MONDAY

WATER SPORTS	Time	TV
		TV
World Surf League, Corona Open Mexico	6 a.m.	FS2
HORSE RACING		
America's Day at the Races	10 a.m.	FS2
TENNIS		
Wimbledon	11 a.m.	ESPN2
WTA, Hamburg European Open	4 a.m. (Tue)	Tennis
BASEBALL		
MLB, Chicago White Sox at Minnesota	4 p.m.	ESPN
MLB, Boston at L.A. Angels	7 p.m.	ESPN
SOCCER		
Copa America semifinal, Brazil vs. Peru	4 p.m.	FS1
HOCKEY		
Stanley Cup Final, Tampa Bay at Montreal	5 p.m.	NBC
CYCLING		
Tour de France, Stage 10	4:30 a.m. (Tue)	NBCSN
TUESDAY		

TUESDAY		
TENNIS		
Wimbledon, Ladies' Quarterfinals	5 a.m.	ESPN, ESPN2
WTA, Hamburg European Open	2 a.m. (We	d) Tennis
WTA, Hamburg European Open	3 a.m. (We	d) Tennis
WATER SPORTS		
World Surf League, Corona Open Mexico	6 a.m.	FS2
SOCCER		
CONCACAF Gold Cup, Second Round	1:30 p.m.	FS2
CONCACAF Gold Cup, Second Round	4 p.m.	FS2
Copa America semifinal, Colombia vs. Argentina	6 p.m.	FS1
CONCACAF Gold Cup, Second Round	6:30 p.m.	FS2
BASKETBALL		
NBA Finals, Milwaukee at Phoenix	6 p.m.	ABC
BASEBALL		
MLB, N.Y. Yankees at Seattle	7 p.m.	ESPN, Root
CYCLING		
Tour de France, Stage 11	3:30 a.m. (\	<i>N</i> ed) NBCSN

Listings are the most accurate available.

SPORTS BRIEFING

MLB

Mariners continue surge, beat Rangers 4-1 — While it's Yusei Kikuchi heading to the All-Star Game, no member of the Seattle Mariners' starting rotation has provided a bigger boost this season than Chris Flexen. And when Flexen is pitching in his home park, good luck solving the tall righthander. "You know he's going to give you a chance to win the game, is going to keep you in the ballgame," Seattle manager Scott Servais said. "I'm really impressed with how he continues to develop." Flexen added to his impressive first season in Seattle by allowing one run in six innings, Luis Torrens homered for the seventh time in his past 13 games and the Mariners beat the Texas Rangers 4-1 on Sunday. Seattle extended its recent surge, winning its fifth straight series of longer than two games, and has won 11 of 15 overall. Seattle begins a three-game series Tuesday with the New York Yankees.

BASKETBALL

Luka Doncic rallies Slovenia into Olympics — Olympic qualifying is underway, and if you're wondering why Team ÛSA hasn't been in the headlines, it's because they've already handled business. But Dallas Mavericks star Luka Doncic and Slovenia are headed to the Olympics for the first time, after winning 96-85 at Lithuania on Sunday. Doncic — the MVP of the tournament in Lithuania — was simply brilliant: 31 points, 11 rebounds and 13 assists, the first triple-double by any player in any of the four Olympic qualifying tournaments that were played in the past week to determine the last four teams in the Olympic field. "I don't care about the MVP," Doncic said. "We won here. We're going to the Olympics, the first time in our country. It's amazing." Also Sunday: Canada's national team, with a roster coached by the Toronto Raptors' Nick Nurse and headlined by 10 NBA players, dug themselves a 13-point hole and ultimately lost in the semifinals, 103-101, to a Czech Republic national team with only one NBA player, Tomas Satoransky. Team USA already solidified their spot in Tokyo.

— Bulletin wire reports

Tour

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"Just to be taking part on the Tour de France in the first place is a dream. Then to achieve a victory like this one is excellent, a great reward to everyone who has supported me over the years," O'Connor said. "It's been a wild ride."

