

## WASHINGTON BEATS OREGON TO SNAP 12-GAME LOSING STREAK

**EUGENE:** Washington receiver Dante Pettis was succinct in his assessment of quarterback Jake Browning. "Ridiculously good," Pettis said after Browning threw for 304 yards and a school-record six touchdowns in a 70-21 rout of Oregon on Saturday night. The victory snapped the No. 5 Huskies' 12-game losing streak to the Ducks and left Browning - who also ran for a pair of scores - wanting more. "We'll take a win no matter what but yeah, it's kind of cool. Seventy-seven would've been cool, too. The more points you can score the better," Browning said.

Myles Gaskin ran for 197 yards and a touchdown for the undefeated Huskies, who have won nine straight games going back to last season. Pettis caught eight passes for 134 yards and two touchdowns, while John Ross had nine catches for 94 yards and three scores. Browning's eight touchdowns matched the Pac-12 single-game record.

Washington's 70 points were the most the team had scored since the 1944 season. "Everybody is going to talk about the yards and touchdowns, but I was just doing my job, going through my reads," Browning said. "I don't think there was anything outside of what I was supposed to do." Freshman Justin Herbert made his first college start and threw for 179 yards and two touchdowns for the Ducks, who continued their dramatic slide with a fourth straight loss. Oregon (2-4, 0-3 Pac-12) hadn't lost four straight since the 2006 season.

The 70 points that Oregon allowed were the second-most in school history, one shy of a 71-7 loss at Texas in 1941. Herbert was intercepted on his first pass of the game, and Washington went on to score on the ensuing series on Browning's 1-yard touchdown run.

Washington (6-0, 3-0) upped the lead on Browning's 3-yard TD pass to Ross. Rose also scored on a 15-yard pass from

Browning as the Huskies built a 28-0 lead. Browning scored on a 7-yard keeper to put Washington ahead 35-7 at the end of the first half.

Pettis caught touchdown passes of 10 and 28 yards as the Huskies built a 63-21 lead in the opening minutes of the final quarter. "We don't really focus on the past, we try to focus on the present, but there's a lot of people back home who really, really wanted this so it feels good," Pettis said. A local prospect out of Eugene's Sheldon High School, Herbert is the first true freshman to start for the Ducks since Chris Miller in 1983. Graduate transfer Dakota Prukop started at quarterback in the Ducks' first five games. "It's like a broken record but we just have to keep getting after it," said Oregon defensive coordinator Brady Hoke. "That's the only way to fix it."

and the end of that 12-game losing streak - should reassure any doubters of Washington's place in the top 10, although Oregon is clearly struggling this season. It was the Ducks' worst loss (margin-wise) since they fell 63-0 at Nebraska in 1985.

### TAKEAWAYS

**Oregon:** Despite his obvious inexperience and that initial interception, Herbert showed potential. At one point in the first half he followed up a pump fake with a flip pass to tight end Pharaoh Brown. The issue for the Ducks continues to be the defense, which allowed the Huskies 682 yards in total offense.

**Washington:** The Huskies with Browning continue to be an offensive force, completely dominating Oregon's re-tooled D under Hoke.

### POLL IMPLICATIONS

The decisive victory in a hostile set-

### KEY INJURY

Oregon was without senior receiver

Dwayne Stanford with an undisclosed injury. He was third on the team with 13 catches for 175 yards and a touchdown. In his honor, Brown wore his No. 88 jersey against the Huskies. When Brown was injured in 2014, Stanford wore his No. 85 jersey.

Oregon running back Royce Freeman may have been injured during the game. Freeman ran for 50 yards but didn't play in the second half.

"I'm just glad I don't have to talk about the streak, or have to answer that. That's probably the No. 1 thing I've been asked since the day I got to Seattle. That's why I'm really happy, so I don't have to answer that question," Washington coach Chris Petersen said.

Washington: The Huskies return home for a bye next week before hosting Oregon State on Oct. 22. Oregon: The Ducks also get a bye next weekend before a Friday night game on Oct. 21 in Berkeley. — AP

## PANTHERS' HUBERDEAU HURT IN WIN OVER DEVILS

**WEST POINT:** Jonathan Huberdeau left with an apparent left leg injury during the Florida Panthers' 4-2 win over the New Jersey Devils on Saturday night. As Huberdeau turned away from a check behind New Jersey's net, the skate of Devils center Sergey Kalinin appeared to come down on Huberdeau's left ankle. The Panthers have not offered an update on Huberdeau's status. Roberto Luongo made 25 saves and Jonathan Marchessault, Colton Sceviour, Aaron Ekblad and Vincent Trocheck scored for Florida. Goaltending tandem Cory Schneider and Keith Kinkaid split time in goal for New Jersey. Schneider allowed all four Florida goals on 15 shots, while Kinkaid stopped all eight shots he faced. Andy Greene and Michael Cammalleri scored for New Jersey.

