

Mariners score twice in ninth inning, take down Texas Rangers 5-3

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ARLINGTON, Texas — Austin Nola hit a sacrifice fly that scored Dee Gordon with the tiebreaking run in the top of the ninth inning and Omar Narváez added an insurance run with an RBI single as the Seattle Mariners snapped a three-game losing streak with a 5-3 win over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night.

Gordon led off the ninth with a single to right, moved to second when Mallex Smith walked and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by J.P. Crawford. Nola’s fly out scored Gordon and Narváez’s single to shallow cen-

ter scored Smith.

Matt Magill (4-1) allowed one base runner in the eighth and ninth innings.

José Leclerc (2-4) allowed both runs in the ninth inning on two singles and two walks. The Rangers lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Félix Hernández came away with his second straight no decision after missing more than three months with a lat strain. Hernández allowed all three runs on five hits and struck out three.

Lance Lynn gave up three runs, one earned, in six innings. He struck out five, raising his season total to 202 and becoming the eighth pitcher in Texas club history to

strike out 200 or more in a season.

Seattle scored three runs in the second inning when Lynn hit Dylan Moore on the left elbow with the bases loaded. Two runs scored when Rangers first baseman Logan Forsythe dropped a throw on a double play try on a ground ball hit by Gordon that would have ended the inning.

Willie Calhoun homered in the first inning off the facing off the second deck in right field. Calhoun has hit five of Texas’ last nine home runs over 10 games.

The Rangers scored a run in the fourth inning when Scott Heineman nearly hit into a triple play. Heineman hit a ground ball to third with the bases loaded. Kyle

Seager stepped on the bag and threw to Gordon at second for the second out. Gordon’s relay to first was just late, allowing Nick Solak to score.

SHORT HOPS

Smith stole his major league-leading 37th base in the fifth inning, diving beneath a tag by Rangers 2B Rougned Odor. Texas challenged the call, which stood after a delay of more than 90 seconds. ... Rangers rookie DH Nick Solak, with two singles, has hit safely in eight of his 10 big league games and has reached base in all 10. ... Odor went 0 for 3 with a walk, extending his hitless streak to 28 at-bats.

RALLY COMPLETE

By ANNIE FOWLER
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BOARDMAN — It took a bit for Heppner and Riverside to shake off the rust, but once they did volleyball was back in full swing Thursday night.

The Mustangs (1-0) dropped the first set, but rallied to win the next three for a 15-25, 25-20, 25-18, 25-20 nonleague win over the Pirates.

“We are rusty,” Heppner coach Mindy Wilson said. “We have some big spots to fill, and we are trying to see who will fill them, and who will work best in what scenario.”

Junior outside hitter Sydney Wilson led the Mustangs with 10 kills and 21 digs.

“We struggled a little bit, we we came together as a team and got in the groove,” Wilson said. “It’s exciting to step up, be a leader and get the girls ready on the court.”

The Pirates (0-1), who trailed 6-0 and 8-3 in the first set before pulling out the win, lost setter Alexis Villegas to a knee injury in the second set while holding a 13-12 lead.

“She is my starting setter and runs the offense,” Riverside coach Marie Cain said. “The girls did well with a curvball thrown at them. They did their best out there. We had too many unforced errors; we hurt ourselves.”

Heppner lost its lead in the



Lesly Anzora, of Riverside, gets ready to serve during Thursday’s game against Heppner in Boardman.

first set because of unforced errors. The Mustangs had 18 in the set, including four missed serves.

Once Villegas went down in the second set, the Mustangs tied the score at 13-13. The teams traded leads until an ace serve by Kennisyn Wilkins gave Heppner the lead for good.

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Pilot Rock volleyball opens season with victory over Helix

East Oregonian

HELIX — Danielle Baleztena’s first-ever high school volleyball match as a coach was a resounding success Thursday night as Pilot Rock opened its preseason with a five-set victory over the host Helix Grizzlies.

The visiting Rockets dropped the first set 25-19, but came back to take the next two 25-22 and 25-21. After a 25-13 loss, the Rockets rallied back with a 15-12 fifth-set win to claim the match.

“We have some things to work on, but overall, the girls did really well tonight,” Baleztena said. “They kept their heads in

and stayed working as a team. They prevailed and came out on top. Lillie Brewer had so many kills tonight. She was amazing at the net.”