O'Connor finished more than five minutes ahead of Mattia Cattaneo and Sonny Colbrelli. Pogacar responded

to a late attack by Richard Carapaz to defend his overall lead by finishing sixth, just over six

minutes behind O'Connor. Roglic crashed badly during Monday's third stage in the western Brittany region and had been struggling since. The Jumbo-Visma team said the Slovenian rider would focus on new goals.

'It's just too much for my body at the moment and yeah, I cannot race," the 31-year-old said.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

NBA FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Tuesday: Milwaukee at Phoenix, 6 p.m. Thursday: Milwaukee at Phoenix, 6 p.m. Sunday, July 11: Phoenix at Milwaukee, 5 p.m Wednesday, July 14: Phoenix at Milwaukee, 6 p.m. x-Saturday, July 17: Milwaukee at Phoenix, 6 p.m. x-Tuesday, July 20: Phoenix at Milwaukee, 6 p.m. x-Thursday, July 22: Milwaukee at Phoenix, 6 p.m

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	W	L	Pct	GB				
Connecticut	12	6	.667	_				
Chicago	10	9	.526	21/2				
New York	9	9	.500	3				
Washington	7	10	.412	41/2				
Atlanta	6	10	.375	5				
Indiana	2	16	.111	10				
١	WESTERN CONFERENCE							
	W	L	Pct	GB				
Las Vegas	13	4	.765	_				
Seattle	13	4	.765	_				
Minnesota	8	7	.533	4				

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.467

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Phoenix Saturday's Late Games Minnesota at Phoenix, late Sunday's Games Atlanta at Las Vegas, 3 p.m. Seattle at Los Angeles, 6 p.m Dallas at New York, 4 p.m.

Dallas

BASEBALL

Tuesday's Games

	MI	.B		
	AMERICAN	LEAGU	E	
	East Di	vision		
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	53	32	.624	_
Tampa Bay	48	36	.571	41/2
Toronto	43	39	.524	81/2
New York	42	41	.506	10
Baltimore	27	57	.321	251/2
	Central I	Division		
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	49	34	.590	_
Cleveland	42	39	.519	6
Detroit	38	46	.452	111/2
Kansas City	35	48	.422	14
Minnesota	34	48	.415	141/2
	West D	ivision		
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	52	33	.612	_
Oakland	49	37	.570	31/2
Seattle	45	40	.529	7
Los Angeles	42	41	.506	9
Texas	33	51	.393	181/2
S	aturday's L	ate Gam.	es	
Oakland 7, Bosto	n 6. 12 inni	nas		

Sunday's Games Tampa Bay 5, Toronto 1 Houston 4, Cleveland 3, 10 innings Detroit 6, Chicago White Sox 5 Minnesota 6, Kansas City 2 N.Y. Mets 10, N.Y. Yankees 5, 7 innings, 1st game Seattle 4, Texas 1 Boston 1, Oakland 0 L.A. Angels 6, Baltimore 5 N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 2, 7 innings, 2nd game

Monday's Games Chicago White Sox (Cease 7-3) at Minnesota (Ober 0-1), Cleveland (Allen 1-5) at Tampa Bay (Hill 6-3), 4:10 p.m. Detroit (Peralta 1-1) at Texas (Allard 2-4), 5:05 p.m. Cincinnati (Gutierrez 3-3) at Kansas City (Minor 6-6),

Boston (Pérez 6-4)	at L.A. Ang	gels (Suar	ez 3-1), 6:3	88 p.m.
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	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	43	37	.538	_
Atlanta	41	42	.494	31/2
Washington	40	42	.488	4
Philadelphia	39	42	.481	41/2
Miami	35	47	.427	9
	Central D			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	51	34	.600	_
Cincinnati	43	40	.518	7
Chicago	42	42	.500	81/2
St. Louis	41	44	.482	10
Pittsburgh	30	53	.361	20
	West Di			
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	52	30	.634	_
Los Angeles	53	31	.631	_
San Diego	50	36	.581	4
Colorado	37	48	.435	161/2
Arizona	23	62	.271	301/2
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L.A. Dodgers 5, Wa Colorado 3, St. Lou		3		

