

EAST OREGONIAN SPORTS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER @EOSPORTS

1B

MLB

Mariners snap out of losing skid



Seattle Mariners' Jean Segura (2) singles in a run as Baltimore Orioles catcher Wellington Castillo looks on in the fifth inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, in Seattle. AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Albers pitches five solid innings for first MLB win in four years

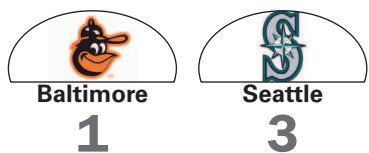
By JIM HOEHN
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Andrew Albers earned his first major league win in four years, pitching five effective innings as the Seattle Mariners beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-1 on Tuesday night to snap a five-game losing streak.

Called up from the minors earlier in the day, Albers (1-0) settled down after giving up Jonathan Schoop's 26th home run in the first inning. He allowed six hits for his first victory since Aug. 12, 2013, when he went 2-5 in 10 starts with Minnesota.

The 31-year-old lefty, acquired in a trade with Atlanta last Friday after going 12-3 at Triple-A Gwinnett, made one relief appearance for Toronto in 2015 and did not get a decision in six appearances last season with the Twins.

The Mariners' bullpen finished



with four scoreless innings. Edwin Diaz pitched a perfect ninth for his 26th save in 30 opportunities.

Seattle erased a 1-0 deficit with a run in the fourth and two in the fifth off Wade Miley (6-10), who yielded five hits in 4 2/3 innings.

The Mariners tied it in the fourth after Guillermo Heredia doubled and advanced on Robinson Cano's groundout. Nelson Cruz followed with a single to right field for his AL-leading 96th RBI.

Seattle made it 3-1 in the fifth. Danny Espinosa doubled and went to third when Miley mishandled Jarrod Dyson's sacrifice bunt. Jean Segura followed with an RBI single



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Andrew Albers throws against the Baltimore Orioles in the first inning of a baseball game Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2017, in Seattle. AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

to left, sending Dyson to second. Dyson advanced on Heredia's fielder's choice grounder and scored on Cano's bouncer to first when Heredia's hard slide into second upended shortstop Tim Beckham and prevented a possible

double play. Dyson prevented a run in the third, grabbing Adam Jones' sinking liner to center and throwing out Manny Machado, who was

See MARINERS/3B

Oregon State Football

Luton takes long road to become OSU QB

Transfer emerges from spring mystery illness

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Quarterback Jake Luton's debut with Oregon State saw him lead a couple of touchdown drives in the spring game but it wasn't readily apparent what he was going through health-wise.

Luton had what he thought was just a stomach bug that struck a few weeks before practice began.

"Then maybe five days before spring ball it got way worse, ten-fold worse," he said. "It stuck around for a while. We tried to do different things to treat it and couldn't really



Oregon State QB Jake Luton speaks to reporters at Reser Stadium in Corvallis on July 18, 2017, before the start of fall camp. Luton has been named the Beavers' starter for 2017. AP Photo/Anne M. Peterson

pinpoint what it was." Meanwhile, Luton dropped some 25 pounds from his lanky 6-foot-6 frame. Doctors ran a series of tests, looking at possibilities like

food allergies. They found nothing conclusive, he said.

"They ran all the tests. I ended up having a scope, a bunch of different things trying to figure out

what was wrong with me," Luton said when fall camp opened. "I guess just giving it time, and the trainers trying to help me out and get through it, the past few months I've felt 100 percent. I never had anything like that before in my life. It was pretty strange."

Luton went 13-for-21 for 118 yards in the Beavers' spring game, giving fans a first look at both his considerable height and strong arm. He threw a couple of interceptions, but had a nice 38-yard bullet to Isaiah Hodgins in the first quarter that set up a 6-yard touchdown pass to Jordan Villamin.

He got healthy over the summer, hit the playbook and readied himself for life in the Pac-12. His work was rewarded during fall

See LUTON/3B

Sports shorts

Elliott, NFLPA appeal suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL Players Association has appealed Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott's six-game suspension over the league's conclusion that its 2016 rushing leader injured his former girlfriend in three separate incidents last summer.

