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Seattle Mariners left fielder Shed Long leaps for but is unable to catch a three-run home run by Baltimore Orioles' Anthony Santander off Mariners starting pitcher Felix Hernandez during the first inning of a baseball game on Friday in Baltimore. Orioles' Jonathan Villar and Trey Mancini also scored on the play.

Hernández struggles for Mariners in 5-3 loss to Orioles

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Baltimore 5
Seattle 3

BALTIMORE — Félix Hernández isn't getting emotional as the end of the season draws closer. Given what's transpired, he probably can't wait for it to be done.

Come next year, Hernández expects to pitch far more effectively — even if it's not for the Seattle Mariners.

Hernández labored through five innings in what was likely his penultimate start with Seattle, and the Baltimore Orioles got home runs from Anthony Santander and Hanser Alberto in a 5-3 victory on Friday night.

Seattle rookie Kyle Lewis hit a two-run homer in the first inning, and Hernández (1-7) gave the lead back in the bottom half after throwing just eight pitches.

The Mariners never recovered.

It's been a rough season for Hernández, who missed 3 1/2 months with a shoulder injury and has gone 13 starts since his lone victory on April 1. The seven-year contract he signed in 2013 expires after this season, and the rebuilding Mariners are unlikely to bring back the six-time All Star and 2010 Cy Young Award winner.

Thus, the future appears uncertain for Hernández beyond his start next week in Seattle.

"I don't know what's going to happen. I don't know if I'm going to be emotional. I don't know if I'm going to be quiet," he said. "I don't know if I'm going to be happy. I don't know."

Hernández knows this much: If he has anything to do with it, it won't be his last time on the mound.

"I don't want to retire yet. I think I can go out there and compete against anybody," he insisted. "It was a tough year with my shoulder. But if I get healthy, I can compete."

Hernández made his debut with the Mariners as a 19-year-old in 2005 and has spent his entire career within the organization while earning the nickname "King Felix."

Looking to build on his

previous outing, in which he limited the White Sox to one run over seven innings, Hernández got off to a miserable start.

Jonathan Villar singled, Trey Mancini walked and Santander homered over the center field wall. A double and wild pitch ensued before Baltimore's first out of the game, a run-scoring grounder by Austin Hays, made it 4-2.

"It was a tough first inning," Hernández said. "I didn't even know that ball was out of the ballpark. I thought it was a fly ball. After that, I kept making pitches and I got through five. So I'm happy with that."

Lewis doubled and scored in the fourth, but Alberto homered in the bottom half to restore the two-run cushion.

Hernández needed 91 pitches to get 15 outs. His line included five runs, eight hits, two walks and two wild pitches.

"I give him credit. He hung in there and got through five innings, which after the first three hitters, I didn't know if that was going to be the case or not," manager Scott Servais said. "He righted the ship."

Playing in his 10th major league game, Lewis hit his sixth home run and raised his batting average to .325.

Aaron Brooks (6-8) threw seven innings of one-hit ball in relief of opener Richard Bleier to help the Orioles end Seattle's five-game winning streak.

"That was the best we've seen Brooksie all year," manager Brandon Hyde said. "That was three pitches for strikes, really in control the entire time."

It was the longest outing by an Orioles reliever since Arthur Rhodes went seven innings against Kansas City in July 1995.

PREP ROUNDUP

East Oregonian

MADRAS — After back-to-back shutouts to open the football season, the McLoughlin Pioneers picked up their first win of the year in a 14-12 contest against Philomath at Madras on Friday.

"The story was the ground game," coach Gary Robertson said.

Marcellus Brinkley ran for 120 yards, and Kiez White added 63 more. Quarterback Wyatt Gilmore was 6 of 10 for 111 yards.

Philomath had the chance to tie the game with 13 seconds left to play, but its attempt at a 2-point conversion fell flat, and Mac-Hi took home the win.

Dylan Quist led the defense with six tackles.

The independent Pioneers (1-2) return to Madras on Sept. 28 for a game against Siuslaw. Kickoff is at 4 p.m.