### BLUE JACKETS STING PENGUINS

In Pittsburgh, Oliver Bjorkstrand scored twice and Sergei Bobrovsky made 22 saves to help the Columbus Blue Jackets beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-3 in the preseason finale for both teams. Matt Calvert had a goal and an assist, Brandon Saad and Boone Jenner also scored, and Alexander Wennberg had two assists. Kris Letang, Evgeni Malkin and Scott Wilson scored for the Stanley Cup champion Penguins. Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 31 shots.

### WILD USE BIG THIRD TO BEAT JETS

In St. Paul, Minnesota, Charlie Coyle capped a four-goal third period and the Minnesota Wild beat the Winnipeg Jets 5-1. Mike Reilly, Christoph Bertisch and Marco Scandella also scored for Minnesota in the third after Zach Parise got the game's first goal midway through the first. Devan Dubnyk stopped 17 shots for the Wild. Joel Armia scored with 8:14 left in the first to make it 1-1, and Michael Hutchinson made 29 saves for the Jets.

### BRUINS SLIP PAST FLYERS

In Boston, Ryan Spooner's breakout goal 1:48 into overtime lifted the Boston Bruins over the Philadelphia Flyers 1-0. David Backes' pass led Spooner on a breakaway before he snapped a quick shot past goalie Steve Mason. Mason made 22 saves. Tuukka Rask stopped 27 shots.

### WINGS SOAR OVER LEAFS

In Detroit, Anthony Mantha's third goal of the preseason with 8:03 left broke a tie and powered the Detroit Red Wings to a 4-3 win over the Toronto Maple Leafs. Detroit led 3-1 after two periods. Gustav Nyquist and Dylan Larkin scored in the first period, and Brendan Smith added a goal late in the second. Toronto scored twice in a 12-second span to start the third period and tied it 3-3. William Nylander made it 3-2 39 seconds in, and

Brooks Laich's first of the exhibition season at 51 seconds drew the game even. Zach Hyman scored in the second period for Toronto. Petr Mrazek made 29 saves for Detroit, while Toronto goaltender Frederik Andersen stopped 19 of 23 shots.

### STAMKOS LEADS LIGHTNING OVER PREDATORS

In Tampa, Florida, Steven Stamkos' three-assist performance helped the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Nashville Predators 5-3. Nikita Nesterov, Brayden Point, Jonathan Drouin, Tyler Johnson and Ondrej Palat scored for the Lightning, while Tampa Bay goaltenders Ben Bishop and Andrei Vasilevskiy split time in net. Bishop made 14 saves on 16 shots in two periods, and Vasilevskiy stopped seven of eight shots in the third.

Pekka Rinne allowed all five Lightning goals on 36 shots. Craig Smith scored twice for the Predators, and Colin Wilson added a goal.

### PIETERANGELO LIFTS BLUES OVER BLACKHAWKS

In St. Louis, Alex Pietrangelo scored early in the third period to lift the St. Louis Blues over the Chicago Blackhawks 2-1. Vladimir Tarasenko got his first goal of the preseason in the first period for the Blues. Carter Hutton stopped 11 of 12 shots in two periods for St. Louis, and Jake Allen stopped all six shots he faced. Dennis Rasmussen scored for Chicago to make it 1-1 early in the second. Corey Crawford stopped 19 shots.

### AVALANCHE CROWN KINGS

In Las Vegas, Gabriel Landeskog's goal 30 seconds into overtime lifted the Colorado Avalanche to a 2-1 comeback win over the Los Angeles Kings.

Mikhail Grigorenko scored with 1:14 left in the third period to tie the game and set up Landeskog's winner. Semyon Varlamov made 26 saves for the Avalanche. Jeff Carter scored for Los Angeles, and Jonathan Quick stopped 23 of 25 shots. The game was played at the T-Mobile Arena, which will host Las Vegas' expansion team beginning in 2017-18.

### CANUCKS RALLY TO BEAT OILERS

In Edmonton, Alberta, Markus Grandlund scored the winner and added an assist, and the Vancouver Canucks overcame a slow start to close out their exhibition schedule with a 3-2 victory over the Edmonton Oilers.

Brandon Sutter and Sven Baertschi also scored for the Canucks. Benoit Pouliot and Connor McDavid scored for the Oilers, who had a three-game winning streak snapped. Jacob Markstrom made 34 saves for the Canucks. Cam Talbot stopped 18 shots for Edmonton. — AP



CHICAGO: Brandon Belt #9 of the San Francisco Giants forces out Addison Russell #27 of the Chicago Cubs at first base in the fifth inning at Wrigley Field on Saturday in Chicago, Illinois. —AFP

## CUBS ON THE CUSP AFTER 5-2 WIN OVER GIANTS

**CHICAGO:** Pitchers Kyle Hendricks and Travis Wood produced on the mound and at the plate Saturday to propel the Chicago Cubs to a 5-2 victory over the San Francisco Giants and a commanding lead in their Major League Baseball playoff series.