San Francisco 6, Arizona 5 Sunday's Games

L.A. Dodgers 5, Washington 1 Pittsburgh 2, Milwaukee 0 Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 2 San Diego 11, Philadelphia 1 N.Y. Mets 10, N.Y. Yankees 5, 7 innings, 1st game Atlanta 8, Miami 7, 10 innings Colorado 3, St. Louis 2 N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 2, 7 innings, 2nd game

San Francisco at Arizona, 6:10 p.m.

Monday's Games St. Louis (Kim 2-5) at San Francisco (Gausman 8-2), 3:05 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 8-1) at Miami (Rogers 7-5), 3:40 p.m. Atlanta (Fried 5-4) at Pittsburgh (De Jong 0-3), 4:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Woodruff 7-3) at N.Y. Mets (Megill 0-0),

4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Moore 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Davies 5-5), Cincinnati (Gutierrez 3-3) at Kansas City (Minor 6-6), Washington (Lester 2-3) at San Diego (Musgrove 5-6),

HOCKEY

NHL playoffs FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Tampa Bay 3, Montreal 0 nday: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 5 p.m. x-Wednesday,: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m x-Friday: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 5 p.m. x-Sunday, July 11: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

Eastern Conference						
	W	L	Т	Pts	GF	GΑ
New England	7	2	3	24	20	15
Orlando City	6	2	3	21	19	9
Phila.	5	3	4	19	15	11
Nashville	4	1	6	18	14	11
NY City FC	5	3	2	17	18	11
D.C. United	5	6	1	16	17	14
New York	5	5	1	16	16	14
CF Montréal	4	3	4	16	12	10
Columbus	4	3	4	16	11	9
Atlanta	2	3 5	6	12	11	13
Cincinnati	3		2	11	10	18
Chicago	2	7	2	8	10	17
Inter Miami CF	2	7	2	8	9	17
Toronto FC	1	8	2	5	13	27
We	stern			-		
	W	L	Т	Pts	GF	GΑ
Seattle	7	0	5	26	21	8
Sporting KC	7	3	2	23	22	15
LA Galaxy	7	3	0	21	17	15
Colorado	5	3		17	16	12
Colorado LA FC	5	3 4	2	17 15	16 13	12 12
Colorado LA FC Minnesota United	5 4 4	3 4 4	2 3 3	17 15 15	16 13 12	12 12 14
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Sunday's Games Vancouver 2, FC Dallas 2, tie Seattle 1, Colorado 1, tie Sporting KC at LA Galaxy, 7:30 p.m.

NWSL							
	W	L	Т	Pts	GF	GA	
North Carolina	5	2	1	16	14	4	
Orlando	4	2	3	15	12	10	
Portland	5	3	0	15	14	6	
Houston	4	3	1	13	10	8	
Gotham FC	3	1	3	12	7	3	
Washington	3	2	3	12	8	8	
Chicago	3	4	2	11	6	13	
Louisville	3	4	1	10	6	12	
Reign FC	2	5	1	7	5	10	
Kansas City	0	6	3	3	5	13	
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.							
Sunday's Game							
North Carolina 2, Orlando 0							

TENNIS

Wimbledon Men's Singles Third Round

Hubert Hurkacz (14), Poland, def. Alexander Bublik, Kazakhstan, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Matteo Berrettini (7), Italy, def. Aljaz Bedene, Slovenia Lorenzo Sonego (23), Italy, def. James Duckworth, Australia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. Ilya Ivashka, Belarus, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Felix Auger-Aliassime (16), Canada, def. Nick Kyrgios, Australia, 2-6, 6-1, 0-0, ret.

