



Photo courtesy of Kirsti Cason
Heppner's Blake Wolters gets blocking up front against Clatskanie in the Mustangs' 27-20 win on Sept. 6, 2019.

Heppner: 7-0 overall

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Umatilla, which opened the season 4-0, has been stingy this season, allowing 95 points and posting two shutouts.

While Umatilla (4-2, 0-2) had success in nonleague games, it is 0-2 in league play, and have been outscored 69-7 by Nyssa and Burns.

Riverside at Stanfield

It's homecoming for the Tigers, who are undefeated at home this season.

Enrique Arellano has been a beast coming out of the backfield for Stanfield (4-2 overall, 1-1 BMC), and AJ Keeney does his share of damage on the ground for the Tigers, whose passing game has a few cobwebs for lack of use.

The Pirates (0-7, 0-3) have struggled offensively this season, getting outscored 337-72, and shut out twice.

Riverside is coming off a 54-16 home loss to Grant Union.

The Pirates have not won a Blue Mountain Conference game since joining the conference last year.

Suzuki delivers big swing as Nats near title

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**
AP Baseball Writer

HOUSTON — Kurt Suzuki is beat up physically, with a sore back and other ailments after grinding behind the plate from spring training through late October.

All of that would be worthwhile for the 36-year-old Washington Nationals catcher to finally get a World Series ring.

Suzuki believes pitching and defense ultimately wins championships, and he certainly has done his part in those areas. In Game 2, he had his first RBI this postseason, a tiebreaking solo homer off Houston Astros ace Justin Verlander to spark a bat-around seventh inning.

The Nationals went on to a 12-3 win Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead before even playing their first World Series game at Nationals Park. Game 3 is there Friday night.

Suzuki's body has been battered by run-saving blocks on pitches in the dirt, the kind that got the appreciation of Nationals starter Max Scherzer after they won Game 1 of the World Series.

"I was having to make pitches out of the stretch from the first inning on. I just stayed with (Suzuki)," Scherzer said after throwing five innings. "He called some big-time pitches for me



AP Photo/David J. Phillip
Washington Nationals' Kurt Suzuki is congratulated after hitting a home run during the seventh inning of Game 2 of the baseball World Series against the Houston Astros on Wednesday in Houston.

and blocked some big-time pitches too, especially with runners on third base."

With so much mental effort put into game-planning with his own pitchers, the offensive side of the game can suffer. Suzuki went into Game 2 of the World Series hitting only .043 (1 for 23) this postseason.

Of course, he also scored the tie-breaking run in Washington's 5-4 win in Game 1. He drew a leadoff walk in the fifth and later ran home on Adam Eaton's single that made it 3-2 and put

the Nationals ahead to stay.

The catcher missed Game 1 of the NL Championship Series after a scary moment in Game 5 of the NL Division Series, when Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Walker Buehler hit him on the left wrist with a 94 mph fastball and the ball shot up and knocked off his helmet as the ball-park went silent.

After falling to the ground and grabbing his face, Suzuki walked off his under his own power. He was back behind the plate three days later.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

THURSDAY, OCT. 24

Football
Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii vs. Powder Valley (at Eastern Oregon University), 7 p.m.
Volleyball
Ridgeview at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Southridge at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Boys soccer
Riverside at Four Rivers, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Crook County, 4 p.m.
Girls soccer
Riverside at Four Rivers, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Crook County, 4 p.m.
Cross-country
Hermiston at MCC Championships (at Richland), 1:45 p.m.
Nixyaawii, Weston-McEwen at Stanfield/Echo, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 25

Football
Echo at 6-Man Classic (at Sherman) lone/Arlington at Union, 7 p.m.
Heppner at Grant Union, 7 p.m.
Riverside at Stanfield, 7 p.m.
Portland Christian at Weston-McEwen, 7 p.m.
Umatilla at Vale, 7 p.m.
Irrigon at Nyssa, 7 p.m.
Hanford at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Boys soccer
Ukiah/Long Creek at Irrigon, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26

Volleyball
Big Sky Tournament at Echo, 10 a.m.
Boys soccer
Mac-Hi at Baker/Powder Valley, 2 p.m.

Nyssa at Riverside, 3 p.m.
Umatilla at Four Rivers, 3 p.m.

Girls soccer

Mac-Hi at Baker/Powder Valley, noon
Nyssa at Riverside, 1 p.m.
Umatilla at Four Rivers, 1 p.m.
Girls swimming
Hermiston at Last Chance Invite (at Walla Walla), 2:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Washington 2, Houston 0

Tuesday, Oct. 22: Washington 5, Houston 4

Wednesday, Oct. 23: Washington 12, Houston 3

Friday, Oct. 25: Houston (Greinke 8-1) at Washington (Sanchez 11-8), 5:07 p.m. (Fox)

Saturday, Oct. 26: Houston at Washington, 5:07 p.m. (Fox)

x-Sunday, Oct. 27: Houston at Washington, 5:07 p.m. (Fox)

x-Tuesday, Oct. 29: Washington at Houston, 5:07 p.m. (Fox)

x-Wednesday, Oct. 30: Washington at Houston, 5:08 p.m. (Fox)