PILOT ROCK/NIXYAAWII 58, IONE/ARLINGTON 14 — Tyasin Burns ran for 343 yards and three touchdowns, and had 250 receiving with three more scores as the Rockets topped the visiting Cardinals in Blue Mountain Conference play.

Logan Weinke added two receiving touchdowns, and had a monster night on defense with 15 tackles.

Rockets quarterback Tanner Corwin, who threw for more than 400 yards, tied the school record with five passing touchdowns.

"Credit goes to our line that had a great night block-

ing," Rockets coach Mike Baleztena said. "William Sigo and Kade Kobertstein had some great blocks to open things up for Tyasin, and Paxton Ellis didn't miss a snap at center."

The Rockets will host DeSales (Washington) in a nonleague game next Friday.

JOSEPH 64, ECHO 0 — The Cougars dropped their Big Sky League opener to Joseph on Friday night.

Echo (1-1, 0-1 BSL) continues conference action next Friday at Sherman/Condon. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Volleyball

WESTON-MCEWEN 3, DELPHIAN 0 — The TigerScots narrowly escaped with a three-set shutout over host Delphian in a nonleague match Friday night.

Weston-McEwen took the first set 25-18 before the Dragons made them work for a 28-26 second set, and a 27-25 third set.

The TigerScots (9-4, 1-0 BMC) travel Saturday to Waldport at 11 a.m. for another nonleague matchup.

JOSEPH 3, ECHO 2 — The Cougars ended up on the wrong side of a five-set loss against Joseph on Friday night.

The visiting Eagles took the first set 25-17 before the Cougars rallied back with 25-23 and 25-22 wins in sets two and three. Joseph responded by sweeping the final two sets 25-23 and 15-9.

Echo (8-5, 2-0 BSL) travels to Mitchell/Spray on Saturday for a 1 p.m. Big Sky League contest.

Bucks: Sweek has game-ending touchdown

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wide receiver Walker Camp but the pass would fall incomplete.

But just seven seconds into quarter two, Roberts would provide a remedy.

The 6-foot, 3-inch, 195-pound senior hit Camp with a 24-yard pass to score at 11:53. He connected with wide receiver Nat Hunsacker for a two-point conversion and a 20-0 game.

A 2-yard carry from Liscom at 8:18 got the Bucks another score, and senior kicker Jon Lopez posted his first of five field goals for a 27-0 advantage over Putnam.

But the Bucks weren't through, as senior quarterback Tanner Sweek tore up 52 yards on foot for Pendleton's last touchdown before the Kingsmen came to life.

"This team gave us an even front, which our plays do well against," said Sweek, who finished the night with 98 rushing yards. "We didn't need to change anything."

In response, Putnam senior Jadden Hall had a 28-yard carry to put the Kingsmen on



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Blake Swanson (12), of Pendleton, moves in on Putnam quarterback Marcellas Kenion during Friday's non-conference game.

the board, 34-7. Sweek gave Hunsacker another rushing touchdown at the buzzer for a 41-7 lead at the half.

"We knew they were going to get a couple here and there, because of their misdirection," Davis said of Putnam.

After two incomplete passes from Kingsmen QB Marcellas Kenion, Putnam senior Sebastian Callaway

posted a two-yard rushing touchdown at third-and-goal four minutes into quarter three.

Putnam's final score of the night came with 3:21 left in the quarter on a carry from junior Sam Shulty.

The Bucks, coach Davis said, have been struggling to play a full game this season, but cleaned up nicely in the

final 12 minutes.

"We came out flat after the half," Davis said. "We thought it would be another Hood River situation, but we got the momentum back. That shows character."

Bane opened the fourth quarter with a sack of Putnam's QB, a fumble recovery, and score for a 55-21 advantage. Sweek carried in another touchdown to finish off the game.

"We slowed down near the end of the third quarter," Bane said, "but we picked it back up and took it from there."

