



San Francisco Giants' Hunter Pence reacts after he hit a solo home run against the Seattle Mariners during the sixth inning of Tuesday's baseball game in Seattle.

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A Giant mistake

Mariners lose 4-3 after Gordon's 9th inning error

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SEATTLE — Steven Dugger scored from second base on a throwing error by Dee Gordon with two outs in the ninth inning and the San Francisco Giants beat the Seattle Mariners 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Pinch-hitter Pablo Sandoval hit a slow roller toward second base that Gordon charged from the outfield grass. Sandoval was going to beat the play, but Gordon still tried a rushed throw, and Ryon Healy was unable to handle it as it bounced toward the Seattle dugout, allowing Dugger to score.

Dugger had singled with one out against closer Edwin Diaz (0-3) and advanced when Alen Hanson grounded to the mound.

Tony Watson (3-3) worked the eighth inning, and Will



Seattle Mariners' Kyle Seager is tagged out at home by San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey as he tried to score on a single by Mike Zunino during the fourth inning.

Smith pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Hunter Pence homered for the first time this season after 125 at-bats and in his 50th game. Pence missed 40 games due to a right thumb injury and had yet to find the home run swing that led to 13 homers in each of the past two seasons. Pence's solo shot leading off the sixth thumped

off the facade of the second-deck in left field and gave the Giants a 3-2 lead. Chase d'Arnaud and Kelby Tomlinson also had RBI singles for the Giants.

The lead was short as Seattle pulled even in the sixth when pinch-hitter Ben Gamel dropped a two-out single into shallow left field and scored Denard Span.

Seattle expected to have its ace James Paxton returning from the disabled list for the series opener. But Paxton's sore back flared up after throwing a bullpen last weekend, and he remained on the disabled list, leaving the Mariners to scramble for a starter.

The job ended up with Roenis Elias. The lefty pitched well but lasted just 3 2/3 innings, giving up two runs and throwing a season-high 75 pitches.

"Just trying to be smart. I think I've made the mistake in the past of pushing it a little bit and then having something linger for a while and me not pitching at my best for a period of time," Paxton said before the game. "We're fighting for postseason here. We need the best me out there to help us."

BAD SEND

Seattle had a chance at a big inning in the fourth after loading the bases with no outs. Span's sacrifice fly scored Nelson Cruz, but any

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HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Daylon Eng just misses out on top 10 at NHSFR

Hermiston bronc rider finishes 11th in nation

East Oregonian

Even though the 2018 National High School Finals Rodeo ended on July 21st without a local competitor winning a national championship, four of the five local kids still put together some outstanding performances against the best cowboys and cowgirls in the country in Rock Spring, Wyoming.

Leading the way was Hermiston saddle bronc rider Daylon Eng, as the future Blue Mountain Community College athlete finished 11th in the country with 128 points in the average standings. Eng was eighth in Go 1 after he rode for 70 points, and slipped to 19th in Go 2 following a 58-point ride. He missed out on a top 10 finish by just 20 points.



Eng

Wall, South Dakota's Cash Wilson won the average title with 217 points and Madras' Joe Scott III finished 15th in average with 75 points.

Pendleton roper Trent Sorey had an up-and-down performance at the NHSFR, but he did enough to finish inside the top 50 in the country in tie-down roping. Sorey's first run put him 87th in the standings with a time of 28.23 seconds, but he responded in the second go with a time of 9.22 that placed him sixth for the round. Overall, Sorey finished 46th in the average with a time of 37.45. Trae Smith of Georgetown, Idaho, won the title with an average of 28.78 and Baker City's Duncan Mackenzie finished 10th in the average (38.42).

In goat tying, Heppner's Jacee Currin improved upon her previous trip to the NHSFR, where she finished 120th, and cracked the top 100. Currin had a really good run in Go 1, as she tied her goat in 8.89 seconds to finish 38th, but had some struggles in Go 2 where she finished 118th with a time of 23.16. Currin finished 91st overall in the average (32.05), where Hooper, Utah's Eryn Hodson won the title with an average of 22.39.

Other Oregon cowgirls competing were Central Point's Aimee Davis (12th in average, 26.38), Haines' Samantha Kerns (116th in average, 9.76), and Redmond's Kennedy Buckner (143rd in aver-

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PENDLETON

12U All-Stars lose first game to Washington at West Regional

Team thumped by Washington 11-1

East Oregonian

For the first time in 13 games, Pendleton's 12U All-Star softball team ended a game without a win.

The team, playing as

Team Oregon, suffered its first loss at the Little League Western Regional on Tuesday night, falling 11-1 to Washington (Kirkland) at Al Houghton Stadium in San Bernardino, California.

Pendleton managed only two hits against Washington pitchers Christina Minor and Kya Aldrich, as the duo

struck out 10 and allowed just one run in four innings. Pendleton's only run in the game came in the top of the second inning, when Madeline Schumacher drew a leadoff walk and later scored on a single by Lilly Brooks.

The team's only other hit was a one-out single by Melanie Boatman in the third

inning.

Washington's offense, meanwhile, scored double-digit runs for the third straight game as it tallied eight hits and drew four walks and three hit-by-pitches to score its 11 runs. Washington scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning, starting with an RBI

double from Kaidence Caiola. After adding two runs in the second inning, Washington worked some two-out magic in the third inning to really take control.

With the bases loaded and two outs, Washington strung together three straight hits — a single and two doubles — to add five runs to its

total.

Pendleton had been 12-0 prior to Tuesday's loss dating back to the team's first game at the District 3 tournament on June 19.

The All-Stars will now try to stay alive on Wednesday when it takes on Alaska at 4 p.m.

Sports shorts

A's rally past Rangers with 11 unanswered runs

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Khris Davis' three-run homer in the 10th inning capped the Oakland Athletics' comeback from an eight-run deficit in a 13-10 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Davis' went deep against Austin Bibens-Dirkx (2-3) for the Athletics' fourth homer of the night — their third consecutive game with that many. Oakland's 92 homers on the road lead the majors.



Todd Gurley gets extension from LA Rams

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Running back Todd Gurley agreed to a lucrative four-year contract extension through 2023 with the Los Angeles Rams on Tuesday.

The Rams didn't announce the financial terms of the deal, but ESPN said the extension is worth \$60 million, with a whopping \$45 million guaranteed.

That deal contains the NFL's largest annual average value for a running back. He finished second in the NFL with 1,305 yards rushing and 13 TDs while catching 64 passes for 788 yards and six TDs.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1941 — Lefty Grove of the Boston Red Sox wins his 300th and last game.

1976 — In Montreal, Edwin Moses of the U.S. sets an Olympic record in the 400 hurdles — 47.63 seconds.

2015 — Maya Moore scores a record 30 points to lead the West to a 117-112 victory over the East in the WNBA All-Star Game.

2017 — Katie Ledecky breezes to her third gold medal of the world championships.

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