

Sports

Mariners top Texas to snap 3-game losing streak

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Austin Nola hit a sacrifice fly that scored Dee Gordon with the tie-breaking run in the top of the ninth inning and Omar Narváez added an insurance run with an RBI single as the Seattle Mariners snapped a three-game losing streak with a 5-3 win over the Texas Rangers on Thursday night.

Gordon led off the ninth with a single to right, moved to second when Mallex Smith walked and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by J.P. Crawford. Nola's fly out scored Gordon and Narváez's single to shallow center scored Smith.

Matt Magill (4-1) allowed one base runner in the eighth and ninth innings.

José Leclerc (2-4) allowed both runs in the ninth inning on two singles and two walks. The Rangers lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Félix Hernández came away with his second straight no decision after missing more than three months with a lat strain. Hernández allowed all three runs on five hits and struck out three.

Lance Lynn gave up three runs, one earned, in six innings. He struck out five, raising his season total to 202 and becoming the eighth pitcher in Texas club history to strike out 200 or more in a season.

Seattle scored three runs in the second inning when Lynn hit Dylan Moore on the left elbow with the bases loaded. Two runs scored when Rangers first baseman Logan Forsythe dropped a throw on a double play try on a ground ball hit by Gordon that would have ended the inning.

Willie Calhoun homered in the first inning off the facing off the second deck in right field.



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Utah defense stifles BYU late, wins 30-12 in 100th rivalry game

By John Coon
Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Utah's defense picked up where it left off last season. BYU paid a steep price for it.

The No. 14 Utes scored three touchdowns off three BYU turnovers to pull away for a 30-12 victory on Thursday night in the opener for both teams. Utah left no doubt about how strong its defense could be this season.

Over the final 30 minutes, the Cougars gained just 104 yards on 18 total plays.

"We heard all the time about how they had a great offense," safety Julian Blackmon said. "They have a great team for sure, but we know that man-for-man we're the better team. So at the end of the day, we just wanted to come out and prove that."

Utah's defense did its part, and Zack Moss highlighted the offensive effort.

Moss ran for 181 yards and a touchdown to help the Utes (1-0) earn their ninth straight victory in the 100th game in the Holy War rivalry.

The senior suffered a hand injury in fall camp and wore a protective splint after the game. It didn't seem to limit it him at all. Moss propelled the offense after halftime by gashing the Cougars for a series of big runs. He averaged 6.2 yards on 29 carries.

The defense took care of the rest.

"It was a big confidence builder for me," Moss said. "I had so many nerves coming into this game. Just getting hit a few times really hurt at first, but I was just able to start to be myself again. It was good to go out like that."

Zach Wilson totaled 208 yards on 21-of-33 passing and added 43 yards on the ground to lead BYU (0-1). Wilson also threw a pair of intercep-

tions that Utah returned for touchdowns.

"It's hard to spot them two touchdowns on pick-sixes," BYU coach Kalani Sitake said. "That's difficult for a defense and we felt we were getting in some good positions. I'd like our guys to respond better, defensively, especially those last nine minutes."

Utah gained just 125 yards in the first half. The Utes totaled only three points on their first two drives after starting on their own 40 and the BYU 33.

With their offense sputtering before halftime, the Utes turned to their defense get some points on the board. Utah took a 9-3 lead in the second quarter when Francis Bernard stepped in front of a wobbly pass from Wilson, as he tried to avoid a sack, and returned it 58 yards, untouched, for a score.

"We just shot ourselves in

the foot pretty much every drive in the first half," tight end Matt Bushman said.

Utah's offense sprang to life on the opening drive of the third quarter. Jaylen Dixon capped an 11-play, 75-yard drive with a 2-yard sprint to push the Utes' lead to 16-6. Moss gave Utah a spark with back-to-back 14-yard gains that moved the ball to the BYU 44.

The Utes capitalized on two more BYU turnovers and put the Cougars away in the fourth quarter. Moss punched in a 4-yard touchdown after Mika Tafua recovered a fumble by Williams at the BYU 22. Then, Julian Blackmon returned an interception 39 yards to put Utah up 30-6 with 12:25 remaining.

A lightning delay with 9:01 left in the fourth quarter suspended play for 54 minutes before the game resumed at just after midnight local time.

Turnovers help Cincinnati beat UCLA

CINCINNATI (AP) — Thursday night lights. National television. Power Five opponent.

Cincinnati was more than ready for prime time — even sophomore safety Ja'von Hicks.

Hicks led an opportunistic Bearcats defense with an interception and fumble recovery, junior running back Michael Warren II scored one touchdown on the ground and caught one of sophomore quarterback Desmond Ridder's two scoring passes, and Cincinnati beat the UCLA Bruins 24-14 on Thursday in the teams' season-opener before a raucous crowd of 38,032 at venerable Nippert Stadium.

