

MLB

Judge, Yankees clobber Mariners

By TIM BOOTH Associated Press

SEATTLE — Aaron Judge hit a colossal three-run homer that nearly soared out of Safeco Field, and CC Sabathia won on his 37th birthday as the New York Yankees beat the Seattle Mariners 5-1 on Friday night.

Judge's 31st home run in the fifth inning was memorable and nearly historic. The big slugger clobbered a hanging curveball from Seattle starter Andrew Moore (1-2) into the second deck in left field, with the ball landing three rows from the top of the stadium.

Judge came close and continued to emerge from a post-All-Star break slump

thanks to his first home run since July 7. He finished with four RBIs, including a sacrifice fly that gave New York a 2-1 lead.

His long homer left the stadium buzzing and there were more than a smattering of boos when he was walked on a 3-2 pitch by reliever Emilio Pagan in the seventh. Moore got the better of the slugger with a three-pitch strikeout in the first and got Judge to fly out to deep center field his next at-bat.

Moore's mistake was falling behind in the count and leaving his breaking ball elevated. Judge's uppercut swing was on a perfect path and the ball quickly found its way into the seats.

Clint Frazier also had an RBI double as the Yankees



won for the third time in four games. Sabathia (9-3) allowed one run but lasted only one batter into the sixth due to a pitch count that became inflated in the early innings.

Seattle sent seven batters to the plate in the first but left the bases loaded and managed just one run on Kyle Seager's infield hit. Seattle also had traffic on the bases in the second and third, but Sabathia avoided any damage.

The left-hander retired eight straight before walking Seager to open the sixth.

PERFECT DEBUT The newest addition to New York's bullpen was dominant. David Robertson struck out the side in an impressive inning, his first appearance since being reacquired from the White Sox

in a trade. Dellin Betances had a shaky eighth while allowing two hits — Seattle's first since the second inning — but no runs.

TRAINER'S ROOM Mariners: RHP Hisashi Iwakuma is continuing with his throwing program but there is no set time on when he might get back on the mound. Iwakuma has been out since early May with shoulder inflammation.

"He's been playing catch consistently. Once he gets out to about 150 feet, then we can get him on the mound and throw a bullpen," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "He's not there yet, but he is feeling better, pain-free, which are all good signs."

UP NEXT Yankees: Masahiro Tanaka (7-9) has won two of his last four starts.

Mariners: Ariel Miranda (7-4) will make his team-high 20th start of the season.

Sauren Garton pitches to a Southern California hitter during a pool play game on Friday in San Bernardino, California.



Contributed photo courtesy of Jeanine Youncs

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straight singles loaded the bases, and then Jaden Samp and Daisy Jenness both scored on wild pitches and Brielle Youncs hit an RBI groundout to score Nora Yoshioka to tie the game at 3-3.

Then in the fifth, Oregon jumped in front when Garton and Samp scored on wild pitches and Faith Broadfoot followed with an RBI single

to right field to bring home Jenness to make it 6-3 in favor of Oregon.

Southern California did make an attempt at a rally in the sixth inning, with three straight singles, but a caught stealing and two straight groundouts sealed the win for Oregon.

Oregon will have two days off until its next game of pool play, which will be versus Arizona on Monday at 5 p.m.

HAPPY TRAILS:

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even if just briefly. I hope I was able to do your stories justice.

The East Oregonian was my first job out of college, and although there were certainly some tumultuous times in the early years as the business changed before our eyes, I was lucky to work in a newsroom full of dedicated and creative journalists who were willing to take chances and learn from mistakes.

It was never a job I took lightly, and although it was definitely extremely stressful at times, I always felt lucky to be earning a living in my chosen field. If it wasn't for the athletes of Eastern Oregon and the readers who follow them, I wouldn't have been able to do that. Thank you.

But now I'm ready for something a bit different. I've logged hundreds of miles in the Wallowa and Blue Mountains, hiked up and down the Columbia River Gorge and spent more nights under the stars in the last five years than I did in all of my previous existence. And there's so much more out there.

After a few warm-up hikes in Glacier National Park, the 211-mile John Muir Trail in California's Sierra Nevada mountain range will be my first big challenge. It will take three weeks to complete hiking southward from Yosemite National Park at a leisurely pace of 10 miles a day, and will by far be the longest backpacking trip of my life.

I'm not sure what 21 days in the wilderness will be like, but I know after four days and nights on the

Rogue River Trail earlier this summer I was not ready to re-assimilate, and the last couple miles of that trail were some of my least favorite hiking memories to date.

The John Muir Trail's southern terminus is the 14,505-foot summit of Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the contiguous states.

Where I'll go from there is still to be decided, but I'll have plenty of time to think about it on the trail.

