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Five Royals lead All-Star voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Toronto third baseman Josh Donaldson and Seattle designated hitter Nelson Cruz have moved ahead in fan voting for starting spots in the All-Star Game, leaving five Kansas City Royals still in the lead.

Major League Baseball released the results Monday, and voting continues through Thursday night. MLB said more than 500 million votes had been cast.

The starters will be announced Sunday, with the pitchers, reserves and candidates for the final spot to be presented Monday. The game is July 14 in Cincinnati.

Royals outfielders Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon, catcher Salvador Perez, shortstop Alcides Escobar and second baseman Omar Infante hold leads.



Wade elects to become free agent

MIAMI (AP) — The relationship between Dwyane Wade and the Miami Heat is about to be tested like never before, and the most accomplished player in franchise history may soon have a new home.

Wade will become a free agent Wednesday, electing to pass on a \$16.1 million option for next season and see what he's worth on the open market. His decision was announced Monday afternoon by a spokesperson in a 61-word press release, after both Wade and his agent Henry Thomas did not respond to requests for comment.

Wade played for all three of Miami's NBA championship teams. He's been an All-Star in 11 of his 12 seasons, and is Miami's all-time leader in plenty of categories including games, points, assists and steals.

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Wade

"I don't think I did anything. ... I'm just happy that I can get married and it would be legal."

— **Michael Sam**
Montreal Alouettes
DE when asked if he thought his decision to become the first openly gay player to enter the NFL draft helped spread awareness for gay rights in America. Sam was drafted by the St. Louis Rams but didn't make an NFL roster last season.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1994 — Diego Maradona is kicked out of the World Cup by FIFA for failing a drug test following Argentina's June 25 victory over Nigeria in Foxboro, Massachusetts.

1994 — Tonya Harding is stripped of her national title and banned for life from the U.S. Figure Skating Association because of her role in an attack on Nancy Kerrigan.

1995 — Eddie Murray of the Cleveland Indians becomes the second switch-hitter and the 20th player in baseball history to reach 3,000 hits when he singles in the sixth inning against the Minnesota Twins. Murray joins Pete Rose, the career hits leader with 4,256.

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Inferno engulfs historic Civic Stadium

Investigation into cause

Associated Press

EUGENE — A spectacular fire destroyed Eugene's historic Civic Stadium on Monday evening and prompted the temporary evacuation of a two-block area, the fire chief said.

Fire crews found flames shooting twice the height of the structure when they were called to the stadium at about 5:30 p.m., police spokesman John Hanke-

meier said. Smoke was visible throughout the city, which is about 100 miles south of Portland.

The stadium's dry, seasoned lumber caused the blaze to spread quickly, Eugene-Springfield Fire Chief Randy Groves said after the fire was controlled at about 7 p.m.

He said the cause is under investigation. No one was hurt.

The stadium was approved by voters in 1938 during the Great Depression and

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Paul Carter/The Register-Guard via AP
Firefighters work to put out a fire at the Civic Stadium in Eugene, Ore., Monday, June 29, 2015. Eugene-Springfield Fire Chief Randy Groves said the stadium's dry, seasoned lumber caused the fire to spread quickly Monday evening.

Women's World Cup

Top keepers meet in semifinals

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

MONTREAL — The Women's World Cup semifinal clash between top-ranked Germany and the second-ranked United States will feature two of the best goalkeepers in the game: Nadine Angerer and Hope Solo.

The two women will be the last line of defense Tuesday night for their teams, with each seeking a spot in the final match. Historically, when the Germans have met the Americans in the World Cup, the winner has gone on to win the title.

Both teams have won it all twice: The United States in 1991 and '99, and the Germans in 2003 and '07.

Solo, despite being inundated at the start of the tournament with new revelations about her domestic violence arrest last June, has been nearly perfect. She has only allowed one goal — in the first half of the group-stage opener against Australia.