Alexander Zverev (4), Germany, def. Taylor Fritz (31), United States, 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (4). Roger Federer (6), Switzerland, def. Cameron Norrie (29), Britain, 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4, Daniil Medvedev (2), Russia, def. Marin Cilic (32), Croatia, 6-7 (3), 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's Singles Third Round

Angelique Kerber (25), Germany, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 2-6, 6-0, 6-1. Karolina Muchova (19), Czech Republic, def. Anastasia Pavlvuchenkova (16), Russia, 7-5, 6-3. Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, def. Jelena Ostapenko, Latvia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Emma Raducanu, Britain, def Sorana Cirstea, Romania

Coco Gauff (20), United States, def. Kaja Juvan, Slovenia,

Paula Badosa (30), Spain, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4. Barbora Krejcikova (14), Czech Republic, def. Anastasija Sevastova, Latvia, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 7-5. Ashleigh Barty (1), Australia, def. Katerina Siniakova,

Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5.

GOLF

PGA Tour Rocket Mortgage Classic Scores **Sunday** x-Cam Davis (500), \$1,350,000 68-68-67-67—270

Troy Merritt (245), \$667,500 67-68-67-68—270 Joaquin Niemann (245), \$667,500 65-69-68-68—270 Alex Noren (123), \$337,500 70-70-67-64-271 Hank Lebioda (123), \$337,500 67-70-66-68—271 Bubba Watson (95), \$262,500 68-73-67-64—272 Brandon Hagy (95), \$262,500 65-71-68-68—272 Mark Anderson (78), \$211,875 70-70-67-66—273 Sungjae Im (78), \$211,875 69-68-69-67—273 Seamus Power (78), \$211,875 66-71-69-67—273 Kevin Kisner (78), \$211,875 67-69-69-68—273 Chris Kirk (63), \$166,875 67-68-70-69—274 Jason Kokrak (63), \$166,875 69-69-67-69-274 Jason Day (51), \$121,875 67-73-69-66—275 Cameron Tringale (51), \$121,875 71-70-68-66—275 Canieron Imigaie of 17, 3721,975 67-71-70-67—275 Fabián Gómez (51), \$121,875 67-71-70-67—275 Keegan Bradley (51), \$121,875 71-68-68-68—275 Mackenzie Hughes (51), \$121,875 71-69-67-68—275 Kevin Tway (51), \$121,875 67-69-69-70—275 Pat Perez (51), \$121,875 67-69-69-70—275 Maverick McNealy (40), \$81,750 68-69-72-67—276 Joel Dahmen (40), \$81,750 70-70-69-67—276 Roger Sloan (40), \$81,750 65-75-68-68—276 Curtis Thompson (0), \$81,750 69-72-67-68—276 Patton Kizzire (31), \$56,411 68-72-73-64—277 Beau Hossler (31), \$56,411 68-69-72-68—277 Max Homa (31), \$56,411 70-65-74-68—277 Lanto Griffin (31), \$56,411 68-70-69-70-277 Scott Stallings (31), \$56,411 68-73-66-70—277 Tom Lewis (31), \$56,411 65-69-71-72—277 Richy Werenski (31), \$56,411 68-68-69-72-277 Patrick Reed (22), \$41,875 69-72-70-67—278 Bo Hoag (22), \$41,875 70-68-71-69—278 Doug Ghim (22), \$41,875 70-68-71-69—278 Sean O'Hair (22), \$41,875 70-66-71-71—278 J.J. Spaun (22), \$41,875 66-73-68-71—278 Rickie Fowler (22), \$41,875 70-69-68-71—278 Robert Streb (17), \$34,125 67-71-74-67—279 Brandt Snedeker (17), \$34,125 70-71-71-67—279 Henrik Norlander (17), \$34,125 68-72-70-69—279 Lucas Glover (11), \$24,116 68-72-73-67—280 Cameron Percy (11), \$24,116 71-70-71-68—280 Patrick Rodgers (11), \$24,116 70-70-72-68—280 Nelson Ledesma (11), \$24,116 72-68-71-69—280 Michael Gellerman (11), \$24,116 70-68-72-70-280 Adam Schenk (11), \$24,116 72-66-72-70—280 Michael Gligic (11), \$24,116 67-73-70-70—280 Russell Knox (11), \$24,11668-71-70-71—280 Russell Knox (11), \$24,11667-72-72-280 Aaron Baddeley (11), \$24,11669-70-69-72-280 Kyle Stanley (11), \$24,1167-69-69-72-280 Scott Brown (6), \$17,775 70-71-74-66-281 Anirban Lahiri (6), \$17,775 71-69-73-68-281 Chesson Hadley (6), \$17,775 76-70-77-70-281 Chesson Hadley (6), \$17,775 69-70-72-70—281 Tyler Duncan (6), \$17,775 70-67-73-71—281 Matt Jones (6), \$17,775 70-69-71-71—281 Nick Taylor (6), \$17,775 72-68-70-71—281 Jonas Blixt (5), \$16,575 68-71-72-71—282 Kramer Hickok (5), \$16,575 69-69-72-72—282 Matthew Wolff (5), \$16,575 67-70-73-72—282 Josh Teater (5), \$16,575 70-71-69-72—282 Vincent Whaley (5), \$16,575 71-68-70-73—282 Matthew NeSmith (5), \$16,575 71-69-69-73—282 Davis Thompson (0), \$16,575 63-73-72-74—282 Si Woo Kim (5), \$16,575 67-72-69-74—282 Chris Baker (5), \$16,575 70-70-68-74—282 Camilo Villegas (3), \$15,600 70-70-72-71—28 Ryan Brehm (3), \$15,600 71-67-73-72—283 Danny Willett (3), \$15,600 68-70-71-74—283 Sebastián Muñoz (3), \$15,600 69-69-69-76—2 Jimmy Walker (3), \$15,075 69-72-73-70—284 Willie Mack III (0), \$15,075 68-73-72-71-284 Bo Van Pelt (3), \$15,075 68-73-71-72—284 Sung Kang (3), \$14,700 69-72-74-70—285 Phil Mickelson (3), \$14,700 69-72-72-72—285

