

NASCAR

Dillon takes No. 3 back to victory lane at Daytona

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The No. 3 is No. 1 again at Daytona, on a day, in a race and at a place forever linked with the great Dale Earnhardt.

Austin Dillon won the Daytona 500 on Sunday night driving the iconic No. 3 Chevrolet that Earnhardt piloted for most of his career. Earnhardt was behind the wheel of No. 3 when he won his only Daytona 500 in 1998, and when he was killed in an accident on the final lap of the race three years later.

Dillon’s victory, in the 60th running of “The Great American Race ,” came 17 years to the day of Earnhardt’s fatal crash .

“Man, this place is awesome,” said Dillon. “I don’t know what it is about storylines and Daytona. This place just creates history and I’m proud to be a part of it and make some history here.”

Dillon wasn’t a factor in his Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet until the final lap in overtime when he got a push from Darrell “Bubba” Wallace Jr. that helped him get to leader Aric Almirola. Dillon spun Almirola then whizzed on by to give Childress, his grandfather, another iconic victory in the beloved No. 3.

“My grandfather has done everything for me and everybody knows it,” Dillon said. “There’s a lot of pressure on me to perform because I’ve had a little bit of everything. But I like that pressure, the same with the No. 3, there’s a lot of pressure behind it, but I’m willing to take it and go



AP Photo/Terry Renna

Austin Dillon heads for the finish line to win the NASCAR Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. on Sunday.

with it.”

As for the aggressive move that wrecked Almirola? Dillon was doing what has to be done to win at Daytona, where he led just once for one lap — the final one.

“I think I blacked out and just everything just kind of kept going, and we were staying in the gas, and things were happening fast. The last lap of the Daytona 500, you just don’t lift, actually the last couple laps,” Dillon said, adding his only other option was to ease off the gas and avoid Almirola.

“I guess I could have lifted and gave it to him,” he said. “I guess that was my other option, give up a Daytona 500 ring that I’m wearing. If he needs to do it to (retaliate) at Talladega for everybody to feel good, I’ve got a Daytona 500 championship trophy,

ring, whatever. I don’t care. I’ve got the 3 back in victory lane at Daytona.”

Almirola, in his debut race for Stewart-Haas Racing, was devastated.

“My heart is broken. I thought I was going to win the Daytona 500,” Almirola said. Childress was overjoyed.

“To come back 20 years later after Dale’s great victory, and to be able to celebrate 20 years later, with my grandson, it is just a storybook tale,” Childress said. “It’s tough on him running that 3, but we had, I’d say, 97 percent support from Earnhardt fans who wanted him to run that number.”

The No. 3 was dormant in the Cup Series from Earnhardt’s death until Childress brought it back in 2014 for his grandson.

The final scoring tower

showed the No. 3 on top, then the No. 43 — two of the most seminal numbers in NASCAR.

“I looked up, seen the board up here, the 3 and the 43, I thought, how special is that for the history,” Childress said.

Wallace, the first black driver in the Daytona 500 field since 1969, finished second in a 1-2 finish for Chevrolet and Childress’ engine program. Wallace drives the No. 43 car for Richard Petty and sobbed in his post-race news conference after his mother came to the front of the room to give him a hug. The two had a long embrace in which she told Wallace repeatedly “you’ve waited so long, baby.”

After another moment with his sister , Wallace sat at the dais sobbing into a towel. His finish is the highest for a

Winter Olympics

US routs Finland, get back in gold medal game

US will take on Canada yet again

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GANGNEUNG, South Korea — The Americans played their way back into the only women’s hockey game that matters: a showdown with Canada for the Olympic gold medal.

The Americans are back in the title game for a third straight Olympics after shutting out Finland 5-0 on Monday in the semifinals. They will face their archrival on Thursday, and the Americans will be trying to win their first gold since 1998 when women’s hockey made its debut in the Olympics.

And yes, the Americans understand the United States-Canada playing for gold is what everyone expects to see.

“Definitely the rivalry has been there since I think I was born, so everyone’s looking forward to that,” said 22-year-old Dani Cameranesi.

This will be the third opportunity at gold for six Americans: captain Meghan Duggan, Hilary Knight, Gigi Marvin, Kacey Bellamy and twin sisters Monique Lamoureux-Morando and Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson.

“It’s honestly a dream



AP Photo/Julio Cortez

Players from the United States celebrate after Dani Cameranesi (24), of the United States, scores a goal against Finland during the semifinal of the women’s hockey game at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea on Monday.

come true,” Knight said. “This is the world’s biggest stage. This is the game that you want. This is the game we’ve been dreaming of and to have another opportunity to get back here, it’s huge.”

