

MARINERS: Astros scored five runs in fourth

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clean outing for him.”
The Astros took a 2-0 lead in the first with an RBI triple for White before Gonzales’ wild pitch enabled White to score from third. White’s home run came in the ninth.
“It was a fun game today,” White said. “I’m just trying to help this team any way possible. I’ve learned not to press and just enjoy playing with these guys.”
The big inning for the Astros was the fourth, when they sent 10 to the plate and scored five runs to take an 8-1 lead.

Gonzales gave up six consecutive hits to start the inning before he was replaced by reliever Nick Rumbelow.
“I had trouble keeping them off-balance today,” Gonzales said. “I think we

have a lot of time left to get everything firing on all cylinders. This team has done a great job of when one part struggles, the other part steps up. We have September to get hot.”
Maldonado’s homer came one inning later to make it 9-1.
Oakland’s 4-2 loss to Texas on Wednesday gives the Astros a one-game lead in the AL West.
Nelson Cruz and Mitch Haniger each had home runs for the Mariners. Cruz hit an upper-deck shot in the fourth for his 31st homer. Haniger’s two-run homer in the sixth inning was his 20th of the season.

CANO AT THIRD
Robinson Cano started at third base, the first time in his 14-year career he has played there. Cano also hit his 525th double, tying him with Ted Williams for 45th of the career list.



From left, Seattle Seahawks defensive tackle Jarran Reed (90) and defensive tackle Tom Johnson (91) take part in an agility drill.

SEAHAWKS: Players tired of hearing about who’s not on team

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that the Seahawks hope can help get the team’s run defense back on track after it had some uncharacteristic struggles last season. After three straight seasons in the top five against the run, the Seahawks fell to 19th last year, allowing an average of 114 yards per game on the ground.

“Shamar is big, thick, studly, big strong hands getting off blocks and filling up the line of scrimmage, and he’s a really good pursuit guy,” Carroll said.

Defensive tackle Jarran Reed was perturbed early in camp by all the focus on the players who weren’t with the team: Avril, Bennett, Sherman, Chancellor and Earl Thomas, whose holdout continues nearly a month into camp.

“Too many people are worried about them being gone,” Reed said. “We got the team here right now that’s going to go out there and battle with us on Sundays. I’m honestly tired of hearing it. We got guys right

here and they can do the same thing and I just want everybody to believe in us.”
Added Johnson: “We got a mix of guys that’s athletic enough and strong enough and smart enough to be the top defensive linemen in the league so that’s one of our goals to strive for right now.”

Reed and Johnson have been Seattle’s starting defensive tackles throughout the preseason with Stephen and second-year tackle Nazair Jones rotating in situationally. Though Johnson and Stephen have more experience in the NFL than Reed or top pass-rusher Frank Clark, they’ve assimilated into Seattle’s defensive line group seamlessly since joining the team this spring.

“They’ve been very respectful in understanding the fact this is Frank and Jarran’s room,” assistant head coach Clint Hurtt said. “We’re just going to mesh and continue to build the cohesiveness of the unit and it’s been outstanding. They’re a pleasure to have.”

MLS: Martinez has scored in 8 straight games

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also top MLS.
Martinez has scored in eight straight games, a game shy of the league record set last season by Portland’s Diego Valeri.
Friday night’s game is the first of nine games remaining, so it’s entirely possible that Martinez won’t just break the record, but pad it. He tied the mark in just 25 games this season, putting his average at over a goal a game.

“The track record speaks for itself. It’s incredible. It really is,” United defender Michael Parkhurst said. “The fact that that record has stood for as long as it has, and he’s crushing it in his first full season. Last season, he missed months; I don’t

know how many games, but a lot. This season in his first full year, he’s crushing it. It’s unbelievable.”

Atlanta sits atop the Eastern Conference at 15-4-6, while Orlando is in 10th at 7-15-2. The Union won the first two meetings this season.

Among some of the other matches for rivalry week, which kicks off Wednesday with a match between the Red Bulls and NYCFC.

CASCADIA CUP: The Portland Timbers, who had a 15-match unbeaten streak going before losing their last three games, host Cascadia rival Seattle on Sunday. The Sounders, meanwhile, have a club-record six-game winning streak going into the match.

Broncos truly Harsin’s team now

By TIM BOOTH
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Bryan Harsin was standing back, letting his veteran players address the rest of their Boise State teammates when the realization hit him. He’s no longer the coach who just returned to the place he played and later coached as an assistant. He’s no longer in charge of a program built largely around recruits brought in by one of his mentors, Chris Petersen.

About to begin his fifth season at his alma mater, it’s Harsin’s guys and truly his program now.

“(Brett) Rypien is talking and all that. It’s been four years, but damn, I was sitting there and thinking about being in his house. It was not that long ago in my mind and here it is, talking to the seniors,” Harsin recalled. “It goes fast. Everybody says that. We all hear that when we’re young and we don’t apply it until we’re actually older and a little wiser.”

The 22nd-ranked Broncos are about to begin another season of high expectations, both within their conference and nationally as one of the prime contenders for a New Year’s Six bowl game. It’s now just a given in Idaho’s capital city that Boise State will be in those conversations, beginning with the season opener Sept. 1 at Troy. The standard was created by Petersen during his successful tenure. It was inherited by Harsin.

