

Mariners agree to \$1.6 million deal with Yoshihisa Hirano

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SEATTLE — The Mariners added a veteran arm to their bullpen Thursday, agreeing to a \$1.6 million, one-year contract with Yoshihisa Hirano.

Hirano has spent the past two seasons with the Arizona Diamondbacks, appearing in 137 games with a 3.47 ERA. Hirano was very good in 2018 when he struck out 69 batters in 66 1/3 innings and allowed just 18 earned runs. He struggled last season while appearing in 62 games. He had a 4.75 ERA and issued 22 walks in 53 innings.

Before joining the Diamondbacks, the 35-year-old Hirano spent 11 seasons pitching in Japan for Orix of Japan’s Pacific League.

“We believe his combination of experience and bat-missing ability brings needed stability to our bullpen,” Seattle general manager Jerry Dipoto said in a statement.

Hirano can earn \$500,000 in bonuses based on pitching appearances: \$50,000 each for 30 and 35, \$75,000 apiece for 45 and 50, \$100,000 for 55 and \$150,000 for 60.

He also can get \$450,000 in bonuses for games finished: \$50,000 for 20, \$75,000 apiece for 25 and 30, \$100,000 for 35 and \$150,000 for 40.

Hirano would receive a \$250,000 assignment bonus each time he is traded but not if he is claimed on waivers, the money payable by the new team. Hirano cannot be sent to the minor leagues without his consent.

He will become a free agent when the contract expires.

Left-hander Ricardo Sánchez was designated for assignment to clear a spot on the 40-man roster. Sánchez spent last season at Double-A Arkansas.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney, File
Tyasin Burns, of Pilot Rock/Nixyaawii, races downfield for a touchdown during a game against the Union Bobcats on Oct. 11, 2019.

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with Pendleton for football.

Other local football programs like Weston-McEwen cannot absorb the extra students without moving up a classification.

According to OSAA executive director Peter Weber, the co-op policy is for schools in the 1A to 4A classifications. Exceptions have been made for 1A athletes to participate on 5A teams — Dufur has athletes at The Dalles High School for soccer, wrestling and softball.

“For that to happen, there must be a request made to the board from both schools,” Weber said. “We have done it before, but there has to be no other option.”

The Rockets will be part of the new Special District 3. Joining them in their half of the division would be Dufur, Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat, Elgin, Enterprise, Union and Imbler.

On the other side would be Adrian — which dissolved its co-op with Jordan Valley — Cove, Powder Valley, Ione/Arlington, Crane and Wallowa.

Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat all are teams from Washington who petitioned to play in Oregon, and were approved.

5A classification

Pendleton will stay in Special District 1, but will have new teams, and the league will expand from six to eight teams.

Joining Pendleton will be Hood River, La Salle Prep, Parkrose, Putnam, Redmond, Ridgeview and The Dalles.

“I spoke to the OSAA in favor of the way it looks now,” Pendleton football coach Erik Davis said. “It keeps the consistency of the IMC (Intermountain Conference), which we play there in every other sport. It’s awesome they took into consideration my testimony, and those of the two Redmond schools. The final say is in February, but

PREP ROUNDUP

Dawgs topple the Blue Devils

East Oregonian

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — Hermiston recorded six pins and won two matches by forfeit to finish the Mid-Columbia Conference regular season with a 57-16 road win over Walla Walla.

Oscar Cota (113), Adrian Delgado (126), Hunter Dyer (132), Jordan Franklin (145), Daniel Faaeteete (182) and Dustyn Coughlin (285) all won by fall.

Coughlin had the quickest pin of the night in 33 seconds over Erick Enriquez.

Trevor Wagner (170) and Sam Cadenas (220) picked up forfeit wins.

The Bulldogs finished the MCC season 6-2. Chiawana won the regular-season MCC title with an 8-0 record.

Boys basketball

HEPPNER 58, PILOT ROCK 44 — The Mustangs rallied from a 16-6 first-quarter deficit to hand the visiting Rockets a Blue Mountain Conference loss — just their third of the season.

Heppner pulled within 27-26 at the half, and then used a 32-17 run in the sec-



Staff photo by Ben Lonergan
Riverside's Connor Graham (44) attempts to maintain control of the ball during Thursday night's game against the Umatilla Vikings in Boardman.

ond half to pull away.

Casey Fletcher led Heppner (9-8, 4-3 BMC) with a game-high 16 points, while Joe Sherman added 12 points. Jackson Lehman added seven points, four assists and six rebounds.

“We got down early and my second unit came in and gave us lots of energy and got us back in the game,” Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm said. “I’m extremely proud of my team for keeping their poise when we got down early. We could have quit, but instead we kept fighting. We had lots

of guys step up and make plays.”

