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Ionescu has 12 points in WNBA debut as New York Liberty loses to Seattle

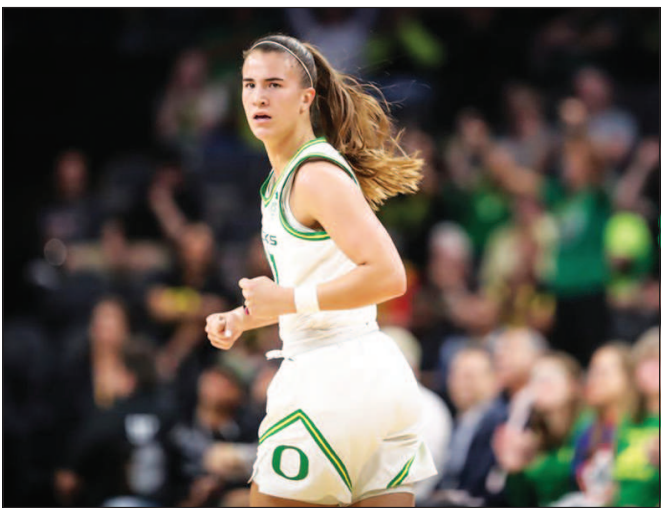
■ The No. 1 pick in this year’s draft, and former Oregon star, had 6 rebounds, 4 assists

BRADENTON, Fla. (AP) — Breanna Stewart had 18 points, eight rebounds and four steals in her first WNBA game since helping Seattle win the 2018 championship, sending the Storm past the New York Liberty 87-71 Saturday in the season opener for both teams.

The 2020 WNBA season, delayed and shortened by the coronavirus pandemic, will be played in a bubble at the IMG Academy.

Stewart missed all of last season after tearing her Achilles tendon while playing for her Russian club team in April 2019.

Jewell Loyd scored 14 points and Sue Bird — who also missed the 2019, because of a knee injury — added 11 points, hitting 3 of 5 from



Serena Ionescu / The Oregonian/OregonLive

Sabrina Ionescu, the former Oregon Ducks star, made her professional debut Saturday.

3-point range, and five assists for Seattle.

Sabrina Ionescu had 12 points, six rebounds and four

assists in her WNBA debut. Ionescu, the No. 1 pick in April’s draft, was 4-of-17 shooting, including 0 of 8 from

3-point range, and committed four turnovers.

Layshia Clarendon led the Liberty with 20 points.

Neither team took the court for the national anthem and there was a 26 second moment of silence for Breonna Taylor.

Taylor, an African American emergency medical technician, was shot dead in her apartment by Louisville Metro Police officers executing a no-knock search warrant on suspicion of drug possession. No drugs were found.

Loyd hit a 3-pointer and then converted a three-point play before Stewart made a layup to make it 34-26 and the Storm led the rest of the way.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mariners snap 15-game losing streak to Astros

By Kristie Rieken
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Kyle Lewis hit a tiebreaking two-run single in the eighth inning to lift the Seattle Mariners over the Houston Astros 7-6 on Sunday, snapping a 15-game losing streak in the series.

The Mariners trailed by 1 entering the eighth before Shed Long Jr.’s run-scoring single tied it at 5 with one out.

Long stole second base with two outs before Lewis, who homered in the first two games, knocked a ball thrown by Chris Devenski (0-1) into right field to score two and put the Mariners on top.

“I really thought our young players were in tune to the game today,” manager Scott Servais said. “They were thinking ahead and that’s a good sign. That means they’re right where they should be.”

Seattle won 1-18 against Houston last season and lost the first two games of this season.

Dan Altavilla (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth. Taylor Williams allowed a two-out, RBI, ground-rule double to Michael Brantley in the ninth before striking out Alex Bregman for his first career save.

Houston starter Zack Greinke came two outs from a no-hitter in his last regular season start, which was against Seattle on Sept. 25.

On Sunday, Lewis spoiled his bid much earlier, singling with two outs in the first.

Kyle Seager doubled to score Lewis before scoring on a single by Evan White to make it 2-0.

BAKER BREWERS SUMMER BASEBALL

Baker 16U team splits doubleheader, 18U squad goes 2-2

By Corey Kirk

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After dropping both ends of a doubleheader Tuesday against Pendleton, the Baker Brewers 16 and under summer baseball team returned to the diamond by taking on the Wallowa Valley Cougars in a twinbill Friday at Enterprise.

In game one, incoming Baker freshman Paul Hobson took the mound and never left, pitching the entire game. Allowing just four runs, Hobson gained support offensively through extra base hits from incom-

ing juniors Connor Chastain and Silas Carter. Baker won the opener 8-4.

In the second game, however, Baker struggled to get out of the gate. After allowing eight runs in the first two innings, the Brewers were forced to play catch up for the remainder of the game.

Baker was able to cut the lead behind a collective effort but the rally fell just short in a 9-8 loss.

18U team wins 2, loses 2

After splitting games against the

Hermiston Bulldogs earlier in the week, the 18U Brewers team faced off against The Dalles Riverhawks and the Churchill Lancers, playing each team once on both Saturday and Sunday.

In Saturday’s opener against The Dalles, 2020 BHS graduate Sam McCauley led off with a triple, and fellow graduate Spencer Shirtcliff reached base and stole second.

After McCauley scored on a single by incoming senior Mason Van Arsdall, Shirtcliff scored on a sacrifice fly from fellow 2020 graduate

Spencer Smith. Consistent hitting continued throughout the game as Baker won 11-3.

Against Churchill Baker’s offense struggled, and the Brewers fell behind early.

Baker scored twice in the fourth inning on hits by incoming seniors Jake Wright and Logan McCluskey, but the Lancers prevailed, 9-2.

Sunday’s game followed a similar script, as the Brewers beat The Dalles and then lost to Churchill.

Against The Dalles, incoming senior Zander Arriaga held the

Riverhawks at bay after a slow start on the mound, and timely hits from Wright, McClusky and Hayden Younger helped Baker to a 15-8 win.

The Lancers continued their offensive success in their second game against the Brewers later Sunday. The Brewers’ lone run in a 5-1 loss was by Van Arsdall, who reached base after being hit by a pitch.

This week the 16U team will travel to Hermiston today and play host to La Grande Friday at 5 p.m. The 18U team will play host to Pendleton on Wednesday at 5 p.m.

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