

# U.S. Rolls Past Japan In Women's World Cup Final

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Carli Lloyd came up big again. Three times.

And with it came the Americans' elusive third Women's World Cup title.

Lloyd scored three times as the U.S. burst to a four-goal lead in the first 16 minutes, and the Americans overwhelmed defending champion Japan 5-2 Sunday for their record third championship and first since 1999.

A sellout crowd of 53,341 that included U.S. Vice President Joe Biden roared in approval for Lloyd's hat trick, the first ever in a Women's World Cup final.

"I was just on a mission," Lloyd said. "I was on a mission to help my team win this game."

When it was over, Lloyd collapsed to her knees and pumped her fists. Forward Abby Wambach bear-hugged teary eyed coach Jill Ellis, lifting her off the ground.

Lloyd, voted the Golden Ball as player of the tournament, scored twice in a span of about 135 seconds as the U.S. led 2-0 by the fifth minute.

Lauren Holiday boosted the lead in the 14th and two minutes later Lloyd made it 4-0 with an audacious 54-yard, right-footed shot from midfield that sailed over goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori.

Japan closed on Yuki Ogimi's goal in the 27th and an own goal by Julie Johnston on an errant header in the 52nd. Tobin Heath scored two minutes later, the third goal off a restart for the Americans.

The U.S. had struggled in the World Cup since winning the inaugural tournament in 1991 and then again at the Rose Bowl eight years later.

Christie Rampone, the only holdover from the 1999 team, lifted the trophy with Wambach, the 35-year-old former FIFA Player of the Year who lost her

regular starting job with age. Wambach was among the most vocal opponents of FIFA's decision to play the tournament on artificial turf.

With FIFA President Sepp Blatter staying away during a U.S. criminal investigation of soccer officials, the trophy was presented by FIFA Senior Vice President Issa Hayatou of Cameroon, the head of African soccer's governing body.

Hope Solo won her second straight Golden Glove as top goalkeeper of the tournament. She played despite critics who urged the U.S. Soccer Federation to drop her after she initially faced two misdemeanor counts of domestic violence from a June 2014 altercation at her half-sister's house, charges that were dismissed earlier this year.

The title, which adds a coveted



WANG LILI/XINHUA/ZUMA PRESS/TNS  
**The United States' Lauren Holiday celebrates after scoring during the FIFA Women's World Cup Final match between USA and Japan on Sunday at BC Place Stadium in Vancouver, Canada.**

## Fury Xtreme Goes 2-2 At Ringneck

The Yankton Fury Xtreme went 2-2 in the 16-under division of the Ringneck softball tournament, held this past weekend in Sioux Falls.

The Fury Xtreme, 27-23-2 overall hosts the Sioux Falls Smash on Tuesday in the final tuneup before state. Start time for the twinbill, scheduled for the Summit north field, is 6:30 p.m.

**DAKOTA FURY 6, FURY XTREME 2:** Dakota Fury rallied from an early 2-0 deficit to down Yankton.

Liz Suing and Hanna Cummins each had a hit and a RBI, with Suing also scoring a run for Yankton.

Cummins took the loss, striking out two while allowing one earned run.

**WINNEPEG LIGHTNING 3, FURY XTREME 2:** Bailey Peterka went 3-3 with two runs scored to lead Yankton. Liz Suing and Hanna Cummins each had a hit and a RBI. Avery Kvirstad added a hit.

Cummins took the loss, allowing five hits.

**FURY XTREME 8, XTREME-99 6:** Megan McKorkell went 3-4 with a double, two RBI and two runs scored to lead Yankton. Bailey Peterka and Hannah Cummins each had two hits and a run scored, with Cummins also driving in a run. Traia Hubbard had a home run and three RBI. Alix Peterka and Brittany Davis had a hit, a RBI and a run scored, with Peterka's hit being a double.

Avery Kvirstad picked up the win.

### 10-Under

The Yankton Fury White were eliminated in the quarterfinals on Sunday, dropping a 16-6 decision to Sioux Falls Diamonds Storm. Fury White, 38-5, faces Wayne, Nebraska, on Tuesday.

**S.F. DIAMONDS STORM 16, FURY WHITE 6:** Grace Behrns had a run scored and a RBI, and Ellie Karolevitz, Elle Feser, Emma Yost, Taryn Fitzgerald and Hannah Sailer each scored a run for Yankton. Karolevitz took the loss on the mound.

**FURY WHITE 17, BLAINE (MINN.) SODERVILLE WAY 8:** Jillian Eidsness had three hits, two runs scored and two RBI, and Elle Feser and Emma Yost each had two hits and two RBI to lead Yankton. Feser also scored a run.

Also for Yankton, Grace Behrns had a hit, two runs scored and three RBI. Thea Chance had three runs and a RBI. Taryn Fitzgerald, Hannah Sailer and Nora Welker each scored twice, with Welker also driving in a run. Ellie Karolevitz added a run scored and a RBI.

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
**Yankton shortstop Osha Brewer sends the ball to first base during the Tappers' South Central League amateur baseball matchup with Lesterville on Saturday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.**

# Four Royals Elected To Start All-Star Game; Reds' Frazier, Too

NEW YORK (AP) — The All-Star Game will have a Kansas City flavor, just not as much as it appeared last month.