Canada is the four-time Olympic champion and has won the last five games against the U.S. The Canadians know a battle is likely.

“You never know what you’re going to get,” said Jennifer Wakefield, who scored twice in Canada’s 5-0 semifinal win over the Russian team. “It’s going to be heated. You’re going to see a lot of good skill working. It’s best on best and that’s what the Olympics are for.”

Olympic newcomer Cameranesi scored two goals and added an assist to lead the Americans past Finland. Marvin started the scoring, and Lamoureux-Davidson and Knight both scored during a 5-on-3 34 seconds apart in the second period. Maddie Rooney made 14 saves for the shutout.

Finland remains winless in eight games against the Americans at the Olympics. The Finns, ranked third in the world last year, will try to take home the bronze medal for the first time since 2010.

The Americans opened the games a 2-1 loss to Canada wrapping up pool play.

“This was really a gold-

medal preparation for us because they’re a darn good team, and we had to be ready to play,” U.S. coach Robb Stauber said of Finland.

The Americans wasted no time getting on the board. Captain Meghan Duggan found Marvin alone in the slot, and she beat Raty stick-side for the easy goal just 2:25 into the game.

Cameranesi put the United States up 2-0 with 1:22 left in the period, taking the puck away from Susanna Tapani and skating into the left circle before beating Raty’s blocker with a wrist shot top shelf.

Lamoureux-Davidson’s slap shot from the left circle came with 2 seconds left on the 5-on-3 at 13:21 of the second period, and Knight got her first goal of this tournament by redirecting a shot from Sidney Morin with 5 seconds left on the man advantage for the 4-0 lead. Cameranesi padded the lead as she scored from the slot over Raty’s glove off a pass from Hannah Brandt.

“We’re super excited to be in this position again,” Lamoureux-Davidson said. “We worked four years to put ourselves in position to compete for a gold medal and we’ll enjoy this for a little bit, but we know that this isn’t what we came here for. We’re ready to go to battle in a couple days.”

Women’s College Basketball

Ionescu, Oregon holds off UCLA in overtime

Associated Press

EUGENE — Sabrina Ionescu scored seven of her 23 points in overtime and No. 8 Oregon outlasted No. 10 UCLA 101-94 on Monday night.

Ionescu added 12 assists for the Ducks (25-4, 14-2 Pac-12). Oregon’s 14th conference win matched its best from 1999-2000 when it won the Pac-10 title.

Oregon built a huge first half lead before UCLA rallied while holding the Ducks without a field goal for the final 6:18 of regulation. With the game tied at 90, the Bruins had a chance for the win in regulation, but they missed a layup just before the buzzer.

Ionescu took over in OT. She scored the first four points in the extra session and the Ducks didn’t look back.

Satou Sabally led the Ducks with 25 points on seven 3-pointers, and Maite Cazorla had 24 points and seven assists. Cazorla also hit seven 3-pointers and surpassed 1,000 points for her career.

Ruthy Hebard finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds. She made her first three shots to set an NCAA men’s and women’s record



with 33 consecutive field goals over four games.

Jordin Canada and Monique Billings each scored 26 points and had double-doubles for the Bruins (21-6, 13-3). Canada’s 13 assists gave her 765 for her career, breaking the Pac-12 record of 757 by Stanford’s Sonja Henning in 1988-91.

UCLA shot 55 percent in the first half, including 6 of 11 from 3-point range, and still trailed by 16 because the Ducks couldn’t be stopped. Oregon made 20 of 28 overall and 9 of 13 from the arc to lead 57-41 at half.

BIG PICTURE

Oregon is up by one game on Stanford atop the Pac-12 and by two on UCLA and Oregon State, but the Ducks may still need to sweep their Arizona road trip to avoid sharing their first conference title in 18 years. The Cardinal won the only meeting with Oregon and hold the tiebreaker for the top seed in the Pac-12 tournament.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate				
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL				
Tuesday Pendleton at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.				
Wednesday Joseph at Condon/Wheeler (1A First Round), 5:30 p.m.				
Arlington at Grand View Christian (1A First Round), 5:30 p.m.				
Saturday No. 12 Umatilla at No. 5 Horizon Christian (3A First Round), 4 p.m.				
No. 10 Kennedy at No. 7 Pilot Rock, 4:30 p.m. (2A First Round), 4:30 p.m.				
No. 9 Catlin Gabel at No. 8 Irrigon (3A First Round), 6 p.m.				
No. 16 Stanfield at No. 1 Western Menno-nite (2A First Round), TBD				
No. 5 Nixyaawii vs. TBD (1A Second Round)				
PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Tuesday Pendleton at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.				
Friday No. 13 Weston-McEwen at No. 4 Grant Union (2A First Round), 6 p.m.				
No. 2 Nixyaawii vs. TBD (1A Second Round), TBD				
Saturday No. 9 Central Linn at No. 8 Heppner (2A First Round), 1 p.m.				
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL				
Wednesday EOU at SOU (CCC Tournament), 7 p.m.				
North Idaho at BMCC, 8 p.m.				
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL				
Tuesday Evergreen at EOU (CCC Tournament), 7 p.m.				
Wednesday North Idaho at BMCC, 6 p.m.				
Basketball				
NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	41	16	.719	—

