

# Rookies Bryant, Pederson Make All-Star Team; No A-Rod

NEW YORK (AP) — Less than three months after making his major league debut, Chicago Cubs third baseman Kris Bryant is an All-Star, one of two rookies selected along with Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Joc Pederson. But there was no room on the roster for Alex Rodriguez, enjoying a renaissance in his return to the New York Yankees following a season-long drug suspension. Dodgers catcher Yasmani Grandal also was a first-time selection Monday for the July 14 game in Cincinnati. Grandal became the third All-Star this year who served a drug-related suspension following MLB's investigation of the Biogenesis of America clinic. Seattle slugger Nelson Cruz and St. Louis shortstop Jhonny Peralta were elected by fans to start. Albert Pujols of the Angels will start at first base for the AL in place of Detroit's Miguel Cabrera, who injured a calf muscle Friday.

Pittsburgh's Andrew McCutchen will start in the NL outfield instead of Miami's Giancarlo Stanton, who broke his hand on June 26. The 23-year-old Bryant made his big league debut April 17 and began Monday with a .279 average, 12 homers and 49 RBIs. "Obviously, I've been at some All-Star Games, but I don't think anything can compare to making the major league All-Star team," he said. "It is kind of weird right now. We have a game in an hour, so I'm trying not to get too excited and whatnot, but obviously it's pretty cool." He's open to participating in the Home Run Derby. "It's all happened so quick. I've just been having so much fun with this, my baseball career," Bryant



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said. "Right now, it's a pretty special feeling for me." A record six Royals were picked for the game, with players electing pitcher Wade Davis, and AL manager Ned Yost of Kansas City selecting reliever Kelvin Herrera. They join Royals outfielders Lorenzo Cain and Alex Gordon, catcher Salvador Perez and short-stop Alcides Escobar, who were elected on Sunday as starters. "The one thing that Kelvin did that a lot of these guys didn't do was pitch in Game 7 of the World Series last year," Yost said. "That was kind of the deciding factor for me." Royals third baseman Mike Moustakas is among the five players on the AL fan ballot for the 34th and final roster spot. Rodriguez is not. The three-time MVP, who turns 40 on July 27, has 16 home runs and 47 RBIs for the Yankees after missing last year because of a

drug suspension. "We talked a lot about Alex Rodriguez," Yost said. "I just felt very strongly if we could get another infielder or another outfielder out of that five-man vote, it would help us." The league that wins the All-Star Game gets home-field advantage in the World Series. Rodriguez is hitting .284 during a season in which he passed Willie Mays for fourth on the career home run list and topped 3,000 hits. But Texas' Prince Fielder, who was elected by players, joined Cruz as the only DHs on the AL roster. "As I've said all season, my number one goal is helping the Yankees win a championship. I'm excited that we're in a good position to get there," Rodriguez said in a statement. "Of course it would have been an honor to represent

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## Tabor Teeners Sweep Yankton Junior Legion

The Tabor VFW Teener baseball team recorded a doubleheader sweep of the Yankton Junior Legion squad on Monday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Tabor won by scores of 14-7 and 6-5. In the first game, Yankton's Jack Schoenfelder was 2-3, while Trey Bakke, Isaiah Woods and Nate Eihacker all had one hit. Nathan Hein took the loss on the mound, after allowing three earned runs in four innings with four strikeouts. In game two, Hein was 3-4 and Michael Heine added a pair of hits for Yankton. Carter Peterson chipped in with a hit. Woods was the losing pitcher after allowing an earned run on three hits. Yankton, now 13-16, is at Sioux Falls East today (Tuesday) starting at 5 p.m.

# One Final Title Celebration

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Megan Rapinoe strolled around taking selfies, occasionally sipping bubbly with her teammates and trying to balance the Women's World Cup championship trophy on her head. A day after the United States claimed its third Women's World Cup title, the party was still going on in Vancouver on Monday. "I'm one star heavier, one year older," said Rapinoe, who turned 30 years old on Sunday. "It's better, I think. I can't even explain it. Of course all of the hard work and everything for it to culminate in this and share it with this group that we spend so much time together with is just incredible." For a number of players, the realization was just beginning to set it of their accomplishment in beating Japan 5-2 for the Americans' first World Cup title since 1999. Working on little sleep after a night of celebrating with family, friends and fans — a lot of "smiles, a lot of screaming, a lot of dancing," according to Julie Johnston — the U.S. team took part in a special event put on by Fox Sports. Players received their first jerseys that included the third star above the crest, the latest title adding the ones earned in 1991 and '99. It was a celebration filled with about 1,000 American fans surrounding the set overlooking Coal Harbor on the Vancouver waterfront. "It hasn't honestly sunk in. It really hasn't," American head coach Jill Ellis said. "You're on this media thing and doing all this, but at some point it will sink in." Perhaps no player was coming to grips with her newfound stardom more than Carli Lloyd, whose hat trick in the first 16 minutes gave the Americans a 4-0 lead. Lloyd went from being one of the top female soccer players in America to one of the country's biggest sports stars in less than two hours. She was tweeted at by President Barack Obama and even had her Wikipedia page changed briefly to say her position was "President of the United States." If Lloyd believed she still had some anonymity in the United States before, there's



