

Sports

NFL HALL OF FAME GAME

Ravens nip Bears in NFL opener

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CANTON, Ohio — The goals were to let the backups play and learn, and to be inspired.

Missions accomplished. The Ravens and Bears honored their great linebackers Ray Lewis and Brian Urlacher with some defense to make them proud in the Hall of Fame game that opened the NFL's preseason Thursday night. Baltimore held on 17-16.

"Ray is the greatest linebacker of our time," said 2016 Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson, who quarterbacked the second half for the Ravens. "That was a big thrill and exciting stuff"

Oh, there was a little spark of offense, some provided by Baltimore's first-round draft pick. Jackson's 7-yard touchdown pass to fellow first-rounder Hayden Hurst came after the Ravens' defense recovered a fumble.

Chicago put together its best drive in the final minutes and journeyman Tyler Bray connected with Tanner Gentry for a 10-yard score to cap a 92-yard march. But the 2-point conversion pass fell incomplete.

Otherwise, D was the letter of the day: there were six turnovers in all, and 12



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Chicago Bears linebackers Kylie Fitts (49) and John Timu (53) try to get their hands on a loose ball in the first quarter of the Hall of Fame Game against the Baltimore Ravens at Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium in Canton, Ohio, on Thursday.

sacks, eight by the Bears.

"To represent Ray in this game to our guys meant even more," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said.

"It was a special moment for our organization," noted new Bears coach Matt Nagy.

The teams exchanged tipped interceptions on the first two possessions of the preseason.

Chicago moved swiftly downfield only to have Chase Daniel's pass to Josh Bellamy deflected to safety Chuck Clark at the Baltimore 6. He returned it 15 yards, then the Ravens replicated the turnover.

Robert Griffin III, attempting a comeback after

sitting out 2017, had his pinpoint throw go off the hands of receiver Breshad Perriman, then off rookie cornerback Michael Joseph. DeAndre Houston-Carson dived to make the pick at the Ravens 34.

The Bears soon converted when Michael Burton caught a 4-yard scoring pass from Daniel.

Baltimore tied it, sparked by two big gainers by undrafted rookie running back Gus Edwards. Griffin found Maxx Williams for a 4-yard score.

"It felt great," Griffin said. "I can't tell you how grateful I am to play the game again."

Then Lewis' old unit gave him a thrill. On the next play from scrimmage, linebacker Kamalei Correa sped 19 yards with an interception to the Chicago 9. But Urlacher's former defense made him smile, sacking Griffin on third down to hold Baltimore to a 31-yard field goal by Kaare Vedvik.

Generally, it was a sloppy affair among backups marred by a slew of dropped passes, poor protection for the quarterbacks, and mishthrows by those QBs.

But something Lewis and Urlacher would approve, the defenses hit hard and tackled well.

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

All Times PDT
Friday, Aug. 3
Toronto at Seattle, 7 p.m. (ROOT)
Saturday, Aug. 4
Atlanta United at Toronto FC, 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Toronto at Seattle, 7 p.m. (ROOT)
Sunday, Aug. 5
Toronto at Seattle, 1 p.m. (ROOT)
NY Yankees at Boston, 5:05 p.m. (ESPN)

MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	76	34	.691	—
New York	68	39	.636	6½
Tampa Bay	56	53	.514	19½
Toronto	49	59	.454	26
Baltimore	33	76	.303	42½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	59	48	.551	—
Minnesota	49	58	.458	10
Detroit	47	62	.431	13
Chicago	38	70	.352	21½
Kansas City	34	74	.315	25½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	69	41	.627	—
Oakland	64	46	.582	5
Seattle	63	46	.578	5½
Los Angeles	54	56	.491	15
Texas	47	63	.427	22

Thursday's Games
Tampa Bay 4, L.A. Angels 2
Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 4
Boston 15, N.Y. Yankees 7
Texas 17, Baltimore 8
Toronto 7, Seattle 3

Today's Games
All Times PDT
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 7-9) at Tampa Bay (Stank 1-3), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Barria 6-7) at Cleveland (Clevinger 7-7), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 14-4) at Boston (Porcello 13-4), 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Hess 2-5) at Texas (Jurado 1-1), 5:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Fillmyer 0-1) at Minnesota (Odozizi 4-7), 4:10 p.m.
Detroit (Hardy 4-3) at Oakland (Anderson 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Verlander 10-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 7-5), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Borucki 0-2) at Seattle (Gonzales 12-5), 7:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Happ 11-6) at Boston (Eovaldi 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 3-3) at Tampa Bay (Chirinos 0-3), 3:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Smith 1-2) at Minnesota (Berrios 10-8), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Pena 1-2) at Cleveland (Kluber