Roberts put 83 yards in the air for two touchdowns, and Camp had 89 yards receiving and two more TDs. The Bucks outran the Kingsmen by 172 yards. Both teams entered the field at 1-1 overall and 1-0 in 5A Special District 1 play. With the victory, the Bucks rose to 2-0 and the top of the league standings.

Up next, the Bucks will take a breather from league action for a home game against Scappoose. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at the Round-Up Arena.

Dawgs: Hermiston kept pace in the first 3 quarters

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but we need to make plays and put the game away."

The Lions led 14-11 after three quarters, but used a 2-yard touchdown by quarterback Blaine Chavez, and a 5-yard scoring pass to Max Mayer to take a 28-11 lead.

With 3:21 to play, the Dawgs scored on a 78-yard pass play from Sam Schwirse to Garrett Walchli to pull within 28-17.

"We played a lot better than what we have," said Walchli, who dedicated the game to his grandfather Skip Walchli, who died Friday morning. "It comes down to discipline. We have to be more focused. We are right there."

Schwirse finished the game with 183 yards passing, with Walchli on the receiving end of six for 108 yards.

Hermiston hung with the



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan

Hermiston's Trevor Wagner (20) kicks a field goal during the first half. The Kennewick Lions defeated the Hermiston Bulldogs 28-17 at Neil F. Lampson Stadium in Kennewick on Friday night.

Lions in the first half, trailing 14-3 after two quarters.

Myles Mayovsky scored both touchdowns for Kennewick — on an 8-yard run in the first quarter, and from 11 yards out in the second. The bruising sophomore running

back had 70 yards on 14 carries. He also had 85 receiving yards.

Between Mayovsky's touchdowns, Trevor Wagner kicked a 25-yard field goal for the Bulldogs.

Wagner previously

missed on a 44-yard field goal, and on a 43-yard try, the snap was low.

With 1:08 left in the second quarter, the Lions looked to make one last charge.

Chavez hit Mayovsky with a 38-yard pass to put the ball at the Hermiston 29. A holding penalty pushed the Lions back. Kennewick ran out of time before they could find the end zone.

Early in the third, the Dawgs punted, and the ball hit off the chest of Mayovsky. Trent Pitney recovered the ball for Hermiston on the Kennewick 18-yard line.

Daniel Faaeteete ran the ball into the end zone from 4 yards out, and Caden Fisher ran in the 2-point conversion, as the Dawgs trimmed the Lions' lead to 14-11.

"You can't let people hang around," Affholter said. "You have to start playing with a killer instinct."

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Football
Heppner vs. Gold Beach (at Summit), 2 p.m.
Cross-country
Hermiston at Fort Steilacoom
Volleyball
Weston-McEwen at Waldport, 11 a.m.
Hermiston at Davis, 1 p.m.
Echo at Mitchell/Spray, 1 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Cove, 2 p.m.
Boys soccer
Four Rivers at Irrigon, 3 p.m.
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.
Girls soccer
Hermiston at Shadle Park, noon
Four Rivers at Irrigon, 1 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

Volleyball
White Salmon at Riverside, 6 p.m.
Boys soccer
Pendleton at Baker/Powder Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Girls soccer
La Grande at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 24

Volleyball
Irrigon at Umatilla, 4 p.m.

Sherman at Echo, 4:30 p.m.
Ione/Arlington at Condon, 5 p.m.
Imbler at Helix, 5 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Elgin, 5 p.m.
Riverside at Riverside, 5 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Stanfield, 6:30 p.m.
Pendleton at The Dalles, 6:30 p.m.
Boys soccer
Mac-Hi at The Dalles/Dufur, 4:30 p.m.
Girls soccer
White Salmon at Irrigon, 4 p.m.
The Dalles/Dufur at 4:30 p.m.
Riverside at Stevenson, 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25
Cross-country
Hermiston at Walla Walla, 2 p.m.
THURSDAY, SEPT. 26
Volleyball
Echo at Ione/Arlington, 5 p.m.
Stanfield at Enterprise, 5 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Union, 5:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Riverside, 6 p.m.
Heppner at Pilot Rock, 6:30 p.m.
Irrigon at La Grande, 6:30 p.m.
Crook County at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Southridge, 7 p.m.
Boys soccer
Pendleton at Redmond, 4:30 p.m.
Riverside at Umatilla, 6 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Marist Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
Girls soccer
Riverside at Umatilla, 4 p.m.

