

ON THE AIR

MONDAY

WATER SPORTS	Time	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

TENNIS		
Wimbledon, Ladies' Quarterfinals	5 a.m.	ESPN, ESPN2
WTA, Hamburg European Open	2 a.m. (Wed)	Tennis
WTA, Hamburg European Open	3 a.m. (Wed)	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. (Wed)	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 right-hander. "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 USA 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.

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 attention 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 McCollum.

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 times.

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."

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.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Connecticut	12	6	.667	—
Chicago	10	9	.526	2½
New York	9	9	.500	3
Washington	7	10	.412	4½
Atlanta	6	10	.375	5
Indiana	2	16	.111	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Las Vegas	13	4	.765	—
Seattle	13	4	.765	—
Minnesota	8	7	.533	4
Dallas	9	9	.500	4½
Phoenix	7	8	.467	5
Los Angeles	6	10	.375	6½

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.
Monday's Games
 Dallas at New York, 4 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
 No games scheduled.

BASEBALL

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	53	32	.624	—
Tampa Bay	48	36	.571	4½
Toronto	43	39	.524	8½
New York	42	41	.506	10
Baltimore	27	57	.321	25½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	49	34	.590	—
Cleveland	42	39	.519	6
Detroit	38	46	.452	11½
Kansas City	35	48	.422	14
Minnesota	34	48	.415	14½

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	52	33	.612	—
Oakland	49	37	.570	3½
Seattle	45	40	.529	7
Los Angeles	42	41	.506	9
Texas	33	51	.393	18½

Saturday's Late Games
 Oakland 7, Boston 6, 12 innings
 L.A. Angels 4, Baltimore 1
 Texas 7, Seattle 3

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), 4:10 p.m.
 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), 5:10 p.m.
 Boston (Pérez 6-4) at L.A. Angels (Suarez 3-1), 6:38 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	43	37	.538	—
Atlanta	41	42	.494	3½
Washington	40	42	.488	4
Philadelphia	39	42	.481	4½
Miami	35	47	.427	9

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	51	34	.600	—
Cincinnati	43	40	.518	7
Chicago	42	42	.500	8½
St. Louis	41	44	.482	10
Pittsburgh	30	53	.361	20

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Francisco	52	30	.634	—
Los Angeles	53	31	.631	—
San Diego	50	36	.581	4
Colorado	37	48	.435	16½
Arizona	23	62	.271	30½

Saturday's Late Games
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Washington 3
 Colorado 3, St. Louis 2

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.

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 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), 5:05 p.m.
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