CYCLING

Will Zalatoris (0), \$14,325 70-68-74-76—288

Tour de France Sunday's 9th Stage A 144.9-kilometer (90-mile) ride from Cluses to **Tignes** 1. Ben O'Connor, Australia, AG2R Citroen Team, 4h 26m

2. Mattia Cattaneo, Italy, Deceuninck-QuickStep 5m 7s 3. Sonny Colbrelli, Italy, Bahrain Victorious, 5m 34s be-

4. Guillaume Martin, France, Cofidis 5m 36s behind 5. Franck Bonnamour, France, B&B Hotels p/b KTM 6m 2s behind 6. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, UAE Team Emirates, same time.

Richard Carapaz, Ecuador, Ineos Grenadiers, 6m 34s hehind 8. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark, Jumbo-Visma, same time. 9. Enric Mas Nicolau, Spain, Movistar Team, same time. 10. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, EF Education-Nippo,

Also 60. Sepp Kuss, United States, Jumbo-Visma, 30m 27s 119 Neilson Powless, United States, FF Education-Nippo.

31m 37s behind. 133. Brandon McNulty, United States, UAETeam Emirates, 32m 21s behind.

137. Sean Bennett, United States, Qhubeka-NextHash, same time. Overall Standings
1. Tadej Pogacar, Slovenia, UAE Team Emirates, 34h

11m 10s 2. Ben O'Connor, Australia, AG2R Citroën Team 2m 1s

3. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, EF Education-Nippo, 5m 4. Jonas Vingegaard, Denmark, Jumbo-Visma, 5m 32s

5. Richard Carapaz, Ecuador, Ineos Grenadiers, 5m 33s 6. Enric Mas Nicolau, Spaind, Movistar Team, 5m 47s

7. Wilco Kelderman, Netherlands, Bora-Hansgrohe, 5m 58s behind.

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So. Alexey Lutsenko, Kazakhstan, Astana-Premier Tech,
6m 12s behind.