But while the expectations are always the same, this season brings a bit of a different

BOISE STATE FOOTBALL



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Boise State head coach Bryan Harsin begins his fifth season in 2018.

feel. As much as Harsin tried to imprint his own personality and style on the Broncos program, through last season he was still coaching players that in some cases had committed to Boise State when Petersen was in charge. That’s not a bad thing. Petersen proved to a savvy evaluator of talent when he was putting Boise State on the national stage and again since taking over at Washington and revitalizing the Huskies.

But it still wasn’t entirely Harsin’s guys.

“What I think is interesting is I came in here in (2014), we won the Fiesta Bowl and those guys adjusted right away because I think here, the players wanna be successful. If you just coach them and they’ll work hard and you’re honest with them and you don’t try to BS them in any way when it comes to teaching them the game, they respond,” Harsin said. “That’s kind of been the cul-

ture here for a long time. So it was interesting because our seniors, they all talk at the end of camp. To sit up there and every single one of them we were a part of. I kind of stepped back and that’s the first time for me as a head coach that this has come up, where that is the class to come in here; we’ve been through a whole cycle with them.”

Harsin never before had the full experience of inheriting another coach’s players and seeing them through their college careers. His only head coaching job prior to returning to Boise State was one season at Arkansas State before the opportunity opened up with the Broncos.

“Ever since I’ve been here it’s really been his program and you know every single person on staff and on the team really looks up to him and listens to his message every single day and creates habits that he talks about,” said Rypien, the Broncos’

fourth-year quarterback.

Rypien will lead the Broncos through a schedule structured so they have every opportunity to be in the discussion for a New Year’s Six game if they do their part, including a quality nonconference slate and what are likely their most difficult Mountain West games on their home field.

The Broncos bring back an experienced offense that improved throughout last season. The only question on offense centers on whether the Broncos have a deep-play wide receiver to replace Cedrick Wilson. Boise State may be even better defensively, led by ends Curtis Weaver and Jabril Frazier.

“Where are we now? When I look at the new guys that we have at this point, I feel really good about our recruiting and who we are and who we are trying to be moving forward,” Harsin said.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

VOLLEYBALL				
Thursday	W	L	Pct	GB
Dufur at Weston-McEwen, 2 p.m.				
Imbler at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.				
One at Helix, 4 p.m.				
Umatilla at Helix, 7 p.m.				
Friday	W	L	Pct	GB
Heppner at Iririgon, 1 p.m.				
Echo at Country Christian, 1 p.m.				
Umatilla vs. Heppner (at Iririgon), 3 p.m.				
Echo vs. Hosanna Christian (at Country Christian), 4 p.m.				
Umatilla at Iririgon, 5 p.m.				
Saturday	W	L	Pct	GB
Penland at Lewiston (ID), 8 a.m.				
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 8 a.m.				
Weston-McEwen, Pilot Rock, Heppner at Grant Union Tournament, 8 a.m.				
Echo vs. North Clackamas Christian (at Country Christian), 3 p.m.				

BOYS SOCCER

Friday	Mac-Hi at Stayton, 3 p.m.
Umatilla at Riverside, 4:30 p.m.	

GIRLS SOCCER

Friday	Mac-Hi at Stayton, 1 p.m.
Saturday	Mac-Hi at Estacada, 9 a.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday	College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 6 p.m.			
MEN’S COLLEGE SOCCER				
Thursday	BMCC at Shoreline, 6 p.m.			
Friday	BMCC at SW Oregon, Noon			
Whitworth at Eastern Oregon, 7 p.m.				
WOMEN’S COLLEGE SOCCER				
Thursday	BMCC at NWAC Friendlies (at Seattle)			
Friday	Eastern Oregon vs. Embury-Riddle (AZ) (at Prescott, AZ), 7 p.m.			
BMCC at NWAC Friendlies (at Seattle)				

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Friday	Eastern Oregon vs. Vanguard (Calif.) (at Butte, MT), Noon
Eastern Oregon vs. Providence (at Butte, MT), 6 p.m.	
Saturday	Eastern Oregon vs. Rocky Mountain (at Butte, MT), 11 a.m.
Eastern Oregon vs. Montana Western (at Butte, MT), 3 p.m.	

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	89	39	.695	—
New York	79	47	.627	9
Tampa Bay	60	61	.520	22½
Toronto	59	69	.457	30½
Baltimore	37	90	.291	51½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	73	53	.579	—
Minnesota	60	66	.476	13
Detroit	52	75	.409	21½
Chicago	48	78	.381	25
Kansas City	38	89	.299	35½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	77	50	.606	—
Oakland	76	51	.598	1
Seattle	72	56	.563	5½
Los Angeles	63	65	.492	14½
Texas	57	72	.442	21

WEDNESDAY’S GAMES

Toronto 6, Baltimore 0
Chicago White Sox 7, Minnesota 3
Texas 4, Oakland 2
Houston 10, Seattle 7
Chicago Cubs 8, Detroit 2
Boston 10, Cleveland 4
Miami 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay 6, Kansas City 3
Arizona 5, L.A. Angels 1
Thursday’s Games
Cleveland (Plutko 4-3) at Boston (Price 13-6), 10:05 a.m.
Chicago White Sox (Shields 5-14) at Detroit (Boyd 7-11), 10:10 a.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 7-11) at Tampa Bay (Glassow 1-3), 4:10 p.m.
Oakland (Cahill 5-2) at Minnesota (Stewart 0-1), 5:10 p.m.

