



Staff photo by Brett Kane
(Back row, left to right) Kone Hancock, Aiden Patterson, Ian Bannister, Caleb Tremper, Shawn Yeager, Aiden Henderson and Mike Schubert, and (front row, left to right) Morgan Verdin, Chris Chambers and Josh Whaley attend Thursday's presentation of the Schimmel Foundation scholarship at Pendleton High School.

Schimmel Foundation awards 11 Buckaroo wrestlers

By BRETT KANE
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For 11 Pendleton High School senior wrestlers, their success on the mat is still showing itself, long after the season has ended. On Thursday's presentation at Pendleton High School, Chris Chambers, Blake Davis, Aiden Patterson, Josh Whaley, Shawn Yeager, Alex Rendon, Caleb Tremper, Ian Bannister, Morgan Verdin and Kirk Liscom were awarded wrestling scholarships from the Schimmel Foundation.

Named after former Buckaroo wrestling coach Rollin Schimmel, the foundation grants scholarships for graduating wrestlers. Recipients for Thursday's award must have wrestled during their senior year and held a 2.5 minimum GPA. President Kone Hancock and board member Mike Schubert handed out a total of \$10,500 to this year's group of selected athletes. "Part of our goal is to help kids further their educations, wherever that may be," Hancock said during the presentation. "To see your success is why we're here. It's why we

exist. We had a great, strong class this year." Most of the chosen wrestlers were given \$1,000 to pursue their secondary education, but Chris Chambers, who was selected to receive this year's Rollin Schimmel Memorial Award, earned \$1,250. "It's like an outstanding citizenship award," Schubert said Chambers' additional honor. "We give it to a wrestler whose excellence extends into the classroom and the community."

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AP Photo/Kathy Willens
New York Yankees starting pitcher J.A. Happ winds up during the second inning of the team's baseball game against the Seattle Mariners on Thursday in New York.

Happ, Yankees hold Mariners to 2 hits in 3-1 victory

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — J.A. Happ and four relievers combined on a two-hitter, Cameron Maybin contributed with his bat and glove, and the New York Yankees beat the Seattle Mariners 3-1 Thursday night. The Yankees won for the fourth time in five games and headed to Tampa Bay to play the AL East-leading Rays for the first time this year.

Domingo Santana homered with two outs in the ninth for Seattle, which has dropped nine of 11. The Mariners also lost second baseman Dee Gordon, who exited early after being hit around the right wrist by Happ's pitch. Mariners slugger Edwin Encarnacion shifted from first base to second in the eighth. Playing the position for the first time in his career, Encarnacion hurt his glove wrist diving for DJ LeMahieu's leadoff grounder — checked by a trainer, he stayed in the game.

Maybin flared a two-out RBI double in the second and made a sliding catch on Ryon Healy's fly to right to begin the seventh.

Gio Urshela added a two-run single in the eighth, an inning after entering for defense.

Happ (2-3) gave up just one hit, a single by Tom Murphy in the fifth, and struck out seven. The lefty had been hurt by home runs this year, particularly in the Bronx, but shut down the club that leads the majors in longballs.

Dylan Moore, who replaced Gordon, drew a leadoff walk in the sixth — curiously, he bluffed a bunt on a 3-2 pitch that was borderline high. That finished Happ and he chirped at plate umpire Ed Hickox as he walked off, showing how Moore squared around.

Moore later stole second and continued to third on a throwing error by catcher Gary Sanchez, but reliever Adam Ottavino escaped by getting Santana to ground into a double play.

Tommy Kahnle and Zack Britton each threw a scoreless inning and Chapman got his eighth save in nine chances.

Mike Leake (2-4) allowed six hits in seven innings. He walked none and struck out two.

Trainer's room

Mariners: Moore took over at 2B after Gordon left. Jay Bruce pinch-hit for Moore in the eighth and stayed in to play 1B, moving Encarnacion to 2B. The 36-year-old Encarnacion was a 3B for the first part of his career.

Yankees: OF Aaron Hicks (back strain) is expected to rejoin the Yankees on Monday. He'll play Triple-A rehab games this weekend. ... SS Didi Gregorius plans on starting live batting practice next week and remains on target to DH in an extended spring training game around May 20. "I'm feeling really good," he said in Tampa. "It's a slow process. Can't wait to get going."

Up next

Mariners: Manager Scott Servais will miss the first two games of Seattle's weekend series in Boston to attend his daughter's college graduation. RHP Erik Swanson (1-3, 4.94 ERA) starts the opener at Fenway Park.

Yankees: RHP Domingo German (6-1, 2.35) faces Rays RHP Tyler Glasnow (6-0, 1.47) — they're among the pitchers tied for the major league lead in wins. The Yankees take a depleted lineup into Tropicana Field. Assessing the matchup, manager Aaron Boone said, "I don't really see it as where we stack up."



AP Photo/Thomas Boyd
Denver Nuggets forward Paul Millsap, shoots over Portland Trail Blazers defenders during the first half of Game 6 of an NBA basketball second-round playoff series on Thursday in Portland.

Blazers force Game 7 with 119-108 victory over Denver

By ANNE M. PETERSON
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PORTLAND — Damian Lillard had 32 points, including 17 in the third quarter, and the Portland Trail Blazers staved off elimination to force a decisive Game 7 in their series with Denver with a 119-108 victory on Thursday night. The Nuggets head home with a chance to make it to the Western Conference finals for the first time since 2009. Denver has been

to the conference finals three times in franchise history. The winner of Sunday's game will face the winner of the series between the Golden State Warriors and the Houston Rockets. The defending NBA champion Warriors have a 3-2 advantage in the series after a 104-99 victory on Wednesday night. Game 6 is set for Friday in Houston. CJ McCollum added 30 points for the Blazers, who haven't advanced to the con-

ference finals since the 2000 playoffs. Rodney Hood came off the bench with a career playoff-high 25 points and fans at the Moda Center drowned out his postgame on-court interview by chanting "Rodney! Rodney!" Nikola Jokic led the Nuggets with 29 points and 12 rebounds, while Jamal Murray added 24 points and 10 rebounds. Seth Curry's 3-pointer gave the Blazers a

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SPORTS SHORTS

Pujols reaches 2,000 RBIs, joins Aaron and Rodriguez

DETROIT (AP) — Albert Pujols is the third player with 2,000 career RBIs. Pujols hit a solo homer in the third inning Thursday for the Los Angeles Angels against the Detroit Tigers, putting him in a group with Hank Aaron (2,297) and Alex Rodriguez (2,086). Detroit left-hander Ryan Carpenter threw Pujols a

fastball over the middle of the plate and he sent the 2-0 pitch deep into the right-field seats. Pujols received an ovation by the sparse crowd at Comerica Park, where his accomplishment was recognized on the videoboard and by the public address announcer.



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