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Seattle Mariners' J.P. Crawford watches his RBI triple during the second inning of the team's baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday in Milwaukee.

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Brewers: OF Lorenzo Cain was available in an emergency situation but sat out a second straight game after receiving a cryogenic treatment on his right thumb Tuesday. Manager Craig Counsell said he thinks Cain could return to action by Friday when the

Brewers open a weekend series with the Pirates.

UP NEXT

The Mariners go for the sweep Thursday afternoon when RHP Mike Leake (7-6, 4.54 ERA) faces off against Milwaukee right-hander Chase Anderson (3-2, 4.70 ERA) at Miller Park

Vanderbilt: Wins 2nd national title

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Big Ten team to play in the finals since Ohio State in 1966.

Michigan coach Erik Bakich was an assistant to Corbin for seven years at Vanderbilt, and the two remain close friends.

"He's put together a remarkable year with those guys," Corbin said. "Where they came from ... they gave us everything we wanted and more."

Hickman gave up three straight singles to start the game, leading to Michigan's first run. He retired nine of the next 10, striking out six, and got out of trouble when the Wolverines loaded the bases in the fourth. He retired the last six he faced before turning the game over to Eder.

Hickman fanned nine or more in five of his final six starts and allowed one or fewer runs in nine of his last 13.

Though the Commodores brought to Omaha an offense ranked in the top five nationally in the major categories, it was pitching that carried them for most of their stay.

Vandy had eight runs on nine hits Wednesday, but its .221 average in six CWS games was the lowest for a national champion in the aluminum bat era that started in 1974.

Vandy got hits when it needed them in Game 3. Pat DeMarco sent Kauffmann's hanging slider 407 feet into the left-field bleachers — his seventh homer of the season and 100th for the Commodores — to tie it at 1 in

the second. Commodores scored three runs with two outs in the third. Two walks and a single loaded the bases, and Kauffmann walked DeMarco to force in the go-ahead run. Stephen Scott singled up the middle for two more.

Kauffmann tied a career high with five walks, four coming in a stretch in which six of seven Vandy batters reached base. Jeff Criswell relieved after Kauffman walked Ty Duval leading off the fourth, and JJ Bleday's single and Ethan Paul's sacrifice fly stretched the lead to 6-1.

Vandy pitchers combined for a 2.50 ERA over six CWS games. Hickman allowed one earned run and struck out 13 in 12 innings. Rocker, who threw the no-hitter in super regionals that already is part of college baseball lore, gave up two earned runs and fanned 17 in 12 1/3 innings. Closer Tyler Brown threw 7 2/3 shut-out innings and recorded three saves.

The title came three seasons after Vanderbilt freshman pitcher Donny Everett drowned prior to the start of the NCAA Tournament. The seniors on this year's team were his teammates. Corbin also mentioned former athletic director David Williams, who died in February.

"It's very fitting," Corbin said. "Sometimes you don't get what you want in life. We're fortunate we get to do this. We lived through that. This is a gift for the Everetts, this is a gift for David Williams, this is a gift for Vanderbilt University."

BRIEFLY

Butch Knowles inducted to St. Paul Rodeo Hall of Fame

ST. PAUL — The St. Paul Rodeo announced its 2019 Hall of Fame inductees on Friday, and a Heppner cowboy has made the cut.



Knowles

Among the five inductees is Butch Knowles, who is best known as a commentator for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. The Heppner native made the list due to his saddle bronc and all-around championship wins at the St. Paul Rodeo in 1979.

Knowles is also a four-time competitor at the WNFR, where he won the saddle bronc average in 1987. He began his broadcast career the following year. His son Blake has taken up the rodeo mantle and competes in events

across the globe. Woodburn cowboy Bob Gregory, longtime St. Paul resident and rodeo member Elaine Smith, St. Paul Rodeo treasurer Grant McKillip, and seven-time St. Paul wild horse race champion Richard Ernst were also selected as inductees.

The 2019 class will be honored at the rodeo's annual Hall of Fame barbecue on Monday, July 1 at 5 p.m. at the arena. A dinner and a silent auction will take place to raise funds for the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

Tickets for the dinner are \$32 and must be purchased in advance online at stpaulrodeo.com.

The rodeo will follow on July 2-6 with performances every evening at 7:30 p.m., as well as a matinee on July 4 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are sold online.

World Cup is huge fun, but what about other 4 years?

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The weather is supposed to heat up this week in France, appropriate since the Women's World Cup gets hot Friday with the home team meeting the U.S. in a quarterfinal matchup that will be watched eagerly on both sides of the pond.

The stadium will be packed, and the TV ratings should be big. The stakes — and the pressure — will be high for both teams.

And the showcase couldn't be better for women's soccer.

"I hope it's huge and crazy. That's what it should be," American captain Megan Rapinoe said. "This is the best game, this is what everybody wanted. I think we wanted it, seems like they're up for it, you guys are of course up for it, and all the fans."

The matchup has been eagerly anticipated ever since the World Cup draw in December, and for good reason. Elimination is at stake for either the fourth-ranked home team or the defending champion Americans.

