### **ON THE AIR**

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SOCCER	Time	τν
UEFA European Championship, Ukraine vs. Austria	8:30 a.m.	ESPN
UEFA European Championship,		
North Macedonia vs. Netherlands	8:30 a.m.	ESPN2
UEFA European Championship, Russia vs. Denmark	11:30 a.m.	ESPN
UEFA European Championship, Finland vs. Belgium	11:30 a.m.	ESPN2
Copa America, Uruguay vs. Chile	2 p.m.	FS1
Copa America, Argentina vs. Paraguay	5 p.m.	FS1
BASEBALL		
College World Series, Stanford vs. Arizona	11 a.m.	ESPNU
MLB, Atlanta at N.Y. Mets	2 p.m.	MLB
College World Series, NC State vs. Vanderbilt	4 p.m.	ESPN
MLB, Houston at Baltimore	4:30 p.m.	MLB
MLB, L.A. Dodgers at San Diego	7 p.m.	ESPN
OLYMPICS		
U.S. Olympic Trials, Track and Field	4 p.m.	NBCSN
U.S. Olympic Trials, Track and Field	5 p.m.	NBC
HOCKEY		
NHL playoffs, N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay	5 p.m.	NBCSN
TUESDAY		
BASEBALL		
MLB, Cincinnati at Minnesota	10 a.m.	MLB
College World Series, Game 7	11 a.m.	ESPNU
College World Series, Game 8	4 p.m.	ESPN2
MLB, regional coverage	7 p.m.	MLB
MLB, Colorado at Seattle	7 p.m.	Root
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UEFA European Championship,		
Czech Republic vs. England	11:30 a.m.	ESPN
UEFA European Championship, Croatia vs. Scotlanc	l 11:30 a.m.	ESPN2
BASKETBALL		
NBA playoffs, L.A. Clippers at Phoenix	6 p.m.	ESPN
HOCKEY		
NHL playoffs, Montreal at Vegas	6 p.m.	NBCSN
Listings are the most accurate available.		

## Swimming

#### **Continued from A5**

Swimming worked out just fine for Jones, who will gladly show off his four Olympic medals — two of them gold - and three other medals he earned at the world championships during his long career.

Sadly, not nearly enough swimmers of color have followed Jones' path, which stifles the sport's ability to expand beyond the perception that it's largely confined, at least in America, to wealthy, predominately white suburbs.

At the Olympic trials, where hundreds are competing for a trip to the Tokyo Games, it's impossible to ignore that hardly anyone of color is diving in.

There are a few high-profile exceptions - notably Simone Manuel, who in Rio de Janeiro became the first Black woman to win an individual gold medal in swimming, and 18-year-old Torri Huske, whose mother is Chinese —

all of us, but a way to convince young kids of any place, of any color, any shape, any size, any ethnicity, to know that swimming can be your sport."

Over the next seven years, USA Swimming plans to divert funding that goes toward learn-to-swim programs into local clubs that are making strides to diversity the sport, such as the Chicago Park District swim team and the DeKalb Aquatics Tiger Sharks near Atlanta. The goal, according to Hinchey, is to have those two initiatives on equal financial footing by 2028.

'If we can open this up to more people, we're a sport that would love to have more people in it," he said. "That's kind of our focus going forward."

Another potentially important development occurred at the pool in the wake of Floyd's killing by a Minneapolis police officer.

Jones, Manuel and other Black swimmers, such as Lia Neal, who recently retired after winning two Olympic medals during her competitive career,

# SCOREBOARD

#### **ON DECK**

**Prep sports** TUESDAY Boys basketball: Mountain View at South Eugene, 6 p.m.; La Pine at Sisters, 7 p.m.

> **NBA playoffs** SECOND ROUND (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Sunday's Game

Atlanta 103, Phila, 96, Atlanta wins series 4-3 **CONFERENCE FINALS** 

#### (Best-of-7: x-if necessary)

Eastern Conference June 23: PHI/ATL vs. Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m June 25: PHI/ATL vs. Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. June 27: PHI/ATL vs. Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. June 29: PHI/ATL vs. Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. x-July 1. PHI/ATL vs Milwaukee 5:30 nm x-July 3: PHI/ATL vs. Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. x-July 3: PHI/ATL vs. Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. x-July 5: PHI/ATL vs. Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. Western Conference Phoenix 1, L.A. Clippers 0 June 20: Phoenix 120, L.A. Clippers 114 June 22: L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 6 p.m. June 24: Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 6 p.m. June 26: Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 6 p.m. x-June 28: L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 6 p.m. x-June 30: Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 6 p.m. x-July 2: L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 6 p.m.

