

# Sports

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# Mac-Hi dropping out of GOL

By Brett Kane  
East Oregonian

MILTON-FREEWATER — The Mac-Hi football team has had enough of league play — at least for the time being.

This season, the Pioneers are breaking free of the Greater Oregon League in favor of playing independently. They'll say goodbye to league standings, a shot at the 4A state title, and their former GOL rivals starting this fall.

It was a decision that was made after the conclusion of their most recent season, in which they went without a win — 0-8 overall and 0-6 in the league. That record saw them finish fourth, behind Baker, Ontario, and the league champions in La Grande (7-3, 5-1 GOL).

"We kept going to the sidelines against teams like Ontario, with 60 guys," Mac-Hi athletic director and head football coach Gary Robertson said. "Meanwhile, we're standing there with 20 guys

The other teams had 20 guys that were seniors. We put ourselves in a bad, bad situation. At the end of the day, we were undermanned. Until we get more players, this is how it's going to be."

During a February meeting, the OSAA Executive Board gave the Pioneers the go-ahead to leave the league and play their season independently. Instead of facing their usual three opponents in league play this season, they'll face an entirely new set of teams from across the state.

Their upcoming season, which includes four home games and five away, will pit the Pioneers against Madras, Tillamook, Philomath, Stanfield, Siuslaw, Henley, Phoenix, North Valley, and Washington's Kiona-Benton.

"It was interesting," Robertson said of the OSAA meeting. "They (the OSAA) were the ones that brought the idea to my attention. I

never knew it was an option. We had several meetings about it."

Things finally fell into place, and Mac-Hi's next season's schedule has been set. They'll open play with a home jamboree against Stanfield on Aug. 31, followed by a home game against Madras on Sept. 6. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

"The OSAA stepped in to help piece together the schedule," Robertson said. "We're playing teams that we normally never play because they're so scattered around the state of Oregon. I feel very good about the teams that we're going to compete against."

The Pioneers have gone without a win since Sept. 22, 2017, when they took down Riverside/Ione 35-6 in a nonleague game. According to OSAA records, they have not won a GOL game since before 2013.

No league play means no chance for a state title this

season, but Robertson said his biggest concern was keeping his team's roster filled with enough athletes.

"Soccer is more popular over here," Robertson said. "I'd love to have kids come out in participate (in football), but we're not getting enough. Frankly, between all of the boys last year, our participation was down 20 percent. We only had 12 guys on our wrestling team."

Mac-Hi's football team is the only one in the school that will be affected by the deal. Every other sport in the school remains a part of the GOL.

Instead of a shot at the postseason, the Pioneers' football program will simply begin preparations for the next season, Robertson said.

"This is for our kids to have success moving forward," Robertson said. "Hopefully soon, we'll have 30-40 kids in our football program."

# Rangers top Mariners to end losing streak

By Chris Talbott  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — As the losses mounted for the Texas Rangers during their eight-game skid, their daily hitting meeting turned into something of a therapy session.

Rougned Odor spoke positive words of encouragement to his team Tuesday afternoon, then backed it up with two home runs in a 7-2 win over the Seattle Mariners. Nomar Mazara reached the third deck with an impressive drive, Shin-Soo Choo hit a leadoff homer in the first and rookie pitcher Pedro Payano was excellent in relief to help the Rangers get back on track.

"We've been talking as a group for a while since we've been struggling," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "We use that forum to kind of discuss how to get out of (the streak). (Odor has) actually been pretty vocal over the last week or so. He was really honest."

The Rangers jumped on the Mariners' Tommy Milone from the first pitch, which Choo sent to the bullpen in left field, and hit four home runs to snap the major leagues' fourth longest losing streak of the season.

It was Choo's 10th career first-pitch home run, his sixth leadoff home run of the season and the 33rd of his career.

After Asdrubal Cabrera and Tim Federowicz made it 3-0 with a couple of RBIs in the second inning, it got worse for Milone in the third when Mazara hit a towering shot estimated at 458 feet for a 4-0 lead.

It was one of the more impressive hits at T-Mobile Park this season, just the second to reach the third deck in right field.

"I'm going to have to check StatCast on that because 458 feet doesn't sound right," Woodward said.