Pendleton at Redmond, 4:30 p.m.
Southridge at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Cross-country
Nixyaawii, Weston-McEwen at Helix, 1 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPT. 27
Football
Ione/Arlington vs. Cambridge (at Eastern Oregon University), 5 p.m.
Riverside at Kings Way Christian, 6 p.m.
Walla Walla at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Echo at Sherman/Condon, 7 p.m.
DeSales at Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii, 7 p.m.
Colfax at Heppner, 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Culver, 7 p.m.
Irrigon at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Grant Union at Umatilla, 7 p.m.
Scappoose at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Volleyball
Helix at Cove, 5 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 28
Football
Mac-Hi vs. Siuslaw (at Madras), 4 p.m.
Volleyball
Nixyaawii at Wallowa, 11 a.m.
Grant Union at Stanfield, noon
Helix at Wallowa, 1 p.m.
Union, Enterprise at Heppner, 1:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen vs. Grant Union (at Stanfield), 2 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario, 2:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 4 p.m.

Pendleton at Westview High School Tournament
Boys soccer
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 2 p.m.
Girls soccer
Richland at Hermiston, noon
Mac-Hi at La Grande, noon
Umatilla at Four Rivers, 1 p.m.
Nyssa at Irrigon, 1 p.m.
FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East
New England 2 0 0 1.000 76 3
Buffalo 2 0 0 1.000 45 30
N.Y. Jets 0 2 0 .000 19 40
Miami 0 2 0 .000 10 102
South
Houston 1 1 0 .500 41 42
Indianapolis 1 1 0 .500 43 47
Jacksonville 1 2 0 .333 58 60
Tennessee 1 2 0 .333 67 52
North
Baltimore 2 0 0 1.000 82 27
Cleveland 1 1 0 .500 36 46
Cincinnati 0 2 0 .000 37 62
Pittsburgh 0 2 0 .000 29 61

West
Kansas City 2 0 0 1.000 68 36
Oakland 1 1 0 .500 34 44
L.A. Chargers 1 1 0 .500 40 37
Denver 0 2 0 .000 30 40
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
Dallas 2 0 0 1.000 66 38
Philadelphia 1 1 0 .500 52 51
N.Y. Giants 0 2 0 .000 31 63
Washington 0 2 0 .000 48 63
South
Tampa Bay 1 1 0 .500 37 45
Atlanta 1 1 0 .500 36 48
New Orleans 1 1 0 .500 39 55
Carolina 0 2 0 .000 41 50
North
Green Bay 2 0 0 1.000 31 19
Detroit 1 0 1 .750 40 37
Minnesota 1 1 0 .500 44 33
Chicago 1 1 0 .500 19 24
West
San Francisco 2 0 0 1.000 72 34
L.A. Rams 2 0 0 1.000 57 36
Seattle 2 0 0 1.000 49 46
Arizona 0 1 1 .250 44 50
Sunday's Games
Miami at Dallas, 10 a.m.

Oakland at Minnesota, 10 a.m.
Cincinnati at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Baltimore at Kansas City, 10 a.m.
Atlanta at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
Detroit at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
Denver at Green Bay, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 1:05 p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 1:05 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Chargers, 1:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Seattle, 1:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Cleveland, 5:20 p.m.
Monday's Games
Chicago at Washington, 5:15 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 26
Philadelphia at Green Bay, 5:20 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 29
Carolina at Houston, 10 a.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 10 a.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 10 a.m.
L.A. Chargers at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
Oakland at Atlanta, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 5:20 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 5:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 30
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 5:15 p.m.