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No games scheduled.			
Tuesday's Games			
Chicago at New York, 4 p.m.			
Dallas at Connecticut, 4 p.m.			
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#### HOCKEY

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#### **MOTOR SPORTS**

**NASCAR Cup Series** Ally 400 Results 
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 Sunday

 At Nashville Superspeedway

 Lebanon, Tenn.

 Lap length: 1.33 miles

 (Start position in parentheses)

 1. (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 300 laps, 59 points.

 2. (19) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 300, 365, 59 points.

 3. (4) William Byron, Chevrolet, 300, 41.

 4. (1) Aric Almirola, Ford, 300, 34.

 6. (14) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Chevrolet, 300, 40.

 7. (22) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 300, 40.

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 9. (25) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 300, 39.

 11. (2) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 300, 39.

 12. (28) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 300, 40.

 13. (29) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 300, 40.

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 16. (23) Michael McDowell, Ford, 300, 21.

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 18. (26) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 300, 19.

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20. (7) Cole Custer, Ford, 252, 7.
21. (16) Chase Briscoe, Ford, accident, 227, 14.
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23. (33) Chad Finchum, Toyota, garage, 157, 0.
24. (38) David Starr, Toyota, brakes, 126, 0.
25. (27) Lustin Haley, Chevrolet, accident, 79, 0.
26. (17) Chris Buescher, Ford, accident, 77, 1.
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15. C.Buescher, 392; 16. M.McDowell, 376. NASCAR Driver Rating Formula A maximum of 150 points can be attained in a race. The formula combines the following categories: Wins Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Speed Under Green, Fast-ett an Led Mostl and Land Lap Einishe.

out not nearly enough, despite USA Swimming's efforts to diversify its pool of athletes.

In recent years, the governing body has devoted much of its attention to the "Make a Splash" initiative, which provides opportunities for more children, especially those in underserved communities, to learn how to swim. But Tim Hinchey, president and CEO of USA Swimming, acknowledged that the racial unrest in the wake of George Floyd's death brought to light that more needed to be done.

It's not enough to teach Black kids to swim, though that's a significant achievement that will serve them for the rest of their lives. Hinchey wants to make sure more kids of color view swimming as a potential avenue to college scholarships and athletic success at the highest levels.

Even the Olympics. "We've realized that we're missing a piece," Hinchey said, which is "finding ways to make swimming not just something that saves your life and something that's a sport for life, which is important to

joined together to form Team BLAC, the Black Leadership in Aquatics Coalition.

The burden of being a Black person in America, not to mention a Black swimmer, can take its toll.

After Manuel failed to make the U.S. team in the 100-meter freestyle Thursday night — which means she won't get a chance to defend the historic gold medal she won in Rio — she revealed that she had been diagnosed with overtraining syndrome.

"I do think that being a Black person in America played a part in it," sad Manuel, who still has a shot to make the team in the 50 free. "This last year for the Black community has been brutal, and I can't say that wasn't something that I saw. It's not something I can ignore. It was just another factor that can influence you mentally in a draining way."

Now retired, Jones remains dedicated to breaking down the cultural stigmas that keep Black Americans from embracing the pool.

Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m.

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## **Blazers**

#### **Continued from A5**

When it was down, it would block the release of fluid, and it ended up building up the fluid and pushing my brain onto my brainstem, causing me to have the stroke in the visual part of my brain."

He's lucky to be alive.

Anliker's friends mostly stopped calling him to hang out after his stroke. The school he used to work for allowed him to come in as a volunteer and work with third and fourth graders who read to him. Also, he moved back into his parents' house. His father takes him to the gym during the week, he goes to softball games and he loves his Mariners and Trail Blazers.

Anliker said: "I try my best. It's not always easy. I miss out on a lot of things now."

Kent was thrown into the fray as the NBA team's lead television broadcaster during the pandemic. Calabro didn't want to call the games and "retired." The growth curve was steep. It's a tough gig and broadcasting from a remote studio with no fan energy adds a degree of difficulty. But Kent, with his wife and two young children at home, mustered some energy and poured himself into the job.

Like Anliker, Jordan Kent tried his best.

Was it rough? Sure. But so was the world in the last year.

