

BRIEFLY
Pendleton Babe Ruth holding annual public meeting

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Babe Ruth baseball league is holding its annual public meeting on Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. in the Hodgen Distributing’s banquet room, 4340 Westgate.

People interested in coaching for the 2018 spring season or any persons that would like to get involved with Pendleton youth baseball are welcome to attend. The Babe Ruth league is open for kids ages 13-15, and the season typically runs from mid-April until the end of June.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact T.J. Haguewood at PendletonBaseball@gmail.com.

Mariners begin to shape 2018 roster

SEATTLE (AP) — The Mariners have declined 2018 options on right-handed pitchers Hisashi Iwakuma and Yovani Gallardo, making both eligible for free agency.

Seattle also claimed utilityman Andrew Romine off waivers from Detroit on Thursday. Romine appeared in 124 games last season for the Tigers. Most of his time was spent in the infield.

Gallardo gets a \$2 million buyout payable next July 1 rather than a \$13 million salary, which would have included \$3 million deferred to July 1, 2021.

Iwakuma receives a \$1 million buyout instead of a \$10 million salary.

Iwakuma had shoulder troubles for most of the season and never pitched after May 10. He was 0-2 in six starts and had shoulder surgery in late September that will keep him from throwing until late February or early March.

Gallardo shuttled between the starting rotation and bullpen in his one season in Seattle. Gallardo was 5-10 with a 5.72 ERA in 28 games.

Seattle also reinstated pitchers David Phelps and Drew Smyly from the 60-day DL.

Upton spurns free agency, signs 5-year extension with Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Outfielder Justin Upton is staying with the Los Angeles Angels, agreeing to a new five-year, \$106 million contract.

The Angels announced the deal Thursday with Upton, their late-season trade acquisition.

Upton was owed \$88.5 million over the next four seasons as part of a \$132.75 million, six-year deal he signed with the Detroit Tigers. The Angels acquired him on Aug. 31.

Upton had the right to opt out of that deal for free agency after the World Series. With a new contract that supersedes his old deal, Upton decided to stay.

Upton had career-highs of 35 homers and 109 RBIs last season, and he is a Gold Glove finalist in left field. He fits ideally in the Angels’ outfielder alongside Mike Trout and Kole Calhoun.

“After talking with Billy Eppler several times it was evident to me that Arte and the whole organization is as committed to winning as I am and that was the biggest factor in my decision to come back,” Upton wrote in a statement.

Colts place QB Luck on injured reserve

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis Colts quarterback Andrew Luck will be placed on injured reserve.

Colts general manager Chris Ballard made the announcement on Thursday.

Luck was “shut down” three weeks ago after complaining of soreness in his surgically repaired throwing shoulder.

After the January surgery, he missed all of the team’s offseason workouts, all of training camp and the preseason.

Luck threw to teammates every other day for two weeks starting in early October. But he stopped Oct. 18 after receiving a cortisone shot.

Jacoby Brissett remains the starter in Luck’s absence.

“I wish I was better and 100 percent this season, but that’s not the case,” Luck told the team’s website, Colts.com.

“I know I’ll be better from this. I know I’ll be a better quarterback, teammate, person and player from this, and I’m excited for the future.”

NFL
Brown settling in as new left tackle for Seahawks

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — The whirlwind past 10 days for Duane Brown finally ended with the standout left tackle calling a new city home.

It wasn’t a straightforward path for Brown from ending his holdout with Houston to arriving in Seattle as the newest member of the Seahawks. But somehow it ended up working very much in Brown’s favor.

“It’s worked out pretty good for me, I’ve got to say,” Brown said on Wednesday.

“I thought I did some great things in my career. I thought we had some great years there in Houston. To come here and immediately be a part of a contender and a chance to win it’s worked out amazing. I couldn’t ask for anything better.”

Prior to the NFL trade deadline, the Seahawks addressed their biggest issue by landing Brown from Houston, realizing the opportunity in front of them as contenders in the NFC could be jeopardized by a leaky offensive line.

It was a move the Seahawks first looked into back in August when expected starter George Fant was lost for the season to a knee injury, but the urgency of the trade deadline finally got the deal accomplished.

