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Seattle secures series victory



Seattle Mariners' Kyle Seager (15) celebrates with Nelson Cruz (23) after hitting a three-run home run in the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Atlanta Braves Wednesday in Atlanta. AP Photo/John Bazemore

Seager, Motter pick up big hits in eighth to boost Mariners

By CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Taylor Motter replaced an injured Robinson Cano and gave Seattle the lead with a two-run single in the eighth inning, lifting the Mariners over the Atlanta Braves 9-6 on Wednesday night.

Cano had two doubles before

leaving with tightness in his left hamstring in the third.

Kyle Seager added a three-run homer in the eighth inning off Dan Winkler.

After blowing a 4-3 lead in the seventh, the Mariners rallied against Jim Johnson



(6-3) in the eighth. Motter's single to center field drove in Jean Segura, who doubled, and Yonder Alonso, who walked.

David Phelps (4-5, 2-1 AL) recorded two outs in the seventh after coming off the disabled list. Edwin Diaz recorded the

final four outs — including three strikeouts in the ninth — for his 29th save in 33 chances.

Johnson allowed four runs without recording an out. He was booed when leaving the game.

Seattle's Marc Rzepczynski gave up two runs to blow a 4-3 lead in the seventh.

Cano pulled up as he
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College Football

Beavers focusing on the Rams

Oregon State begins season with tough road contest

By KEVIN HAMPTON
The Gazette-Times

CORVALLIS — Game week has begun for Gary Andersen and the Oregon State football team.

The Beavers have been preparing for Colorado State in one form or another for quite some time and work with the scout teams started last week.

Camp is over and all the focus is now on the Rams, who the Beavers fact at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in Fort Collins, Colorado.

"Obviously, these kids are excited," Andersen said. "It's been a long camp."

The Rams are no pushover. They went 7-6 last season and have most of their top offensive players back.

"Colorado State's obviously a quality opponent. It's easy to see. Anybody that knows anything about football, you can flip on the tape," Andersen said. "They're coached the right way, they have some very good players at certain

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MLS

Valeri sets record as Timbers win

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Diego Valeri broke Portland's career goals record and set another team mark by scoring in his fifth straight game, leading the Timbers to a 2-1 victory over the Colorado Rapids on Wednesday night.

Valeri opened the scoring in the 21st minute, heading a left-wing cross from Vytautas Andriuskevicius past goalkeeper Tim

Howard. Valeri broke a tie with teammate Fanendo Adi for the club record with 52 goals with his career-high 15th of the season.

Portland (11-9-7) made it 2-0 two minutes later when Darlington Nagbe received a pass from Andriuskevicius just inside the penalty area, turned and chipped a floating shot over Howard and into



the top right corner for his third goal of the season.

Colorado (6-14-4) scored in the

28th minute. Mohammed Saied intercepted Portland defender Lawrence Olum's pass, dribbled toward the penalty area, and sent a rolling shot from the top of the area past goalkeeper Jeff Attinella for his first goal this year.

The Timbers had an opportunity to restore the two-goal lead almost immediately, but David Guzman pulled his penalty shot wide of the post. Guzman also received a yellow card in the 73rd minute, and will have to sit out Sunday against Seattle.

Portland has won four of its last six to move into a tie for second place in the Western Conference with Sporting Kansas City, a point behind Seattle.



Portland Timbers' Darren Mattocks (11) works against Colorado Rapids' Kortne Ford (24) during an MLS soccer match Wednesday in Portland. Sean Meagher/The Oregonian via AP

College Football

Luke Falk ready for final chapter as Washington State's quarterback

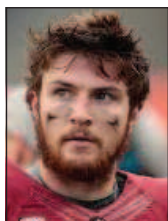
Just 2,700 yards and 28 TDs away from Pac-12 all-time records

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — Back when Luke Falk was a freshman walk-on at Washington State, strugg-

ling to strike a balance between being a first-year college football player, school and trying to have a few dollars of his own, he picked up a part-time job working for a catering company.

One of his assignments was working a high-end booster event where Falk was asked to serve, of all people, Washington



Falk

State athletic director Bill Moos.

"Here I am serving our athletic director. He didn't know me at the time, probably. But, he's heard the story now," Falk recalled. "He was one of the only guys that said, 'Thank you, and please, and thank you.'"

Years later, everyone associated

with Washington State knows Falk. He's no longer overlooked. He doesn't work with catering companies on the side anymore either. His serving happens on the field, and he's done it quite well, to the tune of nearly 11,000 yards passing already in his career.

For a nightcap, Falk bypassed early entry into the NFL and returned for his senior season with a chance to complete one of the

greatest careers in the quarter-

back-rich Pac-12 Conference. If all goes to plan, Falk will rewrite the Pac-12 record book by the end of the season, the result of being the distributor in Mike Leach's Air Raid offense. Falk needs just 2,700 yards passing and 28 TD passes to overtake the all-time Pac-12 leaders in those categories — Oregon State's Sean

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Sports shorts

ESPN host arrested in Wyoming

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — ESPN Radio host Ryen Russillo has been arrested on criminal trespass charges after entering a condo in Jackson, Wyoming.

The 42-year-old Russillo, who hosts "The Ryen Russillo Show," was booked into the Teton County Jail on Wednesday on a misdemeanor criminal trespassing charge.

The Jackson Hole News & Guide reports that officers were called around 3:30 a.m. Wednesday to a condo for a report of a "highly intoxicated male" who was refusing to leave.

Police Lt. Roger Schultz says police found the man in a bedroom. Schultz says the man had slurred speech and was incoherent. He says there was no evidence of forced entry.

Russillo, of West Hartford, Connecticut, remained in jail on Wednesday afternoon.

There was no immediate comment from ESPN.



Russillo

"I was watching [the trade news] on TV and I saw breaking news come across, so it was just as much of a shock to me as all the other fans. I'm pretty sure it will be a lot of fun ... [Irving is] a tremendous player. A superstar in this league."

— Jayson Tatum

Boston Celtics rookie on finding out his team acquired star point guard Kyrie Irving in a trade with Cleveland on Tuesday.

Orioles reliever has AL record save streak snapped at 60

BALTIMORE (AP) — Zach Britton's AL-record run of converting 60 straight save attempts ended Wednesday, when the Orioles

closer blew a two-run lead and failed to get out of the ninth inning in a game Baltimore ultimately won in the 12th, 8-7 over the Oakland Athletics.

Baltimore led 7-5 heading into the ninth when Britton entered to seal the victory, just as he had been doing successfully since the

final days of the 2015 season. On this occasion, however, the left-hander gave up three straight hits before a sacrifice fly by Matt Joyce tied it.

Britton had not blown a save since Sept. 20, 2015, at Tampa Bay. The left-hander finished well short of the MLB record of 84 straight converted saves, set by Eric Gagne from 2002-04.



Britton

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1963 — The Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa. is covered by ABC's Wide World of Sports for the first time.

2001 — Colorado Rockies' starting pitcher Jason Jennings hits a homer in his major league debut, while pitching a 10-0 complete game shut out over the Mets. The right-hander becomes the first pitcher in modern history to throw a shutout and hit a homer in his first game.

2007 — The NFL indefinitely suspends Michael Vick just hours after he acknowledged that he did bankroll gambling on dogfighting.

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