

Sports

WEEK AHEAD IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

THURSDAY, AUG. 23
■ Cross country: Baker at Vale, 4 p.m.
■ Volleyball: Baker JV2 at Homedale, 3 p.m.; Baker JV at Homedale, 4 p.m.; Baker at Homedale, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 24
■ Volleyball: Powder Valley at Country Christian tourney, tba

SATURDAY, AUG. 25
■ Volleyball: Baker at La Grande tourney, 8 a.m.; Baker JV at La Grande tourney, 8 a.m.; Powder Valley at Country Christian tourney, tba

AT A GLANCE

Verlander wins 200th game

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Justin Verlander pitched just well enough to earn his 200th career win and the Houston Astros hit five home runs, beating the Oakland Athletics 9-4 Sunday to avoid a sweep and retake sole possession of the AL West lead. The surging A's had won the first two games at the Coliseum to tie shaky Houston atop the division. But Yuli Gurriel hit a three-run homer in the third inning and Evan Gattis, Alex Bergman, Marwin Gonzalez and Martin Maldonado later homered for the defending World Series champions. Maldonado also tripled and doubled.

Verlander (12-8) gave up four runs in 5 1/3 innings while becoming the 114th pitcher with at least 200 career wins.

Simone Biles wins 5th gymnastic title

BOSTON (AP) — The color choice wasn't a coincidence. It was a statement. One Simone Biles felt compelled to make even as the organization she competes for struggles to find a compassionate and compelling message to sexual abuse survivors. The Olympic champion designed the leotard she wore while winning her fifth US women's gymnastics title Sunday, all the way down to the light shade of teal. It's the designated color for survivors of sexual abuse, a group that includes Biles, who revealed in January she was among the victims of former USA Gymnastics team doctor Larry Nassar. "The color is for the survivors," Biles said after becoming the first woman in 24 years to post the top score on every event on her way to a national championship. "I stand with all of them and I think it's kind of special to unite (people)."

The 21-year-old came up with the idea eight months ago, long before she knew how her comeback following a post-Olympic break would go. In the end, it simultaneously served as a beacon to her otherworldly gymnastics while also highlighting the need to keep the Nassar victims at the forefront.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS PRESEASON FOOTBALL

Chargers look sharp in 24-14 win over Seattle

By Greg Beacham
 AP Sports Writer

CARSON, Calif. — Although Philip Rivers has only faced the Seattle Seahawks three times in games that count, he knows nearly everything about their defense because of Gus Bradley. Rivers used that know-how to get the Los Angeles Chargers off to a strong start in their first victory of the preseason. Melvin Gordon rushed for a short touchdown to cap a strong 70-yard opening drive by the Bolts' first-teamers, and Rivers went 6 of 7 for 62 yards in Los Angeles' 24-14 preseason victory over the Seahawks on Saturday night. Rivers played only two series in his first action of the preseason, but he had six consecutive completions. He also made a few plays by capably eluding the Seattle rush and connecting with strong throws on the run. None of it surprised Seahawks coach Pete Carroll. Bradley, the Chargers' defensive coordinator, ran Carroll's defense in Seattle for four

years, and Los Angeles' scheme is awfully similar. "Philip had us a couple of times," Carroll said. "He knew what he was going against, and he did a great job. He plays against our defense every day (in practice)." Russell Wilson was 13 of 21 for 193 yards while playing the entire first half for the Seahawks (0-2). His offense was limited to two field goals by execution mistakes in the red zone, and Wilson was repeatedly flushed from the pocket by Melvin Ingram while the Chargers' destructive pass rusher had an outstanding first half. David Moore made the Seahawks' biggest play of the first half, hauling in a 52-yard catch between two Chargers downfield. Seattle could have kept it closer, but Chris Carson had a touchdown run waved off by a penalty and later fumbled at the goal line in the first half. "In the red zone in particular, we've got to stay on schedule," Wilson said. "That's the lesson we learned from tonight, but the great thing was really the score should have been 21-7

pretty early. First three drives, we get three touchdown opportunities, and that's what we look for. We go to the truth of what we did and where we can get better." JJ Jones returned a punt 72 yards for a touchdown late in the first half, and Mike Williams caught a 25-yard touchdown pass from Geno Smith in the second half of the Chargers' preseason home opener in their second season at compact StubHub Center. Coach Anthony Lynn was infuriated by 14 penalties, but otherwise pleased. "Classic example of bend-but-don't-break defense," Lynn said. "They didn't let them in the end zone, and that's the most important thing." Smith then made a strong argument for the Chargers' backup job, going 6 of 8 for 85 yards. His TD pass came on an eye-opening catch by Williams, who jumped over Seattle cornerback Akeem King and hauled in the first score of his NFL career for a 21-6 lead. Seahawks rookie Alex McGough led a solid drive in the final minutes,

hitting Malik Turner with a 12-yard touchdown pass. Robert Aguayo hit a 39-yard field goal with 40 seconds left, boosting his bid to win the Chargers' kicking job.