It's a chance to celebrate the women's game, with a full house at Parc des Princes stadium in Paris helping to overcome scenes of earlier games with row after row of empty seats. It's also a chance to embrace women's soccer for an easily understood reason — national pride.

But what it means for the future of the women's game is more nuanced, no matter the hype you'll hear Friday.

That the women are playing on the big stage for a big crowd is huge, of course, especially when you realize that women's sports in many countries were so neglected that it took until 1991 to



AP Photo/Alessandra Tarantino

U.S. fans wait for the start of the during the Women's World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Spain and U.S. at the Stade Auguste-Delaune on Monday in Reims, France.

even have a Women's World Cup.

That these same players will struggle between World Cups trying to draw eyeballs to the game, though, is unfortunately still the sad reality of women's soccer. So, too, is the fact they struggle for pay equality with the men, as evidenced by the gender discrimination lawsuit the entire U.S. women's team filed against U.S. Soccer earlier this year.

Every time the World Cup comes around it seems like that has to change. The games — at least those among the best teams — are exciting and the level of play gets better every four years.

But 20 years after the U.S. women thrilled an entire country by winning the World Cup at home, it's still very much a work in progress.

I was in the Rose Bowl in 1999 when Brandi Chastain famously ripped off her jersey after scoring the winning kick against China. It was a seminal moment for women's soccer, with a record audience of some 40 million Americans watching on television and 90,185

packed into the stadium itself.

Before the match, I walked into the stands and talked to fans about what they came to see. Many of them were families, and there were young girls everywhere with American flags and soccer balls painted on their faces.

"Girls rule! Boys drool! Soccer's cool!" was the chant that summer among the young soccer crowd.

On that day, girls did rule and soccer was cool. You couldn't pick up a sports page for the next few weeks without reading some story about how soccer was taking over the country and how the young soccer fans in the stands would grow up to have fans of their own.

Those girls are grown up now, and some surely have soccer fans — and soccer players — of their own. But a generation later, the dream of women playing professionally before large crowds is still largely unrealized outside of the World Cup.

A pro league started in the afterglow of the 1999 World Cup lasted just three years. Another league fol-

lowed a few years later, and folded a few years later itself.

And while the National Women's Soccer League is currently very much open for business and features the top players from the U.S. national team, the league has no national television contract and struggles to draw crowds of more than a few thousand fans when playing anywhere outside Portland, Oregon.

That's not likely to change right away, no matter how well the U.S. team does in France. The same fans who passionately cheer them on when wearing the uniform of the national team don't feel nearly as connected — for whatever reason — when the front of the uniform says Houston Dash or Utah Royals FC.

The bright spot, perhaps, is that men's soccer faced the same problem for years before finally gaining some traction with the suddenly in vogue MLS. There are high hopes the women can conceivably grow in the same direction, but so far it's been a slog.

Some top European clubs have been carving out budgets for women's teams in recent years, sparking some more interest overseas for both players and fans. A recent match in Italy drew 40,000 fans — lured partly by free tickets — and another in Spain attracted 60,000.

So tune in Friday for what should be a great show. Invite some co-workers in to watch together on the office TV and discuss the subtleties of the French defense and what should be done with VAR.

It's sport on a high level, with national pride at stake.

Too bad we pay attention only once every four years.

Hall of Fame: Linebacker's Club to add 14 new members

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players, coaches, staff, and other key members in the Pendleton football community with the stipulation that all honorees must have graduated from PHS at least 10 years prior.

In 2017, the Hall of Fame expanded to include men and women from all Pendleton sports to represent the best of the school's athletic programs.

"Women's athletics have been around for over 40 years," Hunt said. "It's about time they got recognized."

In addition to the 14 Hall of Fame inductees, a select few current Buckaroo athletes will receive scholarship funds for their college educations.

Aiden Patterson of 2019's graduating class is this year's Don Requa Award recipient. He'll receive \$10,000 for his upcoming four years at Western Ore-

gon University, where he'll play football for the Wolves. Patterson is a four-time letterman in wrestling and qualified for the OSAA 5A state championships in his junior and senior years. He is also a three-time letterman in football, and holds two letters in track and field.

Kirk Liscom, who spent four years on the Bucks' football team and was named to the 5A all-state football first team as a linebacker for his senior year, will receive the Alex Stuvland Memorial Scholarship, which grants \$4,000 to a selected Pendleton football player. Liscom was a 4.0 student and reports to the United States Naval Academy today, making him unable to attend Friday's reception.

The \$10,000-Schindler Bush Scholarship, which is awarded to a three-sport athlete that exemplifies "integrity and true Bucka-

roo values," will be awarded to Shawn Yeager, a Pendleton football, wrestling and track athlete who will attend Eastern Oregon University this fall.

This year, the Linebacker's Club will introduce their own \$1,200 award that was funded by donations. Hunter Blake, Pendleton's first-ever female varsity football player, has been chosen as the award's premier recipient.

Cocktails, dinner, and an auction will precede the Hall of Fame induction, starting at 5 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center. The ceremony follows at 6:45 p.m.

