

Mariners finally get chance to honor Edgar's election

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SEATTLE — Edgar Martinez spent last week on the East Coast, being honored among the latest electees to the Baseball Hall of Fame thousands of miles from the place he called home for his entire career.

The Seattle Mariners couldn't wait to celebrate Martinez in the Pacific Northwest.

"Today is a great day," Mariners' chairman emeritus John Ellis said. "We finally have him here."

After a whirlwind of commitments elsewhere, the standout designated hitter was back in Seattle on Tuesday, walking into T-Mobile Park on a red carpet to be feted by the only franchise he ever played for.

It was a celebration the Mariners had been hoping to have for the past 10 years. Martinez was in his final year of eligibility when the Baseball Writers' Association of America finally gave him the necessary votes for enshrinement.

Martinez and his family walked into a crowd of Mariners employees cheering the second player whose plaque in Cooperstown will have a Mariners hat, joining Ken Griffey Jr. Martinez is enjoying the experience even if he's not one to get emotional, for now.

"My personality is kind of mellow. I don't celebrate a lot. It's just my personality," Martinez said. "But I've been able to enjoy friends, ex-teammates, people I know, family members, that part has been a lot of fun. But not a lot of celebration."

Martinez was elected last week with 85.4 percent of the vote — 75 percent



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Former Seattle Mariners designated hitter Edgar Martinez smiles as he is introduced at a news conference on Tuesday in Seattle.

is required for induction. That marked a remarkable turnaround, climbing in his final five years of eligibility after being an afterthought on the ballot early on.

It was a collective effort to get him there.

The Mariners organization worked hard publicizing his worthiness, die-hard fans pushed for him on social media, and younger voters made a case for the designated hitter with the help of baseball's new-age analytics.

"It took a long time for the writers to give more credit to the DH. I think now that probably (will) change," Martinez said. "I think metrics they look at today, that will also change writers what they think about it. I understood their opinion the whole time ... and kind of accepted that a long time ago. But the good thing is I got the honor to be elected, and I think that's going to change the view from writers now."

Tuesday's event is just the start of what is expected to be a season-long celebration by the organization.

Aside from the induction in July, the Mariners are holding a weekend of events in honor of Martinez in August.

Still unannounced is whether there will be a statue going up somewhere around the stadium to join the club's other two Hall of Fame members: Griffey and longtime broadcaster Dave Niehaus.

Martinez said he's still going through messages from friends and former teammates who reached out after the election results were announced.

Martinez hasn't started thinking about his induction speech yet, but joked that he wanted to bat lead-off and get out of the way, and let Mariano Rivera go last because he was a closer.

He's expected to visit Cooperstown sometime in the next couple of months to get a better idea of what to expect when his July induction arrives.

"I'm pretty sure I'm going to be nervous about it. The good thing is I have a lot of time to get ready for that," he said.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain, 7:30 p.m.
Women's Basketball
Treasure Valley at Blue Mountain, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

Boys Basketball
Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 6 p.m.
Boys Wrestling
Weston-McEwen/Mac-Hi at La Grande, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

Boys Basketball
Weston-McEwen at Grant Union, 4 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.
Union at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Heppner at Enterprise, 6 p.m.
Riverside at Vale, 6:30 p.m.
Redmond at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Nyssa, 7:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Burns, 7:30 p.m.
Ione at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.
Mitchell/Spray at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Helix at Nixyaawii, 7:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball
Riverside at Vale, 5 p.m.
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 5:45 p.m.
Ione at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.
Mitchell/Spray at Echo, 6 p.m.
Helix at Nixyaawii, 6 p.m.
Umatilla at Nyssa, 6 p.m.
Irrigon at Burns, 6 p.m.
Pendleton at Redmond, 6:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.
Heppner at Enterprise, 7:30 p.m.
Union at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Wrestling
Hermiston at District 8 Tournament (Hermiston), 3:30 p.m.
Girls Wrestling
Hermiston at Sunnyside Sub-Regionals

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

Boys Basketball
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 3 p.m.
Umatilla at Vale, 3:30 p.m.
Heppner at Union, 4 p.m.
Stanfield at Enterprise, 4 p.m.
Echo at Ione, 5:30 p.m.
Imbler at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Cove, 5:30 p.m.
Riverside at Burns, 5:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Nyssa, 6:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Echo at Ione, 4 p.m.
Imbler at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Helix at Cove, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Burns, 4 p.m.
Umatilla at Vale, 4 p.m.
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 4:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Nyssa, 5 p.m.
Heppner at Union, 5:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Enterprise, 5:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Grant Union, 5:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin, 4 p.m.
Women's Basketball
Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin, 2 p.m.