AL WILD CARD

W	L	Pct	GB
New York	79	47	+3½
Oakland	76	51	—
Seattle	72	56	5.63

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	71	55	.563	—
Philadelphia	68	58	.540	3
Washington	64	63	.504	7½

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	72	53	.576	—
St. Louis	71	57	.554	2½
Milwaukee	71	58	.550	3
Pittsburgh	63	65	.492	10½
Cincinnati	56	71	.441	17
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	71	56	.559	—
Colorado	69	57	.548	1½
Los Angeles	67	61	.523	4½
San Francisco	62	66	.484	9½
San Diego	50	79	.388	22

Wednesday’s Games

Milwaukee 4, Cincinnati 0
Atlanta 2, Pittsburgh 1
Washington 8, Philadelphia 7
Chicago Cubs 8, Detroit 3
Miami 9, N.Y. Yankees 3
N.Y. Mets 5, San Francisco 3
Colorado 6, San Diego 2
Arizona 5, L.A. Angels 1
St. Louis 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
Thursday’s Games
Philadelphia (Nola 14-3) at Washington (Scherer 16-5), 10:05 a.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 4-5) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 8-7), 10:10 a.m.
San Diego (Lucchesi 6-7) at Colorado (Freeland 11-7), 12:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Newcomb 10-6) at Miami (Straily 4-6), 4:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 6-3) at Chicago Cubs (Hamel 8-9), 5:05 p.m.

NL WILD CARD

W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	71	57	.554	—
Milwaukee	71	58	.550	—
Colorado	69	57	.548	½
Philadelphia	68	58	.540	1½
Los Angeles	67	61	.523	3½
Washington	64	63	.504	6

NLWB CARD

W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	71	57	.554	—
Milwaukee	71	58	.550	—
Colorado	69	57	.548	½
Philadelphia	68	58	.540	1½
Los Angeles	67	61	.523	3½
Washington	64	63	.504	6

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THURSDAY’S GAMES

Salem-Keizer at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.				
Boise at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.				
Tri-City at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.				
Everett at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.				
Vancouver (Blue Jays) 16	10	615	—	
Spokane (Rangers) 14	12	538	2	
Tri-City (Padres) 11	14	440	4½	
x-Everett (Mariners) 11	14	440	4½	
South Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Hillsboro (D-Backs) 19	8	704	—	
Salem-Keizer (Giants) 13	14	481	6	
Eugene (Cubs) 12	15	444	7	
Boise (Rockies) 9	18	333	10	
x-first-half champions				

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Salem-Keizer at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.
Boise at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.
Tri-City at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.
Everett at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.
Vancouver at Tri-City, late finish
Thursday’s Games
Salem-Keizer at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.
Boise at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.
Tri-City at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.
Everett at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.
LITTLE LEAGUE
Little League World Series
At South Williamsport, Pa.
Wednesday, Aug. 22
Guayama (Puerto Rico) 9, Surrey (British Columbia) 4, Surrey eliminated
Peachtree City (Ga.) 4, Grosse Pointe Woods (Mich.) 3, Grosse Pointe eliminated
Seoul (South Korea) 10, Kawaguchi (Japan) 0, 4 innings
Honolulu 10, Staten Island (N.Y.) 0, 5 innings
Thursday, Aug. 23
Game 8: Barcelona (Spain) vs. Coeur d’Alene (Idaho), 8 a.m.
Game 25: Guayama (Puerto Rico) vs. Kawaguchi (Japan), Noon
Game 26: Peachtree City (Ga.) vs. Staten Island (N.Y.), 4 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA

PLAYOFF GLANCE						
First Round						
Second Round						
Thursday, Aug. 23						
Los Angeles at Washington, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN2)						
Phoenix at Connecticut, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN2)						
Soccer						
MLS						
EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	15	4	6	51	53	29
New York	15	6	4	49	48	26
New York City FC	14	6	4	48	49	34
Columbus	11	8	6	39	32	32
Philadelphia	10	11	3	33	34	39
Montreal	10	13	3	33	33	42
New England	7	9	8	29	38	40
D.C. United	7	9	6	27	39	39
Toronto FC	6	12	6	24	40	45
Orlando City	7	15	2	23	37	57
Chicago	6	15	5	23	36	51
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Kyle Driggers, Hoboken, Ga.	9	6	5	33	36	29
Clay Smith, Broken Bow, Okla.	9	6	5	33	36	29
Dustin Egusquiza, Mariana, Fla.	8	9	5	33	36	29
Aaron Tsingine, Tulsa City, Okla.	8	9	5	33	36	29
Cody Snow, Los Olivos, Calif.	7	7	7	33	36	29</