The union said Tuesday it will represent Elliott "to ensure that the NFL is held to its obligation of adhering to principles of industrial due process under the collective bargaining agreement."

The NFL suspended Elliott last week after a yearlong investigation into an Ohio domestic violence case that prosecutors declined to pursue. Elliott's attorneys blasted Commission Roger Goodell's ruling, saying the league "cherry-picked" evidence to reach its conclusion.

A hearing with Goodell or an arbitrator will be scheduled within 10 days with a decision "as soon as practicable" after the appeal is heard.



Elliott

"I'm surprised at how bad an umpire he is. I don't know how, for as many years he's been in the league, that he can be that bad. He needs to re-evaluate his career choice, he really does. If I get fined for saying the truth, then so be it. He's messing with baseball games, blatantly."

— Ian Kinsler

Detroit Tigers infielder ripped umpire Angel Hernandez on Tuesday, one day after Hernandez ejected Kinsler for arguing balls and strikes. Hernandez is in his 24th year as an MLB umpire.

Miami's Stanton homers in 6th straight game, now has 44 total

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Marlins All-Star slugger Giancarlo Stanton homered in his sixth consecutive game when he hit his 44th home run off San Francisco Giants' left-hander Madison Bumgarner on Tuesday night.

Stanton has hit 10 home runs in his last 11 games, and 23 in the last 35.

Coming into the game, his 22 homers in 34 games has only been exceeded twice in Major League history with Sammy Sosa hitting 25 in 1998 and Barry Bonds

hitting 24 in 2001 according to Elias. Stanton set the Marlins' season club record surpassing Gary Sheffield, who hit 42 in 1996.

The record is homering in eight consecutive games by Ken Griffey Jr. for Seattle in 1993, Don Mattingly of the Yankees in 1987 and Dale Long of the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1956.



Stanton

OUR VIEW

Ready or not, fall sports season is here

The summer break for prep sports in Eastern Oregon and across the state officially came to a close this week.

Monday marked the first day that teams were allowed to hit the practice fields and gyms for the 2017 season, and the first

contests are not far behind.

The first day allowed for volleyball games, soccer matches, and cross country meets is Aug. 24, while football games get started on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

So as teams get ramped up for the upcoming season, here are a few of my top storylines and teams to keep an eye on in the region this fall.

HERMISTON BEGINS OSAA FAREWELL: The story of Hermiston High athletics departing the OSAA for the WIAA starting in the 2018-19 school year has been well-documented at this point. But that doesn't make this season any less interesting.

For starters, this will be the last season of boys soccer being played in the fall season at Hermiston as it will move to the spring season in Washington, while the girls soccer team will remain playing in the fall. Both teams will try to get over the postseason hump, which has seen the Bulldog boys get bounced from the state tournament in the quarterfinal round against Woodburn each of the last two seasons, and the girls team will reload and try to escape the first round.

The Bulldog football team is set up to compete well in a wide-open 5A Special District 1, led by senior athlete Dayshawn Neal, senior defensive back Joe Gutierrez, and junior quarterback Andrew James. Elsewhere, the Bulldogs volleyball team is on its third coach in three seasons and face a tough Columbia River Conference slate against Pendleton and Hood River, while the cross country team returns some high-quality talent such as Isaac Sanchez on the boys side and Melany Solorio for the girls team that should both be strong in the district.

HEPPNER FOOTBALL: Can the Heppner football train keep on rolling? After last season's 8-3 mark and yet

See FALL SPORTS/3B

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1954 — Sports Illustrated makes its debut, selling for 25 cents. The cover features a game at Milwaukee's County Stadium. Eddie Mathews of Braves is swinging, with Wes Westrum catching and Augie Donatelli umpiring.

2008 — In Beijing, Michael Phelps touches the wall a hundredth of a second ahead of Serbia's Milorad Cavic to win the 100-meter butterfly. The win gives Phelps his seventh gold medal of the Beijing Games, tying Mark Spitz's performance in the 1972 Munich Games. Usain Bolt of Jamaica runs the 100-meter dash in a stunning world-record time of 9.69 seconds.

Contact us at 541-966-0839 or sports@eastoregonian.com