

Sports shorts

Big 12 supports ban on transfers with violent pasts

Big 12 Conference athletic directors are unanimously backing a proposal that would prohibit schools from accepting transfers who were disciplined for violent acts at their previous schools.

In a text to The Associated Press, Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said Tuesday that conference ADs meeting in New Orleans “supported a policy draft similar to that of the (Southeastern Conference).” Bowlsby said the draft would still need to be refined and submitted to a joint council of faculty athletic representatives and athletic directors for approval.

The SEC earlier this year passed a rule preventing schools from accepting transfers who have been dismissed from another team for “serious misconduct,” defined as sexual assault, domestic violence or other forms of sexual violence.



QB Finley named Broncos starter

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Sophomore Ryan Finley has been named the starting quarterback for No. 23 Boise State for its season opener against Washington.

Boise State coach Bryan Harsin made the announcement on Sunday. Finley was in a four-way race for the job with Tommy Stuart, Alex



Ogle and freshman Brett Rypien. Finley finished spring practice as the clear leader in the competition, but an April misdemeanor arrest clouded his status. Harsin has previously said Finley is eligible and won't face further discipline for his arrest.

Finley had the most experience of the four quarterbacks after appearing in five games last season as a redshirt freshman. He completed 12 of 27 passes for 161 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. He'll replace Grant Hedrick, who graduated after leading the Broncos to a Fiesta Bowl title last season.

“There won’t be alcohol in our building ever again.”

— Steve Sarkisian

USC football coach in a public apology for his slurred, profanity laced speech at a team rally last weekend. Sarkisian said his behavior was caused by mixing alcohol with medication. He said he will seek unspecified treatment although he does not believe he has a substance-abuse problem. USC also is banning alcohol on campus and at the Coliseum for all members of the coaching staff.

**THIS DATE IN SPORTS**

**1939** — The first major league baseball game is televised. NBC-TV broadcasts a doubleheader at Brooklyn's Ebbets Field between the Cincinnati Reds and the Dodgers.

**1961** — The International Hockey Hall of Fame opens in Toronto.

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College Football



In this Oct. 11, 2014 file photo, Eastern Oregon University quarterback Zach Bartlow looks to pass in a game against Carroll College in La Grande. Bartlow returns to lead the EOU offense this season and the Mountaineers play their first game on Saturday at College of Idaho.

EOU ready for kickoff

Mountaineers bring back top weapons for 2015

East Oregonian

LA GRANDE — The Eastern Oregon University football team opens its 2015 campaign on Saturday when it travels to Frontier Conference foe College of Idaho.

A strong finish and the return of several key players helped earn the Mountaineers a No. 13 ranking in both the NAIA spring and preseason coaches polls, and EOU will be looking to win its fifth season opener under eighth-year head coach Tim Camp.

Redshirt junior quarterback Zach Bartlow will be looking for another big game against

**Tailgate on enemy territory**

Alumni and fans are invited to join EOU President Tom Insko in cheering on the Mountaineers as they open the 2015 football season.

**WHAT:** EOU Alumni Association/Mountaineer Athletic Association pre-game tailgate.  
**WHERE:** East corner of the College of Idaho Activities Center parking lot in Caldwell, Idaho.  
**WHEN:** Saturday, 10:30 a.m. (MT), game starts at 1 p.m.

the Yotes, which he burned for 284 total yards and five touchdowns in a 47-7 win last season in La Grande, and was named one of the team's four captains on Sunday.

Senior running back Jace Billingsley, senior defensive back Adam Bese and senior linebacker Gary Posten will join him as captains.

"This is a group of guys that have been selected by their teammates and coaches because they are outstanding ambassadors for our program," said Camp, who guided EOU to an 8-3 record and the verge of a national tournament berth last season. "They are leaders in the classroom, in the community, in the locker room, and are fine representatives of Eastern Oregon University and this

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WNBA

Atlanta Dream's Shoni Schimmel during the first half of a WNBA basketball game, Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015, in Uncasville, Conn.

AP Photo/Jessica Hill



Dream cruise past Sun

Schimmel dialed in from field

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Sancho Lyttle had 17 points and the Atlanta Dream beat the Connecticut Sun for the third time in 10 days, 71-57 on Tuesday.

It was the Sun's their fifth straight loss.

Atlanta (11-16) opened on a 10-0 run and never trailed while holding Connecticut (12-15) to a season-low 18



first-half points.

