

US Track & Field Trials

Fries with that? Berian goes from fast-food counter to Rio

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EUGENE — McDonald's and Nike are in Boris Berian's rearview mirror.

His next supersized challenge: The Olympics.

Berian earned his spot for Rio by finishing second behind Clayton Murphy in the 800 meters at the U.S. Track and Field Trials on Monday.

First, second or third — it didn't matter, he just wanted to make the Olympic team. He couldn't have imagined of this type of moment when he was serving fries and cooking burgers two years ago.

And he especially couldn't have imagined this two weeks ago, when he was embroiled in a lawsuit

with Nike over what gear he was wearing. He thought the lawsuit might prevent him from competing at trials. A day before they started, though, Nike dropped the lawsuit and a weight was lifted off Berian, who was wearing fresh-out-of-the-box New Balance spikes.

"All this came so fast," the 23-year-old said. "It's just amazing right now. I have no words. Just so excited."

Berian jumped out to the lead about halfway through the race, but was caught at the end by Murphy, who won in a time of 1 minute, 44.76 seconds, with Charles Jock placing third.

"(Murphy) came out of nowhere," Berian said.

In many ways, though, so did Berian.

A promising runner out



Clayton Murphy, left, winner, and Boris Berian, in second place, celebrate after men's 800-meter final at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials, Monday, July 4, 2016, in Eugene Ore.

of Widefield High School in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Berian went to Adams State in Alamosa, where he won indoor and outdoor national

titles as a freshman. But he struggled with his eligibility due to grades.

Eventually, he dropped out and tried to strike out on

his own in the spring of 2014. He crashed on a friend's couch and found a job at McDonald's to subsidize his training.

Each day he would ride his bike or walk the nearly three miles to work the early shift, so that he would have time to train in the evening — for a moment just like this.

"It's been a stressful four days, but it's all worth it," said Berian, who trains with the Big Bear Track Club in California.

Still, there were anxious days before the trials, when Berian wasn't sure if he would be allowed to compete given the status of a lawsuit.

At a meet in May in Southern California, Berian was sued by Nike for breach of contract. Signed during

a breakout 2015 season, his endorsement deal went through Dec. 31, 2015, but gave the company the right to match any other offers. Nike argued that it matched an offer presented by New Balance, which Berian preferred.

A judge was scheduled to issue a ruling before Nike dropped the suit.

"It was annoying," Berian said of the litigation. "I just focused on training, kept positive. That's what I did. Kept all that legal stuff as far away as possible."

Now, he'll have a date against world-record holder David Rudisha of Kenya and the rest of the international field. Qualifying for the 800 starts Aug. 12.

"I'm just so proud right now," Berian said.

From Monday



Colorado Rapids goalkeeper Tim Howard, front, clears the ball as Portland Timbers forward Darren Mattocks defends in the first half of an MLS soccer match Monday, July 4, 2016, in Commerce City, Colo.

AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Rapids, Timbers play to scoreless draw in Howard's MLS debut

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COMMERCE CITY, Colo. — Tim Howard made two saves in his Colorado debut and the Rapids played to a scoreless draw with the Portland Timbers on Monday night.

Howard dove to his right to stop Darren Mattocks' right-footed shot in the 54th

minute and made a kick save to deny Lucas Melano in the 63rd.

Colorado (9-2-6) dropped out of first place in the Western Conference as FC Dallas earned three points in a 4-0 victory over Orlando City on Monday night.

Portland (6-6-6) goalkeeper Jake Gleeson had four saves for his second shutout

of the season.

Howard, who played for the MetroStars (now the New York Red Bulls) between 1998 and 2003, returned to MLS after 13 years in the Premier League with Manchester United and Everton. Colorado acquired Howard through allocation after the Rapids secured the No. 1 spot in the ranking order.

Tennis

Venus back in Grand Slam semi

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LONDON — In some ways, making it to a Grand Slam semifinal is rather been-there, done-that for Venus Williams.

