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M's slug past Astros



Seattle Mariners' Mike Zunino, right, celebrates his two-run home run off Houston Astros starting pitcher Dallas Keuchel with Ben Gamel during the second inning of a baseball game Tuesday in Houston. (AP Photo/Eric Christian Smith)

Early homers helps Seattle over Houston

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Even though it's only June, the Seattle Mariners know playing well against the Houston Astros will be vital if they hope to reach the postseason for the first time since 2001.

They did that on Tuesday night, slugging their way to a lopsided win that left them two games ahead of the World Series champs in first place in the American League West.

Kyle Seager, Mike Zunino and Jean Segura all homered off Dallas Keuchel early to back up another solid start by James Paxton and give the Mariners the 7-1 victory.

"Every series against in-division teams is big but really every game is really important," Paxton said. "But especially these guys being at the top of the division with them right now, every game puts us ahead of them so they're important to win."

Their bats got going early on Tuesday night, with Seager hitting a three-run homer in Seattle's four-run first and Zunino padding the lead to 6-0 with his two-run shot in the second.

Paxton (5-1) gave up nine hits but just one run in 7 2/3 innings to extend his winning streak to five games. The Canadian lefty struck out six and walked one to lower his ERA to 2.95.

For the Astros the struggles continue for Keuchel (3-8), the 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner. He tied a season-high by yielding seven hits and the seven

runs were the most he's allowed this season. It was the second time he's given up three homers this season as he lost for the third time in four games.

He thinks he must be doing something to give away what he's about to throw.

"The first thing that pops up is either I'm tipping or they're getting something on me," he said. "We'll take a look at it and go from there. If you would've told me I was 3-8 at this point of the season, I probably would've laughed in your face (but) ... I'll be better."

Marwin Gonzalez was a home run shy of the cycle and drove in Houston's only run with a second-inning double on a night the Astros had trouble stringing together hits and dropped their third straight.

Dee Gordon started things

in the first with a leadoff single before a single by Jean Segura. Mitch Haniger grounded into a forceout that left Segura out at second and scored Gordon to make it 1-0. Nelson Cruz singled before Seager's 10th homer this season made it 4-0.

The Mariners loved giving Paxton such a big early cushion to work with.

"It's definitely big," Seager said. "It's big to jump on anybody, any game but especially we know what their offense is capable of and it's really nice to give Paxton some wiggle room and let him take care of the rest."

Ben Gamel opened the second with a single and Zunino pushed the lead to 6-0 with his blast to left field.

Carlos Correa and Yuli Gur-

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PENDLETON



Pendleton boys basketball coach Kyle Tedder advises one of his players during a 2016 game against Hermiston at Warberg Court. Tedder resigned on Tuesday after three seasons in Pendleton to take a teaching job at North Medford High School.

Tedder resigns after 3 seasons

Bucks boys basketball coach takes job in Medford

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

PENDLETON — Kyle Tedder has resigned as head boys basketball coach at Pendleton High School after three seasons at the helm.

Tedder, who is also employed by the school as a teacher, submitted his resignation for both positions to the school board, which were accepted by the board at its regular meeting on Tuesday morning. The 26-year-old told the *East Oregonian* that he recently accepted a teaching position at North Medford High School, which is closer to his native Coos Bay.

"I got an opportunity to go home," Tedder said by phone. "It's hard giving up a good head coaching job, but it's more of a personal life choice for me. It's an opportunity that I couldn't pass up ... to be back with my family and back with my friends."

The Marshfield High School graduate came to Pendleton in 2015 after finishing a standout collegiate basketball career at Southern Oregon University and then one year at North Medford as the junior varsity coach while doing his student teaching. In his three seasons in Pendleton, the Buckaroos were one of the most consistent programs in Class 5A, compiling a 47-24 (.662) overall record, a 23-4 mark

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Complete Beavers dominate Corvallis Regional, Gophers next

OSU now hosts Minnesota in Super Regionals

By BOB LUNDEBERG
Albany Democrat-Herald

The College World Series rematch between Oregon State and LSU didn't quite live up to the lofty expectations.

For a variety of reasons,

the Tigers were no match for the top-seeded Beavers at last weekend's Corvallis Regional. OSU outscored the SEC power 26-1 over the final two games of the regional, sending No. 2-seeded LSU back to Louisiana with plenty to ponder.

"Going into this year, it helped just having a lot of guys with the experience and to know what we're fighting for all offseason long," OSU

junior infielder Nick Madrigal said after Sunday night's 12-0 victory. The Beavers also routed LSU 14-1 on Saturday before the largest — and possibly the loudest — crowd in Goss Stadium history.

"Just to get the taste of Omaha, some guys never get to experience it. ... Everyone knew what we were fighting for. It helps to have a lot of guys that went

through it."

OSU (47-10-1) will host Minnesota (44-13) this weekend in the Corvallis Super Regional. The winner of the best-of-3 series advances to the CWS.

The Tigers were out-hit 29-10 in 18 innings against OSU as the SEC tournament runners-up slowly ran out of pitching. LSU also committed three errors and was 4 for 21 with runners on base

during the two shellackings.

At last year's CWS, LSU bounced back from a 13-1 drubbing to end OSU's season. There was no recovery this time.

"We just got beat by a superior team out here," LSU coach Paul Mainieri said.

The Beavers were nearly perfect on defense during the regional, committing just one error in three games.

OSU turned six double plays and took away multiple hits around the diamond.

Steven Kwan may have been the top performer, robbing at least two doubles with spectacular catches in center field. Kwan crashed into the wall Sunday night while chasing down a deep drive from Daniel Cabrera.

"I've got the best defense

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Sports shorts

Justify draws No. 1 post for Triple Crown try

NEW YORK (AP) — Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner Justify will break from the No. 1 post as the early 4-5 favorite in the Belmont Stakes as the colt tries to complete a Triple Crown sweep.

Trainer Bob Baffert is not a fan of the inside post for his horses, no matter what the race.

Justify will take on nine rivals in the 1½-mile race Saturday at Belmont Park. Trainer Todd Pletcher will saddle Noble Indy and Vino Rosso, and he says Baffert must be nervous.



Florida St. wins first WCWS title

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Pitcher Meghan King settled down after a rough start to complete a record-setting Women's College World Series, and Florida State beat Washington 8-3 on Tuesday night to claim its first national title.

The Seminoles (58-12) won the best-of-three championship series 2-0. They lost their opener before winning six straight to become just the third team to come through the losers' bracket and take the title.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1919 — Man o' War wins his first race, a 5-furlong contest over a straightaway at Belmont Park. The 3-to-5 favorite wins by six lengths, covering the distance in 59 seconds.

2007 — The Anaheim Ducks capture the Stanley Cup with a 6-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators, ending the series in five games.

2007 — Trevor Hoffman becomes the first major leaguer with 500 career saves when he closes out the L.A. Dodgers, 5-2.

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