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Adrian Wylde/The Canadian Press via AP

U.S. keeper Hope Solo covers the ball after making a save against China during the second half of a quarterfinal match in the FIFA Women's World Cup soccer tournament, Friday, June 26, 2015, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

NBA

Blazers introduce newcomers

Henderson eager to join winner

By NICK DASCHEL
Associated Press

PORTLAND — On the first day in his new NBA city, Gerald Henderson was asked Monday about his impressions of Portland. Before he was able to answer, Trail Blazers general manager Neil Olshey mentioned the city's recent naked bicycle race.

Henderson's eyes widened. "What time is that?" Henderson said.

Henderson may not know about some of Portland's quirks, but the recently acquired shooting guard from Charlotte appears to have adequate knowledge of the Blazers' history.

"I've been in Charlotte for six years, and this is a fresh start. They have a really good thing going on here. They're used to winning," Henderson said. "I've



Bruce Ely/The Oregonian via AP

The Portland Trail Blazers general manager Neil Olshey, left, poses for a photo with Gerald Henderson during a news conference Monday, June 29, 2015, in Portland, Ore. New Blazers Noah Vonleh, Mason Plumlee and Henderson were introduced during the new conference.

only played four games in the playoffs. You play the game to win. I'm looking forward to having an impact in the play-offs."

New Blazers Noah Vonleh, Mason Plumlee and Henderson

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Little League



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Sauren Garton pitches for the Pendleton 9/10-year-old Little League softball all-stars in a 12-1 win over Hermiston at the District 3 tournament on Sunday in Irrigon.

District titles on the line today

East Oregonian

IRRIGON — The District 3 softball tournament is well underway after three days of action in Irrigon for area Little League all-stars.

Like all of the teams in attendance, the Pendleton 9/10-year-old squad is hoping to win a championship and advance to the state tournament, and those titles will be decided shortly.

Pendleton won't be waiting long, and faces Milton-Freewater in their bracket's title game this morning at 10:30 a.m.

Then later today at 6 p.m., the Juniors bracket will crown a champion. The 11/12's will need until Thursday to whittle their bracket to a top two, and then all of the championship games could see a rematch if the lower seed pulls off an upset in the double-elimination format.

Pendleton earned its berth in the 9/10 title game with a 12-1 win over Hermiston in four innings on Sunday.

Sauren Garton threw a no-hitter with 12 strikeouts and one walk for Pendleton, and Allison Galloway batted 2 for 3 with three RBIs. She and Muriel Hoisington hit doubles.

Track & Field

Gatlin & Co. ready to face Bolt

By PAT GRAHAM
Associated Press

EUGENE — Justin Gatlin is still blazing fast at 33 years old. Same with Tyson Gay at 32 and Wallace Spearmon at 30.

Reaching an age when sprinters contemplate retirement, these 30-somethings are heading to Beijing for the world championships with one task in mind: Upstage Usain Bolt. Not an easy proposition, even if the Jamaican world record-holder appears vulnerable.

Gatlin's never run better, coasting to the 200-meter title at the U.S. championships in a meet-record and personal-best 19.57 seconds. Gay captured

the 100 crown at nationals as he rounds into form following his return last summer from a one-year doping suspension and Spearmon has recovered from sports hernia surgery in September.

The American sprint coalition looks sharp, while Bolt appears off his game.

But that's been said before. "I want Bolt at his best," Gatlin said.

Careful, he's still the defending world champion in both events, even if his times so far this season have been more pedestrian than Bolt-like. At worlds, Gatlin will no doubt be the favorite.

No, really.

After all, Gatlin hasn't been beaten in the 100 in quite a while and has been honing his 200 form in practice, showing it off at nationals when he ran his blistering time on fresh legs. Gatlin didn't run the 100 since he had an automatic bye to worlds courtesy of his 2014 Diamond League title.

"Bolt is not up to par right now. He's even said that," said Gatlin, a polarizing figure who returned to track in 2010 after serving a four-year doping suspension. "People want to see him get up to par and that's what everybody is focused on. Then, we'll worry about who's the guy

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