She is, after all, already the owner of seven major titles, including five at Wimbledon.

This one, though, is different.

She's 36 now, a half-dozen years removed from her last such run. And, in the interim, she has been through the daily struggles of dealing with a disease that can sap energy and cause joint pain.

Williams made it to the final four at the All England Club for the first time since 2009, and at any Grand Slam tournament since the year after that, playing mistake-free to beat Yaroslava Shvedova 7-6 (5), 6-2 in the quarterfinals Tuesday.

"Semifinals feels good. But it doesn't feel foreign at all, let's put it that way," said Williams, whose first



Venus Williams of the U.S. celebrates after beating Yaroslava Shvedova of Kazakhstan in their women's singles match on day nine of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Tuesday, July 5, 2016.

AP Photo/Tim Ireland

Wimbledon title came in 2000 and whose most recent came in 2008.

Asked to compare her current level of play to that of the past, Williams shook her head, shut her eyes and laughed.

"I don't remember. Six years ago is ages ago," she responded. "I was most likely kicking butt six years ago, if I was in the semis or the finals. You have to be."

Just like in the old days, Williams will be joined in

the semifinals by a familiar face — younger sister Serena, who moved closer to equalling Steffi Graf's Open-era record of 22nd Grand Slam championships by defeating 21st-seeded Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-4, 6-4, taking the last three games of each set. Serena hit 11 aces, including one at 123 mph to end it.

It's the 11th time the Williams sisters have reached the semis at the same major.

HALL OF FAME:

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(1962-64) who anchored the offensive line at center his senior year for an offense that led the state in scoring. He didn't lose a conference game in his Buckaroo career.

Christensen (1959-61) earned 10 varsity letters as a three-sport standout at Pendleton and was a starting linebacker on the 1961 defense that allowed just 18 points.

Dietz (1978-81) was praised as the best center he ever coached by Buckaroo legend Don Requa, and was on the 1980 team that lost to Sheldon 31-28 in double overtime in the third round of the playoffs.

Moore (1986-88) was one of the few highlights for the Buckaroos in the late 80s and posted one of the program's best seasons as a senior with more than 800 yards passing and over 400 rushing.

Schuening (1971-73) was a three-year starter at tackle and went on to play at Oregon State. He is the father of Roy Schuening, a 2013 inductee.

The Hall of Fame Reception is organized by the Pendleton Linebackers Club and begins at 5 p.m. with cocktails, dinner and auction. Introductions of the 2016 class begin at 6:45 and last until 9:30 p.m.

The Hall of Fame weekend also includes the 28th Annual Don Requa Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday at Wildhorse Resort and Casino (registration begins at 7:30 a.m.), and the Buckaroo Hall of Fame Breakfast at Stillman Park on Sunday at 8 a.m.

The Linebackers Club Hall of Fame weekend is the primary fundraiser for Pendleton High School football and the organization's two annual scholarships — the Requa Scholarship and Stuvland Award. This year's recipients are recent graduates Kai Quinn (Requa) and Jacob Banks (Stuvland).

RODEO: Bareback rider Bennett earns most in roughstock

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Hanchey said. "Then, to set this Cowboy Christmas record, knowing how many guys — not only in my event, but in all timed events — have put their names down year after year during Cowboy Christmas, is really cool. To win what I did during Cowboy Christmas also gives me the confidence back that I'm one of the best in the world."

The pride of Sulphur, Louisiana, became only the eighth cowboy in any event (or combination of events) to surpass \$30,000 during Cowboy Christmas.

Hanchey collected a large chunk

of his Cowboy Christmas winnings at the Ponoka Stampede and left Alberta with \$14,354.

"I've always had good luck at Ponoka for some reason or another," said Hanchey, 26. "The main reason that I won (so much during Cowboy Christmas) is I brought Reata. He had nine months off last year. I rodeoed on him at Austin (Texas) in March, rode him at Corpus Christi (Texas) in the spring, and then I was second at Fort Smith (Ark.) on him. I started getting confidence back on him and I brought him up there to Canada and I won Airdrie and Ponoka."