Boys Wrestling
Hermiston at District 8 Tournament (Hermiston), 10 a.m.
Weston-McEwen/Mac-Hi at Heppner/Ione, 10 a.m.

Girls Wrestling
Hermiston at Sunnyside Sub-Regionals

NFL PLAYOFF GLANCE

Divisional Playoffs

SATURDAY, JAN. 12
Kansas City 31, Indianapolis 13
L.A. Rams 30, Dallas 22

SUNDAY, JAN. 13

New England 41, L.A. Chargers 28
New Orleans 20, Philadelphia 14

Conference Championships

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

NFC
L.A. Rams 26, New Orleans 23, OT
AFC
New England 37, Kansas City 31, OT

Pro Bowl

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

At Orlando, Fla.
AFC 26, NFC 7

Super Bowl

SUNDAY, FEB. 3

At Atlanta
New England vs. L.A. Rams, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Tampa Bay | 49 | 37 | 10 | 2 | 76 | 199 | 140 |
| Toronto | 49 | 30 | 17 | 2 | 62 | 174 | 140 |
| Montreal | 51 | 28 | 18 | 5 | 61 | 154 | 149 |
| Boston | 50 | 27 | 17 | 6 | 60 | 146 | 132 |
| Buffalo | 49 | 25 | 18 | 6 | 56 | 145 | 148 |
| Florida | 48 | 20 | 20 | 8 | 48 | 152 | 170 |
| Detroit | 51 | 19 | 25 | 7 | 45 | 145 | 172 |
| Ottawa | 50 | 19 | 26 | 5 | 43 | 156 | 187 |
| Metropolitan | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
| N.Y. Islanders | 49 | 29 | 15 | 5 | 63 | 147 | 122 |
| Washington | 50 | 27 | 17 | 6 | 60 | 171 | 162 |
| Columbus | 49 | 28 | 18 | 3 | 59 | 158 | 151 |
| Pittsburgh | 49 | 26 | 17 | 6 | 58 | 172 | 152 |
| Carolina | 50 | 24 | 20 | 6 | 54 | 140 | 149 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 49 | 21 | 21 | 7 | 49 | 139 | 165 |
| Philadelphia | 50 | 21 | 23 | 6 | 48 | 143 | 170 |
| New Jersey | 49 | 19 | 23 | 7 | 45 | 146 | 167 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Central | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Winnipeg | 50 | 32 | 16 | 2 | 66 | 172 | 140 |
| Nashville | 52 | 30 | 18 | 4 | 64 | 161 | 135 |
| Minnesota | 50 | 26 | 21 | 3 | 55 | 142 | 142 |
| Dallas | 49 | 24 | 21 | 4 | 52 | 126 | 128 |
| Colorado | 50 | 22 | 20 | 8 | 52 | 169 | 162 |
| St. Louis | 49 | 22 | 22 | 5 | 49 | 139 | 149 |
| Chicago | 51 | 18 | 24 | 9 | 45 | 156 | 190 |
| Pacific | GP | W | L | OT | Pts | GF | GA |
| Calgary | 51 | 33 | 13 | 5 | 71 | 190 | 145 |
| San Jose | 52 | 29 | 17 | 6 | 65 | 187 | 167 |
| Vegas | 52 | 29 | 19 | 4 | 62 | 157 | 140 |
| Vancouver | 51 | 23 | 22 | 6 | 52 | 147 | 161 |
| Anaheim | 51 | 21 | 21 | 9 | 51 | 120 | 153 |
| Arizona | 50 | 23 | 23 | 4 | 50 | 132 | 142 |
| Edmonton | 50 | 23 | 23 | 3 | 49 | 144 | 163 |
| Los Angeles | 50 | 20 | 26 | 4 | 44 | 114 | 150 |

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Monday's Games

New Jersey 6, Pittsburgh 3
Philadelphia 3, Winnipeg 1

Tuesday's Games

Winnipeg 4, Boston 3, SO
Buffalo 5, Columbus 4
Philadelphia 1, N.Y. Rangers 0

Wednesday's Games

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 4 p.m.
Columbus at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.