## SCOREBOARD

### MAJOR LEAGUES

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	65	35	.650	—
Boston	56	46	.549	10
Tampa Bay	57	47	.548	10
Toronto	39	64	.379	27½
Baltimore	32	68	.320	33

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	61	39	.610	—
Cleveland	58	42	.580	3
Chicago	45	53	.459	15
Kansas City	38	64	.373	24
Detroit	30	66	.313	29

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	65	38	.631	—
Oakland	58	44	.569	6½
Los Angeles	53	49	.520	11½
Texas	51	50	.505	13
Seattle	41	63	.394	24½

#### Monday's Games

Cleveland 7, Toronto 3  
Boston 9, Tampa Bay 4  
Chicago White Sox 9, Miami 1  
Houston 11, Oakland 1  
Minnesota 8, N.Y. Yankees 6  
Arizona 6, Baltimore 3  
Seattle 7, Texas 3

#### Tuesday's Games

Toronto 2, Cleveland 1, 10 innings  
Boston 5, Tampa Bay 4  
Philadelphia 3, Detroit 2, 15 innings  
Kansas City 5, Atlanta 4  
Miami 5, Chicago White Sox 1  
N.Y. Yankees 14, Minnesota 12, 10 innings  
Oakland 4, Houston 3, 11 innings  
Baltimore 7, Arizona 2  
L.A. Angels 5, L.A. Dodgers 4  
Texas 7, Seattle 2

#### Today's Games

All Times PDT  
Boston (Price 7-3) at Tampa Bay (Morton 11-3), 9:10 a.m.  
Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-5) at Detroit (Zim-

mermann 0-7), 10:10 a.m.  
Oakland (Bassitt 7-4) at Houston (Verlander 12-4), 11:10 a.m.  
Baltimore (Means 8-5) at Arizona (Clarke 2-3), 12:40 p.m.  
Texas (Minor 8-5) at Seattle (Leake 8-8), 12:40 p.m.  
Cleveland (Bieber 9-3) at Toronto (Stroman 6-10), 4:07 p.m.  
Kansas City (Keller 6-9) at Atlanta (Teheran 5-6), 4:20 p.m.  
Miami (Gallen 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 5-8), 8:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Happ 8-5) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 11-4), 5:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Barria 3-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 4-3), 7:10 p.m.

#### Thursday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-5) at Boston (Porcello 8-7), 4:10 p.m.  
Minnesota (Berrios 8-5) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 11-4), 5:10 p.m.  
Cleveland (Plutko 3-2) at Kansas City (Mortgomery 1-3), 5:15 p.m.  
Baltimore (Eshelman 0-2) at L.A. Angels

(Canning 3-5), 7:07 p.m.  
Texas (Jurado 5-6) at Oakland (Anderson 9-5), 10:07 p.m.  
Detroit (Norris 2-8) at Seattle (TBD), 7:10 p.m.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	60	42	.588	—
Washington	53	46	.535	5½
Philadelphia	53	48	.525	6½
New York	46	54	.460	13
Miami	37	62	.374	21½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	54	47	.535	—
St. Louis	53	47	.530	½
Milwaukee	53	50	.515	2
Cincinnati	46	53	.465	7
Pittsburgh	46	54	.460	7½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	67	36	.650	—
San Francisco	52	50	.510	14½
Arizona	51	51	.500	15½
Colorado	47	53	.470	18½

San Diego 47 53 .470 18½

#### Monday's Games

Colorado at Washington, ppd.  
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 5, 10 innings  
Chicago White Sox 9, Miami 1  
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 5  
Arizona 6, Baltimore 3  
San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 4

#### Tuesday's Games

St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 3  
Washington 11, Colorado 1  
N.Y. Mets 5, San Diego 2  
Philadelphia 3, Detroit 2, 15 innings  
Kansas City 5, Atlanta 4  
Miami 5, Chicago White Sox 1  
Cincinnati 14, Milwaukee 6  
Baltimore 7, Arizona 2  
San Francisco 5, Chicago Cubs 4, 13 innings  
L.A. Angels 5, L.A. Dodgers 4

#### Today's Games

All Times PDT  
Colorado (Gray 9-7) at Washington (Fedde 1-1), 10:05 a.m., 1st game  
Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-5) at Detroit (Zimmermann 0-7), 10:10 a.m.

Cincinnati (Sims 1-0) at Milwaukee (Chacin 3-10), 11:10 a.m.  
Baltimore (Means 8-5) at Arizona (Clarke 2-3), 12:40 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Lester 9-6) at San Francisco (Beede 3-3), 12:45 p.m.  
Colorado (Freeland 2-7) at Washington (Corbin 7-5), 4:05 p.m., 2nd game  
St. Louis (Wainwright 6-7) at Pittsburgh (Lyles 5-8), 4:05 p.m.

San Diego (Lamet 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 7-4), 4:10 p.m.  
Kansas City (Keller 6-9) at Atlanta (Teheran 5-6), 4:20 p.m.  
Miami (Gallen 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 5-8), 5:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Barria 3-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 4-3), 7:10 p.m.

#### Thursday's Games

San Diego (Lauer 5-7) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 5-7), 9:10 a.m.  
St. Louis (Mikolas 6-10) at Pittsburgh (Musgrove 7-8), 9:35 a.m.  
Colorado (Hoffman 1-3) at Washington (Scherzer 9-5), 1:05 p.m.



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