Guillaume Martin, France, Cofidis, 7m 2s behind. 10. David Gaudu, France, Groupama-FDJ, 7m 22s behind. **Also** 72. Neilson Powless, United States, EF Education-Nippo,

1h 10m 43s behind. 93. Sepp Kuss, United States, Jumbo-Visma, 1h 21m

46s behind. 116. Brandon McNulty, United States, UAETeam Emirates, 1h 31m 23s behind. 133. Sean Bennett, United States, Qhubeka-NextHash,

1h 37m 56s behind.

DEALS

Transactions BASEBALL Major League Baseball

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Reinstated RHP Cesar Valdez from the 10-day IL. Optioned RHP Isaac Mattson to Norfolk (Triple-A East). Sent LHP John Means to Aberdeen (High-A East) on a rehab assignment.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Sent RHP Francis Martes outright to Sugar Land (Triple-A West). KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned CF Edward Olivares

to Omaha (Triple-A West).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Recalled INF Jose Rojas from Salt Lake (Triple-A West).

NEW YORK YANKEES — Reinstated LHP Wandy Peralta

from the 10-day IL. Optioned INF Tyler Wade to Scran-ton-Wilkes-Barre (Triple-A East). OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed DH Mitch Moreland

on the 10-day IL. Reinstated OF Stephen Piscotty from the 10-day IL. TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Reinstated RHP Rafael Dolis from the 10-day IL. Optioned LHP Nick Allgeyer to Buffalo (Triple-A East). Sent RHP Jeremy Beasley and LHP Travis Bergen outright to Buffalo.

National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned LHP Kyle Muller to
Gwinnett (Triple-A East). Recalled SS Orlando Arcia

CHICAGO CUBS — Reinstated INF Nico Hoerner from the 10-day IL. Optioned INF Sergio Alcantara to Iowa LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Recalled RHP Edwin Uceta

from Oklahoma City (Triple-A West). Optioned RHP Brusader Graterol for Oklahoma City.
MIAMI MARLINS — Placed RHP John Curtiss on the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Jordan Holloway from Jacksonville (Triple-A East).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Acquired INF Kevin Kramer

from Pittsburgh in exchange for LHP Nathan Kirby. NEW YORK METS — Recalled RHPs Nick Tropeano and Yennsy Diaz from Syracuse (Triple-A East). Placed RHP Sean Reid-Foley on the 10-day IL, retroactive to July 1. Reinstated 3B Jonathan Villar from the 10-day IL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with LHP Tyler Alexander on a minor league contract. PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Recalled RHP Nick Means from Indianapolis (Triple-A East). Optioned RHP Cody Ponce to Indianapolis, Sent RHP Luis Oviedo to Indianapolis on

a rehab assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Activated LHP Blake Snell from the 10-day IL. Optioned RHP Mason Thompson to El WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Signed RHP Diego Moreno

to a minor league contract. Sent LF Andrew Stever a rehab assingment to Rochester (Triple-A East). SOCCER

Major League Soccer
TORONTO FC — Released head coach Chris Armas.

Softball

Continued from A5

The technological revolution that has altered Major League Baseball also has impacted Olympic softball. Eriksen sees that both with South Florida. where he has been coach since 1996, and the U.S.

"We play Australia and we play Japan and we play Canada and Mexico — a lot. So we have pretty good data and the analytics on teams that we play," Eriksen said.

Holdovers

The 15-woman U.S. roster includes 38-year-old lefthander Cat Osterman, the last holdover from the 2004 gold

medal-winning team, and 35-year-old left-hander Monica Abbott, who joined Osterman on the 2008 team.

Osterman started and Abbott relieved her in the sixth inning of the 2008 gold medal game, a 3-1 loss to Japan that ended the Americans' 22game, eight-year Olympic winning streak.

Eriksen said part of their jobs is to steady the rest of the team, to tell them: "Try not to get stars in your eyes of what's going on around you, and at the same time, understand that it's just another tournament, just happens to have five rings on it, but it's still another tournament and you're going to play softball and try to win the

moments instead of trying to win the medals."