Friday's Games

Calgary at Washington, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Nashville at Florida, 4 p.m.
Vegas at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 5 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

| Atlantic | W | L | Pct | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Toronto | 37 | 15 | .712 | — |
| Philadelphia | 33 | 18 | .647 | 3½ |
| Boston | 31 | 19 | .620 | 5 |
| Brooklyn | 28 | 24 | .538 | 9 |
| New York | 10 | 39 | .204 | 25½ |
| Southeast | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Miami | 24 | 24 | .500 | — |
| Charlotte | 24 | 25 | .490 | ½ |
| Washington | 21 | 29 | .420 | 4 |
| Orlando | 20 | 31 | .392 | 5½ |
| Atlanta | 16 | 33 | .327 | 8½ |
| Central | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Milwaukee | 36 | 13 | .735 | — |
| Indiana | 32 | 17 | .653 | 4 |
| Detroit | 21 | 28 | .429 | 15 |
| Chicago | 11 | 40 | .216 | 26 |
| Cleveland | 11 | 41 | .212 | 26½ |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Southwest | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Houston | 29 | 21 | .580 | — |
| San Antonio | 30 | 22 | .577 | — |
| New Orleans | 23 | 28 | .451 | 6½ |
| Dallas | 22 | 27 | .449 | 6½ |
| Memphis | 20 | 31 | .392 | 9½ |
| Northwest | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Denver | 34 | 15 | .694 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 32 | 18 | .640 | 2½ |
| Portland | 31 | 20 | .608 | 4 |
| Utah | 29 | 22 | .569 | 6 |
| Minnesota | 24 | 26 | .480 | 10½ |
| Pacific | W | L | Pct | GB |
| Golden State | 36 | 14 | .720 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 28 | 23 | .549 | 8½ |
| L.A. Lakers | 26 | 25 | .510 | 10½ |
| Sacramento | 25 | 25 | .500 | 11 |
| Phoenix | 11 | 42 | .208 | 26½ |

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 116, Washington 113
Milwaukee 115, Detroit 105
Oklahoma City 126, Orlando 117
Brooklyn 122, Chicago 117
New Orleans 121, Houston 116
San Antonio 126, Phoenix 124
Philadelphia 121, L.A. Lakers 105

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 5 p.m.
Memphis at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Dallas at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Milwaukee at Toronto, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Memphis at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Boston at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Miami, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Utah, 6 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 7 p.m.

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Meatless Wednesday: Flavortown Market goes to the greens and beans

cooking this week

Sunday
12:00 p.m. CBSU The Great British Bake Off (Show 'N) Food Network
1:00 p.m. CBSU The Bachelor CBS
2:00 p.m. FOOD Holiday Dishes
3:00 p.m. FOOD Holiday Baking Championship
4:00 p.m. FOOD Holiday Baking Championship
5:00 p.m. FOOD Holiday Baking Championship
6:00 p.m. FOOD Holiday Baking Championship
7:00 p.m. FOOD Holiday Baking Championship
8:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games

Monday
12:00 p.m. KCCT Martha Bakes
1:00 p.m. KCCT Martha Stewart's Cooking School
1:30 p.m. FOOD The Pioneer Woman
2:00 p.m. FOOD The Pioneer Woman
3:00 p.m. CHAM The Rachael Ray Show
4:00 p.m. FOOD Christmas Cookie Challenge
5:00 p.m. KCCT 97.2 The Rachael Ray Show
6:00 p.m. FOOD Christmas Cookie Challenge
7:00 p.m. FOOD Christmas Cookie Challenge
8:00 p.m. KCPT MasterChef Junior
8:30 p.m. FOOD The Pioneer Woman

Tuesday
12:00 p.m. KCCT Lela Colabella America's Next Top Model
12:30 p.m. FOOD Trisha's Southern Kitchen
1:00 p.m. FOOD The Pioneer Woman
1:30 p.m. FOOD The Pioneer Woman

Wednesday
2:00 p.m. FOOD Chopped Junior
3:00 p.m. CHAM The Rachael Ray Show
3:30 p.m. FOOD Chopped
4:00 p.m. FOOD Chopped
4:30 p.m. KCCT 97.2 The Rachael Ray Show
5:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
6:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
7:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
8:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games

Thursday
12:00 p.m. KCCT America's Test Kitchen
1:00 p.m. FOOD The Pioneer Woman
2:00 p.m. KCCT America's Test Kitchen
3:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
4:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
5:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
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3:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
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6:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
7:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
8:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games

Saturday
12:00 p.m. FOOD Trisha's Southern Kitchen
1:00 p.m. CHAM The Rachael Ray Show
2:00 p.m. KCCT America's Test Kitchen
3:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
4:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
5:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
6:00 p.m. FOOD Guy's Grocery Games
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