The options are numerous: Vermont's 272-mile Long Trail, Kentucky's 323-mile Sheltoewe Trace, South Carolina's 500-mile Palmetto Trail, New York's 560-mile Finger Lakes Trail, the 567-mile Colorado Trail, the 800-mile Hayduke Trail in Utah and Arizona, Wisconsin's 1,200-mile Ice Age Trail, the 1,445-mile Buckeye Trail in my original home state of Ohio — that should be enough to get started.

And then there's always the Triple Crown — the Appalachian Trail (2,189 miles), Pacific Crest Trail (2,650), and Continental Divide Trail (3,100).

What good can come of all this? I honestly don't know, but I mean to find out.

So it's been a fun decade, with lots of ups, downs and hilarious stories to tell around future campfires. I'll always speak of Eastern Oregon and the people I met here fondly, but now I think it's time I hit the old dusty trail. Until we meet again.

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RACING: Inaugural night not without a few kinks

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resident, doesn't race as much these days, but knew he wanted to make the trip and compete in the race.

"I stopped by in May to look at the surface and thought 'Holy Smokes, why haven't we been here before,'" the 48-year-old Kopp said. "I'm kind of the old guy in the sport now, my son (Kody) is racing now and he's 12, and I'd like to help the sport grow any way I can. I don't race much anymore, but I'd sure love to see more of this happening in our neck of the woods because the majority of the flat track national races are back in the midwest and the east and a few on the west coast.

"But the facility is really nice and I'm pretty impressed with it."

Being the inaugural race means the night didn't come without a few kinks. The biggest hurdle was preparing the track and getting the dirt just right to keep enough moisture. The races, which were supposed to begin at 6 p.m., did not actually get started till close to 7 p.m. after the track had been watered a little too much following practice which resulted in extra time needed to dry and pack down the dirt.

"Trying to prepare the dirt is tough for this sport," Kopp said.

After the racing began, turns 1 and 2 at the east end of the arena, dried out quickly because of the sun which made maneuvering through those corners pretty sketchy for some riders. Especially for the pro classes on 450 cubic



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Riders negotiate the first turn during the second heat of the of the Thunder in the Blues flat track racing on Friday at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds.

centimeter and unlimited cycles, which were reaching speeds of 85-90 miles-per-hour going into those corners.

"It's enough to make your eyes pucker," Kopp quipped.

After 30-minute intermission for another water treatment, the top six riders from each of the six pro heats went head-to-head in a pair of Dash for the Cash races, a four-lap race with first place receiving \$1,000 cash courtesy of Bob Lanphere Honda in Beaverton. Facing off against the likes of Kopp and other older professionals, 19-year-old Oregon native Davis Fisher that took home first place in both dashes, leading every single lap in doing so.

"It feels pretty good, especially because my

main sponsor (Bob Lanphere Honda) put up the money for it and it's an honor to grab the money," said Fisher, wearing a wide smile. "It was pretty cool racing against the former Grand National champ (Kopp) and I got the hole shot both times and it feels pretty good to hang on."

The Warren resident has been a flat track racing professional since 2014 and made it a point to race in his home state during an off weekend of the AMA national circuit. After a practice round and four races so far, Fisher is pretty impressed with Pendleton's debut.

"For not having racing here in 70-something years, it's pretty good," he said of the track. "A lot of tracks have rubber in the dirt that develops and groove wears in, where this is basically

brand-new dirt we're trying to ride on and it's doing pretty good. The facility is awesome and a good crowd cheering us on and being this close to home feels good."

Though Thunder in the Blues is not officially a partner of Pendleton Bike Week, Kopp also believes that Pendleton and the Round-Up could be a great place for an AMA national race or at least a place with solid race potential.

"Our sport is a lot of Harley Davidson backers and these rallies are a lot of Harley people and this is their type of racing," he said. "It'd be a good track for a big national, there's no doubt."

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SCOREBOARD

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Boston, Tampa Bay, New York, Baltimore, Toronto.

Central Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Cleveland, Kansas City, Minnesota, Detroit, Chicago.

West Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Houston, Seattle, Los Angeles, Texas, Oakland.

Friday's Games

Houston 8, Baltimore 7; N.Y. Mets 7, Oakland 5; Texas 4, Tampa Bay 3, 10 innings; Cleveland 13, Toronto 3; Detroit 6, Minnesota 3; Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 6, 10 innings; Boston 6, L.A. Angels 2; N.Y. Yankees 5, Seattle 1.

