is in danger of staying home on consecutive weekends in what amount to his hometown events.

Spieth recovered from a bad start by going 5 under over his final 13 holes at the Colonial on Friday, and his 2-under 68 put the defending champion at 2-under 138, four shots behind second-round leaders Webb Simpson, Kevin Kisner, Danny Lee and Scott Piercy.

“When your back’s against the wall and you feel the nerves kick up because you’ve got to do something, and you’re not going to be able to play both weekends in town,” said Spieth, coming off missed cuts in The Players Championship and AT&T Byron Nelson. “That would have been really, really tough for me to swallow if I missed the cut. And it was in my head.”

Lee birdied the last hole for a 64, the low round of the tournament on a hot and windy day. Kisner also had a birdie on his final hole, the ninth, for a second straight 67. Simpson, the 2012 U.S. Open champion, and Piercy each shot 66 to join the group at 6-under 134.

Masters champion Sergio Garcia (66) and fellow Spaniard Jon Rahm (69), who played in the same group, were at 5 under along with England’s Paul Casey (66) and Sean O’Hair (68).

Phil Mickelson didn’t have a birdie while shooting a 75 that left him at 2 over, three shots clear of the cut in his first Colonial since the two-time champ missed the cut in 2010.

Spieth said the key to the recovery was a short bogey putt at 14, his fifth hole, that dropped him to 3 over after he opened with a par 70. The 23-year-old broke from his recent routine by seeking caddy Michael Greller’s input.

“He said, ‘Hit this one with confidence and walk it in,’” Spieth said about his third bogey in the first five holes. “I stepped and walked it in. I think it was kind of shocking because it was a bogey putt to go 3 over. No one really walks those in. But it was exactly what I needed.”

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL

Tuesday
#4 St. Mary’s, Medford at #1 Stanfield, (3A semifinals), TBD

PREP SOFTBALL

Tuesday
#3 Pendleton at #2 Marist Catholic (5A semifinals), TBD
#3 Union/Cove at #3 Pilot Rock (2A/1A semifinals), TBD

Prep Scores

BASEBALL

Quarterfinals
Class 6A
#1 West Linn 8, #8 Gresham 1
#4 Beaverton 9, #26 Lake Oswego 6
#3 Shelton 5, #6 Grant 4
Class 5A
#1 Churchill 10, #9 Bend 0
#5 Wilsonville 6, #13 Lebanon 2
#3 Crescent Valley 13, #6 Dallas 6
#2 Crater 4, #7 Putnam 1
Class 4A
#9 Astoria 8, #11 Hiddon Valley 7
#4 La Grande 4, #5 Sweet Home 0
#6 Philomath 6, #3 Sisters 5, 8 innings
#2 Henley 16, #7 Banks 7
Class 3A
#1 Stanfield 23, #9 Taft 11
#4 St. Mary’s, Medford 8, #5 Santiam Christian 0
#6 Glide 10, #3 Dayton 2
#10 Pleasant Hill 10, #2 La Pine 8
Class 2A/1A
#1 Dufur 16, #8 Umpqua Vall. Christ. 1
#5 Reedsport 1, #4 Monroe 0
#3 Regis 5, #6 Oakland 0
#2 Knappa 22, #7 Sherman 2

SOFTBALL

Quarterfinals
Class 6A
#1 Oregon City 7, #9 McNary 4
#5 Westview 8, #13 Beaverton 7
#3 North Medford 4, #6 Glencoe 3, 8 innings
#7 Tualatin 4, #15 Grants Pass 0
Class 5A
#1 Dallas 3, #9 Lebanon 2
#5 Silvertown 7, #4 Ridgeview 6
#3 Pendleton 4, #6 Hood River 2
#2 Marist Cath. 6, #7 Putnam 1
Class 4A
#1 Henley 11, #9 Scappoose 1
#4 La Grande 4, #13 Elmira 0
#6 Crook County 6, #3 Mac-Hi 3
#10 Gladstone 3, #2 Banks 0
Class 3A
#1 Rainier 5, #9 Amity 1
#4 Vale 5, #5 Pleasant Hill 4
#3 Dayton 8, #6 Glide 2
#2 Scio 8, #10 Blanchet Cath. 1
Class 2A/1A
#1 Kennedy 9, #9 Monroe 4
#5 North Douglas 7, #4 Central Linn 4
#3 Union 13, #6 Bonanza 3, 5 innings
#2 Pilot Rock 11, #10 Lost River 1

Basketball

NBA Playoffs
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
All games televised on ABC

Golden State vs. Cleveland
Thursday, June 1: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 4: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, June 7: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Friday, June 9: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 12: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 15: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 18: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.