INJURIES

Seahawks: RG D.J. Fluker dislocated his finger, but Carroll doesn't think it's serious: "He's an offensive lineman. I think he can handle that." Chargers: S Jaylen Watkins started, but was helped off the field late in the first half with a right knee injury. Ingram fell on his teammate on the play, and Watkins couldn't put weight on his leg. He will have an MRI exam Sunday, Lynn said.

ANTHEM UPDATE

Chargers left tackle Russell Okung raised his right fist during the national anthem. Three Seahawks stayed off the field during the anthem for the second consecutive week: offensive tackle Duane Brown, defensive end Branden Jackson and defensive tackle Quinton Jefferson.

Dodgers rout Mariners, 12-1

By Daimon Ekdund
 Associated Press

SEATTLE — Clayton Kershaw has rarely needed much run support to pull out a win. The Los Angeles Dodgers made sure Sunday he had more than enough for a milestone victory. The Dodgers scored five runs before Kershaw took the mound, and the three-time NL Cy Young Award winner shut down the Seattle Mariners over seven innings for his 150th career win in a 12-1 rout. The offensive explosion came a day after the Mariners beat Los Angeles on a 10th-inning, game-ending balk. "To lose it in that situation is tough. And to come right back on a day game, there could be a little hangover effect," Kershaw

said. "Our guys, coming out in the first inning like that is a big testament to them. That was awesome today." Kershaw (6-5) gave up one run on four hits, struck out seven and walked one. The 30-year-old lefty improved to 150-69. Justin Turner tied career highs with four hits and five RBIs, including a three-run homer in the ninth inning with position player Andrew Romine on the mound. Turner extended his hitting streak to 13 games. Enrique Hernandez had an RBI single as part of the Dodgers' five-run first inning. He added his 18th home run and a bases-loaded walk as the Dodgers won for the third time in four games.

Cody Bellinger pushed his own hitting streak to 12 games with three hits and two RBIs for Los Angeles. "It was an outstanding job by the entire offense today," Turner said. "I feel like up and down the lineup guys are all feeling pretty good." The Dodgers tagged Seattle starter Roenis Elias (2-1). He had been on the disabled list with a left triceps strain since July 31 and was activated to start against the Dodgers. Elias lasted three innings, giving up the five runs and seven hits. "Elias usually goes out there and competes and lets it fly and takes his chances. We didn't see today that in the first inning," Seattle manager Scott Servais said.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

Timbers lose third straight

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Diego Rubio scored two goals and Tim Melia had his 10th shutout of the season to help Sporting Kansas City beat the Portland Timbers 3-0 on Saturday night. Sporting (12-6-6) won its third straight to remain three points behind Western Conference-leading FC Dallas. Rubio rifled a shot from the top of the box just inside the near post to open the scoring in the 28th minute and then made it 2-0 when he put away a cross by Daniel Salloi in the 37th. Johnny Russell capped the scoring in the 89th minute. He tapped it to Roger Espinoza near the penalty arc, who led Russell toward the spot for the left-footed finish. Portland (10-6-7) has lost three in a row. The Timbers had just one shot in the first half and were outshot 25-7 overall.

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

All Times PDT
Monday, Aug. 20
 Little League World Series, 8 a.m. (ESPN)
 Little League World Series, 10 a.m. (ESPN)
 Little League World Series, noon (ESPN)
 Little League World Series, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
 Little League World Series, 5 p.m. (ESPN)
 Baltimore at Indianapolis, 5 p.m. (ESPN)
 Houston at Seattle, 6:30 p.m. (ROOT)
Tuesday, Aug. 21
 Little League World Series, 10 a.m. (ESPN)
 Little League World Series, noon (ESPN)
 Little League World Series, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 Houston at Seattle, 6:30 p.m. (ROOT)
 St. Louis at LA Dodgers, 7:10 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Aug. 22
 Little League World Series, noon (ESPN)
 Houston at Seattle, 12:30 p.m. (ROOT)
 Little League World Series, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 St. Louis at LA Dodgers, 7:10 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Aug. 23
 Little League World Series, noon (ESPN)
 Little League World Series, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 5 p.m. (FOX)
Friday, Aug. 24
 Seattle at Minnesota, 5 p.m. (KPTV)
 Detroit at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m. (CBS)
 Seattle at Arizona, 6 p.m. (ROOT)
Saturday, Aug. 25
 Little League World Series, 9:30 a.m. (ABC)
 Little League World Series, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
 Jacksonville State at North Carolina A&T, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
 Seattle at Arizona, 4:30 p.m. (ROOT)
 New Orleans at LA Chargers, 5 p.m. (CBS)
 Wyoming at New Mexico State, 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, Aug. 26
 Little League World Series, 7 a.m. (ESPN)
 Little League World Series, noon (ABC)
 Seattle at Arizona, 12:30 p.m. (ROOT)
 Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1 p.m. (FOX)
 Arizona at Dallas, 5 p.m. (NBC)
 NY Yankees at Baltimore, 5:05 p.m. (ESPN)