13-6), 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Bundy 7-9) at Texas (Minor 7-6), 5:05 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 4-3) at Oakland (Montas 5-3), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 10-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 7-6), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 4-8) at Seattle (Paxton 9-4), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	60	48	.556	—
Atlanta	58	47	.552	½
Washington	55	53	.509	5
Miami	46	64	.418	15
New York	44	62	.415	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	62	46	.574	—
Milwaukee	63	49	.563	1
Pittsburgh	56	53	.514	6½
St. Louis	56	53	.514	6½
Cincinnati	48	61	.440	14½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	61	49	.555	—
Arizona	60	50	.545	1
Colorado	58	50	.537	2
San Francisco	56	54	.509	5
San Diego	43	68	.387	18½

Thursday's Games
St. Louis 3, Colorado 2
Washington 10, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 5, Miami 2
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 2
San Diego 6, Chicago Cubs 1
L.A. Dodgers 21, Milwaukee 5
San Francisco 8, Arizona 1

Today's Games
All Times PDT
San Diego (Ross 6-8) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 9-7), 11:20 a.m.
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 4-3) at Washington (Gonzalez 6-7), 4:05 p.m.
Miami (Richards 3-5) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 7-8), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Gant 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Archer 3-5), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Sanchez 5-3) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 5-6), 4:10 p.m.
Colorado (Marquez 9-8) at Milwaukee (Guerra 6-7), 5:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Stratton 8-6) at Arizona (Corbin 7-4), 6:40 p.m.
Houston (Verlander 10-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 7-5), 7:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
San Diego (Lucchesi 5-6) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 7-9), 11:20 a.m.
Cincinnati (Harvey 5-6) at Washington (Holliday 4-2), 4:05 p.m.
Miami (Chen 3-8) at Philadelphia (Eflin 7-3), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (TBD) at Pittsburgh (Williams 9-7), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Gausman 5-8) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 5-8), 4:10 p.m.
Colorado (Anderson 6-3) at Milwaukee (Peralta 4-2), 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Suarez 4-6) at Arizona (Buchholz 4-1), 5:10 p.m.
Houston (McCullers 10-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 7-6), 6:10 p.m.

BRIEFING

Football camps coming soon at BHS

The annual youth camp and middle school football camps are planned for the week of Aug. 20, Baker High School coach Dave Johnson said.

Middle School camp participants should register at 10:30 a.m. at Baker High School. The camp will run from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday with the Quarterback Club barbecue to follow.

The youth camp will run from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday.

Baker football practice begins Aug. 13

Baker High School football practice begins Aug. 13, according to coach Dave Johnson.

Practice will be 7:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. From 7:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16, and from 7:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17. Practice will continue 7:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Aug. 20-22, and 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 23.

Gridiron Tailgate and Grill-Off Saturday

The Gridiron Tailgate and Grill-Off, a fundraiser for the Shrine steer purchase during halftime of the East-West Shrine All-Star Football game Saturday, Aug. 4, is planned prior to the game.

The event, which includes food sales and a silent auction at 2:30 p.m., will run from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Geiser-Pollman Park.

It's sponsored by the Baker County CattleWomen and the Baker County Livestock Association.

Shrine parade Saturday at 11 a.m.

The annual East-West Shrine parade will wind its way through Baker City on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. Line up will be at 10 a.m. at Baker Middle School.

Local riders at Maverick Junior Rodeo

LA GRANDE — Several local youth riders placed in their events Saturday and Sunday at the annual Maverick Junior Rodeo.

Michelle Williams of North Powder won the girls all-around crown.

Zack Morrison of Baker City won the junior boys calf tying; Maggie Mackenzie of Baker City, the senior girls pole bending; Williams the senior girls barrels; and Riggin Nedrow of North Powder won the junior boys chute dogging.

Area riders compete at pro rodeos

A trio of area riders competed at several professional rodeos at the end of July.

Kimberly Williams of North Powder was third in break-away roping at Longview and second at Madras.

Samantha Kerns of Haines was first in barrels at Council, Idaho.

Mike McGinn of Haines was first in steer wrestling after the first go at Chief Joseph Days, and finished second in average.

Blue Jays top Seattle Mariners, 7-3

SEATTLE — Mike Hauschild signed his Blue Jays contract a half-hour before and then came on to pitch six impressive innings of relief in his first game in the majors in more than 15 months.

Kendrys Morales had a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning to back Hauschild, and Toronto beat the Seattle Mariners 7-3 Thursday night.

Hauschild, who was released by Houston on Sunday, figured he'd be headed for Triple-A Buffalo for the week-end until the Blue Jays picked him up. Now, Toronto Jays might have the missing piece it's been looking for in the starting rotation, and Hauschild has a lot of phone calls and text messages to return.

"It's pretty crazy," said Hauschild, who last pitched in the majors on April 19, 2017.

Hauschild (1-0) entered the game in the second inning after Nelson Cruz's two-run homer off reliever-turned-spot-starter Tyler Clippard gave the Mariners a quick 2-0 lead in the first. Hauschild put up zeroes for the next six innings while spotting a 90-mph fastball and putting away hitters with an effective slider, limiting the Mariners to four singles and one walk while striking out five.

Felix Hernandez, whose spot in the Seattle starting rotation has been in question of late, gave up two runs in five innings.

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