Payton Thurmond led the Rockets (15-3, 5-3 BMC) with 13 points and five rebounds

The Mustangs will play at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Grant Union. Pilot Rock will play at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Union.

RIVERSIDE 60, UMATILLA 53 — The Pirates led by just four points at 15-11 after the first quarter, but a 23-10 second quarter put the game well out of reach as they scored an Eastern Oregon League

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fell short.

Lopez notched the game-changing basket with 6:57 left to play to give the Pirates their first lead at 31-30. She would contribute a 3-pointer, two more baskets, and a point at the line to Riverside’s comeback down the stretch. Her trey, combined with senior Cesi Garcia’s basket, capped off a six-point streak that put the Pirates out front for good.

“We came out with more intensity,” Lopez, a guard, said of the second half. “We weren’t rushing things anymore.”

Smith scored a 3-pointer

Lopez pulled the Pirates within one point of Umatilla twice in the first quarter — once at 3-2 and again at 5-4. But the Vikings responded with a seven-point run, three points of which came from sophomore Jara Montez, that helped them to a 12-4 lead with 2:14 left in the quarter. Riverside was outscored 16-6.

Umatilla extended that advantage to 11 points in the opening minutes of the second quarter. But Riverside strung together a six-point run that pulled them within four points at 22-18 with 46 seconds left in the half.

Smith scored a 3-pointer

at 6:30 in quarter three, but both sides were held without a basket for the ensuing 2:20. Lopez contributed five points to Riverside’s third-quarter rally before claiming the game in the fourth.

“Umatilla was aggressive and strong in the first half,” Lopez said. “I’m not sure what happened in the second. Everything was in their heads. Our defense was great, and our offense really picked up in the second half.”

Garcia, Hegar, sophomore Yazeli Ayala, and junior Jaylene Altamirano all contributed four points each to Riverside’s come-

home win on Thursday.

Umatilla was led by Edwin Ortiz and Oscar Campos, who each had 11 points.

Riverside (12-6, 3-2 EOL) hosts Nyssa on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. Umatilla (10-9, 3-2 EOL) welcomes Burns on Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Girls basketball

HEPPNER 54, PILOT ROCK 27 — Sydney Wilson and ZaBrena Master-son each had 12 points, and Marlee Mitchell added 10 as the Mustangs cruised to a home victory over the Rockets in Blue Mountain Conference action.

“They focused on stopping Syd,” Heppner coach Robert Wilson said. “We talked about others stepping up to score, and they did.”

Heppner (10-6, 3-4 BMC) led 15-7 after the first quarter, but it was a 22-8 run in the third quarter that put the game out of reach.

Emily Lambert led the Rockets (5-13, 1-7 BMC) with a game-high 15 points.

Heppner will play at 4 p.m. Saturday at Grant Union. The Rockets will play at 4 p.m. Saturday at Union.

Wrestling: ‘She beat all the girls up there but one’

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Lemmon, a senior at Stanfield, has watched her younger brother Isaiah wrestle since he was 4 years old. He is a freshman this year.

“It looked like fun,” Lemmon said. “I wish I would have done it sooner, but I didn’t want to wrestle guys.”

According to Toombs, Lemmon is the first Echo/

Stanfield wrestler, boy or girl, to move on to the college level.

“I wish we would have had her a lot younger and been able to get her more practice time and good practice partners,” Toombs said. “She will see success with her wrestling at Eastern.”

Last summer, Lemmon went to a team camp at EOU with the rest of the Cougars. There, she was able to compete with other girls.

“She beat all the girls up there but one,” Toombs said.

Lemmon, who also runs cross-country and track, will compete in a tournament in Heppner on Saturday, and then will compete in the regional qualifier the following weekend at Century High School in Hillsboro. The top four in each weight class will advance to state.

Whereas Washington has a strong girls wres-

tling program, complete with 16-man brackets in 14 weight classes at the state tournament, Oregon had its first official girls state tournament last year. Each weight class had just four competitors. This year, there will be eight per weight class.