GOLF

Baker Ladies Golf Association
Aug. 15
 First flight — 1. Dana Endicott. Second flight — 1. Mary Kerns. Third flight — 1. Marianne Klingler. Birdies — Mary Kerns.

BRIDGE

Baker Ladies Golf Association
Aug. 15
 1. Betty Combs. 2. Marilyn Delfanti. 3. Kathy Eidson.

MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Boston	88	37	.704	—
New York	78	46	.629	9½
Tampa Bay	63	61	.508	24½
Toronto	55	69	.444	32½
Baltimore	37	87	.298	50½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Cleveland	71	52	.577	—
Minnesota	59	64	.480	12
Detroit	51	74	.408	21
Chicago	46	77	.374	25
Kansas City	38	86	.306	33½
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Houston	75	49	.605	—
Oakland	74	50	.597	1
Seattle	71	54	.568	4½
Los Angeles	63	63	.500	13
Texas	56	70	.444	20

Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees	11, Toronto	6		
Baltimore	4, Cleveland	2		
Oakland	7, Houston	1		
Boston	5, Tampa Bay	2		
Detroit	7, Minnesota	5		
Kansas City	3, Chicago White Sox	1		
L.A. Angels	11, Texas	7		
Seattle	5, L.A. Dodgers	4	10	innings
Sunday's Games				
Tampa Bay	2, Boston	0		
N.Y. Yankees	10, Toronto	2		
Cleveland	8, Baltimore	0		
Chicago White Sox	7, Kansas City	6		
Minnesota	5, Detroit	4		
Texas	4, L.A. Angels	2		
Houston	9, Oakland	4		
L.A. Dodgers	12, Seattle	1		
Today's Games All Times PDT				
Baltimore	(Cashner 4-10) at Toronto	(Estrada 6-9)	4:07 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox	(Giolito 8-9) at Minnesota	(Gonzales 0-0)	4:10 p.m.	
Cleveland	(Kluber 15-6) at Boston	(Porcello 15-5)	4:10 p.m.	
Kansas City	(Lopez 0-2) at Tampa Bay	(Wood 0-1)	4:10 p.m.	
Texas	(Colon 7-10) at Oakland	(Fiers 8-6)	7:05 p.m.	
Houston	(Cole 11-5) at Seattle	(Hernandez 8-11)	7:10 p.m.	
Tuesday's Games				
Baltimore	(Bundy 7-11) at Toronto	(Gaviglio 2-6)	4:07 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs	(Hendricks 9-9) at Detroit	(Zimmermann 5-5)	4:10 p.m.	
Cleveland	(Bieber 6-2) at Boston	(Eovaldi 5-4)	4:10 p.m.	
Kansas City	(Duffy 7-11) at Tampa Bay	(Snell 14-5)	4:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees	(Tanaka 9-4) at Miami	(Lopez 2-3)	4:10 p.m.	
Minnesota	(Berrios 11-8) at Chicago White Sox	(Rodon 4-3)	5:10 p.m.	
L.A. Angels	(Pena 1-3) at Arizona	(Corbin 10-4)	6:40 p.m.	
Texas	(Jurado 2-2) at Oakland	(Anderson 2-3)	7:05 p.m.	
Houston	(TBD) at Seattle	(Leake 8-7)	7:10 p.m.	