Hockey

NHL Playoffs
STANLEY CUP FINAL
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Nashville vs. Pittsburgh
Monday, May 29: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (NBC)
Wednesday, May 31: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (NBCSN)
Saturday, June 3: Pittsburgh at Nashville, 5 p.m. (NBCSN)

Monday, June 5: Pittsburgh at Nashville, 5 p.m. (NBC)
Thursday, June 8: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, June 11: Pittsburgh at Nashville, 5 p.m. (NBC)
Wednesday, June 14: Nashville at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (NBC)

Baseball

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
New York	27	18.600	—
Boston	26	21.553	2
Baltimore	25	21.543	2½
Tampa Bay	26	25.510	4
Toronto	22	26.458	6½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	25	19.568	—
Cleveland	24	22.522	2
Detroit	22	25.468	4½
Chicago	21	25.457	5
Kansas City	20	27.426	6½

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	33	16.673	—
Los Angeles	25	26.490	9
Texas	24	25.490	9
Oakland	22	25.468	10
Seattle	21	28.429	12

Friday’s Games
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, p.p.d.
Oakland 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Toronto 7, Texas 6
Boston 3, Seattle 0
Kansas City 6, Cleveland 4
Miami 8, L.A. Angels 5
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 2, 2nd game
Houston 2, Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 5, Minnesota 2

Saturday’s Games
Oakland (Cotton 3-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-2), 10:05 a.m.
Texas (Darvish 5-2) at Toronto (Estrada 3-2), 10:07 a.m.
Detroit (Farmer 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Holland 4-3), 11:10 a.m., 1st game
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 3-2) at Minnesota (Mejia 1-1), 11:10 a.m.
Seattle (Whalen 0-0) at Boston (Johnson 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Vargas 5-3) at Cleveland (Salazar 3-4), 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ramirez 4-3) at Miami (Nicolino 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (Fulmer 5-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danish 0-0), 2:10 p.m., 2nd game
Baltimore (Miley 1-2) at Houston (Keuchel 7-0), 4:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	29	18.617	—
Atlanta	21	25.457	7½
New York	20	26.435	8
Miami	17	29.370	11½
Philadelphia	16	30.348	12½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	22.532	—
Milwaukee	25	23.521	½
St. Louis	23	22.511	1
Cincinnati	23	24.489	2
Pittsburgh	22	27.449	4

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	32	18.640	—
Arizona	31	19.620	1
Los Angeles	29	20.592	2½
San Francisco	20	30.400	12
San Diego	18	32.360	14

Friday’s Games
Cincinnati 5, Philadelphia 2
N.Y. Mets 8, Pittsburgh 1
Washington 5, San Diego 1
Miami 8, L.A. Angels 5
Arizona 4, Milwaukee 2, 10 innings
Colorado 10, St. Louis 0
L.A. Dodgers 4, Chicago Cubs 0
Atlanta 2, San Francisco 0

Saturday’s Games
Cincinnati (Arroyo 3-4) at Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-5), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 3-5) at Washington (Strasburg 5-1), 1:05 p.m.
Arizona (Greinke 6-2) at Milwaukee (Anderson 2-1), 1:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Ramirez 4-3) at Miami (Nicolino 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lackey 4-4) at L.A. Dodgers

(McCarthy 4-1), 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Cole 2-5), 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 4-3) at Colorado (Freeland 5-2), 6:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 3-4) at San Francisco (Blach 2-2), 7:05 p.m.

Softball

NCAA
Division I Super Regionals
(Best-of-3; x-if necessary)
Host school is home team for Game 1; visiting school is home team for Game 2; coin flip determines home team for Game 3

At Gainesville, Fla.
Thursday: Alabama 3, Florida 0
Friday: Florida 2, Alabama 0
Saturday: Florida vs. Alabama, 2 p.m.

At Los Angeles
Thursday: UCLA 8, Mississippi 7, 11 innings
Friday: UCLA 1, Mississippi 0

At Tallahassee, Fla.
Friday: Florida State 3, LSU 1
Saturday: LSU vs. Florida State, 12 p.m.
x-Sunday: Florida State vs. LSU, 10 a.m.

At Knoxville, Tenn.
Thursday: UCLA 8, Texas A&M 1
Saturday: Texas A&M vs. Tennessee, 2 p.m.
x-Sunday: Tennessee vs. Texas A&M, 12 p.m.

At Auburn, Ala.
Friday: Oklahoma 4, Auburn 0
Saturday: Oklahoma vs. Auburn, 10 a.m.
x-Sunday: Auburn vs. Oklahoma, 10 a.m.