Newcomers

Among the younger Americans are Rachel Garcia, a 24-year-old right-hander pitcher and infielder; Dejah Mulipola, a 23-year-old catcher; and Bubba Nickles, a 23-year-old utility player.

Getting underway

The U.S. opens the six-nation group stage on July 21 against Italy in Fukushima, where the Americans play Canada the next day. After a day off for the opening ceremony, action shifts to Yokohama, where the Americans play Mexico on July 24, followed by Australia and Japan. First and second place play for gold medal on July 27, when third and fourth meet for

U.S. dominance ... until

the bronze.

The Americans outscored opponents 122-4 and won two goals medals during their 22-game Olympic winning streak that started in 2000, including 51-1 in 2004 and 57-2 in 2008 before the loss in the final.

Come and gone

Softball and baseball are being dropped again from the 2024 Paris Olympics but appear likely to return for the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

Blazers

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Forward Robert Covington, brought in during a November trade to help elevate the defense, talked numerous times during the season about the team's issues with communication, playing with maximum effort and at-

tention to detail. Early in the season, Damian Lillard discussed the team's overall lack of accountability when it came to playing defense.

Billups, who spent this season as an assistant with the Los Angeles Clippers, said he wants the Blazers to treat defense with as much attention to detail as they do offense.

"Just having a defensive mindset, defensive mentality, just to compete every single day and to be physical and to communicate and things like that," he said.

Powell, Covington and center Jusuf Nurkic have the reputation of being good defenders. Lillard and fellow guard C.J. McCollum, not so much.

Billups, twice named to the NBA's all-defensive team as a player, will be expected to get Lillard and McCollum to elevate their play on defense. Billups, a former All-Star point guard, played for a defensive-minded Detroit team that won the championship in 2004 with the second-highest-rated defense in the league. Olshey is confident Billups' resume will help him make an impact on Lillard and Mc-

Strengthening a strong offense

Billups spent a lot of time working with the Clippers' defense this season so he became familiar with the Blazers' offense having faced them three

The Blazers put up big numbers,

but one ongoing criticism revolved around a lack of ball movement. One reason was that the team relied heavily on 3-point shooting (40.8 attempts per game, second in the NBA).

Later in the season, after the acquisition of Powell, the Blazers began using more player movement and the offense improved. The Blazers averaged 124.9 points per game over the final 12 games while going 10-2. That scoring output ranked second in the NBA. On the season, Portland averaged 116.1 points per game.

Billups has no issue with shooting 3s, but he wants to get the best shot possible, not simply an open shot.

"Offensively, this team was unbelievable," Billups said. "I think we can even be better offensively with more ball movement, different schemes, different plays, executing a little bit better."

Creating good shots for the likes of Powell, who is set to become an unrestricted free agent, Covington and Anfernee Simons would take pressure off Lillard and McCollum and also work to keep those players involved on offense.

Billups said he envisions creating better movement by taking advantage of Nurkic's passing skills and using him as a facilitator, allowing Lillard and McCollum to play off the ball.

Recruiting talent

Billups said he likes the roster as is but expects Olshey to do whatever he can to make improvements as he sees fit.

"We have some versatile guys on our team," Billups said. "I think highly of the roster. ... I'm excited as heck about what we have right now."

Olshey has been able to make solid moves here and there that certainly

helped the roster. But he has yet to land a second All-Star since losing LaMarcus Aldridge to free agency following the 2014-15 season.

The team hopes someone with Billups' background as a champion and leader will help the Blazers land free agents or persuade players acquired via trade to sign long-term deals.

Although Olshey said he is confident that the Blazers will improve next season, he didn't close the door

on making additions. "I willingly accept the responsibility to make sure we're as prepared as possible from a roster standpoint," Olshey said.

"Î'm really excited," Billups said. "Portland is a special place. It's a unique franchise. Played against them for so long. I'm happy to be on the other side with these great fans and also happy to be a part of Rip City and the sponsors."