



Austin American-Statesman via AP/Ricardo B. Brazziell, File In this Jan. 15, 2019, file photo, Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber announces that Austin will be an expansion franchise for the 2021 season in Austin, Texas.

MLS extends commissioner Garber's contract through 2023

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber's contract has been extended by league owners for five years through 2023. Garber's previous contract expired at the end of 2018. He was hired in August 1999 to succeed Doug Logan, MLS's first commissioner. Garber, 61, spent 15 years with the NFL. He was senior vice president of its international division when he was recruited for MLS by Robert Kraft and Lamar Hunt, owners of teams in both leagues. Garber was inducted into the

U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame last year. Under his leadership, MLS has more than doubled in size from 12 to 27 teams and helped develop a boom in soccer stadium construction in the U.S. and Canada. MLS teams have 20 soccer specific stadiums, up from just the one in Columbus, Ohio, when Garber joined MLS, and Minnesota's Allianz Field opens this year. Additional stadiums are planned for Austin, Texas; Cincinnati; Columbus; Miami; and Nashville, Tennessee. Garber's new deal was announced on Thursday.

Logano and Harvick lead Ford sweeps in Daytona qualifying

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Kevin Harvick and Joey Logano won the Daytona 500 qualifying races in a pair of Ford sweeps that have the new Mustang positioned for a strong showing in "The Great American Race."

Harvick won the first of the 150-mile qualifying races Thursday night that set the field for NASCAR's showcase event. Logano used a last-lap pass for the lead in the second one.

Both Harvick and Logano led podium sweeps for Ford, which this year is racing the Mustang in NASCAR's top series. The qualifying races set the starting lineup for Sunday's season-opening Daytona 500, and Ford drivers locked down the second through fourth rows.

William Byron and Alex Bowman, in Chevrolets for Hendrick Motorsports, swept the top two spots in time trials last week and represent the youngest starting row in Daytona 500 history. Byron is 21 and Bowman is 25.

Harvick's victory was uneventful beyond Jimmie Johnson's involvement in his second wreck of Speedweeks.

Logano, meanwhile, was fourth on the final lap when he pulled out of line to try for the win. The reigning



Kevin Harvick crosses the finish line to win the first of two qualifying auto races for the NASCAR Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway on Thursday in Daytona Beach, Fla.

NASCAR champion got a solid push from Team Penske teammate Ryan Blaney to move to the front and earn his spot alongside Harvick in Sunday's race.

"Cool to see a couple of Mustangs in victory lane already," Logano said. "The big one's still Sunday. It's a confidence builder for everyone."

Logano was followed by Clint Bowyer and Aric Almirola as Mustang drivers went 1-2-3 in both races. Harvick led Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Paul Menard in the first race for the initial Ford sweep.

The tally represents four different teams, with Stewart-Haas Racing flexing its power to put Harvick, Bowyer and Almirola up front in the Daytona 500. Stenhouse represents Roush Fenway

Racing. Logano drives for Roger Penske and Menard for the Wood Brothers.

All have been ordered by Ford leaders to work together and win the Daytona 500.

"Everybody at Ford Performance always makes it well known that they expect us to work together, do everything we can to get a blue oval in victory lane, especially the Mustang now that we're running it," Stenhouse said. "We're getting, I would say, pretty good at it. This is a race that they're all circling every year for us to win."

Toyota has so far been shut out of Speedweeks as Johnson won last weekend's exhibition race in a Hendrick Chevrolet.

The highest-starting Toyota drivers will be Denny

Hamlin and Matt DiBenedetto in the fifth row.

Parker Kligerman earned the transfer spot into the 500 during the first qualifying race, while Brendan Gaughan earned the final slot in the 40-car field.

Joey Gase and Ryan Truex both missed qualifying for their first Daytona 500.

Harvick, meanwhile, wrecked in the first practice of the season at Daytona International Speedway. He was collected the next day in a 16-car crash triggered by Jimmie Johnson in the first race of Speedweeks.

It took his third time out for Harvick to finally get it right.

"We tore up so many of these superspeedway cars, it's just good to finally bring one to victory lane," Harvick said.

Johnson, meanwhile, ended the event facing criticism for another on-track incident.

The seven-time champion went three-wide 25 laps into the race, causing Kyle Busch to spin and bringing out a caution. Johnson sent an apology through his team, but Busch was unforgiving.

"Tell him I don't want to hear it. Tell him to use his eyeballs. That's twice in two races he's done the same thing," Busch said, using expletives to note that Johnson also caused a 16-car accident Sunday.

Dawgs: 'They are anxious to play'

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"If we can't play tomorrow, things will get wild," Hermiston coach Casey Arstein said. "I've heard from Larry (Usher, athletic director) about the six scenarios. We just have to be ready to play when we can."

Weather issues canceled the first game last Friday, then again Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Bulldogs have had regular practices, but Arstein said they are ready to play after being idle for two weeks.