Bareback rider Caleb Bennett, who's been to the last four Wrangler

National Finals Rodeos, was the top roughstock cowboy of the Christmas run, banking \$29,911.

Bennett, like Hanchey, did the majority of his damage north of the border in Ponoka, earning a total of \$16,079. He won the first round with an 87.75-point ride on Wayne Vold Rodeo's Mucho Dinero, which led him to the second spot in the two-head average. Bennett then rode for 89 points on C5 Rodeo's Virgil to win the four-man showdown round.

The 26-year-old from Ogden, Utah, also split second at the Cody (Wyo.) Stampede with an 85-point trip on Frontier Rodeo's Big League, which was another \$7,026 in his

pocket.

He took over the top spot in the bareback riding world standings.

"This was absolutely the best Fourth I ever had," Bennett said. "I've always dreamed of winning \$25-30,000 because it's do-able, and I had luck on my side. I was pretty blessed, and drew the right horses at the right rodeos and capitalized on it."

The top Cowboy Christmas money earners in team roping were Kaleb Driggers and Junior Nogueira, who each earned \$22,884. Garrett Tribble was the high-earner in bull riding with \$18,543, and steer wrestler Clayton Hass topped the bulldogging list with \$16,714.

SCOREBOARD

Tennis

Wimbledon

Tuesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club

Purse: \$38.4 million (Grand Slam)

Singles
Men

Fourth Round
Tomas Berdych (10), Czech Republic, def. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (8), 6-7 (9), 6-3.

Women
Quarterfinals
Angelique Kerber (4), Germany, def. Simona Halep (5), Romania, 7-5, 7-6 (2).

Venus Williams (8), United States, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (21), Russia, 6-4, 6-4.

Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (19), Slovakia, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles
Men
Third Round
Jamie Murray, Britain, and Bruno Soares (3), Brazil, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Michael Venus (16), New Zealand, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 4-6, 16-14.

Julien Benneteau and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock (8), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-4.

Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (1), France, def. Sam Groth, Australia, and Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Bob and Mike Bryan (2), United States, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, and Nenad Zimonjic (14), Serbia, 7-5, 6-7 (10), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Women
Second Round
Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (4), Russia, def. Annika Beck, Germany, and Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Third Round
Raquel Atawo and Abigail Spears (10), United States, def. Daria Gavrilova, Australia, and Daria Kasatkina, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.

Serena and Venus Williams, United States, def. Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (6), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

Baltimore 47 35 573 —
Toronto 47 39 547 2
Boston 45 38 542 2½
New York 41 42 494 6½
Tampa Bay 34 49 410 13½

Central Division

San Francisco 53 32 624 —
Los Angeles 48 37 565 5
Colorado 37 45 451 14½
Arizona 38 48 442 15½
San Diego 36 48 429 16½

Monday's Games
L.A. Dodgers 7, Baltimore 5
San Diego 8, Arizona 4

Tuesday's Games
Cincinnati 9, Chicago Cubs 5
Milwaukee 5, Washington 2

West Division

Texas 53 32 624 —
Houston 45 39 536 7½
Seattle 43 41 512 9½
Oakland 36 47 434 16
Los Angeles 34 50 405 18½

Monday's Game
Detroit (Fulmer 8-2) at Cleveland (Tomlin 9-1), 9:10 a.m.

Oakland (Gray 3-7) at Minnesota (Santana 2-7), 10:10 a.m.

Baltimore (Gausman 1-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Norris 4-7), 12:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Kennedy 6-7) at Toronto (Stroman 6-4), 4:07 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Weaver 6-7) at Tampa Bay (Smily 2-9), 4:10 p.m.

Texas (Perez 7-4) at Boston (Wright 9-5), 4:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 3-7) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 1-4), 5:10 p.m.

