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Defense leads Pirates to victory

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BOARDMAN — After their original season opener was canceled last week, the Riverside Pirates hosted the Union Bobcats for their season opener on Friday and came out on top.

Riverside used a stout defensive effort and just enough offense to tally the victory in their opener, beating Union 8-6. It was a much different game than the 2016 meeting between the two teams, which ended in a 30-27 shootout, but the Pirates are still ecstatic with the win.

"It's a great feeling," Riverside assistant coach Loren Dieter said of the win. "We have a young team this year and have lone kids with us this year. They've blended in and played pretty well ... our seniors played really well and a lot of underclassmen are making progress."

Riverside (1-0) held Union (0-2) to just 161 total yards and one touchdown, which came on a big play in the second half. On the other side of the ball, Riverside's offense

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MLB

Seattle snaps 3-game skid

Leake pitches six solid innings for Mariners

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Ben Gamel hit a three-run homer to give Seattle an early lead, Mike Leake overcame first-inning problems to pitch six solid innings, and the Mariners snapped a three-game losing streak with a 4-3 win over the Los Angeles Angels on Friday night.

Leake (2-0) followed almost the exact same script from his first start with Seattle, giving up three straight hits to start the game and allowing two first-inning runs. And just like his first start, Leake quickly settled down, retiring 13 straight batters at one point before C.J. Cron's two-out single in the fifth inning. Leake allowed two earned runs and struck out five, as Seattle got a needed victory to continue hanging around the edges of the AL wild-card race.

Gamel provided the big blow with his eighth home run of the season with two outs in the bottom of the second

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Chiefs' Berry out for rest of season

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Chiefs safety Eric Berry ruptured his left Achilles tendon in the fourth quarter of Thursday night's victory in New England and the three-time All-Pro will miss the remainder of the season.

Berry was hurt while covering Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski on a passing route. He hobbled at the end of the play and sat on the turf, and it took a cart to remove him from the field.

Chiefs coach Andy Reid suspected after the game that it was an Achilles injury, and he said Friday that an MRI exam confirmed the diagnosis.

"I'm on a bit of a low right now," Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce said. "I love him to death. He's our fearless leader, and to see him go down in the first game breaks your heart."

He signed a \$78 million, six-year contract this past offseason.



Berry

"You know, I don't think about it. I keep swinging. It's one of those things, you have to grind every day (on) the field and think with a great attitude and great positivity to do everything you can to get out of it."

— Pablo Sandoval

The Giants player, who had the team's longest hitless streak since 1900, finally snapped his 0-for-39 skid with a three-run home run en route to a 9-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

HERMISTON

Dawgs shut out Bengals



Hermiston's Andrew James does a quarterback keeper and goes in for a touchdown early in Friday's non-conference game against Lewiston.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Hermiston dominant in home opener against Lewiston

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
East Oregonian

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If it was the momentum change in the last 10 minutes of the Hermiston football team's season opener that lit a fire under the team, then Lewiston had no chance against the Bulldogs on Friday night at Kennison Field.

Hermiston welcomed the Bengals for its first home game of the season, and the Bulldogs certainly had something to prove. After losing last year on Lewiston's home field to cap of an 0-2 start, Hermiston was going to do everything in its power to not let that happen again — a 26-0 win proved that.

Thanks to a 307 total yard perfor-

mance from junior quarterback Andrew James, two interceptions from senior Joey Gutierrez, and two fumble recoveries in the first five minutes of play, the Bulldogs (1-1) avenged last season's loss with a shut out victory.

"It was good to feel the field again and we came out with a bang," James said before quickly reflecting on what didn't go the Bulldogs way. "It got sloppy quick, a lot of

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Dayshawn Neal, of Hermiston, exults after intercepting the ball during Friday's non-conference game against Lewiston at Kennison Field.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Rodeo

Bull rider leaves flooded Texas town for Round-Up

Professional bullrider Bryan Titman, who competes on Monday, has spent the past two weeks helping out Harvey flood victims in his home town of East Bernard, Texas.

Photo courtesy of Andy Watson



By EMILY OLSON
East Oregonian

It's not his first Round-Up, but bull rider Bryan Titman is expecting this year to be different.

"I might be a tad rustier," said the cowboy, who's ranked 155th in the PBR standings. "I've had to spend two weeks out of competitions."

He canceled two rodeo appearances: one because the roads were flooded, another because he was stuck in the tropical storm that claimed 39 lives and devastated Texas with 50 inches of rain.

Harvey hit Titman's hometown of East Bernard,

Texas, late last month. The town was only an hour away from where the storm made landfall on the gulf. Being surrounded by three rivers, East Bernard saw the worst of it.

"The water was up to my chest and I'm every bit of 5'10," Titman said. "Other places, you'd put in a stick that was every bit of 10 feet, and it was well past the top."

Titman watched the water rise to his doorstep, but thankfully it didn't enter the dwelling or cause any damage. The same couldn't be said for most of East Bernard's 400 residents.

Fretting for his neigh-

bors, Titman and his friends grabbed a boat and headed out to help. In the end, they rescued about 30 folks from the floodwaters, and relocated herds of cattle and horses that were "swimming up to their necks," he said.

Titman has family, located on the other side of town, who were among those devastated by the storm. The water rose to their rooftop, where they gathered until rescued by boat.

"They lost everything," Titman said, but he's not worried about their recovery. "They're as strong as me. That's how

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Cleveland keeps hot streak going with 16th straight victory

CLEVELAND (AP) — Edwin Encarnacion and the Cleveland Indians won their 16th straight game, extending the best streak in franchise history by beating the Baltimore Orioles 5-0 Friday night.

Encarnacion hit his 34th home run, connecting off Wade Miley (8-12) for a three-run shot in the first inning.

Mike Clevinger (9-5) improved his chances to pitch in the postseason with six strong innings as AL Central leaders became just the third team in the expansion era — since 1961 — to win 16 straight in a season.

Cleveland's string is the longest in the majors since Oakland won 20 straight in 2002. Those A's and the 1977 Kansas City Royals are the only teams in the past 56 years to reel off 20 consecutive wins.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1933 — Fred Perry wins his first U.S. men's singles title with a 6-3, 11-13, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1 victory over Australian Jack Crawford.

1972 — The United States men's basketball team loses its first game in Olympic competition. The Soviet Union wins 51-50 with the help of a controversial ending.

2000 — Arizona's Randy Johnson becomes the 12th player to reach the 3,000 strikeout plateau, fanning a season-high 14 in seven innings as the Diamondbacks lost to Florida 4-3 in 12 innings.

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