Boston	40	19	.678	2
Philadelphia	30	25	.545	10
New York	23	36	.390	19
Brooklyn	19	40	.322	23
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	33	24	.579	—
Miami	30	28	.517	3½
Charlotte	24	33	.421	9
Orlando	18	39	.316	15
Atlanta	18	41	.305	16
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	34	22	.607	—
Indiana	33	25	.569	2
Milwaukee	32	25	.561	2½
Detroit	28	29	.491	6½
Chicago	20	37	.351	14½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	44	13	.772	—
San Antonio	35	24	.593	10
New Orleans	31	26	.544	13
Memphis	18	38	.321	25½
Dallas	18	40	.310	26½
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	36	25	.590	—
Oklahoma City	33	26	.559	2
Denver	32	26	.552	2½
Portland	32	26	.552	2½
Utah	30	28	.517	4½
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	44	14	.759	—
L.A. Clippers	30	26	.536	13
L.A. Lakers	23	34	.404	20½
Sacramento	18	39	.316	25½
Phoenix	18	41	.305	26½
Sunday				
2018 All-Star Game				
Team LeBron 148, Team Stephen 145				
Monday-Wednesday				
No games scheduled.				
Thursday's Games				
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 4 p.m.				
New York at Orlando, 4 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Chicago, 5 p.m.				

Washington at Cleveland, 5 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 7 p.m.	
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.	
NCAA Men's Top 25	
Monday	
No. 8 Kansas 104, Oklahoma 74	
Tuesday	
Illinois at No. 2 Michigan St. 4 p.m. (ESPN)	
Rutgers at No. 16 Ohio St. 4 p.m.	
No. 18 Rhode Island at LaSalle, 4 p.m.	
No. 21 West Virginia at Baylor, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)	
NCAA Women's Top 25	
Monday	
No. 3 Baylor 93, No. 6 Texas 87	
No. 8 Oregon 101, No. 10 UCLA 94, OT	
No. 19 Georgia 66, Mississippi 52	
No. 20 Duke 79, No. 9 Florida St 66	
No. 22 Green Bay 66, UIC 37	
Tuesday	
No games scheduled.	
Olympics	
Pyeongchang Winter Olympics	
Tuesday TV Schedule	
NBC	
Noon — Biathlon: Mixed Relay Gold Medal Final; Nordic Combined: Men's Individual Large Hill/10km Gold Medal Final	
5 p.m. — Alpine Skiing: Women's Downhill Gold Medal Final (LIVE); Figure Skating: Ladies' Short Program (LIVE); Bobsled; Women's Competition; Snowboarding: Men's Big Air Competition (LIVE)	
9:05 p.m. — Freestyle Skiing: Men's Ski Cross Gold Medal Final; Short Track speed skating: Gold Medal Final	
NBCSN	
2 a.m. — Women's Curling: United States vs. South Korea	
4 a.m. — Ice Hockey: Men's Elimination Round (LIVE)	
6:30 a.m. — Nordic Combined: Men's Individual Large Hill/10km Gold Medal Final; Biathlon: Mixed Relay Gold Medal Final	
9:45 a.m. — Nordic Combined: Men's Individual Large Hill/10km Gold Medal Final; Short Track: Gold Medal Final; Women's	