And the hometown Reds can celebrate a starter, too, despite Cincinnati's sorry season.

Houston second baseman Jose Altuve passed Kansas City's Omar Infante in the final days of voting, leaving four Royals as starters for the All-Star Game.

Cincinnati's Todd Frazier leapfrogged St. Louis third baseman Matt Carpenter and will be in the NL starting lineup for the July 14 game at Great American Ball Park, according to final results announced Sunday.

AL champion Kansas City will be represented in the starting lineup by outfielders Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon, catcher Salvador Perez and shortstop Alcides Escobar. Four players ties the AL record for fan-elected start-

ers, achieved nine times previously.

Kansas City had not had any starters since outfielder Jermaine Dye in 2000.

Eight Royals were on track to start in vote totals announced June 15, but first baseman Eric Hosmer, third baseman Mike Moustakas and designated hitter Kendrys Morales also were overtaken.

Royals manager Ned Yost, manager of the AL team, already has made one decision: Cain will play right field and Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels will play center. Trout will make his fourth straight All-Star appearance.

Seattle's Nelson Cruz, suspended for the final 50 games of the 2013 season for violating baseball's drug agreement, was elected to start for the second straight year. In the closest vote at any position, Cruz's 10.6 million votes edged Morales' 10.32 million at designated hitter.

Toronto's Josh Donaldson will start at third for the second straight year after receiving a record vote total of 14.09 million, topping Josh Hamilton's 11.07 million in 2012. Trout was second this year with 14 million.

Washington outfielder Bryce Harper set a mark for NL players at 13.86 million, topping the previous record of 7.62 million set three years ago by San Francisco catcher Buster Posey, who was elected to start again this year.

MLB said 620 million votes were cast, breaking the old mark of 391 million in 2012. The New York Yankees do not have any fan-elected starters for the first time since 2001.

At least two elected starters will miss the game because of injuries: Miami outfielder Giancarlo Stanton broke a hand on June 26, and Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera hurt his left calf Friday. In addition, the Cardinals' Matt Holliday, who finished third

among NL outfielders behind Harper and Stanton, has been sidelined since straining a quadriceps on June 8 and is uncertain when he will return.

Each fan could cast up to 35 ballots in the first year of all-online voting. Pitchers and reserves will be announced Monday.

Altuve overturned a 232,000-vote deficit in Monday's update and finished with 9.63 million to top Infante, who was just shy of 9 million. Frazier trailed Carpenter by 2.5 million votes in mid-June and by 63,000 at the start of the week but finished ahead by 2.1 million.

NL starters include Arizona first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, Miami second baseman Dee Gordon and St. Louis shortstop Johnny Peralta, who also was suspended 50 games following MLB's investigation of the Biogenesis of America clinic.

## From SD To KC



JOHN SLEEZER/KANSAS CITY STAR/TNS  
**The Kansas City Royals called up Dusty Coleman from the minor leagues before Friday's game against the Minnesota Twins at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. Coleman, a Sioux Falls native, made his Major League debut on Friday and had his first MLB at-bat on Sunday.**

# Royals Rally In Ninth To Take Win From Twins

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Royals manager Ned Yost treats just about every game the same, especially in July, because the reality is that they all count the same at the end of the season.

So when he singles one out, it must have been important.

Eric Hosmer drove in Lorenzo Cain with nobody out in the ninth inning Sunday, helping Kansas City beat the Minnesota Twins 3-2 and earn a four-game split between AL Central contenders.

"It's huge. It's as big a game as you're going to play in early July," Yost said, his own head drenched in sweat. "Very seldom do you have a chance to make it a two-game swing."

The game was knotted two-all when Cain drew a leadoff walk against Blaine Boyer (2-4), who had been summoned to relieve Ervin Santana after a masterful return from his drug suspension.

Twins manager Paul Molitor then called upon Aaron Thompson to face Hosmer, who promptly ripped a pitch down the right-field line. Cain sprinted around third base at full speed, and a throw from Torii Hunter in right field was nowhere close to getting him at the plate.

Greg Holland (2-0) earned the win with a scoreless ninth inning.

"This is a good team and they're playing well," said Alex Gordon, who homered

along with making several stellar plays in left field. "It's good to come out with two games, especially when I don't feel like we're playing our best baseball."

Aaron Hicks homered and Miguel Sano drove in the other run for Minnesota.

The victory allowed the first-place Royals to salvage what had been a rough series against the Twins, who remain in second in the division. Kansas City was shut out in the opener, needed extra innings to win Friday night, then lost 5-3 on Saturday.

Santana certainly didn't look like he had missed 80 games for testing positive for Stanazolol, a performance-enhancing substance. After

winning each of three rehab starts at Triple-A Rochester, he made his former team look like just another minor league club.

Santana retired the first six batters he faced before issuing a walk, and then got a double play after Butera drove in Kansas City's first run in the third inning.

Santana only allowed one more hit before Alcides Escobar's two-out knock in the eighth, though it happened to be a big one: Gordon's high fly ball that just cleared the right-field wall.

"I was laughing in between innings," Santana said of facing his old team, where his career experienced a re-

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