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MLB Slump continues for Mariners



Seattle Mariners' Mitch Haniger, right, is tagged out at third base by Oakland Athletics third baseman Matt Chapman during the third inning of a baseball game, Thursday, July 6, 2017, in Seattle. Haniger was trying to advance after a fly ball hit by Jarrod Dyson was caught by Oakland Athletics center fielder Jaycob Brugman.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

PENDLETON

Hodgen holds on for win

Naughton tosses six solid innings

East Oregonian

CENTRALIA, Wash. — Daniel Naughton gave up just two hits over six innings, and Cam Sandford hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth inning to drive in the eventual game-winning run as Hodgen Distributing beat NW Reign Black 4-2 on Thursday.

Ryan Russell pitched one inning of scoreless relief to get the save after having driven in an insurance run from the plate with a single in the fifth inning.

Naughton struck out nine and walked three, and only one of his allowed runs was earned.

Hodgen (10-12) took an early lead when bases-loaded walks and a hit batter put it up 2-0 in the second inning.

Naughton retired the first nine batters he faced, but walked the lead-off man in the fourth, and a single on the next at-bat brought him in. When a walk and error helped NW Reign load the bags later in the inning, a walk tied the score at 2-2. Naughton got a looking strikeout to end the inning.

Sandford hit his sacrifice to left field with one out in the bottom of the inning after Justin Duso had walked and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Ryan Stahl.

It was another three up, three down for NW Reign in the fifth, and Hodgen's run in the bottom of the frame came with two outs.

Naughton singled to keep the inning going, and then Nick Bower walked before Russell came up to drive a single into center field to make it 4-2.

NW Reign had the tying run on first with no outs in the seventh, but a fly to center followed by a double play in the infield ended the game.

Hodgen had just four hits in the game and struck out 10 times, but was the recipient of eight walks.

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Davis, Blackburn lead Athletics to win over Seattle

By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Khris Davis hit a three-run homer, Paul Blackburn pitched one-run ball into the eighth inning for his first major league victory and the Oakland Athletics beat the slumping Seattle Mariners 7-4 on Thursday night.

Davis' 24th homer propelled a four-run fifth inning that put the Athletics in front 7-0. Marcus Semien, activated off the disabled list Thursday, singled to open the inning, and Yonder Alonso walked. Davis, who struck out in his first two at-bats, then sent a 1-1 pitch over the wall in center to make it 6-0. Bruce Maxwell added a two-out solo homer, his first, to chase starter Sam Gaviglio (3-4).

The only run off Blackburn (1-0) was Mitch Haniger's seventh home run, a solo shot in the fifth. Blackburn allowed eight hits, did not strike out a batter and walked one over 7 2/3 innings in his second consecutive strong start. He gave up one unearned run in six innings without a decision in his debut on



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Sam Gaviglio, left, is pulled from the baseball game against the Oakland Athletics during the fifth inning as catcher Mike Zunino stands nearby, Thursday, July 6, 2017, in Seattle. Gaviglio gave up seven runs, all of them earned, on nine hits before he was pulled.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Saturday.

Seattle has lost four straight and nine of 11 since reaching a season-best two games above .500 on June 23.

The Mariners pulled within 7-4

in the ninth on a three-run homer by Danny Valencia, his ninth, off Daniel Coulombe. Santiago Casilla got the final two outs.

Gaviglio was tagged for seven runs and nine hits in 4 2/3 innings

Oakland	Seattle
7	4

in losing his third consecutive start. He walked three and struck out six.

The Athletics jumped on Gaviglio for three runs in the first. Matt Joyce singled, Semien walked and Alonso doubled to make it 1-0. After Davis struck out, Jed Lowrie one-hopped a two-run double off the wall in right-center.

Blackburn was aided by double plays in each of the first two innings, followed by a pair of baserunning blunders by the Mariners. Haniger doubled to open the third, but then was thrown out at third base trying to advance on a fly out to center. In the fourth, Jean Segura singled to lead off, but he was picked off first and caught in a rundown.

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Semien was activated off the 60-day DL (fractured bone in right wrist) and RHP Jharel Cotton was

See MARINERS/3B

Wimbledon

Federer, Djokovic win in three sets

Former champions advance to third round

By CHRIS LEHOURITES
Associated Press

LONDON — Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic had to play all three sets at Wimbledon this time.

The former champions both advanced to the third round on Thursday, two days after their opening matches ended early when their opponents retired with an injury.

Federer was broken early in his match, but the seven-time champion recovered quickly and beat Dusan Lajovic 7-6 (0), 6-3, 6-2. Djokovic, a three-time champion, defeated Adam Pavlasek 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Djokovic won the Wimbledon title in 2011, '14 and '15. But he has not won a major title since completing a career Grand Slam at the 2016 French Open.

In his opening two matches at the All England Club, Djokovic has only lost eight games.

"It's perfect. Exactly what I want," Djokovic said. "I don't

want to have any five-set matches in there."

Djokovic will next face Ernests Gulbis. The unseeded Latvian defeated Juan Martin del Potro 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Federer has lost 14 games so far and will next face 27th-seeded Mischa Zverev.

Milos Raonic, Dominic Thiem, Alexander Zverev, Grigor Dimitrov, Gael Monfils and David Ferrer also reached the third round. Ferrer advanced when opponent Steve Darcis retired with an injury

See WIMBLEDON/3B



Switzerland's Roger Federer waves after beating Serbia's Dusan Lajovic at the end of their Men's Singles Match on day four at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Thursday, July 6, 2017.

AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth

Sports shorts

Mavs, Nowitzki agree on new deal

DALLAS (AP) — A person with knowledge of the agreement says the Dallas Mavericks and Dirk Nowitzki have agreed on a two-year, \$10 million deal that assures a 20th season for the star forward.

The second year of the contract carries a team option, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the team hasn't announced the deal. The 39-year-old Nowitzki is set to join Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers as the only players to spend 20 seasons with one franchise.

The deal is similar to the one the Mavs and Nowitzki reached last year, although for significantly less money. Last year's contract was for two years and \$50 million, and the club declined the option before free agency opened this year.



Nowitzki

"We really like his arm action, delivery and his athleticism. He is one of the most advanced I've seen at this age. This is a very mature 16-year-old."

— Andrew Tinnish

Toronto Blue Jays assistant general manager speaking about 16-year-old Brazilian right-hander Eric Pardo, who agreed to a minor league contract with the club on Thursday. Pardo is 5-foot-8 with a 94 mph fastball and was ranked No. 5 on MLB.com's list of 30 international amateur prospects.

Tomic's Wimbledon words draw \$15K fine, racket sponsor loss

LONDON (AP) Bernard Tomic was fined \$15,000 at Wimbledon and dropped by his racket sponsor Thursday not for something he did during his first-round loss, but for what he said during a news conference afterward.

The penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct was announced two days after the 24-year-old Australian was beaten by Mischa Zverev 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, then spoke to the media about feeling "a little bit bored out there."

Tomic also said Tuesday that he "just couldn't find any motivation" to compete this year and acknowledged that when he called for a medical timeout against Zverev, he did so not because of an injury issue but to "try to break a bit of momentum."



Tomic

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1911 — Dorothea Lambert Chambers sets the record for the shortest championship match at Wimbledon 25 minutes by disposing of Dora Boothby 6-0, 6-0 in the women's finals.

1985 — West Germany's Boris Becker, 17, becomes the youngest champion and first unseeded player in the history of the men's singles at Wimbledon with a 6-3, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (3), 6-4 victory over Kevin Curren.

2005 — Baseball and softball are dropped from the Olympic program for the 2012 London Games.

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