Seattle (LeBlanc 1-0) at Houston (Fiers 6-3), 5:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington 50 35 588 —
New York 45 38 542 4
Miami 44 40 524 5½
Philadelphia 39 46 459 11
Atlanta 28 56 333 21½

Central Division

Chicago 52 31 627 —
St. Louis 43 40 518 9
Pittsburgh 43 41 512 9½
Milwaukee 37 46 446 15
Cincinnati 31 54 365 22

West Division

San Francisco 53 32 624 —
Los Angeles 48 37 565 5
Colorado 37 45 451 14½
Arizona 38 48 442 15½
San Diego 36 48 429 16½

Monday's Games
L.A. Dodgers 7, Baltimore 5
San Diego 8, Arizona 4

Tuesday's Games
Cincinnati 9, Chicago Cubs 5
Milwaukee 5, Washington 2

Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1

Miami 5, N.Y. Mets 2

Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2

Arizona 7, San Diego 5

Baltimore at L.A. Dodgers, late

Colorado at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Atlanta (Jenkins 0-1) at Philadelphia (Hellison 6-6), 10:05 a.m.

Miami (Nicolino 2-4) at N.Y. Mets (DeGrom 4-4), 10:10 a.m.

Cincinnati (DeSclafani 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Warren 3-1), 11:20 a.m.

Baltimore (Gausman 1-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Norris 4-7), 12:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (Garza 1-1) at Washington (Roark 7-5), 1:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Locke 8-5) at St. Louis (Garcia 6-6), 5:15 p.m.

San Diego (Rea 5-3) at Arizona (Miller 2-8), 6:40 p.m.

Colorado (De La Rosa 5-5) at San Francisco (Cueto 12-1), 7:15 p.m.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE

North Division

Tri-City (Padres) 12 7 632 —
Everett (Mariners) 10 9 526 2
Milwaukee (Blue Jays) 10 9 526 2
Spokane (Rangers) 8 11 421 4

South Division

Eugene (Cubs) 14 5 737 —
Hillsboro (D-backs) 8 11 421 6
Salem-Keizer (Giants) 8 11 421 6
Boise (Rockies) 6 13 316 8

Monday's Games
Spokane 6, Boise 3

Vancouver 4, Salem-Keizer 2

Eugene 7, Everett 5

Hillsboro 7, Tri-City 3

Tuesday's Games
Spokane 8, Boise 7

Salem-Keizer 6, Vancouver 4

Eugene 6, Everett 2

Tri-City 9, Hillsboro 0

Today's Games
Boise at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.

Eugene at Everett, 7:05 p.m.

Tri-City at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA

Eastern Conference

New York 12 6 667 3
Washington 9 9 500 3
Atlanta 9 9 500 3
Chicago 7 10 412 4½
Indiana 7 10 412 4½
Connecticut 4 13 235 7½

Western Conference

Los Angeles 16 1 941 —
Minnesota 15 3 833 1½

Dallas 9 10 474 8

Phoenix 8 11 421 9

Seattle 6 10 375 10

San Antonio 4 13 235 12

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta 77, Seattle 64

Minnesota 87, Chicago 82

Dallas 77, Phoenix 74

Today's Games
Seattle at New York, 4 p.m.

Washington at San Antonio, 5 p.m.

Indiana at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Soccer

MLS

Eastern Conference

NYC FC 7 5 6 27 29 31

Philadelphia 7 6 5 26 29 24

Montreal 6 4 6 24 27 26

New York 7 9 2 23 28 25

D.C. United 5 6 6 21 17 17

Toronto FC 5 6 5 20 18 19

Orlando City 4 3 8 20 28 29

New England 4 6 7 19 23 31

Columbus 3 6 7 16 21 25

Chicago 3 7 5 14 15 20

Western Conference

FC Dallas 10 5 4 34 30 24

Colorado 9 2 6 33 19 11

Real Salt Lake 8 5 4 28 28 27

Los Angeles 6 3 8 26 3