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MLB

Cano powers Mariners to win

Diaz closes for 14th save

By JAY COHEN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Robinson Cano hit a three-run drive on his first swing since connecting for the winning homer in the All-Star Game, helping James Paxton and the Seattle Mariners beat the Chicago White Sox 4-2 on Friday night.

Jean Segura added two hits and scored twice as Seattle started a six-game trip with its third win in four games. Paxton (8-3) struck out nine while pitching six effective innings in his third straight victory.

Cano, who went deep in the 10th inning of the American League's 2-1 victory Tuesday night in Miami, walked on four pitches in the first. He came up again with two on and one out in the third and drove James Shields' first pitch off the top of the wall in right-center for his 18th homer, giving the Mariners a 3-1 lead.

The 34-year-old Cano is batting .413 (38 for 92) with six homers and 20 RBIs in his career against Shields (2-2).

Fellow All-Star Avisail Garcia had two hits, swiped two bases and scored twice for the last-place White Sox, who have dropped five of six. It was Chicago's first game since it traded left-hander Jose Quintana to the crosstown Cubs on Thursday.

"Everybody understands the impact that he's made to us as a club, but they also understand that we've got to keep playing," manager Rick Renteria said. "I mean, the season's not going to stop. They know they have to go out there and do what they're supposed to do and contribute to their teammates and to the club."

The White Sox pulled within one on Matt Davidson's double in the fourth. But Segura doubled and scored on Shields' wild pitch in the fifth, making it 4-2 Mariners.

That was more than enough for Paxton, who allowed five hits and walked none. Tony Zych, a native of nearby Monee, Illinois, and Nick



Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano center, celebrates with teammates Jean Segura, right, and Nelson Cruz, left, at home plate after hitting a three-run home run during the third inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox, Friday, July 14, 2017, in Chicago.



Seattle Mariners starter James Paxton delivers a pitch during the first inning of a baseball game against the Chicago White Sox Friday, July 14, 2017, in Chicago.

AP Photo/Paul Beaty

Vincent each got three outs before Edwin Diaz worked the ninth for his 14th save in 17 chances.

Shields was charged with seven hits and walked three. He has allowed at least one home run in seven of his eight starts this year.

FEEL THE GLOVE

White Sox shortstop Tim Anderson robbed Ben Gamel of a hit with a terrific leaping catch in the seventh.

MOVING ON UP

Nasusel Cabrera has been

promoted to interim bullpen coach for the Mariners. Cabrera joined Seattle's major league staff in July 2015. He was working as a batting practice pitcher and assisting with other jobs. Cabrera replaces Mike Hampton, who resigned on Sunday. Hampton spent parts of 16 seasons in the majors with six different teams and was a two-time All-Star.

TRAINER'S ROOM

White Sox: RHP Miguel Gonzalez (shoulder inflammation) and INF Tyler Saladino (back spasms) were reinstated from the 10-day disabled list.

UP NEXT

Mariners right-hander Felix Hernandez and White Sox right-hander Mike Pelfrey start the second game of the series Saturday night. Hernandez (4-3, 4.44 ERA) pitched six sharp innings in Seattle's 4-0 win against Oakland on Sunday. Pelfrey is 1-3 with a 5.24 ERA in his last nine games, seven starts.

PENDLETON

D-jaxx struggle on road

Errors cost Pendleton ball club

East Oregonian

REDMOND — The Pepsi Diamondjaxx had two rough days in central Oregon going 1-3 in a pair of doubleheaders against Ridgeview and Redmond.

The Pendleton 16U American Legion team's only win came in the second game against Ridgeview on Thursday 9-7. They lost the opener 10-4, and were swept on Friday by Redmond 4-3, 12-7.

In the win, the Diamondjaxx scored three runs in the sixth, then three more in the seventh to jump into the lead, then Ty Beers retired the side in order in the bottom of the seventh.

Caden Primus' double allowed Nat Hunsaker to tie the score 7-7, then Tanner Sweek singled, followed by a single from Tyler Browning.