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Atlanta	68	55	.553	—
Philadelphia	68	56	.548	½
Washington	62	63	.496	7
New York	54	69	.439	14
Miami	50	76	.397	19½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Chicago	71	52	.577	—
Milwaukee	69	57	.548	3½
St. Louis	68	57	.544	4
Pittsburgh	63	62	.504	9
Cincinnati	55	69	.444	16½
West Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
Arizona	69	56	.552	—
Colorado	68	56	.548	½
Los Angeles	67	58	.536	2
San Francisco	61	64	.488	8
San Diego	49	78	.386	21
Saturday's Games				
N.Y. Mets	3, Philadelphia	1		
Miami	7, Washington	5	10	innings
Pittsburgh	3, Chicago Cubs	1		
Cincinnati	7, San Francisco	1		
Colorado	5, Atlanta	3	10	innings
St. Louis	7, Milwaukee	2		
San Diego	7, Arizona	6		

Saturday's Games				
Cincinnati	11, San Francisco	4		
Colorado	4, Atlanta	2		
Miami	12, Washington	1		
Pittsburgh	2, Chicago Cubs	1	11	innings
Milwaukee	2, St. Louis	1		
Arizona	4, San Diego	3		
L.A. Dodgers	12, Seattle	1		
N.Y. Mets	8, Philadelphia	2		
Today's Games All Times PDT				
Atlanta	(Gausman 7-9) at Pittsburgh	(Archer 4-5)	4:05 p.m.	
San Francisco	(Holland 6-8) at N.Y. Mets	(Wheeler 8-6)	4:10 p.m.	
Cincinnati	(Bailey 1-10) at Milwaukee	(Anderson 7-7)	5:10 p.m.	
St. Louis	(Gomber 3-0) at L.A. Dodgers	(Wood 7-6)	7:10 p.m.	
Tuesday's Games				
Atlanta	(Teheran 8-7) at Pittsburgh	(Nova 7-7)	4:05 p.m.	
Philadelphia	(Velasquez 8-9) at Washington	(TBD)	4:05 p.m.	
Chicago Cubs	(Hendricks 9-9) at Detroit	(Zimmermann 5-5)	4:10 p.m.	
N.Y. Yankees	(Tanaka 9-4) at Miami	(Lopez 2-3)	4:10 p.m.	
San Francisco	(TBD) at N.Y. Mets	(Matz 5-10)	4:10 p.m.	
Cincinnati	(Romano 7-10) at Milwaukee	(Guerra 6-8)	5:10 p.m.	
San Diego	(Elvin 2-3) at Colorado	(Anderson 6-5)	5:40 p.m.	
L.A. Angels	(Pena 1-3) at Arizona	(Corbin 10-4)	6:40 p.m.	
St. Louis	(Poncedeleon 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers	(Ryu 3-0)	7:10 p.m.	

NFL PRESEASON AMERICAN CONFERENCE				
East Division				
W	L	T	Pct.	
New England	2	0	1.000	
Buffalo	1	1	0.500	
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0.500	
Miami	0	2	0.000	
South				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Houston	2	0	1.000	
Indianapolis	1	0	1.000	
Jacksonville	1	1	0.500	
Tennessee	0	2	0.000	
North				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Baltimore	2	0	1.000	
Cincinnati	2	0	1.000	
Cleveland	1	1	0.500	
Pittsburgh	1	1	0.500	
West				
W	L	T	Pct.	
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0.500	
Oakland	1	1	0.500	
Kansas City	1	1	0.500	
Denver	0	2	0.000	

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
East				
W	L	T	Pct.	
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0.500	
Washington	1	1	0.500	
Dallas	0	2	0.000	
Philadelphia	0	2	0.000	
South				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Carolina	2	0	1.000	
Tampa Bay	2	0	1.000	
New Orleans	1	1	0.500	
Atlanta	0	2	0.000	
North				
W	L	T	Pct.	
Green Bay	2	0	1.000	

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER				
Saturday's Games				
Seattle	5, LA Galaxy	0		
New York	2, Vancouver	2	tie	
Philadelphia	2, New York City FC	0		
Montreal	2, Chicago	1		
FC Dallas	2, Minnesota United	0		
Sporting Kansas City	3, Portland	0		
Real Salt Lake	2, Houston	1		
Toronto FC	1, San Jose	1	tie	
Sunday's Games				
Atlanta United	FC 3, Columbus	1		
D.C. United	2, New England	0		
Colorado	at Los Angeles FC	10	p.m.	
Wednesday's Games All Times PDT				
New York	at New York City FC	4	p.m.	
Thursday's Games				
Columbus	at Chicago	4	p.m.	
FC Dallas	at Houston	6	p.m.	
Saturday's Games				
New England	at Philadelphia	4	p.m.	
Montreal	at Toronto FC	5	p.m.	
Minnesota United	at Sporting Kansas City	5:30	p.m.	
Real Salt Lake	at Colorado	6	p.m.	
Vancouver	at San Jose	7	p.m.	
Sunday, August 26				