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	—
Toronto	1	0	1.000	—
New York	0	1	.000	1
Brooklyn	0	1	.000	1

Boston	0	1	.000	1
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Southeast

Miami	1	0	1.000	—
Orlando	1	0	1.000	—
Charlotte	1	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	0	0	.000	½
Washington	0	1	.000	1

Central

Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	½
Chicago	0	1	.000	1
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1
Indiana	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	1	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	0	1.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	½
New Orleans	0	1	.000	1
Memphis	0	1	.000	1

Northwest

Minnesota	1	0	1.000	—
Denver	0	0	.000	½
Portland	0	0	.000	½
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	½
Utah	0	0	.000	½

Pacific

L.A. Clippers	1	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	.000	½
Sacramento	0	0	.000	½
Golden State	0	0	.000	½
L.A. Lakers	0	1	.000	1

Wednesday's Games

Charlotte 126, Chicago 125
Detroit 119, Indiana 110

Orlando 94, Cleveland 85
Miami 120, Memphis 101
Minnesota 127, Brooklyn 126, OT
Philadelphia 107, Boston 93
San Antonio 120, New York 111
Dallas 108, Washington 100

Thursday's Games

Atlanta at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 5 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Minnesota at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 4 p.m.
New York at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Washington at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Denver, 6 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Miami at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Boston at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Washington at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 7 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	10	8	1	1	17	38	24

Boston	9	6	1	2	14	26	20
Toronto	11	5	4	2	12	40	39
Tampa Bay	9	5	3	1	11	32	29
Florida	9	4	2	3	11	30	33
Montreal	9	4	3	2	10	34	30
Detroit	10	3	7	0	6	23	38
Ottawa	9	2	6	1	5	22	31

Metropolitan	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	11	7	2	2	16	41	34
Carolina	9	6	3	0	12	30	25
Pittsburgh	11	6	5	0	12	36	30
N.Y. Islanders	8	5	3	0	11	20	20
Columbus	9	4	3	2	10	22	29
Philadelphia	7	3	3	1	7	21	21
New Jersey	8	2	4	2	6	19	31
N.Y. Rangers	7	2	4	1	5	19	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	9	7	1	1	15	36	24
Nashville	9	5	3	1	11	38	32
St. Louis	9	4	2	3	11	27	30
Winnipeg	11	5	6	0	10	30	36
Dallas	11	3	7	1	7	23	32
Chicago	7	2	3	2	6	19	22
Minnesota	9	3	6	0	6	21	32

Pacific	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	10	7	2	1	15	31	24
Vegas	11	7	4	0	14	36	28
Vancouver	9	6	3	0	12	30	19
Anaheim	10	6	4	0	12	24	22
Arizona	8	5	2	1	11	24	15
Calgary	11	5	5	1	11	29	32
Los Angeles	9	4	5	0	8	27	34
San Jose	9	3	5	1	7	24	32

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.

Wednesday's Games

Ottawa 5, Detroit 2
Tampa Bay 3, Pittsburgh 2

Thursday's Games

Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Montreal, 4 p.m.
Carolina at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Arizona vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Washington at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 6 p.m.

Friday's Games

Colorado at Vegas, 3 p.m.
San Jose at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Arizona at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Washington at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Chicago at Carolina, 10 a.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 4 p.m.
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Boston, 4 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Calgary vs. Winnipeg at Regina, CAN, SK, 7 p.m.

PIGSKIN PICKERS

WEEK 8

Overall: 48-22

Last week: 5-5

Hanford at Hermiston

Heppner at Grant Union

Umatilla at Vale

Riverside at Stanfield

Notre Dame at Michigan

Indiana at Nebraska

Wilkes at Misericordia

Packers at Chiefs

Buccaneers at Titans

Giants at Lions

Taylor Smith

48-22

45-5

7-3

Hanford

Hanford

Umatilla

Stanfield

Michigan

Nebraska

Wilkes

Packers

Titans

Giants

Mike Appleton

45-25

7-3

Hanford

Hanford

Umatilla

Stanfield

Notre Dame

Nebraska

Wilkes

Packers

Titans

Lions

Jeff Snell

45-25

5-5

Hermiston

Heppner

Vale

Stanfield

Notre Dame

Indiana

Wilkes

Packers

Titans

Lions

Brett Kane

43-27

6-4

Hanford

Heppner

Vale

Stanfield

Notre Dame

Indiana

Misericordia

Packers

Titans

Lions

Annie Fowler

42-28

6-4

Hanford

Heppner

Vale

Stanfield

Notre Dame

Indiana

Wilkes

Packers

Titans

Lions

Ron Gibbs

42-28

4-6

Hanford

Heppner

Vale

Stanfield

Notre Dame

Nebraska

Misericordia

Packers

Titans

Lions

Ronald Bond

39-31

5-5

Hermiston

Heppner

Vale

Stanfield

Michigan

Nebraska

Misericordia

Packers

Buccaneers

Lions

Daniel Wattenburger

39-31

4-6

Hanford

Heppner

Vale

Stanfield

Michigan

Indiana

Misericordia

Chiefs

Titans

Lions

Aaron Karlson

38-32

6-4

Hanford

Heppner

Vale

Stanfield

Notre Dame

Indiana

Wilkes

Packers

Titans

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