Curling: United States vs. South Korea				
2 p.m. — Hockey Game of the Day (replay)				
4 p.m. — Olympic Ice; Figure Skating: Ladies' Short Program (LIVE)				
7:35 p.m. — Women's Curling: Canada vs. Great Britain and South Korea vs. Olympic Athletes from Russia				
11:40 p.m. — Ice Hockey: Men's Quarter-final (LIVE)				
USA				
4 a.m. — Ice Hockey: Men's Elimination Round (LIVE)				
11:30 p.m. — Ice Hockey: Women's Bronze Medal Game (LIVE)				
CNBC				
2 p.m. — Men's Curling: United States vs. Switzerland				
7 p.m. — Ice Hockey: Men's Quarterfinal (LIVE)				
Medal Count				
Through 2 of 5 medal events for Feb. 20				
Through 66 of 69 total medal events				
Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Tot
Norway	11	9	8	28
Germany	10	6	4	20
Canada	8	5	6	19
Netherlands	6	5	2	13
United States	5	3	4	12
France	4	4	4	12
Sweden	4	3	0	7
Austria	4	2	4	10
South Korea	3	2	2	7
Japan	2	5	3	10
Switzerland	2	4	1	7
Italy	2	1	3	6
Czech Republic	1	2	3	6
Slovakia	1	2	0	3
Belarus	1	1	0	2
Britain	1	0	3	4
Poland	1	0	1	2
Ukraine	1	0	0	1
China	0	5	2	7
OA Russia	0	3	8	11w
Hockey				
NHL				
Monday's Games				
Minnesota 5, N.Y. Islanders 3				

Washington 3, Buffalo 2
Boston 2, Calgary 1, OT
Nashville 5, Ottawa 2
Los Angeles 3, Chicago 1
Anaheim 2, Vegas 0

Tuesday's Games
Montreal at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 4 p.m.
Columbus at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Florida at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Nashville at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Los Angeles at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Boston at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Colorado at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Auto Racing

NASCAR Cup Series
Daytona 500 Results
Sunday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.5 miles
(Starting position in parentheses)
1. (14) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 207.
2. (7) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 207.
3. (2) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 207.
4. (5) Joey Logano, Ford, 207.
5. (21) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 207.
6. (16) Paul Menard, Ford, 207.
7. (3) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 207.
8. (13) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 207.
9. (22) Michael McDowell, Ford, 207.
10. (20) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 207.
11. (37) Aric Almirola, Ford, 206.
12. (29) Justin Marks, Chevrolet, 206.
13. (18) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 206.
14. (39) David Gilliland, Ford, 206.
15. (10) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 206.
16. (19) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 205.
17. (1) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 205.
18. (24) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 205.
19. (38) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 204.
20. (34) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 204.
21. (27) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 204.
22. (40) Mark Thompson, Ford, 203.
23. (33) William Byron, Chevrolet, 203.
24. (30) DJ Kennington, Toyota, 201.
25. (12) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 200.

26.	(11) Kurt Busch, Ford, Accident, 198.
27.	(36) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, Accident, 198.
28.	(25) Brendan Gaughan, Chevy, Accident, 198.
29.	(9) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, Accident, 197.
30.	(15) David Ragan, Ford, Accident, 107.
31.	(6) Kevin Harvick, Ford, Accident, 105.
32.	(31) Brad Keselowski, Ford, Accident, 102.
33.	(4) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, Accident, 101.
34.	(26) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, Accident, 101.
35.	(28) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, Accident, 101.
36.	(18) Erik Jones, Toyota, Accident, 59.
37.	(17) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, Accident, 59.
38.	(35) Jimmie Johnson, Chevy, Accident, 59.
39.	(23) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, Accident, 59.
40.	(32) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, Engine, 8.
Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 26 Mins, 15 Secs.	
Margin of Victory: 0.260 Seconds.	
Caution Flags: 8 for 37 laps.	
Lead Changes: 24 among 14 drivers.	
Golf	
Genesis Open	
Sunday	
At Riviera Country Club	
Los Angeles	
Purse: \$72 million	
Yardage: 7,322; Par: 71	
Final	
Bubba Watson	68-70-65-69—272 -12
Tony Finau	66-71-68-69—274 -10
Kevin Na	68-70-67-69—274 -10
Patrick Cantlay	66-69-69-71—275 -9
Scott Stallings	71-68-68-68—275 -9
Adam Hadwin	70-74-66-66—276 -8
PJ Mickelson	70-71-67-68—276 -8
Cameron Smith	72-68-65-71—276 -8
Martin Laird	68-73-68-68—277 -7
Ryan Moore	68-68-71-70—277 -7
Xander Schauffele	71-70-68-68—277 -7
Jordan Spieth	71-70-69-67—277 -7
Justin Thomas	69-71-67-70—277 -7
Notables	
Dustin Johnson	74-69-64-73—280 -4
Rory McIlroy	71-69-73-68—281 -3
Matt Kuchar	73-71-69-69—282 -2