Team captain Kyleen Stahancyk led the Grizzlies with eight aces. Lexie Mize totaled 10 kills and six aces, and Ellie Reeder made her Helix volleyball debut with 18 assists and two aces.

“For a first match, I was very happy with our effort and hustle,” Helix coach Caitlin Steele said. “Some skill, position work, and fundamentals still need some polish, but overall I could not be more pleased with how the girls played.”

Pilot Rock (1-0) hosts Imbler on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Helix (0-1) will entertain

Stanfield and South Wasco County for a Saturday tournament starting at 10 a.m.

ECHO DROPS ONE, WINS ONE IN SEASON PREVIEW

MOLALLA — Although the Echo Cougars were no match for Perrydale, who defeated them in sets of 25-22, 25-10, 25-4 in the first day of the Country Christian-hosted season preview, they managed to come back to topple Joseph in five sets.

The Cougars took the first two sets over Joseph 25-20 and 25-17, but lost the following two, 25-21 and 28-26. It all came down to the final set, with Echo posting a 17-15 win.

“It was nerves,” head coach Janice Scott said of the opener. “They were like deer in the headlights. They just weren’t meshing yet. But we were evenly matched

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Dorian moves Boise State-FSU game

By BOB FERRANTE
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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The college football season opener for Boise State and Florida State will kick off a few hours sooner and a little further inland with discounted ticket prices because of the threat of Hurricane Dorian.

Officials announced Thursday that the game will be played Saturday at Florida State’s Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee and start at noon, seven hours before it was originally scheduled to start in Jacksonville.

Jacksonville officials, along with those from Florida State and Boise State, collaborated on the decision. Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis declared a state of emergency Wednesday, urging residents and visitors to take precaution before the storm hits. The decision to move the football game was made to keep fans away from the coastal region ahead of the storm making landfall.

“After consulting with emergency responders, law enforcement and hurricane preparedness teams at the state and local level, moving the game is the best option given the information we have at this time,” Florida State athletics director David Coburn said.

Florida State officials began scurrying into action late Thursday morning as a crew painted the numerals and hashmarks on the field at Doak Campbell Stadium. It is part of an intense two-day process that also includes adjustments to ticketing as well as arranging security, concessions, parking and other game-day necessities for fans.

As part of the short turnaround, the school will make the ticketing general admission and offer free tickets to Florida State and Boise State students. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 and will be \$15 at the gate.

It’s second consecutive game for Boise State that has been impacted by the weather. In the last game the Broncos played in — the SERVPRO First Responder Bowl in Dallas against Boston College Dec. 26 — was canceled because of the threat of severe weather after a delay of nearly 1½ hours. BC was leading 7-0 with 5:08 remaining.

“Just to go back and again we’re talking weather and things like that,” said Boise State coach Bryan Harsin said. “We’re hopeful the game actually happens. ... we get out there, that ball gets kicked we’re playing the game, we get back to normal and that’s really where we need to get.”

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SPORTS SHORTS

Slugging Twins set road HR record

By MATT CARLSON
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CHICAGO — Jake Cave homered twice, C.J. Cron went deep and the surging Minnesota Twins set a major league record for home runs on the road in a 10-5 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Thursday.

Cave led off the third with drive off Dylan Cease to give Minnesota 139 homers away

from home, eclipsing the mark of 138 set by San Francisco in 2001. Cron, the next hitter, followed with a homer to center.

Cave added a shot in the seventh for his second career multi-homer game, increasing the Twins’ overall total to 261. The record for homers in a season, 267, was set last year by the New York Yankees.

Cron doubled and had three RBIs in a three-hit afternoon, and Nelson Cruz drove in in

three runs as the AL Central leaders won their fifth straight. In sweeping a three-game series with sliding Chicago, Minnesota (82-51) moved to 31 games above .500 for the first time since September 2010.

Cave and Cron’s back-to-back homers increased Minnesota’s lead to 8-0 after the Twins had used eight singles and a walk off Cease (3-7) to pull ahead 6-0 after two innings.



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Minnesota Twins’ C.J. Cron (24) congratulates Jake Cave (60) on his seventh-inning home run Thursday against the Chicago White Sox during a game in Chicago.