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Olympics

Lochte issues apology for incident

Professional career could now be in jeopardy

By **BETH HARRIS**
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — U.S. Olympic swimmer Ryan Lochte apologized Friday for his behavior surrounding an incident at a Rio de Janeiro gas station, saying he should have been more “careful and candid” about how he described

what happened after a night of partying with his teammates.

But he didn't explain why he embellished details of an encounter with armed security guards and called it a robbery, and why he omitted to say that he and three teammates had vandalized a gas station restroom.

“Regardless of the behavior of anyone else that night, I should have been much more responsible in how I handled myself and for that am sorry,” Lochte said in a lengthy post



Lochte

on his Instagram account. “This was a situation that could and should have been avoided. I accept responsibility for my role in this happening and have learned some valuable lessons.”

Whatever they were, for now, he's keeping them to himself.

The situation raises questions about the future for Lochte, who is planning to take time off from swimming but wants to return to compete in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Usually known for his

party boy image and love of the limelight, he now is facing a line of nervous sponsors, the possibility of legal charges in Brazil and sanctions from USA Swimming and the International Olympic Committee.

The robbery flap deeply hurt Brazilians, who were eager to prove they could get street crime under control and host a safe Olympics. And it overshadowed the efforts of U.S. Olympians, who have dominated the medal count. Swimmers alone piled up 16 golds and 33 medals total at the games.

Known for his outsized person-
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PENDLETON

T-Wolves get first tune-ups

Blue Mountain women's soccer, volleyball host scrimmages

By **MATT ENTRUP**
East Oregonian

The Blue Mountain Community College women's soccer and volleyball teams hosted their first opponents of the season for scrimmages on Friday.

Per Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) regulations, scoreboards were turned off and BMCC Athletic Director Brett Bryan said coaches would not be allowed to comment, but the many fans in attendance were able to see both coaches' initial impressions play out.

Women's soccer coach Art Mota said during a practice earlier this week that he expected his team to take its lumps early, and physical fitness was going to be their key due to a small roster.

Those statements rang true against Western Wyoming, which found the net often while holding onto a shutout during their 90-minute exhibition.

The Timberwolves were able to keep up with Western Wyoming, but the difference in experience and skill level was evident and BMCC spent most of the scrimmage on defense.

Blue Mountain was able to get a few chances on offense and display some of the short-pass possession style Mota hopes can help level the playing field in games this season, but too often passes were hit without much pace and Western Wyoming was able to keep the action in front of it without much difficulty.

Goalkeeper Jessica Adams had a few nice diving saves, but faced several one-on-one situations due to breakdowns in defense.

Also earlier in the week, volleyball coach Dave Baty expressed excitement over

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MLB

Mariners hang on for victory

Seattle wins seventh straight game at home

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Kyle Seager got Seattle started with a solo home run, and Robinson Cano added a two-run shot, and the Mariners continued their surge at home with a 7-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Friday night.

The Mariners won their seventh straight at Safeco Field, ignited by Seager's 23rd home run of the season and Cano's 28th.

Adam Lind added a solo home run in the eighth inning and Seattle also got RBI hits from Stefan Romero, Nelson Cruz and Ketel Marte as it pulled within two games of Baltimore for the second wild card in the American League.

Ryan Braun had a two-out, two-run single in the ninth off Seattle closer Edwin Diaz to pull the Brewers within 7-6 after Diaz walked the bases loaded. But Diaz struck out Hernan Perez to close out his ninth save with the tying run at third.

Chris Carter hit the longest recorded home run in Safeco Field



Seattle Mariners' Robinson Cano, right, celebrates with Kyle Seager after his two-run home run against the Milwaukee Brewers during the fifth inning of Friday's game in Seattle.

history, estimated at 465 feet after hitting the batting backdrop in center field for the first of Milwaukee's three home runs. Jonathan Villar and Keon Broxton added back-to-back homers off Seattle starter Wade LeBlanc leading off the sixth inning.

LeBlanc (3-0) was able to limit the damage to those three solo homers, although he lasted just 5 1/3 innings and added stress to Seattle's bullpen.

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Seattle Mariners closing pitcher Edwin Diaz throws against the Milwaukee Brewers in the ninth inning of a baseball game Friday, Aug. 19, 2016, in Seattle.

AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

College Football

Beavers pleased with progress from latest scrimmage

Andersen pleased with effort from young guys

By **KEVIN HAMPTON**
Albany Democrat-Herald

CORVALLIS — Thursday's Oregon State football scrimmage was a prime opportunity for some of the younger players to show their stuff.

Coach Gary Andersen said the idea was to get the players who are in position to be in the two-deep depth chart on the field. “We're interested in targeting

guys that need to be targeted to put the ball in their hands. The same thing on defense,” Andersen said. “Put them in position to be able to make plays with guys who haven't had to do that.”

The Beavers got in 70 reps overall with 30 involving the starters.

Andersen said the team got what it wanted out of the scrimmage.

“I thought overall the tackling was decent. There were some guys running the ball hard in there. It will just be fun to sit back and watch that tape from

a distance, sitting back and listening,” he said.

“The communication was much better. The sideline situations were much better with those young kids as far as getting on and off the field, understanding what a game scenario is. So that was much, much improved. We handled pace better as far as when our offense was going a little bit faster at times.”

Andersen said the coaches were pick and choose on what they wanted to do with the first-team offense when they were facing the No. 1 defense.

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Oregon State head football coach Gary Andersen passes on instructions during Thursday's scrimmage in Corvallis.

AP Photo via Gazette-Times

Sports shorts

‘The Kid’ to be guest analyst for Mariners game on ESPN

SEATTLE — ESPN announced on Friday that Ken Griffey Jr. will serve as a guest analyst when the network broadcasts the Mariners-Yankees game on Aug. 23 from Safeco Field.

It is the first time that ESPN will broadcast a Mariners home game since 2011.

Griffey will be in the booth for the entirety of the game, and will join play-by-play man Jon Sciambi and analysts Doug Manville and Rick Sutcliffe for the call. The game is set for a 7 p.m. first pitch.

The game adds to the list of summer festivities for Griffey and his Mariner roots, starting with his induction to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in July and then having his number ‘24’ retired by the team earlier this month.



Griffey Jr.

“I want to see how aggressive we are on the line of scrimmage, how physical we tackle. See if we do a good job with leveraging tackles and those kind of things that are part of football. I think we are getting better.”

— **Brady Hoke**

Oregon Ducks defensive coordinator following Friday's practice speaking on the steady improvement of the unit in camp, though he's anxious to see them in a game setting.

New Orleans picked as 2017 All-Star Game replacement

NEW ORLEANS (AP) The NBA has chosen to hold the 2017 All-Star Game in New Orleans after taking the midseason event away from North Carolina because of a state law that limits anti-discrimination protections for lesbian, gay and transgender people.

The league announced Friday that New Orleans would replace Charlotte, which had been set to host the game until the NBA decided last month to move it elsewhere.

Unlike several other Southern states, Louisiana has not been swept up in legislative efforts to pass laws similar to that in North Carolina.

The All-Star Game is scheduled for Feb. 19, which falls during the first weekend of Mardi Gras parades.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2000 — Tiger Woods wins the PGA Championship in a playoff over Bob May, becoming the first player since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win three majors in one year. He's the first player to repeat as PGA champion since Denny Shute in 1937.

2008 — In Beijing, Usain Bolt of Jamaica becomes the first man since Carl Lewis in 1984, to sweep the 100 and 200 gold medals at an Olympics. Bolt is the first man to break the world marks in both sprints at an Olympics — a feat that neither Lewis nor Jesse Owens accomplished.

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