On Saturday, the 29th annual Don Requa Memorial Golf Tournament tees off at the Wildhorse Golf Resort. The event has a shotgun start at 8 a.m. with awards and a lunch to follow at 1 p.m. Registration opens before the tee-off, and Hunt said it fills up fast.

2019 LINEBACKER'S CLUB HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

- Casey Hunt — Football, wrestling, baseball
- Jon Peterson — Football, basketball, baseball
- Sarah Keeler — Basketball, softball, soccer, track
- Mike Hodgen — Football, basketball, baseball
- Sara Jane Rosenberg — Track and field, volleyball
- Bill McCrae — Golf, basketball, football
- Michael Corey — Basketball, baseball
- John Fossatti — Football, baseball, golf
- Drew Larson — Football, basketball, track and field
- Mike Rickman — Football, basketball, baseball
- Leon Ransom — Football
- 1963-1964 Buckaroo Football Team
- Chuck Jensen — Football, basketball, baseball
- Sue Johnston — Basketball, track and field, volleyball

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

NCAA COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, Neb. Championship Series (Best-of-3)
Michigan 7, Vanderbilt 4
Vanderbilt 4, Michigan 1
Vanderbilt 8, Michigan 2, Vanderbilt wins series 2-1

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	52	28	.650	—
Tampa Bay	45	35	.563	7
Boston	44	38	.537	9
Toronto	29	52	.358	23 1/2
Baltimore	22	58	.275	30
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	52	27	.658	—
Cleveland	44	36	.550	8 1/2
Chicago	37	41	.474	14 1/2
Detroit	26	49	.347	24
Kansas City	28	53	.346	25
West	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	50	31	.617	—
Oakland	44	36	.550	5 1/2
Texas	43	38	.531	7
Los Angeles	41	40	.506	9
Seattle	37	47	.440	14 1/2
Wednesday's Games				
Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 7				
N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 7				
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 3				
San Diego 10, Baltimore 5				
Texas 4, Detroit 1				

Oakland 2, St. Louis 0
L.A. Angels 5, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 14, Houston 2
Minnesota 6, Tampa Bay 4
Seattle 4, Milwaukee 2

Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay (Stank 0-1) at Minnesota (Perez 7-3), 10:10 a.m.
Texas (Jurado 4-3) at Detroit (Turnbull 3-7), 10:10 a.m.
Pittsburgh (Musgrove 5-7) at Houston (Peacock 6-5), 11:10 a.m.
Seattle (Leake 7-6) at Milwaukee (Anderson 3-2), 11:10 a.m.
Oakland (Fiers 7-3) at L.A. Angels (Canning 2-4), 7:07 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cleveland at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 5:10 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 5:10 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	47	33	.588	—
Philadelphia	42	38	.525	5
Washington	39	40	.494	7 1/2
New York	37	44	.457	10 1/2
Miami	30	48	.385	16
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	42	36	.544	—
Milwaukee	43	38	.525	1 1/2
St. Louis	40	39	.506	3
Pittsburgh	37	41	.474	5 1/2
Cincinnati	36	42	.462	6 1/2

West **W** **L** **Pct** **GB**
Los Angeles 55 27 .671 —
Colorado 42 38 .525 12
Arizona 41 41 .500 14
San Diego 40 40 .500 14
San Francisco 34 45 .430 19 1/2

Wednesday's Games
San Diego 10, Baltimore 5
Arizona 8, L.A. Dodgers 2
Colorado 6, San Francisco 3
Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Mets 4, 10 innings
Washington 7, Miami 5
Oakland 2, St. Louis 0
L.A. Angels 5, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 14, Houston 2

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 6-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 6-2), 10:05 a.m.
Pittsburgh (Musgrove 5-7) at Houston (Peacock 6-5), 11:10 a.m.
Seattle (Leake 7-6) at Milwaukee (Anderson 3-2), 11:10 a.m.
Atlanta (Wilson 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 3-1), 11:20 a.m.
Washington (Strasburg 8-4) at Miami (Alcantara 4-6), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 8-1) at Colorado (Lambert 2-0), 5:40 p.m.
Arizona (Young 0-0) at San Francisco (Beede 1-2), 6:45 p.m.

Friday's Games
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 4:10 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 5:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 5:40 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 7:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.

SOCCER

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

SECOND ROUND
Tuesday, June 25
At Montpellier, France
Italy 2, China 0
At Rennes, France
Netherlands 2, Japan 1

QUARTERFINALS
Thursday, June 27
At Le Havre, France
Norway vs. England, 12 p.m.
Friday, June 28
At Paris
France vs. United States, 12 p.m.
Saturday, June 29
At Valenciennes, France
Italy vs. Netherlands, 6 a.m.

At Rennes, France
Germany vs. Sweden, 9:30 a.m.

SEMIFINALS
Tuesday, July 2
At Lyon, France
Norway-England winner vs. France-United States winner, 12 p.m.
Wednesday, July 3
At Lyon, France
Italy-Netherlands winner vs. Germany-Sweden winner, 12 p.m.

THIRD PLACE
Saturday, July 6
At Nice, France
Semifinal losers, 8 a.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 7
At Lyon, France
Semifinal winners, 8 a.m.