"They have kept a good attitude," he said of his players, "but they are anxious to play."

It will be the third meeting between the Bulldogs and Lions (11-10) this season.

Hermiston (14-6) won the first meeting 72-64, and the second 64-63.

The Bulldogs have had school a couple of days the Lions have not, and have been able to practice. Kennewick has not had a formal practice since last Thursday. "We had a shoot-around last Friday, but that was the last time we were together," Lions coach Bradyn Leyde said. "We are a well-rested group. We have a segment of kids who are in the gym anyway, whether it be at the Southridge Complex or they have a gym membership. I think they have

been getting together, but it makes a difference when you can't be with them. It's a little disheartening."

Kennewick beat North Central in the first round Feb. 5 to advance to play Hermiston in the semifinals.

"It kinda kills the momentum," Leyde said of the delays.

If Friday's game is played, the winner will advance to the championship game against the winner of the Shadle Park-Mt. Spokane game at 4:30 p.m. Saturday at Spokane Arena.

The loser will play Kamiakin in a loser-out game Saturday at a time and location yet to be determined.

Admission prices for Friday, set by the WIAA, are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students.

Hermiston Athletics will cover the admission cost for students who want to attend the game.

3A Girls

Hermiston, which lost a 51-48 game in overtime to North Central on Feb. 5, still awaits its next opponent.

The Bulldogs will play the loser of Friday's Kennewick-Mt. Spokane game Saturday at a time and location yet to be determined.

In Friday's other semifinal, Kamiakin is hosting North Central.

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postponed, unlike their Hood River Valley games.

"Still, I think there's a high likelihood that (Friday's) game could be canceled," Porter said. "And if we get to Monday, we'll have five games to get in by the end of the week, somehow."

The boys have missed out on just one practice over the past week, but are ready to hit the

court again. "When you go six or seven practices without a game, it grinds on them," coach Zach Dong said of his team. "They're ready to get out there and compete."

The Pendleton girls (8-11, 4-1 IMC) and boys (14-5, 4-1) are both still scheduled to face Redmond on Friday night. The boys will stay at home, and the girls will hit the road. Both games are scheduled to tip off at 6:30 p.m.

Huth: 'I want this meet to be my best'

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Natural born swimmer

Before Huth took to swimming, she tried everything — basketball, soccer, baseball — you name it. But nothing seemed to click.

"I tried all the basic sports," she said. "I was just checking them off the list, until I got to swimming."

Huth joined the Pendleton Swim Association when she was 9 years old, and felt right at home. She's been a member ever since.

"I feel like I connect with the water," she said. "I'm naturally drawn towards it."

Her family history could have something to do with that — her uncle Tracy Huth remains the No. 10 swimmer at Oakland University in Michigan for the 1650 freestyle with a 15:53.44 time that he recorded in 1983. He was also a three-time NCAA Division II Swimmer of the Year, and won the 200- and 400-meter individual medleys all four



Pendleton swimmer Landry Huth will compete at the state championships this weekend in the 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke and two relays.

years of his college career. He also coached the women's team from 1987-1997, and was Oakland's athletic director for seven years until he left the position in January 2014.

And Huth carries on that family legacy year-round. When she's not competing with the Bucks, she's work-

ing hard at the PSA — and her career in the pool won't end there.

A bigger splash

This fall, Huth will attend Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, seeking a degree in nursing with minors in Spanish

and kinesiology.

Because the school doesn't have a swim team, Huth plans to join Lewiston's city club team: the Lewis Clark Neptunes, which she hopes to participate in all four years of her time in college.

And after that, Huth wants to start a career as either a pediatric nurse or an athletic trainer for a high school or college.

"Either way, you're going to be working with kids, and I do that really, really well," Huth said. "From the beginning, you need to make sure kids are happy and healthy. I want to be able to help them."

But before all of that, Huth will hit the water as a Buck for one last time in Beaverton on Friday, with finals to follow at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

"This is the biggest meet of my career," she said. "I'm hoping I can drop some time. I want this meet to be my best."

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

Boys Basketball

Nixyaawii at Old Oregon League Districts (at Baker), 2:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Nyssa, 5 p.m.
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 5:30 p.m.
Stanfield vs. Enterprise (at Pendleton Convention Center), 6 p.m.
Pendleton at Redmond, 6:30 p.m.
Echo at Big Sky League Districts (at Madras)
Girls Basketball
Heppner vs. Enterprise (at Pendleton Convention Center), 2:45 p.m.
Echo vs. Ione (at Madras), 6 p.m.
Kennewick at Hermiston, 6 p.m.
Redmond at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Stanfield vs. Union (at Pendleton Convention Center), 7:45 p.m.
Boys Wrestling
Hermiston at Mat Classic XXXI (at Tacoma), 8:30 a.m.
Heppner at Districts (at Halfway), 2 p.m.
Swimming
Pendleton at State Championships (at Beaverton), 1:45 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEB. 16
Boys Basketball
Nixyaawii at Old Oregon League Districts (at Baker), 3 p.m.
Heppner at Blue Mountain Conference Districts (at Pendleton Convention Center), 6 p.m.
Echo at Big Sky Districts (at Madras)
Girls Basketball
Ione at Big Sky Districts (at Madras), noon
Echo at Big Sky Districts (at Madras)
Boys Wrestling
Hermiston at Mat Classic XXXI (at Tacoma), 9:45 a.m.
Irrigoin at Burns, 9 a.m.
Heppner at Districts (at Halfway), 10 a.m.
Swimming
Pendleton at State Championships (at Beaverton), 1 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 18
Boys Basketball
Hood River Valley at Pendleton, 4:30