The entire trade ended up being an awkward, convoluted dance. The Seahawks originally agreed to send cornerback Jeremy Lane and two draft picks for Brown on Monday. But Lane failed his physical with the Texans and was returned to Seattle, causing the trade to be altered.

The sides eventually settled on



AP Photo/Stephen Brashear
Houston Texans offensive tackle Duane Brown blocks in the first half of an Oct. 29 game against the Seattle Seahawks in Seattle. Brown was traded from Houston to Seattle on Monday.

Seattle sending a third-round pick in 2018 and a second-round pick in 2019 for Brown and a fifth-round pick in 2018. The Seahawks will also get back a former starting cornerback in Lane, but are tight on salary cap room even after reportedly altering the contract of quarterback Russell Wilson to clear space for Brown’s deal.

“I don’t expect him to do anything but to help us,” Seattle coach Pete Carroll said of Brown. “The experience though, you can’t replace that. You can’t do anything about that if you don’t have it.

“All you can do is be patient and so that is what we have been doing for the last couple of years as our guys are growing. I think he will help our guys grow.”

Brown was a holdout through

training camp and the first six games of the season for Houston as he sought a new contract for a current deal that runs through the 2018 season. He never got a new deal and eventually reported last week. His debut came last Sunday against Seattle, where he played 68 of 71 snaps and looked like he hadn’t been sitting out for weeks.

“I was a bit nervous at first because it’s not quite the defense that you want to have to face on the road for your first game back, but I felt pretty good,” Brown said.

“I stayed in shape, I made sure I did some work on my own so I wasn’t completely just going out there fresh-off-the-couch, but there was a bit of rust I had to shake off going into it, but I thought I performed pretty good.”

MLB
Dodgers’ title drought reaches 30 years with Series loss

By BETH HARRIS
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LOS ANGELES — Even Clayton Kershaw couldn’t save the Dodgers in Game 7 of the World Series.

The three-time NL Cy Young Award winner pitched four scoreless innings of relief when starter Yu Darvish fell into a five-run hole after 1 2/3 innings Wednesday night.

But the Dodgers’ offense never put it together. Los Angeles mustered just six hits and stranded 10 runners in a 5-1 loss to Houston that extended its championship drought to 30 years.

It was a clunker of an ending for baseball’s best team during the regular season.

“Like I told the guys, when you put everything, every ounce of your being into something and you come up short, it hurts,” manager Dave Roberts said, “and it’s supposed to hurt.”

The Dodgers won 104 games, boasted an NL-leading six All-Stars and won the NL West for the fifth consecutive year. They won 43 of 50 games over a two-month stretch from June to early August, the best 50-game run in the majors since the 1912 New York Giants.

Their lead reached a whopping 21 games on Aug. 23, and they survived an 11-game September skid to coast into October.

Boasting the majors’ highest payroll of \$240 million, Los Angeles rolled past Arizona in the NL Division Series and then knocked off the defending champion Cubs in five games in the NL Championship Series to reach their first World Series since 1988.

The Dodgers and Astros dueled to a 3-all tie through six thrilling



Members of the Los Angeles Dodgers watch as the Houston Astros celebrate their win in Game 7 of the World Series on Wednesday.

AP Photo/Alex Gallardo

games, with Los Angeles rallying to force the first World Series Game 7 in Dodger Stadium history.

But, a few miles from Hollywood, the script got flipped.

And it was the Astros celebrating the end of their 55-year title drought on the Dodgers’ field.

“It’s too hard to think about what the Astros are getting to do right now,” a dejected Kershaw said.

Roberts, so quick with his hook all season, left Darvish in to face Series MVP George Springer in the second. Springer blasted a two-run homer — his record-tying fifth of the Series — and Houston extended its lead to 5-0.

Brandon Morrow got the last out of the inning before Kershaw came on in the third. The left-handed ace allowed two hits, struck out four and walked two, leaving fans to question why Roberts didn’t start Kershaw on short rest in the first place. Or at least bring in Kershaw to face Springer in the second.

“There’s always going to be second-guessing,” Roberts said. “We felt good with Yu starting the game.”

