

Cisneros sets fourth school record



Alex Cisneros

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On April 19, Alex Cisneros made history yet again for the Portland State Vikings.

Cisneros, a Hermiston native and PSU redshirt junior track athlete, broke the school record in the 10,000-meter run at the Mt. SAC Relays in Torrance,

California. His time of 29:25.74 broke the previous record — which had stood for 34 years — by four seconds, and it beat his previous personal best by nearly 29 seconds.

His performance leads off this week's college spotlight for the week of April 18-24.

It is the fourth school record that Cisneros holds overall, but the first for

outdoor track and field. During the indoor track and field season this past winter, Cisneros set school records in both the 3,000 meters (8:16.45) and 5,000 meters (14:19.95). His 5,000 meters record-breaking run at the UW Invitational on Jan. 26 was impressive, as it smashed the previous record of 14:50.81 by 30 seconds.

His fourth record comes from PSU

cross country, where Cisneros set a new mark in 10,000-meter races in all conditions, finishing in 30:29.8 at the NCAA West Regional on Nov. 11, 2016.

Cisneros has exhausted his cross country eligibility, but will have one year remaining as a track and field athlete, if he so chooses.

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MLB: Mariners 4, White Sox 3



Seattle Mariners catcher Mike Zunino, left, throws out Chicago White Sox's Omar Narvaez after a dropped third strike in the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday in Chicago.

Mariners narrowly beat White Sox again

Zunino homers to back Hernandez

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CHICAGO (AP) — Mike Zunino knew the ball hit the sweet spot. He just wasn't sure at first if it would clear the wall.

Zunino homered and scored twice to back Felix Hernandez in the Seattle Mariners' 4-3 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday.

Chicago's Yoan Moncada hit his first career leadoff homer. But at 5-16, the White Sox are off to their worst start since 1950.

Zunino doubled and scored in a two-run third and gave the Mariners a 4-3 lead with an opposite-field, solo drive to right against James Shields in the sixth.

"The rhythm, the timing's, the biggest thing and that's what's

gonna come," Zunino said. "Obviously, that's where I'm trying to drive those fastballs. It's tough on a day like today when you have Shields (who) can mix it up so well, add that really slow curveball and was able to locate it just below the zone. But I was just able to try to battle, get in a good count and get a good pitch to hit."

Nelson Cruz added three hits, including two RBI singles.

Hernandez (3-2) settled down after giving up the homer to Moncada and a double by Yolmer Sanchez on his first two pitches. The 2010 AL Cy Young Award winner went six innings, scattering three runs and seven hits while striking out six and walking two.

"After the first inning, I was in better command, making better pitches," Hernandez said. "I had a good curveball, had a good sinker."

James Pazos worked a perfect

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Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez, left, tags out Chicago White Sox designated hitter Daniel Palka during the third inning of a baseball game Wednesday in Chicago. Yolmer Sanchez scored on the play.

Prep Roundup

Hermiston girls tennis shuts out Eagles

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HERMISTON — On Senior Night in Hermiston, the girls tennis team came away with an 8-0 sweep over Hood River Valley.

The Bulldogs faced the Eagles for the second time this week, and again dominated their competition but also managed to improve on some mistakes.

"We made quite a few mistake against Hood River earlier this week in Hood River, but were able to make corrections tonight and play some great tennis," head coach Jason Sivey said.

Sivey highlighted the performance of No. 1 singles player Mackenzie Hill, who defeated Montsie Garrio 6-1, 6-3.

"She controlled the pace of the game and played very confident compared to our last matchup," he said.

Also in singles, Olivia Thomas had a good showing. After losing the first set, Thomas was able to adjust and come away with the win in the second set and tiebreaker, 6-0 (10-4).

Lindsay McAllister and Adriann Stewart also picked up wins in straight sets against their respective opponents.

"I'm very proud of the intensity we are coming out with on a daily basis and how much we are controlling our mental game," Sivey said.

In doubles play, Hermiston continued its success with a sweep in straight sets from No. 1 pair of Reed Middleton and Breena Wadekamper, who defeated Claire Oswald and Kirby Joseph 6-2, 6-4.

Both pairs of Alyssa Perkins and Breckyn Mecham and Emery Snyder and Katie Bradshaw won their tiebreakers after the first set and handily defeated their counterparts in the second set.

Violet Mitchell and Ashlyn Hofbauer rounded out the doubles pairs and helped complete the sweep for the Bulldogs.

Singles
Mackenzie Hill (HHS) def. Montsie Garrio (HRV) 6-1, 6-3
Lindsay McAllister (HHS) def. Jordan Zeigner (HRV) 6-2, 6-3
Adriann Stewart (HHS) def. Jojo Summerset (HRV) 6-4, 6-4
Olivia Thomas (HHS) def. Monica DeLarosa (HRV) 4-6, 6-0, (10-4)

Doubles
Middleton/Wadekamper (HHS) def. Oswald/Joseph (HRV) 6-2, 6-4
Perkins/Mecham (HHS) def. Dosier/thoe (HRV) 7-6 (7-2), 6-1
Snyder/Bradshaw (HHS) def. Wetherell/Evans (HRV) 7-6 (7-1), 6-4
Mitchell/Hofbauer (HHS) def. Sankari/Church (HRV)

HOOD RIVER 4, HERMISTON (BOYS) 3 — Hermiston boys tennis head coach Shann West described the team's efforts on Wednesday against Hood River Valley as "sluggish." The Bulldogs dropped the match 4-3 to the Eagles, picking up one lone win in singles play and two victories in doubles.

The best outing of the day was the No. 4 doubles pair of Maxwell Spencer and Miguel Salvador, who defeated their Hood River counterparts 6-6 (7-3), 6-3.

"Our guys played very well there," West said.

Also picking up a doubles win was the No. 1 duo of Patrick Wicks and Thomas

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Sports shorts

Kenseth returning to NASCAR with Roush Fenway Racing

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Roush Fenway Racing wants to be among NASCAR's elite again and recognized it needed help for its ongoing rebuild.

The organization called on Matt Kenseth, one of its cornerstone former drivers, and asked him to come back. When Kenseth took the call from team owner Jack Roush, he had just one question: What took the team owner so long to reach out?

"What took so long is there was a rawness from him leaving me," Roush said Wednesday at the NASCAR Hall of Fame.



Baseball document worth millions spurs court fight

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One of the most valuable pieces of baseball memorabilia — a copy of the 1876 National League constitution that established business practices that remain the norm today — is at the center of a legal dispute between the family of a late baseball executive and an auction house.

Baseball historians say the document, largely the work of Chicago White Stockings owner William Hulbert, was essential in giving a suspicious and disreputable game respectability in the late 19th century.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1905 — Jack McCarthy of the Cubs became the only outfielder in major league history to throw out three runners at the plate, each of whom became the second out of a double play. The victims were the Pittsburgh Pirates in a 2-1 loss.

1950 — The University of Miami ends the longest winning streak in collegiate tennis by defeating William & Mary 8-1. William & Mary, unbeaten in five years, had won 82 consecutive meets.

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