

MLB

Mariners ejection
1st under new rule

Seattle Mariners pitcher Hector Santiago became the first player to be ejected as part of Major League Baseball's new foreign substance protocols when he was thrown out of Sunday's game against the Chicago White Sox.

Santiago was checked by the umpires as he exited in the fifth inning. His glove was confiscated, and it was later announced that Santiago had been ejected.

Santiago was charged with one run and three hits in 2 1/3 innings in the resumption of Saturday's game, which was postponed by rain.

Major league umpires last week started regular checks of all pitchers for sticky substances used to get a better grip on the balls, but can also increase the spin of the balls and make hitting them more difficult.

Santiago could be suspended for 10 games, but there is an appeals process.

The Mariners won 3-2.

—Associated Press

GYMNASTICS

Biles, Lee lock up
Olympic spots

Simone Biles' Olympic encore is finally here.

The reigning world and Olympic gymnastics champion locked up her spot in Tokyo by easily winning the U.S. Olympic Trials on Sunday night. The 24-year-old's two-day total of 118.098 earned her one of two automatic spots on the plane to Japan next month, where she will try to become the first female gymnast in more than 50 years to win consecutive all-around Olympic golds.

Sunisa Lee also grabbed the other automatic bid with a 115.832 while posting the top scores on beam and uneven bars and actually putting up a higher all-around score than Biles on the night.

Jordan Chiles — who hasn't fallen in 24 routines in 2021, something even Biles can't say — is also heading to Tokyo two years after it appeared her elite career might be in jeopardy.

Grace McCallum rounds out the four-woman team after coming in fourth during trials.

MyKayla Skinner, an alternate in 2016, will go as a specialist. The 24-year-old will be a threat to medal on vault.

Kayla DiCello, Kara Eaker, Leanne Wong and Emma Malabuyo will serve as the alternates.

Biles' teammates will have a front-row spot to what promises to be one of the biggest spectacles in the Games.

Biles will arrive in Tokyo as the face of her sport, U.S. delegation and perhaps the Olympic movement. She's become more than just a gymnastics star since her coronation in Rio in 2016. Her consistent excellence — her last second-place finish in a meet came more than nine years ago — combined with her charisma and her possibility-pushing routines have thrust her into the company of Michael Phelps and Usain Bolt, athletes whose dominance on the world stage have made them Olympic icons.

Lee will be the first Hmong American at the Olympics.

—Associated Press



Ashley Landis/AP

Heat waves come off the track as Annie Kunz walks to the heptathlon long jump at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene earlier Sunday.

TOO HOT FOR TRACK

Olympic trials halted midafternoon in Eugene

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EUGENE — The U.S. track and field trials came to a halt Sunday afternoon with temperatures reaching at least 108 degrees. One athlete, heptathlete Taliyah Brooks, was carted off the field in a wheelchair and eventually had to withdraw from the competition.

Fans were filing into the stadium for the headline races of the final day of Olympic qualifying when, at around 3 p.m., the track announcer came onto the PA system and said action was being suspended due to extreme heat. He asked all spectators to evacuate.

A USA Track and Field official told NBC that temperatures on the surface of the track exceeded 150 degrees.

Brooks had been in fourth place after five of the seven heptathlon events. She was taken out on a wheelchair during warmups for the sixth event, the javelin. She was listed as a "DNS" — did not start — but hours later, USA Track and



Charlie Riedel/AP

Taliyah Brooks is helped off the track after collapsing during the heptathlon. Events were suspended due to high temperatures. Brooks' agent later said she was OK.

Field said she had been granted a request to re-enter the javelin competition. But when the time came for the throws, she did not appear, and USATF said she had withdrawn from the meet.

The meet resumed in the evening, with the temperature reading 99 degrees. Among those waiting deep into the night to try to secure spots in the Olympics were Noah Lyles in the men's 200, and

Dalilah Muhammad and Sydney McLaughlin, who were set to face off in the women's 400 hurdles.

Earlier, JuVaughn Harrison won the high jump, contested under cloudless conditions in 105-degree temperatures. Harrison was also entered in the long jump, which kicked off the evening's action.

With the humidity, Eugene felt like 113 in midafternoon. Third-place high jump finisher Shelby McEwen called the heat "mind blowing."

"It's crazy. I wasn't expecting it to be this humid," he said. "We just had to be mentally locked in, mentally prep ourselves for it, stay hydrated and go out and get the job done."

The men's 5,000 took place at 10 a.m. in a nod to the forecast, which since early last week had predicted triple-digits over the weekend. In temperatures reaching 90 degrees on the track, Paul Chelimo fended off a pair of runners for a 0.19-second victory.

"Honestly," Chelimo said, "I wanted it a bit hotter."

GOLF | KPMG WOMEN'S PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Whoa, Nelly! A major title for Korda and No. 1 ranking

BY DOUG FERGUSON

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JOHNS CREEK, Ga. — First came the tears when Nelly Korda hugged her older sister and didn't want to let go. That was followed by the spray of champagne on the 18th green to celebrate a day that will be hard for her to top even at age 22.

With one round, she became a major champion for the first time and reached No. 1 in the world.

"Is this week even real?"

Korda said. "It's amazing."

Just like her performance Sunday in the KPMG Women's PGA Championship.

Korda powered her way to a pair of eagles that wore down Lizette Salas at Atlanta Athletic Club and put an American atop the world ranking for the first time in seven years.



John Bazemore/AP

Nelly Korda kisses the trophy after winning the KPMG Women's PGA Championship golf tournament Sunday in Johns Creek, Georgia.

Korda nearly holed out with a 7-wood from 243 yards for a tap-in eagle. She seized control by using her length from that atop the world ranking for the first time in seven years.

that narrowly cleared the water and set up an 8-foot eagle putt.

The final stroke was a 15-foot par putt for a 4-under 68 and a three-shot victory over Salas.

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HOCKEY | STANLEY CUP PREVIEW

Canadiens, Lightning in Cup Final: It's NHL royalty vs. Hockey Bay

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TAMPA, Fla. — Brian Engblom sat in the lower bowl at Amalie Arena with the Tampa Bay Lightning's two Stanley Cup banners to his right and the team looking to add a third skating on the ice in front of him.

Reflecting on his days playing for the Canadiens and winning the Stanley Cup in the late 1970s, Tampa Bay's TV analyst sees the makings of the Lightning growing a championship culture just as Montreal has for nearly a century.

"They already have," Engblom said Sunday. "You're supposed to win it all, and creating that kind of environment

is difficult and takes time, but they're already there."

The Lightning face the Canadiens in the Stanley Cup Final starting Monday, a series pitting the defending champions against the NHL's most decorated franchise. Tampa Bay is going for a third title since beginning play in 1993, the last year the Canadiens — or any team from Canada — won the Cup, making this a matchup of old-school winners against a modern-hockey model of success.

"A lot of people need to do a lot of good work in order to build a good organization," said Lightning general manager Julien BriseBois, who cut his teeth with the Canadiens.

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