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NHL to expand to Las Vegas

(AP) — A person with direct knowledge of the NHL's decision says the league has settled on Las Vegas as its choice for expansion, provided organizers can come up with a \$500 million fee.



Quebec City was also considered for expansion. The 2017-18 season would be the earliest the league would expand.

The franchise would be the NHL's 31st team and the first major professional sports franchise in Las Vegas, the rapidly growing gambling center of the American West.

The bid says it has secured more than 13,200 season-ticket deposits for the new team, which will play in T-Mobile Arena, the sparkling new multipurpose building on the south end of the Las Vegas Strip.

Broncos sign Marshall to 4-year extension

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — As the Von Miller contract stalemate drags on, the Denver Broncos locked down another key defender, signing linebacker Brandon Marshall to a four-year, \$32 million extension.

Marshall will make about \$2.5 million in 2016 and his new deal kicks in the following year and runs through 2020.

Marshall has posted back-to-back 100-tackle seasons for the Broncos, who signed him to their practice squad after he was cut twice by the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2012.

His 101 stops last season came despite a broken screw in his right foot and a sprained right forefinger that required offseason surgery.

"It sounds like in Japan, they're trying to make me the Hit Queen. I'm not trying to take anything away from Ichiro — he's had a Hall of Fame career — but the next thing you know, they'll be counting his high school hits."

— **Pete Rose**
MLB all-time hits leader in comments made to USA Today Sports regarding Miami Marlins outfielder Ichiro Suzuki's career hits total. Suzuki is one hit shy of tying Rose's career mark of 4,256 hits, but Rose said he doesn't believe Suzuki should get the record since 1,278 of those hits came while Suzuki was playing in Japan.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1938 — Johnny Vander Meer of the Cincinnati Reds pitches his second straight no-hit game, defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers 6-0 in the first night game played at Ebbets Field.

2001 — Los Angeles beats Philadelphia 108-96 in Game 5 of the NBA Finals to complete the best playoff run in NBA history. The Lakers, who finish the playoffs with a record of 15-1, are the first to go through the playoffs undefeated on the road.

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All-State Baseball

Stanfield sweeps 3A's top honors



Stanfield pitcher Dylan Grogan watches the ball zip toward home plate against Nyssa on Friday in the Eastern Oregon League baseball district championship in Stanfield. Grogan pitched a perfect game and Stanfield won 14-0 in five innings.

Contributed photo courtesy of Katie Johnson

Grogan named Player of the Year, Johnson picked as top coach

By ERIC SINGER
East Oregonian

Just one week after capturing the Class 3A state championship, the Stanfield Tigers claimed one more victory.

Stanfield pitcher/infielder Dylan Grogan and head coach Bryan Johnson both earned the top all-state honors in 3A, with Grogan being named Player of the Year and

Johnson being named Coach of the Year.

"It's great, it's a good feeling that all of the hard work paid off," Grogan said, "but honestly I didn't think I'd get it because there were a few other really good seniors, but I'm happy it worked out."

It's been well-documented on the dominance of Grogan this season, as he went 10-1 with a school-record 0.71 ERA with 133 strikeouts

in 68.1 innings pitched as well as hitting .516 with 5 home runs and 45 RBI at the plate. The record-breaking ERA topped his brother Quin Grogan's record of 1.21 dating back to 2011.

Grogan was a solid player for Stanfield for the first two years of his career, but took a giant step in 2016 to become the best in the state, something he said he owes to a lot of offseason work.

"I think it was just getting bigger and stronger," he said. "During the summer, I just worked out a lot, played more baseball, and saw more pitches and I think it showed on the field."

The junior star said he owes a lot of his development to Johnson, and said he couldn't be happier to see him earn the honor in his last year at Stanfield.

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MLB

Rays rally to beat Mariners

Longoria hits 3-run blast in seventh

By MARK DITLER
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Surging Evan Longoria and slumping Corey Dickerson helped the Tampa Bay Rays get a nice comeback victory.

Longoria and Dickerson had three RBIs apiece and the Rays rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat the Seattle Mariners 8-7 on Tuesday night.

"That was an awesome win," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "We haven't had too many like that."

Tampa Bay, 4-22 when trailing after six innings, has won eight of 10 overall. It matched the Rays' biggest comeback win this season, which came April 21, at Boston.

Longoria's seventh homer in his last 10 games, a three-run shot off Nick Vincent, tied it at 7 in



AP Photo/Chris O'Meara

Seattle Mariners third baseman Kyle Seager, left, second baseman Robinson Cano, center, and shortstop Ketel Marte react after Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria hit a three-run home run off relief pitcher Nick Vincent during the seventh inning of a baseball game Tuesday in St. Petersburg, Fla.

the seventh. Mike Montgomery (2-2) entered and walked two straight before Dickerson's RBI single put Tampa Bay ahead 8-7.

"We never gave up," Dickerson said, "We kept battling."

Dickerson has just seven hits in June despite Tuesday being his second three-hit performance of the month.

Ryan Garton (1-0) got the final two outs in the seventh for his first major league win. Xavier

Cedeno had a perfect eighth before Alex Colome worked the ninth to get his 19th save in as many chances.

Mariners starter Taijuan Walker left with one out in the fourth with what the team said was aggravation of his right Achilles tendon.

"It's a tendon or something in the side of his foot," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "He's

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PENDLETON

Williams keeps T-Wolves in lead

BMCC cowgirl wins breakaway round, in front in all-around

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The Blue Mountain Community College women maintained their lead in team points and claimed their second round win at the College National Finals Rodeo on Tuesday.

Sophomore Danyelle Williams' 2.1 seconds in breakaway from Monday's slack tied her for the Round 2 win, and her 14.04 run in barrel racing on Tuesday at the Casper (Wyo.) Events Center was good for second in the round.

Williams also leads the women's all-around standings with 155 points.

The BMCC women also got points on Tuesday from Lauren Leyva, who tied for sixth in Round 2 of goat tying with 6.4 seconds, and the T-Wolves have 260 total to lead Gillette College by 25 points.

As evidence of how narrow the margin for error is in barrel racing, Round 1 winner Jessica Lewis failed to place in the second round with a time of 14.28 during Tuesday's slack, which completed the second round for all events.

She's still in the lead in the aggregate, though, with 28.23 on two. Williams is third with 28.38, and Emily Sorey is tied for 27th with 29.43 after posting 14.92 in her second run. In another event that will be decided by fractions of a second, Leyva is fifth in the goat tying aggregate with 13.0 on two, just .4 off the lead. Quincy Pendergrass is tied for 12th with 13.7 and had a 6.7 on Tuesday.

Williams missed her first breakaway attempt and is 26th in that event.

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NFL

Bennett shows but doesn't participate

Seahawks open mandatory minicamp

By TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Even though Michael Bennett has expressed complaints over the past year about his contract with the Seattle Seahawks, he's not one to freely forfeit money.

Which is why after staying away during Seattle's voluntary team activities over the past month, Bennett was back at the Seahawks facility on Tuesday as the team opened mandatory minicamp.

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Johnny Andrews/The Seattle Times via AP

Seattle Seahawks safety Earl Thomas (29) participates during NFL football practice, Tuesday, June 14, 2016, at the Virginia Mason Athletic Center in Renton, Wash.