"Big stage, great atmosphere," said Warren, who finished with 92 yards on 26 carries while Ridder was 18-for-26 for 242 yards.

Despite losing his voice in the first

half, forcing the offense to use silent counts, Ridder also connected with graduate-transfer tight end Josiah Deguara for a touchdown. Senior kicker Sam Crosa added a 44-yard field goal.

"Desmond did a good job of managing the game," said third-year coach Luke Fickell, who led Cincinnati to an 11-2 record last season. "He was slinging and the throwing the ball well early."

Hicks came up with a fumble recovery and an interception for the Bearcats, earning a game ball while starting in place of injured junior James Wiggins.

"Everybody was very proud of Ja'von," said senior linebacker Perry Young, who also had an interception. "He got a little emotional when he got the game ball in the locker room."

Hicks didn't have a perfect night. The local product whiffed on an open-field

tackle in the middle of the field on junior wide receiver Demeric Felton's 75-yard touchdown catch-and-run in the second quarter and was whistled for a facemask penalty in the third quarter, but Fickell liked the way Hicks responded to the mistakes.

"Overcoming mistakes is huge," said Fickell, pointing out that Hicks symbolized the whole Bearcats team. "They have the confidence that comes from winning. They learned last year how to work through it. There wasn't a panic."

UCLA sophomore quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson was 8-for-26 for 156 yards and two TDS, the 75-yarder to Felton and a seven-yard scoring toss to sophomore wide receiver Chase Cota. Thompson-Robinson also lost his grip on the football twice and threw two interceptions, personally accounting for all four UCLA turnovers.

Sun Devils' new QB sharp in win over Kent St.

By Jose M. Romero
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Jayden Daniels passed for a pair of touchdowns and ran for another in his Arizona State debut, and the Sun Devils shut out the Kent State Golden Flashes for three quarters in a 30-7 win Thursday night in a season opener.

Daniels finished 15 of 24 for 284 yards and two touchdowns. Arizona State has won 21 straight home openers and got its first win over a Mid-American Conference opponent.

The Sun Devils held the

Golden Flashes to 200 total yards — 80 passing — and recovered two fumbles. Kent State, which went with two quarterbacks in juniors Woody Barrett and Dustin Crum, lost its sixth straight opener.

Daniels, who played the entire game except for a few snaps at receiver, became the first true freshman to start the season opener in the modern era of Sun Devils football, which began in 1972 when freshmen became eligible to play.

"It's the first win. Just happy, proud moment," Daniels

said. "At first I was nervous but actually after the game settled down, it was just having fun playing football all over again, Pop Warner, high school and everything else."

Daniels' first career touchdown pass was 8 yards to running back Eno Benjamin with 3:57 left in the first quarter. He hit Brandon Aiyuk on a 77-yard screen pass that went for another score in the third quarter.

"A little inconsistent, couple of bad reads when he should have ran the ball a couple of times," Sun Devils head coach Herm Edwards

said. "But look, he's a freshman quarterback. For the most part, he did some good things too. The one thing I liked about the guy, no matter what was going on in the game, he was always composed."

Benjamin, who set an Arizona State single-season school record with 1,642 rushing yards last season — a total that led the Pac-12 — had 102 yards rushing on 22 carries.

Kent State, 2-10 last season, managed just one drive into the Arizona State half of the field in the first half.

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Duke at Alabama, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)					
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Sunday, Sept. 1					
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MAJOR LEAGUES					
AMERICAN LEAGUE					
East Division					
W	L	Pct.	GB		
New York	88	47	.652		
Tampa Bay	77	58	.570	11	
Boston	72	62	.537	15½	

Toronto	54	81	.400	34		
Baltimore	44	89	.331	43		
Central Division						
W	L	Pct.	GB			
Minnesota	82	51	.617	—		
Cleveland	79	55	.590	3½		
Chicago	60	73	.451	22		
Kansas City	47	88	.348	36		
Detroit	39	92	.298	42		
West Division						
W	L	Pct.	GB			
Houston	87	48	.644	—		
Oakland	77	56	.579	9		
Texas	65	70	.481	22		
Los Angeles	64	71	.474	23		
Seattle	57	78	.422	30		
Thursday's Games						
Cleveland 2, Detroit 0						
Oakland 9, Kansas City 8						
Minnesota 10, Chicago White Sox 5						
Tampa Bay 9, Houston 8						
Seattle 5, Texas 3						
Today's Games						
All Times PDT						
Oakland (Anderson 10-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 5-8), 4:05 p.m.						
Houston (Miley 13-4) at Toronto (Thornton 4-8), 4:07 p.m.						
Cleveland (Plesac 7-4) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 4:10 p.m.						
Minnesota (Gibson 12-6) at Detroit (VerHagen 4-2), 4:10 p.m.						
Chicago White Sox (Nova 9-10) at Atlanta (Fried 14-4), 4:20 p.m.						
Seattle (Gonzales 14-10) at Texas (Aillard 2-0), 5:05 p.m.						
Baltimore (Means 9-9) at Kansas City (Skoglund 0-0), 5:15 p.m.						
Boston (Eovaldi 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Suarez 2-5), 7:07 p.m.						
NATIONAL LEAGUE						
East Division						
W	L	Pct.	GB			
Atlanta	81	54	.600	—		