The Cubs, in search of their first World Series win in more than a century, lead the best-of-five National League Division Series 2-0 and will try to book their spot in the NL Championship Series in game three in San Francisco on Monday. Wood, who took over on the mound after starter Hendricks was hit on the forearm by a line drive off the bat of Angel Pagan in the fourth inning, earned the victory-and also became the first relief pitcher since 1924 to belt a home run in the post-season.

In all the Cubs used six pitchers. Aroldis Chapman retired three straight Giants in the ninth, striking out two for his second save in as many games. "Obviously the bullpen today was unbelievable," said Hendricks. "They won that game." Before departing, Hendricks delivered a two-run single to spark the Cubs' three-run second inning.

Jason Heyward belted a leadoff double in the second. Javier Baez walked and Willson

Contreras lined a base hit to right to load the bases with none out. Hendricks, a .138 hitter during the regular season, singled to shallow center to score Heyward and Baez.

Contreras reached third on Dexter Fowler's sacrifice and came home on Kris Bryant's base hit. That gave made it 4-0 for the Cubs, who had put one run on the board in the first inning after Fowler doubled and scored on Ben Zobrist's two-out single. San Francisco responded with two runs in the third, pulling struggling starting pitcher Jeff Samardzija early for a pinch hitter. Hendricks' outing ended with two out in the fourth. After he was struck, he threw several warm-up pitches before it was decided he should seek treatment on his pitching arm.

"When it first hit me I didn't really feel it," he said. "Once I started throwing a little more off the mound it just was tightening up on me. "X-rays were negative though, so hopefully it's just a day-to-day thing."

### RARE FEAT FOR RELIEVER

He was replaced by Wood, who in the bottom of the inning belted his 10th career home run to make it a 5-2 lead.

It was his first homer in post-season play-and

just the second ever by a relief pitcher in the playoffs, after that of the New York Giants' Rosy Ryan in game three of the 1924 World Series.

"(The homer) was a special moment for me," said Wood, who also struck out two and didn't allow a hit in his 1 1/3 innings. "But just to be able to pull off the win was huge."

Wood, a former starter who switched to relief roles, has been relied on by Cubs manager Joe Maddon, with 77 appearances in the regular season. "He's been outstanding," Maddon said. "When he goes out there to play even in the tightest situation, he's very comfortable with it. "He takes his batting practice, he looks for those opportunities and then he seized it today."

The winners of the series will face either the Washington Nationals or Los Angeles Dodgers for a World Series berth.

Yesterday's scheduled Nationals-Dodgers game in Washington was rained out. MLB commissioner Rob Manfred said the game would be played on Sunday at Nationals Park, where the Dodgers won game one on Friday to take a 1-0 lead in the best-of-five NL Division Series.

The teams will travel after the contest and play game three as scheduled today in Los Angeles. — AFP



WEST POINT: New Jersey Devils goalie Keith Kinkaid (1) defends Florida Panthers center Aleksander Barkov (16) during the third period of an NHL preseason hockey game, Saturday, in West Point, NY. The Panthers won 4-2. — AP

## KENYANS ABEL KIRUI, KIPLAGAT NOTCH CHICAGO MARATHON WINS

**CHICAGO:** Two-time world champion Abel Kirui denied Dickson Chumba a second straight Chicago Marathon title, seizing a narrow lead in the closing kilometers and holding on for the win in the Windy City yesterday.

Kirui, the 2012 Olympic silver medalist, won in 2hrs 11min 23sec with Chumba second in 2:11:26 and Gideon Kipketer third in 2:12:20. While Chumba was unable to repeat his 2015 triumph, Kenya's Florence Kiplagat won her second straight Chicago crown, powering to a dominant victory in 2:21:32, almost two seconds ahead of runner-up Edna Kiplagat's 2:23:28. Valentine Kipketer completed the Kenyan women's sweep, finishing third in 2:23:41.

In a men's race that in the absence of a pace-setter featured erratic surges in speed, a trio of Kenyans, Chumba,

Kipketer and Kirui, broke away late from a group of 13.

With two kilometers remaining Chumba and Kirui were jockeying for the lead before Kirui, running in Chicago for the first time, made a decisive move to capture his first victory in one of the six World Marathon Majors. There was no such drama for half-marathon world record-holder Florence Kiplagat, who powered home all alone, giving a quick victory dance after crossing the line and embracing her training partner Kirui. "When I was coming here I was determined to win because I just wanted to win twice," said the winner, who didn't approach her personal best of 2:19:44 set in Berlin in 2011 but who bettered the 2:23:33 she ran in Chicago last year. Kirui was delighted with his Chicago debut. "It's wonderful, amazing," he said. —AFP



CHICAGO: Gideon Kipeter of Kenya finishes 3rd in the men's race at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon yesterday in Chicago, Illinois. —AFP