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Liberty hold off struggling Dream

ATLANTA (AP) — Brittany Boyd scored a career-high 18 points, and the New York Liberty beat the Atlanta Dream 73-64 on Sunday.

The Liberty closed the first quarter with a 14-2 run to take a 21-10 lead and never trailed again. New York led by as many as 21 in the third quarter.

Sancho Lyttle made a 3-pointer and a jumper to close a 10-0 run by Atlanta (3-5), trimming its deficit to 63-56 with 1:59 to play, but Boyd and Sugar Rodgers combined to go 10 for 10 from the free-throw line down the stretch for New York.

Angel McCoughtry led the Dream, who shot a season-low 29.7 percent (19 of 64) from the field, with 17 points. Shoni Schimmel added two points and two assists.



Ex-MLB player slain in apparent murder-suicide

PEARLAND, Texas (AP) — Darryl Hamilton, a standout center fielder and a member of the New York Mets team that reached the 2000 World Series, was killed in a murder-suicide in a suburban Houston home, authorities said Monday.

Hamilton was found Sunday after he was fatally shot in a house in Pearland. He was 50 and had worked for the MLB Network since 2013.

An initial investigation determined Hamilton was shot several times and that a woman in the home died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. She was identified as 44-year-old Monica Jordan, Pearland Police Lt. Patrick Savage said. The 14-month old child of Hamilton and Jordan found unharmed at the home and turned over to Child Protective Services.

Hamilton played for five teams over 13 seasons in the majors before retiring in 2001. He reached the postseason in four of his final five seasons.

“You have to use your brain which is a rare thing in modern golf and something we’re not very good at, I don’t think.”

— **Geoff Ogilvy**
PGA golfer and former U.S. Open champion defending the layout at Chambers Bay Golf Club, which came under criticism by some players at this year’s event, which was won by Jordan Spieth on Sunday.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1972 — President Nixon signs the Higher Education Act of 1972. Title IX of this congressional act bars sex bias in sports and other activities at colleges receiving federal assistance.

1991 — A Mazda becomes the first Japanese car to win the Le Mans 24 hours race, overtaking a Mercedes in the last three hours. Bertrand Gachot of Belgium, Johnny Herbert of Britain and Volker Weidler of Germany are the winning drivers of the rotary-powered Mazda.

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PENDLETON

T-Wolves barrel to CNFR crown

Crossley wins national barrel racing title ahead of teammate Williams

By MATT ENTRUP
East Oregonian

CASPER, Wyoming — Hermiston barrel racer Callahan Crossley capped her college rodeo career with a national title on Saturday night at the College National Finals Rodeo.

Crossley, who entered the short-go in first place, turned in her fastest time of the week in 13.72 seconds to win the round and the aggregate titles with 56 flat on four runs.

It was the first time a BMCC barrel racer had topped the national standings, but the fourth time a member of the Crossley family finished on the barrel racing podium at the Casper Events Center.

Callahan placed second last season with a four-round time of 56.03, sister Jade was second in 2013, and sister Jordan was third in 2008.

Crossley’s 260 points throughout the week also led the BMCC women to their first team title as barrel racers Danyelle Williams and Jessica Lewis also added top-10 finishes to give the Timberwolves 517.5 points. McNeese State was second with 420.

“We got all of our points out of the barrel race, which is unusual,” said BMCC co-coach Larry Patterson. “I’ve never seen that happen before, that I remember anyway.”

Patterson, who coaches the team along with Shawn Eng, said they treated their ladies like pitchers working a no-hitter as at least one of them placed in each of the three round leading up to the short-go.

“You don’t bring it up. You know too well how the variables can turn in rodeo, and the big thing in that small building is not turning a barrel over,” he said.

The variables fell in the T-Wolves’ favor on Saturday night, and Crossley didn’t have



Blue Mountain Community College's Callahan Crossley, of Hermiston, competes in the barrel racing earlier this season at the Northwest Inter-collegiate Rodeo Finals in Hermiston. Crossley won her first national title on Saturday at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

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much room to spare in holding off Williams for the title.

The BMCC freshman finished with 56.31 on four for second place, and also earned Rookie of the Year for both barrel racing and overall.

Patterson said Williams was recruited for breakaway roping and goat tying, but he’s not surprised barrel racing turned out to be her best event.

“When she got here to school I could see there was a lot of potential with her horse, and with her being the cowgirl that she was, I had a good feeling about her in the small arena (in Casper),” he said.

Williams’ 13.92 in the short-go

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RIGHT: The Blue Mountain Community College women's rodeo team members and coaches accept the 2015 team championship earned at the College National Finals Rodeo which concluded Saturday night in Casper, Wyo. Pictured, beginning second from the left, are BMCC riders Jessica Lewis, Danyelle Williams and Callahan Crossley followed by coaches Larry Patterson and Shawn Eng.

Women's World Cup

Morgan finally finds net in US win

Americans advance, will face China on Friday

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Now that Alex Morgan has a goal, she doesn’t want to look back on the opportunities she’s missed.

She wants to look forward to the goals to come.

“I don’t remember the last goal I’ve had with this team,” said Morgan, who had been hampered by a bone bruise in her left knee going into the tournament. “And that’s not a good sign. I don’t want to look back and see when the last one was because now I’ve scored, and it’s a fresh start moving forward.”

Morgan scored her first goal of the Women’s World Cup and the United States advanced to the quarterfinals with a 2-0 victory over Colombia on Monday night. Her previous U.S. goal came March 6 in the Algarve Cup.

Abby Wambach’s penalty kick early in the second half went wide after Colombia goalkeeper Catalina Perez — a backup herself — was ejected for a foul on Morgan. Stefany Castano, who replaced Perez in goal, got a hand on Morgan’s shot five minutes later, but couldn’t stop the goal to put the United States up 1-0.

“It didn’t have much power on it as I wanted, but it went in and that’s all that matters,” she said about her right-footed goal.

Usually she’s lefty: “It comes in



Jason Franson/The Canadian Press via AP

United States’ Alex Morgan (13) kicks the ball in front of Colombia’s Angela Clavijo (13) during first half FIFA Women’s World Cup round of 16 action in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, Monday, June 22, 2015.



handy when it needs to,” she smiled.

Carli Lloyd also scored for the second-ranked Americans, who will face No. 16 China on Friday in Ottawa. The United States is seeking its third World Cup title, but first since 1999.

The Americans have not allowed a goal in 333 minutes.

Colombia has never won soccer’s premier tournament, but the No. 28 Las Cafeteras pulled off one of the biggest upsets in any World Cup in the group stage when they defeated third-ranked France 2-0.

MLB

Blanton shuts down Mariners

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Joe Blanton pitched six-plus innings of two-hit ball, Alcides Escobar had three hits and the Kansas City Royals beat the Seattle Mariners 4-1 on Monday night.

Blanton (2-0) struck out seven and worked into the seventh inning before being lifted after allowing a leadoff double.

Kelvin Herrera, Wade Davis and Greg Holland all pitched one inning of relief. Holland earned his 14th save in 15 opportunities.

Felix Hernandez (10-4) took the loss after allowing four runs, nine hits and a walk in 6 2/3 innings. He struck out five.

Escobar had three singles, drove in a run and scored a run. Mike Moustakas had two hits including an RBI double.

The Mariners took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a home run by Robinson Cano. Blanton retired the next 16 batters before Austin Jackson doubled to lead off the seventh.