At Seattle
Friday: Washington 10, Utah 4
Saturday: Washington vs. Utah, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday: Utah vs. Washington, 7 p.m.

At Eugene, Ore.
Friday: Oregon 4, Kentucky 0
Saturday: Kentucky vs. Oregon, 4 p.m.
x-Sunday: Oregon vs. Kentucky, 12 p.m.

At Tucson, Ariz.
Friday: Arizona 3, Baylor 2
Saturday: Baylor vs. Arizona, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday: Arizona vs. Baylor, 4 p.m.

Golf

PGA Tour

Dean & DeLuca Invitational
Friday
At Colonial Country Club
Fort Worth, Texas
Purse: \$6.9 million
Yardage: 7,209; Par 70

Second Round

Webb Simpson	68-66=134	-6
Kevin Kisner	67-67=134	-6
Danny Lee	70-64=134	-6
Scott Piercy	68-66=134	-6
Paul Casey	69-66=135	-5
Sergio Garcia	69-66=135	-5
Jon Rahm	66-69=135	-5
Sean O’Hair	67-68=135	-5
Graeme McDowell	66-70=136	-4
Tony Finau	72-65=137	-3
Kelly Kraft	65-73=138	-2
Jordan Spieth	70-68=138	-2
Kevin Tway	68-70=138	-2
Scott Brown	66-72=138	-2
Whee Kim	68-70=138	-2
Bill Haas	69-69=138	-2
Brian Gay	69-69=138	-2
Stewart Cink	68-70=138	-2
Brian Harman	69-69=138	-2

Motorsports

NASCAR

Monster Energy Cup Series
Coca-Cola 600 Lineup
Race Sunday, 3 p.m. (TV: FOX)
At Charlotte Motor Speedway
Concord, N.C.
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford
2. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota
3. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet
4. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota
5. (77) Erik Jones, Toyota
6. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota
7. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford
8. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota
9. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford
10. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford
11. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet
12. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford
13. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford
14. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet
15. (10) Danica Patrick, Ford
16. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet
17. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet
18. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford
19. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet
20. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota

21. (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet
22. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet
23. (22) Joey Logano, Ford
24. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet
25. (43) Regan Smith, Ford
26. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet
27. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet
28. (38) David Ragan, Ford
29. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet
30. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford
31. (34) Landon Cassill, Ford
32. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota
33. (7) JJ Yelley, Chevrolet
34. (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet
35. (15) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet
36. (51) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet
37. (55) Derrick Cope, Toyota
38. (33) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet
39. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet
40. (83) Corey LaJoie, Toyota

INDYCAR

Race Sunday, 8 a.m. (TV: ABC)
At Indianapolis Motor Speedway
Indianapolis
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (9) Scott Dixon, Honda
2. (20) Ed Carpenter, Chevrolet
3. (98) Alexander Rossi, Honda
4. (28) Takuma Sato, Honda
5. (29) Fernando Alonso, Honda
6. (21) JR Hildebrand, Chevrolet
7. (10) Tony Kanaan, Honda
8. (27) Marco Andretti, Honda
9. (12) Will Power, Chevrolet
10. (28) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Honda
11. (19) Ed Jones, Honda
12. (16) Oriol Servia, Honda
13. (7) Mikhail Aleshin, Honda
14. (15) Graham Rahal, Honda
15. (8) Max Chilton, Honda
16. (83) Charlie Kimball, Honda
17. (6) James Hinchcliffe, Honda
18. (22) Juan Pablo Montoya, Chevrolet
19. (3) Helio Castroneves, Chevrolet
20. (77) Jay Howard, Honda
21. (24) Sage Karam, Chevrolet
22. (2) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet
23. (1) Simon Pagenaud, Chevrolet
24. (14) Carlos Munoz, Chevrolet
25. (88) Gabby Chaves, Chevrolet
26. (4) Conor Daly, Chevrolet
27. (60) Jack Harvey, Honda
28. (63) Pippa Mann, Honda
29. (11) Spencer Pigot, Chevrolet
30. (44) Buddy Lazier, Chevrolet
31. (17) Sebastian Saavedra, Chevrolet
32. (10) Zach Vech, Chevrolet
33. (18) James Davison, Honda

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Toronto FC	8	1	5	29	26	12
Chicago	7	3	3	24	16	16
Orlando City	6	4	2	20	14	17
NYC FC	6	4	2	20	13	17
Columbus	6	7	1	19	20	24
New York	5	6	2	17	13	19
Philadelphia	4	4	4	16	19	15
New England	4	4	4	16	20	17
Atl. United FC	4	4	3	15	24	16
Montreal	3	4</				