Saturday's Games

Houston (McHugh 0-0) at Baltimore (Tillman 1-5), 4:05 p.m.; Detroit (Zimmermann 6-7) at Minnesota (Gibson 5-9), 4:10 p.m.; Oakland (Manaea 8-5) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 3-7), 4:10 p.m.; Texas (Cashner 4-8) at Tampa Bay (Archer 7-5), 4:10 p.m.; Toronto (Stroman 9-5) at Cleveland (Salazar 3-5), 4:10 p.m.; Chicago White Sox (Pelfrey 3-7) at Kansas City (Vargas 12-4), 4:15 p.m.; Boston (Price 5-2) at L.A. Angels (Ramirez 8-9), 6:07 p.m.; N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-9) at Seattle (Miranda 7-4), 6:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Washington, Atlanta, New York, Philadelphia.

Central Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Milwaukee, Chicago, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Cincinnati.

West Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Los Angeles.

Arizona 56 40 .583 9 1/2; Colorado 56 42 .571 10 1/2; San Diego 41 54 .432 24; San Francisco 37 60 .381 29.

Friday's Games

St. Louis 11, Chicago Cubs 4; Philadelphia 6, Milwaukee 1; Miami 3, Cincinnati 1; N.Y. Mets 7, Oakland 5; Pittsburgh 13, Colorado 5; Arizona 6, Washington 5; Atlanta 12, L.A. Dodgers 3; San Diego at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games

San Diego (Pardomo 4-5) at San Francisco (Moore 3-10), 1:05 p.m.; St. Louis (Wainwright 11-5) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 6-6), 1:05 p.m.; Milwaukee (Suter 1-1) at Philadelphia (Hillcockson 6-5), 4:05 p.m.; Miami (O'Grady 1-1) at Cincinnati (Stephens 0-2), 4:10 p.m.; Oakland (Manaea 8-5) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 3-7), 4:10 p.m.; Pittsburgh (Kuhl 3-6) at Colorado (Marquez 7-4), 5:10 p.m.; Washington (Roark 7-6) at Arizona (Banda 0-0), 5:10 p.m.; Atlanta (Teheran 7-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 6-4), 6:10 p.m.

Northwest League

North Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Vancouver, Tri-City, Everett, Spokane.

South Division

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Hillsboro, Eugene, Boise, Salem-Keizer.

Friday's Games

Salem-Keizer at Vancouver 6; Everett 10, Boise 4; Hillsboro 15, Spokane 0; Eugene 4, Tri-City 2; Saturday's Games Spokane at Hillsboro, 5:03 p.m.; Vancouver at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.; Boise at Everett, 7:05 p.m.; Eugene at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.

Soccer

CONCACAF Gold Cup

QUARTERFINALS

Thursday At Glendale, Ariz. Quarterfinal Three Mexico 1, Honduras 0

Quarterfinal Four Jamaica 2, Canada 1

SEMI-FINALS

Saturday At Arlington, Tex.

Costa Rica vs. United States, 7 p.m.

MLB EASTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA for Toronto FC, Chicago, NY City FC, Atl. United FC, New York, Orlando City, Columbus, Montreal, Philadelphia, New England, D.C. United, Washington.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA for Sporting KC, FC Dallas, Houston, Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, San Jose, Real Salt Lake, Los Angeles, Minn. United, Colorado.

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday's Game

Atlanta United FC 1, Orlando City 0; Saturday's Games Chicago at New York City FC, 11 a.m.; New York at Minnesota United, 1 p.m.; Colorado at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.; Houston at D.C. United, 4:30 p.m.; FC Dallas at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.; Los Angeles at New England, 4:30 p.m.; Philadelphia at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.; Sporting Kansas City at Real Salt Lake, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Portland at Vancouver, 3:30 p.m.; San Jose at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.

Basketball

NBA EASTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Washington, Connecticut, New York, Atlanta, Indiana, Chicago.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Table with columns W, L, Pct, GB for Minnesota, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Dallas, Seattle, San Antonio.

Thursday's Games

Chicago 82, Los Angeles 80

San Antonio 85, Indiana 61

WNBA All-Star Game, East vs. West, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

Cycling

Tour de France

19th Stage

At Salon-De-Provence, France A 138.3-mile ride from Embrun to Salon-de-Provence:

- 1. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Dimension Data, 5 hours, 6 minutes, 9 seconds. 2. Nikias Arndt, Germany, Team Sunweb, :05 behind. 3. Jens Kuckelke, Belgium, Orica-Scott, :17. 4. Daniele Bennati, Italy, Movistar Team, same time. 5. Thomas De Gendt, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time. 6. Sylvain Chavanel, France, Direct Energie, same time. 7. Elie Gesbert, France, Team Fortuneo-Oscar, same time. 8. Jan Bakelants, Belgium, AG2R La Mondiale, same time. 9. Michael Albasini, Switzerland, Orica-Scott, :19. 10. Pierre Luc Perichon, France, Team Fortuneo-Oscar, 1:32. 11. Lilian Calmejane, France, Direct Energie, 1:37. 12. Ben Swift, Britain, UAE Team Emirates, same time. 13. Gianluca Brambilla, Italy, Quick-Step Floors, same time. 14. Julien Simon, France, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, same time. 15. Romain Hardy, France, Team Fortuneo-Oscar, same time. 16. Rudy Molard, France, FDJ, same time. 17. Robert Kiserlovski, Croatia, Katusha-Alpecin, same time. 18. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto Soudal, same time. 19. Romain Sicard, France, Direct Energie, same time. 20. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek-Segafredo, same time. Also: 44. Andrew Talansky, United States, Cannondale-Drapac, 12:27. 51. Nate Brown, United States, Cannondale Drapac, same time. 57. Taylor Phinney, United States, Cannondale Drapac, same time.

Overall Standings

(After 19 stages) 1. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 83:25:55. 2. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, :23 behind. 3. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, Cannondale Drapac, :29. 4. Mikel Landu, Spain, Sky, 1:36. 5. Fabio Aru, Italy, Astana, 1:55. 6. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Quick-Step Floors, 2:56. 7. Simon Yates, Britain, Orica-Scott, 4:46. 8. Louis Meinties, South Africa, UAE

Team Emirates, 6:52. 9. Warren Barguil, France, Sunweb, 8:22. 10. Alberto Contador, Spain, Trek-Segafredo, 8:34. 11. Damiano Caruso, Italy, BMC Racing, 13:41. 12. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 13:52. 13. Mikel Nieve, Spain, Sky, 23:11. 14. Alexis Vuillermoz, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 23:33. 15. Emanuel Buchmann, Germany, Bora-Hansgrohe, 31:01. 16. Brice Feillu, France, Fortuneo-Oscar, 35:06. 17. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek-Segafredo, 36:13. 18. Carlos Betancur, Colombia, Movistar, 36:25. 19. Serge Pauwels, Belgium, Dimension Data, 37:31. 20. Tiesj Benoot, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, 40:49. Also: 42. Nate Brown, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 1:54:33. 45. Andrew Talansky, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 2:01:13. 163. Taylor Phinney, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 4:17:15.

PGA Tour

British Open Friday

At Royal Birkdale Golf Club Southport, England Purse: \$1.6 million Yardage: 6,476; Par: 71

Second Round

Table with columns Name, Score for Matt Kuchar, Ian Poulter, Brooks Koepka, Richie Ramsay, Austin Connely, Rory McIlroy, Gary Woodland, Richard Bland, Jamie Lovemark, Joost Luiten, Charley Hoffman, Rafa Cabrera Bello, Bubba Watson, Kent Bulle, Alex Noren, Russell Henley, Hideki Matsuyama, Chan Kim, Ernie Els, Zach Johnson, Kevin Kisner, Sung Kang, Ross Fisher, Sergio Garcia, Rickie Fowler, Thorbjorn Olesen, Haotong Li, Laurie Canter, Soren Kjeldsen.

Matthew Fitzpatrick 69-73—142

Steve Stricker 70-72—142

Henrik Stenson 69-73—142

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Jon Rahm 69-74—143

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Chris Wood 71-72—143

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Tony Finlay 71-72—143

16 players at 144

LPGA Tour

Marathon Classic Friday

At Highland Meadows Golf Club Sylvania, Ohio Purse: \$1.6 million Yardage: 6,476; Par: 71

Second Round

Table with columns Name, Score for Geryn Piller, Nelly Korda, Lexi Thompson, In-Kyung Kim, Peiyun Chien, Aditi Ashok, Brittany Lincicome, Chella Choi, Laura Diaz, Sung Hyun Park, Eun-Hye Ji, Pimma Tammaraks, Megan Khang, Alison Yang, Amy Lee, Sandra Changkija, Kelly W Shon, Marina Alex, Brittaney Lang, Jane Martin, Ivo Krmic, Emily Lee, Hyo Joo Kim, Thidapa Suwanwattana, Angel Yin, 11 players at 138.

Motorsports

Monster Energy Cup

July 23 — Brickyard 400, Indianapolis (Qualifying Saturday)

Points Leaders

- Through July 16 1. Martin Truex Jr., 758. 2. Kyle Larson, 720. 3. Kyle Busch, 650. 4. Kevin Harvick, 639. 5. Denny Hamlin, 589. 6. Chase Elliott, 587. 7. Jamie McMurray, 572. 8. Brad Keselowski, 564. 9. Jimmie Johnson, 552. 10. Clint Bowyer, 526.