Primus scored the go-ahead run, and although Sweek was out at the plate, Browning was able to score on an error to make it 9-7.

Beers struck out two and walked none while allowing three runs on two hits in two innings of work on the mound. He relieved Tucker Zander, who threw the first five and struck out eight, walked three and allowed four runs on five hits.

Hitting leaders in the game were Browning (2 for 2, 2 RBI), Beers (2 for 3, 2 RBI) and Sweek (2 for 3).

In the first game, Ridgeview scored three runs in the second inning and never looked back. Hunsaker had a big game in the loss, going 3 for 4 with two RBI while hitting a double and two triples, and Sweek struck out seven on the mound but allowed eight runs in 4 2/3 innings to take the loss.

Hunsaker continued his strong hitting on Friday and doubled in both games against Redmond while going a combined 3 for 5 with two RBI.

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Wimbledon

At 37, Williams still driven

Goes for 6th Wimbledon title against Muguruza

By CHRIS LEHOURITES
Associated Press

LONDON — Even at 37 and with five Wimbledon titles to her name, Venus Williams still has that overwhelming desire to win.

And she's showing it again this year at the All England Club, where she will face Garbine Muguruza on Saturday in her ninth Wimbledon final.

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Venus Williams of the United States celebrates after beating Britain's Johanna Konta in their Women's Singles semifinal match on day nine at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Thursday, July 13, 2017.

AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth

Federer reaches 11th final

Could become first man to win eight titles

By HOWARD FENDRICH
Associated Press



Switzerland's Roger Federer celebrates after beating Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych after winning their Men's Singles semifinal match on day eleven at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Friday, July 14, 2017.

LONDON — They love their history around these parts and they love Roger Federer and, above all, they love watching him make history. Now he stands one victory from an unprecedented eighth Wimbledon men's singles championship after qualifying for his 11th appearance in the final.

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Sports shorts

Larson's NASCAR pole tossed out with inspection failure

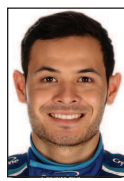
LOUDON, N.H. (AP) — Kyle Larson has made a habit of flunking NASCAR inspection.

Knocked from the top of the points standings this week because of an inspection failure, Larson was stripped of his pole Friday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and had his winning time tossed out for yet another infraction. He will start at the rear of the field in Sunday's Cup race.

Martin Truex Jr. will lead the field to green for the first time this season.

"Not the way we wanted to get our first pole of the year but looking forward to starting up front," Truex said.

Larson's time was disallowed because of an unapproved rear deck fin lid. NASCAR said there would be no additional penalties.



Larson

"I have visited with Darren Carrington and informed him that he is no longer a member of our program. We will always consider Darren a Duck and support him in any way we can. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors."

— Willie Taggart

University of Oregon head football coach in a statement announcing senior wide receiver had been kicked off the team following his arrest for driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Ex-player sues Ohio State for using image in marketing

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — One of Ohio State's most famous football stars sued the university Friday over a marketing program he says used athletes' images without permission and robbed them of compensation.

Linebacker Chris Spielman filed the class-action lawsuit in federal court in Columbus on behalf of current and former Ohio State football players.

The antitrust complaint targets Ohio State marketing programs and contracts that promote the university using likenesses of athletes, including a Honda-sponsored program of 64 banners hung around Ohio Stadium featuring photos of former players.

In addition to Spielman, some of the other Ohio State greats whose pictures appear on those banners include running back Archie Griffin, lineman Jim Stillwagon, and safety Mike Doss.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1912 — Jim Thorpe wins the decathlon at the Stockholm Olympics and, in the closing ceremony, Sweden's King Gustav proclaims Thorpe the world's greatest athlete.

1923 — Amateur Bobby Jones beats Bobby Cruikshank by two strokes in a playoff to win the U.S. Open golf title.

1990 — Betsy King overcomes an 11-shot deficit over the final 33 holes to win her second consecutive U.S. Women's Open as Patty Sheehan blows an eight-shot lead over the final 23 holes.

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