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Rangers snap Mariners streak



Texas Rangers' Delino DeShields rounds the bases after hitting a leadoff solo home run, as Seattle Mariners short-stop Jean Segura, rear, watches during the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Texas pounds out three home runs, Cashner quiets Seattle's bats



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Seattle Mariners' Nelson Cruz grimaces after being hit on the left elbow by a pitch from Texas Rangers' Andrew Cashner during the third inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017, in Arlington, Texas.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Joey Gallo hit another impressively long home run, Andrew Cashner won his third straight start and the Texas Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 5-1 on Wednesday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

Delino DeShields and Elvis Andrus also homered for the Rangers, who wrapped up a 3-6 homestand during which Adrian Beltre joined the 3,000-hit club and ace pitcher Yu Darvish was traded away.

Mariners lefty Ariel Miranda (7-5) struck out five without a walk in 5 2/3 innings. But he allowed all three homers as Seattle's four-game winning streak ended.

Gallo's homer in the fifth made it 3-1 and was measured at about 460 feet. The ball landed above the hill in center field on a platform with tables for fans to sit and watch the game. One of his two homers Tuesday night landed on the roof of the club in that same vicinity.

Cashner (7-8) gave up one run over

six innings to match a career best with his third straight win. He struck out four and walked none, but hit two batters.

The Mariners led 1-0 in the first after Jean Segura was hit by a pitch, stole second base and scored on Robinson Cano's single.

DeShields tied the game with his second career leadoff homer, both this season. The Rangers went ahead in the fourth when Beltre, who later had a single for his 3,002nd career hit, had a sacrifice fly that turned into a double play.

Shin-Soo Shoo scored on Beltre's flyball, but Andrus was thrown out on an impressive throw by right fielder Leonys Martin when trying to advance from second to third base.

Andrus went deep in the sixth, a two-run shot that made it 5-1 only a couple of batters before a 40-minute rain delay. Miranda, who has allowed 27 homers this season, didn't return when the game resumed.

Gallo has homered six times in his last nine games. His 28 homers account for nearly half of his 60 hits this season — he



NFL

Ravens still pondering options on Kaepernick

By DAVID GINSBURG
Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Joe Flacco's health. The salary cap. And of course, potential negative fan reaction.

The Baltimore Ravens are weighing all these factors — and then some — as they continue to wrestle with the decision whether to sign free agent quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

It's been a week since Ravens coach John Harbaugh floated the idea of adding Kaepernick, a veteran with Super Bowl experience and the baggage that comes from his decision last year to liter-

ally sit out the national anthem on game day.

The topic of Kaepernick came up on the first day of training camp because Flacco, the team's starter for the past nine seasons, arrived with a bad back. Flacco still hasn't taken a snap, though he insists he's on the mend.

Kaepernick remains an option, particularly since backup Ryan Mallett has not performed well in practice. One problem is the Ravens face in signing Kaepernick is they don't have much space under the salary cap and



Kaepernick

still have plenty of holes to fill, including on a porous offense line.

But biggest challenge for the Ravens is gauging the potential backlash that might be created by signing a player who gained widespread attention last year for his decision to sit — then eventually kneel — during the national anthem to protest police brutality and racial injustice.

So, the Ravens will weigh all their options before deciding if Kaepernick is worth the money. "It's all linked," Harbaugh

said. "People want to draw big broad lines about, 'It's about this' or 'about that,' but it's never one thing. So, we'll just have to see where it goes and try to do the best thing for our football team, organization and everything."

Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti has interviewed current and former players on the topic, including retired linebacker Ray Lewis and tight end Benjamin Watson, now in his second year with the team.

"I was surprised mainly because I don't get a vote," Watson said Wednesday after practice. "This organization will

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Cleveland places All-Star on DL

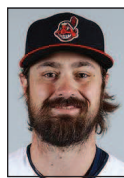
BOSTON (AP) — The Cleveland Indians' pitching staff has taken two big hits: All-Star Andrew Miller is on the disabled list, and starter Josh Tomlin is out six weeks.

Miller was placed on the DL on Wednesday with right knee tendinitis, an injury that could explain his recent wildness.

One of baseball's best relievers, Miller pitched in Tuesday night's 12-10 loss at Boston, giving up Eduardo Nunez's three-run double off the Green Monster.