Kent, one of the nicest people you'd ever meet, was improving. I ran into him last month in a coffee shop and told him how far I thought hed come. Kent had developed improved rapport with analyst Lamar Hurd. He sounded relaxed. The first-time pro sports play-by-play guy didn't have the luxury of a pile of reps in the minor leagues. Kent was thrown into the spotlight with a demanding fan base watching.

There were some cringe-worthy moments. His catch phrases sometimes sounded contrived. Kent

once declared Damian Lillard "cooler than a polar bear's toenails," for example. Kent wasn't as polished as Calabro, who had a booming voice and decades of experience calling national games. But the Blazers looked like a franchise that valued Kent's homegrown connection to the audience.

That organization fired Kent in the past week. There was no official announcement on the return of Calabro. A source inside the organization tells me the broadcaster saw fans return to the building and wants his old job back. A contract has not been signed but the Blazers appear poised to give it to him.

The NBA organization is moving its broadcasts to Root Sports NW next season. Calabro lives in the heart of the footprint of the Seattle-based regional sports network. An executive producer with Root is one of Calabro's old producers on those long-ago Sonics broadcasts. It's a reunion in the Emerald City and longtime Seattle sports fans celebrated the news. Anliker hates it.

"Seeing what's going on during the game isn't always easy for me," he said. "I can't always tell who has the ball or shot the ball or even what happened on the play. When Kevin Calabro started calling the games, I'd listen to the game on the radio because I feel like I'd miss a lot of what was happening on the court."

Calabro likes to tell stories. The basketball sometimes becomes secondary.

Anliker also noted that Calabro sometimes got the players' names wrong. Also, there were moments on the court where the action just didn't fit the broadcast. Those who watched the games alongside Anliker would stop, lean over and correct Calabro.

"Just frustrating for me," Anliker said. "I feel like not enough people realize how important the call of the game is to some people and fans. And that's why I'm sad that KC is coming back."

## Rahm

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Sunday made up for it. His parents were at Torrey Pines to witness a world-class performance capped off by one of the great finishes in U.S. Open history.

"It had to happen in a beautiful setting like this," Rahm said. "Three generations of Rahms on this green. One of them doesn't know what's going on."

For so much of the back nine, it was utter chaos with blunders that can define a U.S. Open.

DeChambeau, trying to become only the fourth player since World War II to win back-to-back in the U.S. Open, took the lead with an 8-iron that stopped inches away from a hole-inone on the par-3 eighth. He had gone 30 consecutive holes without a bogey.

And then his lack of accuracy off the tee cost him. A bogey on No. 11. A bogev from deep rough on No. 12. And then on the par-5 13th, De-Chambeau went from deep rough to deep rough to bunker, blasting out of the sand over the green next to a beer box, making double bogey.

He took a quadruple-bogey 8 on the 17th hole with a shot in the canyon and a shank. He shot 44 on the back nine for a 77.

"I didn't get off the rails at all. It's golf," DeChambeau said. "I've had plenty of times where I hit it way worse than today and I won. It's just one of those things where I didn't have the right breaks happen at the right time."

Mackenzie Hughes, one shot behind going to the back nine, had his tee shot on the par-3 11th bounce off a cart path and get stuck in a tree, leading to a double bogey that ended his chances. Former PGA champion Collin Morikawa chopped his way down the 13th for double bogey that took him from one shot behind to out of the mix.

Rory McIlroy wasn't immune, either. With a chance to end his seven-year drought in the majors, McIlroy made a careless three-putt for bogey on the 11th when he was one shot behind, and then caught a bad lie in the bunker that led to double bogey on No. 12.

Of the contenders, Rahm was the only player who didn't drop a shot on the back nine.

Harris English finished with two birdies for a 68 to finish at 3-under 281, giving him third place.

Brooks Koepka got within one shot of the lead — it was so close that 10 players were separated by one shot during one point in the final round until he made a pair of bogeys coming in for a 69. He tied for fourth with Morikawa (70) and Guido Migliozzi, who shot 68 in his major debut.

Rahm becomes the second player this year to capture his first major, joining with Hideki Matsuyama at the Masters.

What a perfect time, a first-time dad winning on Father's Day, two weeks after a chance to win was taken away by COVID-19.

What a perfect place — La Jolla, which reminds him of his home in the Basque region of Spain, the site of his first PGA Tour victory, where he proposed to his wife.

"I'm a big believer in karma, and after what happened a couple weeks ago, I stayed really positive knowing good things were coming," Rahm said. "I didn't know what it was going to be, but I knew we were coming to a special place.

"I just felt like the stars were aligning, and I knew my best golf was to come."