Shoni Schimmel made four 3-pointers and scored 15 points for the Dream. Schimmel was 4 for 6 from three-point range and 5 for 7 from the field while also adding three rebounds and two assists.

Angel McCoughtry, who scored 33 points against the Sun on Sunday, was held to

just three first-half points and finished with 11.

Atlanta's DeLisha Milton-Jones, the 40-year-old forward in her 17th season, matched the WNBA record for career games set by Tina Thompson (496).

The Dream led by 23 points midway through the third quarter. Connecticut used a 23-12 run, capped by Shekinna Stricklen's 3-pointer, to pull to 58-46 with 8:22 remaining.

Stricklen scored 14 points and Chelsea Gray had 12 to lead the Sun.

MLB

Cruz blasts No. 38 as Mariners come from behind at home

SEATTLE (AP) — Austin Jackson's bases-loaded, two-run single in the fifth inning capped Seattle's comeback from a five-run deficit and led the Mariners a 6-5 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Tuesday night.

Down 5-0 entering the fourth inning, Nelson Cruz sparked Seattle's comeback with his major league-leading 38th home run, a solo shot off Jesse Chavez.

He extended his streak of reaching base safely to 35 straight games.

Logan Morrison, on his 28th birthday, finished the fourth-inning rally with a two-run shot, his 13th, off the foul pole in right.

The Mariners added three runs in the fifth, finishing with Jackson's two-out, go-ahead single that chased Chavez (7-13).

Chavez, who tied Cleveland's Corey Kluber for the most losses in the American League, worked 4 2-3 innings, allowing eight hits and six runs. He walked two and struck out three. He is 0-5 in 15 career appearances against Seattle.

Marcus Semien hit a two-run homer to highlight Oakland's four-run second inning as the A's chased Mike Montgomery, who lasted just 1 2-3 innings. Montgomery gave up five runs and seven hits in the shortest of his 16 big-league career starts.

Edgar Olmos (1-0), taking over for Montgomery with two outs in the second, earned the victory. He worked a career-best 3 2-3 innings and allowed three hits and no runs. His previous best was 1 2-3 innings.

Billy Burns had three hits for Oakland.

The A's left at least one runner on base in every inning, 12 total.

**UP NEXT**

Mariners: RHP Felix Hernandez (14-8, 3.74) has been well below his standard over his past five starts, 2-3 with an 8.48 ERA.

A's: Since he was recalled from Triple-A Nashville on July 25, RHP Chris Bassitt (1-5, 2.48) is 1-3 in six starts with a 2.18 ERA, the fifth-lowest in the AL during that span.



Track & Field

Americans struggle through opening four days

U.S. medal count at 5

By PAT GRAHAM  
Associated Press

BEIJING — Jenny Simpson lost her left shoe after being stepped on and ran the last lap of the 1,500-meter race with her bare foot striking the surface.

That's just the way things have been going for the Americans so far at the world championships. Lots of favorites are stumbling.

"I'll get over it," Simpson said Tuesday after an 11th-place finish, two years after taking silver in the event and four years after winning it. "Just got unlucky."

She's not the only one.

The country that's won five straight overall medal counts at the worlds is in serious trouble nearly halfway through the competition. The Americans have one gold, a silver and four bronze medals. Its total is just ahead of Poland and way behind Kenya, which has nine total



United States' Jennifer Simpson wears just one shoe as she passes by Ethiopia's gold medal winner Genzebe Dibaba after finishing the women's 1500m final at the World Athletics Championships in Beijing, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015.

AP Photo/Ng Han Guan

medals even after getting shut out of the men's marathon.

One of the red, white and blue's former stars is taking notice. Sprinter Michael Johnson tweeted: "US team need to turn it around quick! Competition management has been atrocious with multiple event favorites failing to advance to final!"

The Bird's Nest has never been all that friendly to the Americans.

At the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the team captured 23 medals — a total that led to a revamping of various aspects of USA Track and Field's operation. It worked; the Americans won 29 medals in London.

They then won 25 medals at the worlds in 2013 but have put themselves well behind that pace with five days to go.

They're faltering in all sorts of ways, besides Simpson's shoe mishap:

— Long jumper Jeff Henderson didn't qualify for the final despite entering with the world's top leap this year.

— Tori Bowie won bronze in the 100 but was the only U.S. woman to make the final.

— Galen Rupp, the 2012 Olympic silver medalist in the 10,000, couldn't hang with the pack at the end, and finished fifth.

— Five-time national champion Bershawn Jackson failed to advance out of the first round in the 400

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