



FIRST CAREER NO-HITTER. Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Hisashi Iwakuma follows through on a pitch against the Baltimore Orioles in the ninth inning of his no-hitter baseball game on August 12, 2015, in Seattle. The Mariners beat the Orioles 3-0. Iwakuma became the second Asia-born pitcher since Hideo Nomo to throw a no-hitter in Major League Baseball. (AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

Three major firsts for Asian athletes

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with Seattle as a free agent and quickly rose from the bullpen to the starting rotation. Although his countryman Yu Darvish arrived the same season and has received much more publicity, Iwakuma has been the better pitcher.

In the three seasons that both have pitched in Major League Baseball, Iwakuma has won 38 games while Darvish has won 39 — but he's had six more starts than Iwakuma. Darvish has loads of strikeouts, fanning more than eleven batters per nine innings, versus about eight for Iwakuma. But Iwakuma has much better control, walking half as many batters as Darvish per nine innings.

Those numbers explain Iwakuma's edge in WHIP

(Walks & Hits per Innings Pitched) — 1.09 to Darvish's 1.20 — a huge margin in this important statistic. When it comes to the runs given up, measured by ERA (Earned Run Average), Iwakuma also has the edge, 3.07 to 3.27. Although many are blinded by Darvish's dazzling strike-out numbers, Iwakuma more than holds his edge against his Japanese counterpart.

And Darvish has yet to throw a no-hitter here in America, yet another way that Iwakuma has proved to be far more valuable. Oakland is surely regretting its inability to land this major Asian talent. Fortunately for them, it looks like the flood of Asian sports talent shows no sign of slowing anytime soon.

Hitmaker David Foster says Asia is looking to dominate world music

MANILA, The Philippines (AP) — Music hitmaker David Foster says he's always on the lookout for fresh talent, and Asia, with its huge population, seems to have a lot of it.

Foster was recently in Manila for a concert with Natalie Cole, Boyz II Men, Ruben Studdard, Filipino singer Charice Pempengco, and new Filipino talent Mark Mabasa.

Foster told The Associated Press in an interview that Filipinos have an edge because they grow up on karaoke and American music, and from there formulate their own sound.

The record producer and composer of hit songs said Asians are figuring out how to dominate the world with their music, with K-pop in South Korea well on its way to doing so.

Foster has mentored Charice, who broke into the global music industry through popularity on YouTube.

He has also promised "Asia's Got Talent" season one finalist Gerphil Flores that the world will know her. He compared her opera-style singing to Sarah Brightman and Josh Groban.



SEEKING STARS. Musician David Foster, front center, poses with singers, clockwise from bottom left, Natalie Cole, Ruben Studdard, Mark Mabasa, and Charice Pempengco, following a news conference for an August concert in suburban Pasay city, south of Manila, the Philippines. (AP Photo/Bullit Marquez)

"It's not that I'm particularly looking for stars in Asia. I'm just always looking for stars and I spend so much time in Asia. I know they are out there," he said.

He hopes to see more singers whom he can help break into the music industry during the second season of Singapore-based "Asia's Got Talent," where he is a judge.

Press group urges Philippines to stop attacks on journalists

MANILA, The Philippines (AP) — The Committee to Protect Journalists has urged Philippine President Benigno Aquino III to act to stop attacks against the press in the country after three journalists were killed.

Shawn Crispin, the group's Southeast Asia representative, said in a statement that the killings show "how the lack of progress in ending impunity has emboldened those bent on silencing the press in the Philippines."

Over the past several weeks, unidentified gunmen killed radio broadcasters Cosme Maestrado and Teodoro Escanilla and columnist and publisher Gregorio Ybanez.

The Philippine media watchdog Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility says if all three murders are determined to be work-related, the number of journalists killed in the country since 1986 would rise to 150.

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Solution to last week's puzzle

Puzzle #26642 (Easy)

All solutions available at <www.sudoku.com>.

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