p.m.

Girls Basketball

Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 3 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	43	16	.729	—
Boston	37	21	.638	5½
Philadelphia	37	21	.638	5½
Brooklyn	30	29	.508	13
New York	11	47	.190	31½
Southeast	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	27	30	.474	—
Miami	26	30	.464	½
Orlando	27	32	.458	1
Washington	24	34	.414	3½
Atlanta	19	39	.328	8½
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	43	14	.754	—
Indiana	38	20	.655	5½
Detroit	26	30	.464	16½
Chicago	14	44	.241	29½
Cleveland	12	46	.207	31½
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	33	24	.579	—
San Antonio	33	26	.559	1
Dallas	26	31	.456	7
New Orleans	26	33	.441	8
Memphis	23	36	.390	11
Northwest	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	39	18	.684	—
Oklahoma City	37	20	.649	2
Portland	34	23	.596	5
Utah	32	25	.561	7
Minnesota	27	30	.474	12
Pacific	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	41	16	.719	—
L.A. Clippers	32	27	.542	10
Sacramento	30	27	.526	11
L.A. Lakers	28	29	.491	13
Phoenix	11	48	.186	31

Thursday's Games

Orlando 127, Charlotte 89
New York 106, Atlanta 91
New Orleans 131, Oklahoma City 122
Friday's Games
Team World vs. Team USA at Charlotte, N.C., 6 p.m.

Saturday's Games

No games scheduled.							
Sunday's Games							
2019 NBA All-Star Game							
Team LeBron West vs. Team Giannis East at Charlotte, N.C., 5 p.m.							
Monday's Games							
No games scheduled.							
Tuesday's Games							
No games scheduled.							
Wednesday, Feb. 20							
No games scheduled.							
Thursday, Feb. 21							
Miami at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.							
Phoenix at Cleveland, 4 p.m.							
Portland at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.							
Boston at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.							
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.							
Sacramento at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.							
NHL							
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	58	43	11	4	90	229	159
Toronto	56	35	18	3	73	200	159
Boston	57	32	17	8	72	168	148
Montreal	57	31	19	7	69	173	165
Buffalo	56	28	21	7	63	165	171
Florida	56	24	24	8	56	171	194
Detroit	58	23	28	7	53	162	190
Ottawa	57	21	31	5	47	175	208
Metropolitan	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	57	34	17	6	74	164	136
Washington	57	31	19	7	69	192	183
Columbus	56	32	21	3	67	180	170
Pittsburgh	57	30	20	7	67	196	174
Carolina	57	29	22	6	64	167	164
Philadelphia	57	26	24	7	59	167	190
N.Y. Rangers	56	24	24	8	56	159	186
New Jersey	57	21	28	8	50	164	199
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	58	36	19	3	75	199	167
Nashville	60	34	21	5	73	185	155
St. Louis	56	29	22	5	63	167	162
Dallas	57	29	23	5	63	145	146
Minnesota	57	27	25	5	59	160	167
Colorado	57	23	23	11	57	186	189
Chicago	58	24	25	9	57	190	211
Pacific	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	57	34	16	7	75	210	177

Calgary	57	34	16	7	75	207	170
Vegas	58	31	23	4	66	172	162
Vancouver	58	25	26	7	57	164	182
Arizona	57	25	27	5	55	150	167
Edmonton	56	24	27	5	53	160	187
Anaheim	57	22	26	9	53	128	182
Los Angeles	56	23	28	5	51	136	171
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.							
Wednesday's Games							
Pittsburgh 3, Edmonton 1							
Anaheim 1, Vancouver 0							
Thursday's Games							
N.Y. Islanders 3, Columbus 0							
Florida 3, Calgary 2, SO							
Detroit 3, Ottawa 2							
Tampa Bay 6, Dallas 0							
Colorado 4, Winnipeg 1							
Nashville 3, Montreal 1							
Chicago 5, New Jersey 2							
St. Louis 4, Arizona 0							
Toronto at Vegas, 7 p.m.							
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.							
Washington at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.							
Friday's Games							
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 4 p.m.							
Edmonton at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.							