Darvish only managed five outs in losing Game 3 at Houston. He’s

the second pitcher in World Series history with less than two innings pitched in two starts.

“I let my teammates down,” he said through a translator.

Darvish took the loss, giving up five runs — four earned — and three hits. He didn’t record a strikeout and walked one.

“I know he wanted the baseball. I know he was prepared. I just can’t explain the results,” Roberts said. “I understand it’s Game 7, but I just felt his stuff was good.”

Acquired at the July trade deadline, Darvish was best known in the Series for being the target of a racist gesture by Astros first baseman Yuli Gurriel during Game 3. On Wednesday, Gurriel tipped his helmet to Darvish before stepping in for his first at-bat of the game.

“I just tried not to hit him,” Darvish said. “What happened didn’t affect me at all.”

Kenley Jansen appeared earlier than usual, too. The closer, who tied for the NL lead with 41 saves, trotted out in the seventh to face the top of the Astros’ order. He induced a flyout from Springer, struck out Alex Bregman and walked Jose Altuve, who stole second before

Carlos Correa popped out to shortstop.

“We feel the pain and we’ll be motivated by this pain,” Jansen said. “It’s going to take a while. It breaks your heart.”

Alex Wood, another starter working in relief, retired six consecutive batters over the eighth and ninth innings.

Roberts made 32 pitching changes in the Series, breaking a record set by St. Louis’ Tony La Russa in 2011.

With Kershaw pumping his fists and yelling, “Let’s go!” from the dugout, the Dodgers got two runners on with no outs to open the sixth.

Andre Ethier, the longest-tenured Dodger, pushed across one run with a pinch-hit single. That allowed the crowd of 54,124, stunned into silence early, a rare moment to cheer.

But the Dodgers stranded two more runners and trailed 5-1.

Their big bats were silenced, too. Chris Taylor, Corey Seager, Justin Turner, Cody Bellinger, Yasiel Puig and Joc Pederson were a combined 4 for 22. Bellinger whiffed three times, and his 17 strikeouts were a Series record. He also broke Yankees star Aaron Judge’s freshly set mark with 29 strikeouts this postseason.

“This is just a great group of guys,” Kershaw said. “Without getting too emotional, just trying to embrace each other. We all feel the same hurt.”

The Dodgers didn’t manage a baserunner over the last three innings, keeping their title drought intact.

“I hope we can get to this point again,” Kershaw said. “but it definitely wasn’t easy to get here.”

MLS Playoffs
Sounders hold off Whitecaps, advance to conference final

By TIM BOOTH
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SEATTLE — Clint Dempsey curled a left-footed shot past Vancouver goalkeeper Stefan Marinovic early in the second half for his first playoff goal in two seasons, added a second goal in the closing minutes, and the Seattle Sounders beat the Whitecaps 2-0 on Thursday night to advance to the MLS Western Conference finals.

Seattle advanced out of the two-leg conference semifinals after the sides played to a 0-0 draw in the first-leg last weekend in Vancouver. The defending MLS Cup champion Sounders will face Houston or Portland in the conference finals.

The Sounders controlled possession throughout but were unable to breakdown the Whitecaps until a series of passes started by Cristian Roldan found the foot of Dempsey at the top of the penalty area in the 56th minute. Roldan’s run was



Seattle Sounders’ Clint Dempsey, left, kicks the ball away from a Vancouver Whitecaps player during the second leg of an MLS Western Conference semifinal, Thursday in Seattle.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

the first time since joining MLS in 2011. The Whitecaps were in the conference semifinals for just the second time; they lost to Cascadia rival Portland in 2015.

A draw would have been enough for Vancouver to advance on the road goals tiebreaker but even after Seattle took the lead, Vancouver was unable to mount much of an offensive attack. The Whitecaps finished with just one shot on target which Seattle goalkeeper Stefan

Frei saved.

Seattle appeared to have a legitimate complaint when Nouhou Tolo was pulled down in the penalty box by Jake Nerwinski midway through the first half but referee Baldomero Toledo chose against making the call even after video review. Seattle also had a chance in the dying seconds of the first half when Dempsey’s flying volley beat Marinovic but bounced just wide of the far post.