Washington	74	58	.561	5½		
Philadelphia	69	63	.523	10½		
New York	67	66	.504	13		
Miami	48	85	.361	32		
Central Division						
W	L	Pct.	GB			
St. Louis	73	59	.553	—		
Chicago	72	61	.541	1½		
Milwaukee	68	65	.511	5½		
Cincinnati	63	70	.474	10½		
Pittsburgh	57	77	.425	17		
West Division						
W	L	Pct.	GB			
Los Angeles	88	48	.647	—		
Arizona	68	66	.507	19		
San Francisco	65	68	.489	21½		
San Diego	62	71	.466	24½		
Colorado	59	76	.437	28½		
Thursday's Games						
Chicago Cubs 4, N.Y. Mets 1						
Miami 4, Cincinnati 3, 12 innings						
Pittsburgh 11, Colorado 8						
San Diego 5, San Francisco 3						
Arizona 11, L.A. Dodgers 5						
Today's Games						
All Times PDT						
Milwaukee (Anderson 6-3) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 11-8), 11:20 a.m.						
Miami (Hernandez 3-5) at Washington (Sánchez 8-6), 4:05 p.m.						
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 9-7) at Philadelphia (Nola 12-4), 4:05 p.m.						
Chicago White Sox (Nova 9-10) at Atlanta (Fried 14-4), 4:20 p.m.						
Cincinnati (Bauer 10-11) at St. Louis (Hudsen 13-6), 5:15 p.m.						
Pittsburgh (Agrazal 3-3) at Colorado (Senzate 8-8), 5:40 p.m.						
L.A. Dodgers (Gonsolin 2-1) at Arizona (Gallen 2-4), 6:40 p.m.						
San Diego (Lamet 2-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 8-8), 7:15 p.m.						

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

FRIDAY, AUG. 30

■ **Volleyball:** Powder Valley vs. North Douglas, 8 a.m., Country Christian Tourney; Powder Valley vs. Days Creek, 11 a.m., Country Christian Tourney; Powder Valley vs. Jordan Valley, 3 p.m., Country Christian Tourney; Burnt River at Long Creek/Ukiah, 4 p.m.

■ **Football:** Pine-Eagle, Powder Valley, 6 p.m. Elgin jamboree.

SATURDAY, AUG. 31

■ **Volleyball:** Powder Valley at Cashell Tourney, 7 p.m., La Grande.

■ **Football:** Huntington, Burnt River/Prairie City at Echo jamboree, 1 p.m.

AT A GLANCE

Powder spikers ranked No. 1

NORTH POWDER — Powder Valley is ranked No. 1 in the Class 1A preseason volleyball coaches poll.

Harper players join Huntington

HUNTINGTON — In a last-minute change, four Harper Charter School football players have joined the Huntington squad. It is not considered a co-op agreement, rather just allowing the Harper players a chance to play this season.

Baker gridders ranked 13th

Baker's football team is ranked 13th in the Class 4A preseason poll.

BHS boys soccer ranked 11th

Baker's boys soccer team is ranked 11th in the Class 4A preseason poll.

Baker girls soccer ranked 15th

The Baker girls soccer team is ranked 15th in the Class 4A preseason poll.

Lady Bulls lose volleyball opener

LONG CREEK — Burnt River lost its volleyball opener Thursday against Long Creek/Ukiah.

Long Creek/Ukiah defeated the Lady Bulls 25-7, 25-17, 25-9.

Clemson routs Georgia Tech

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Travis Etienne spent all offseason trying to ignore the national attention headed his way. He'll have a harder time doing that after the show he put on in No. 1 Clemson's opener.

Etienne, the reigning Atlantic Coast Conference player of the year, rushed for a career-high 205 yards and three touchdowns, including one from 90 yards out, as the Tigers overpowered Georgia Tech 52-14 Thursday night for their 16th straight victory.

BSU opener kickoff changed

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The college football season opener for Boise State and Florida State will kick off a few hours sooner and a little further inland because of the threat of Hurricane Dorian. Officials announced Thursday that the game will be played Saturday at Florida State's Doak Campbell Stadium in Tallahassee and start at 9 a.m. PDT, seven hours before it was originally scheduled to start in Jacksonville.