There are approximately 140 schools in Oregon with girls wrestling, but most have just a handful of athletes.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

Boys basketball
The Dalles at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Echo at Dufur, 7:30 p.m.
Ione/Arlington at South Wasco County, 7:30 p.m.
Joseph at Helix, 7:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.
Vale at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Hanford, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
The Dalles at Pendleton, 5:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Hanford, 5:45 p.m.
Joseph at Helix, 6 p.m.
Echo at Dufur, 6 p.m.
Ione/Arlington at South Wasco County, 6 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Vale at Irrigon, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

Boys basketball
Stanfield at Vernonia, 2:30 p.m.
South Wasco County at Echo, 3:30 p.m.
Dufur at Ione/Arlington, 3:30 p.m.
Nyssa at Riverside, 4:30 p.m.
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.
Wallowa at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Elgin, 5:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Union, 5:30 p.m.
Enterprise at Weston-McEwen, 5:30 p.m.
Heppner at Grant Union, 5:30 p.m.
Burns at Umatilla, 6:30 p.m.
Richland at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.
Girls basketball
Stanfield at Vernonia, 1 p.m.
South Wasco County at Echo, 2 p.m.
Dufur at Ione/Arlington, 2 p.m.
Nyssa at Riverside, 3 p.m.
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 3 p.m.
Wallowa at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Union, 4 p.m.
Heppner at Grant Union, 4 p.m.
Enterprise at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Burns at Umatilla, 5 p.m.
Helix at Elgin, 5:30 p.m.
Richland at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.
Boys wrestling
Heppner/Ione at Heppner Three-Way, 10 a.m.
Boys swimming
Hermiston at MCC Championships (Whitman), 9 a.m.
Pendleton at La Grande, TBA
Men's basketball
Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.

Women's basketball
Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.
*Schedules are subject to change

NFL PLAYOFFS

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 26
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC 38, NFC 33
SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Miami Gardens, Fla.
Kansas City vs. San Francisco, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	34	14	.708	—
Boston	32	15	.681	1½
Phila.	31	18	.633	3½
Brooklyn	20	26	.435	13
New York	13	36	.265	21½
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	32	15	.681	—
Orlando	21	27	.438	11½
Washington	16	31	.340	16
Charlotte	16	32	.333	16½
Atlanta	13	36	.265	20
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	41	6	.872	—
Indiana	31	17	.646	10½
Chicago	19	31	.380	23½
Detroit	17	32	.347	25
Cleveland	13	36	.265	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	29	18	.617	—
Houston	29	18	.617	—
Memphis	24	24	.500	5½
San Antonio	21	26	.447	8
New Orleans	19	29	.396	10½
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	32	15	.681	—
Utah	32	15	.681	—
Oklahoma City	29	20	.592	4
Portland	21	27	.438	11½
Minnesota	15	32	.319	17
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	36	10	.783	—
L.A. Clippers	33	14	.702	3½

Phoenix	20	27	.426	16½
Sacramento	17	30	.362	19½
Golden State	10	39	.204	27½

Thursday's Games

Washington 121, Charlotte 107
Toronto 115, Cleveland 109
Atlanta 127, Phila. 117
Boston 119, Golden State 104
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, late
Utah at Denver, late

Friday's Games

Toronto at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 12:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 4 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 4 p.m.
Brooklyn at Washington, 5 p.m.
Golden State at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Phila. at Boston, 5:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Utah at Portland, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Denver at Detroit, 9:30 a.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 11 a.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 11 a.m.
Chicago at Toronto, noon

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic	GP	W	L	OT Pts
Boston	51	29	10	12
Tampa Bay	50	30	15	5
Florida	49	28	16	5
Toronto	51	27	17	7
Montreal	52	23	22	5
Buffalo	51	22	22	7
Ottawa	50	18	23	9
Detroit	51	12	35	4
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF
Washington	51	34	12	5
Pittsburgh	50	31	14	5
N.Y. Islanders	49	29	15	5
Columbus	51	27	16	8
Carolina	50	29	18	3
Phila.	50	27	17	6
N.Y. Rangers	48	23	21	4
New Jersey	50	18	24	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Central	GP	W	L	OT Pts
St. Louis	51	31	12	8
Colorado	49	28	15	6
Dallas	50	28	18	4
Nashville	50	24	19	7
Chicago	51	24	21	6
Winnipeg	51	25	22	4
Minnesota	50	23	21	6
Pacific				
GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF
Vancouver	51	29	18	4
Calgary	52	27	19	6
Edmonton	50	26	18	6
Arizona	53	26	21	6
Vegas	52	25	20	7
San Jose	52	22	26	4
Anaheim	50	20	25	5
Los Angeles	52	19	28	5

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.

Thursday's Games
Montreal 3, Buffalo 1
Nashville 6, New Jersey 5, SO
Los Angeles 3, Arizona 2, OT
Friday's Games
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Phila. at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Vegas at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
Boston at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Columbus at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Vancouver at N.Y. Islanders, 10 a.m.
Florida at Montreal, 11 a.m.
Colorado at Phila., 4 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Toronto, 4 p.m.
St. Louis at Winnipeg, 4 p.m.
Boston at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 5 p.m.
Vegas at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 9:30 a.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 11 a.m.
Vancouver at Carolina, 11 a.m.
Monday's Games
Dallas at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Phila. at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.