Miller is 4-3 with two saves and a 1.67 ERA in 46 appearances this season. He has not been himself lately, walking 10 batters in the past 21 innings. Miller only walked nine batters in 74 [1/3] innings last season.

The Indians recalled right-hander Adam Plutko from Triple-A Columbus to take Miller's spot on the active roster.



Miller

"Now if you told me this guy threw eight pick-sixes last year and played like a bum, had no talent, that's one thing. But Ryan Fitzpatrick, Ryan Mallett, or whoever is playing for the Jets right now ... have jobs. You're telling me fans would rather you lose and put a worse player out there because a guy took a stand? That's where it's so troublesome to me."

— Richard Sherman

Seattle defensive back criticizing NFL teams for not employing Colin Kaepernick.

Legendary Notre Dame football coach passes away at age 94

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Ara Parseghian, who took over a foundering Notre Dame football program and restored it to glory with two national championships in 11 seasons, has died. He was 94.

University of Notre Dame President Rev. John Jenkins announced in a statement that Parseghian died at home at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Parseghian and the Irish won titles in 1966 and 1973, but he abruptly retired after the 1974 season at age 51 with a record of 95-17-4. He said he was worn out and ready for a change.

Parseghian started his coaching career at Miami University, his alma mater, and then spent eight seasons leading Northwestern. He came to Notre Dame in 1964, with the Irish having gone five seasons without a winning record.



Parseghian

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1949 — The National Basketball Association is formed by the merger of the National Basketball League and the Basketball Association of America.

1996 — Andre Agassi, the Dream Team and the U.S. women's 400-meter relay team win Olympic gold medals, while the American men's 400 relay settles for silver. With Carl Lewis idled by a coach's decision and Leroy Burrell injured, the men's 400 team is shocked by Canada — the first time the U.S. lost the event at the Olympics.

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Youth Baseball

Hermiston thumps Wyoming

Junior League team advances in West Regional tournament

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The Hermiston little league team kicked off play at the Junior League West Regional tournament, playing as Team Oregon, on Tuesday with a 14-4 loss to Arizona.

But on Wednesday afternoon things turned around in a big way for Hermiston as it walloped Wyoming for a

20-2 victory in San Jose, California. Hermiston tallied 10 hits in the game, but its offense was helped out by eight Wyoming errors to notch

the 20 runs.

Ethin Randolph was the star offensively for Hermiston, as he put together a 4 for 5 day with five RBI and a pair of runs scored out of the cleanup spot in the batting order. One spot ahead in the lineup was Sam Schwirse who also had a strong day going 3 for 4 with five RBI, four runs scored and a walk.

Carter Tolan was 0 for 2 but worked three walks and tied Schwirse for the team lead with four runs scored. Spencer Juul and Trevor Wagner were the only other Hermiston batters to pick up hits.

On the pitching mound, five kids pitched in to allow just two runs and three hits to Wyoming, as well as tallying nine strikeouts. Alexis Rosales took up the most time with 2 1/3 scoreless innings giving up one hit and two walks with two strikeouts.

Hermiston held a 2-1 lead after one inning but blew the game open in the second with a five-run showing to take a 7-1 lead. Hermiston then scored 13 runs combined over the fourth and fifth innings as the team sent 21 batters to the plate in that span.

Hermiston will next play Hawaii (1-1) today at 1 p.m. A win advances Hermiston on to the next round of the tournament while a loss will send it home.

MISSION

Coston jumps to lead at Senior Open

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MISSION — After a prosperous first round of the Wildhorse Senior Oregon Open Invitational saw 38 golfers turn in a score of par-72 or better on Tuesday, Wednesday's second round saw many fall back to earth.

Just 21 golfers hit par or better on Wednesday, led by Jeff Coston, a pro at Semiahmoo Golf and Country Club in Blaine, Washington, who shot a 2-under 70 to jump into first place with a 6-under 138 through two rounds.

Coston is no stranger to this tournament, either, winning it in 2007, 2009, 2011, and 2012.

First round leader Mark Keating dropped back one spot on the leaderboard to a two-way tie for second place after turning in a 2-over 74 on the day. He is tied with Redmond, Washington

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