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ABOVE: The United States' Alex Morgan, Lauren Holiday, Abby Wambach and Whitney Engen celebrate winning the World Cup following the FIFA Women's World Cup Final match between USA and Japan on Sunday, July 5, 2015, at BC Place Stadium in Vancouver, Canada.  
RIGHT: The United States' Becky Sauerbrunn and Meghan Klingenberg celebrate winning the World Cup following the FIFA Women's World Cup Final match between USA and Japan on Sunday

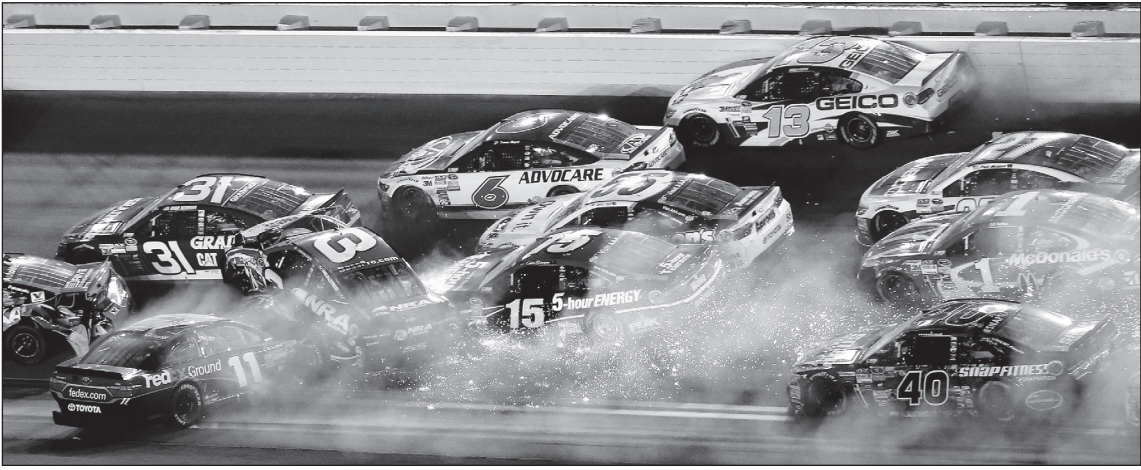
a good chance most of that is gone now. "I think it's definitely gone to another level," Lloyd said. "I'm not sure I'm ready for that, but it's great." Lloyd later joked she would love to find a beach to take a break. "I'm pretty mentally zapped right now. I would love to not think about anything," she said. Part of the reason that facelessness might be gone is the record ratings the American women set. The match was seen by 26.7

million viewers on Fox and NBC's Spanish-language Telemundo, the networks said Monday. Fans back home were engaged and they were rewarded with the first title for the U.S. in 16 years. "I think every team that wins has a different story," Johnston said. "We have a different story. But we share a star and we knew the (1999 players) were rooting for us just like the (1991 players) were rooting for the 99ers."



# Frightening Daytona Wreck Puts NASCAR Safety In Spotlight

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Riding bumper-to-bumper at nearly 200 mph, Austin Dillon was smack in the middle of a pack of cars headed to the checkered flag when he was suddenly sent on the ride of his life. A wreck that began three rows ahead of him sent cars spinning all over the track. When one turned into him, the force of the hit flipped his car up and over two others. Dillon sailed nearly upside down into the Daytona International Speedway catchfence with such a hard hit that it nearly brought his 3,500-pound car to a sudden stop. The fence acted like a slingshot, sending the sheared race car back onto the track, where it landed on its roof and was hit again while the engine block smoldered nearby. Left behind were a handful of fans who received only minor injuries from the debris, and a gaping hole in the fence, the mesh torn away. And Dillon? Nearly everyone in NASCAR feared the worst looking at what remained of his car. Instead, he was helped out by rival crews and he gave the "I'm OK" two-handed wave used by late bullrider Lane Frost to



JOE BURBANK/ORLANDO SENTINEL/TNS  
While Dale Earnhardt, Jr. was crossing the finish line, the dramatic multicar crash develops at the finish line of the Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway early Monday morning in Daytona Beach, Fla.

the stunned crowd. "It happened so quick," said Dillon, the grandson of car owner Richard Childress and the first driver entrusted to drive the famed No. 3 that had been out of use since Dale Earnhardt's fatal 2001 crash at Daytona. "You're just holding on and praying that you get through it, get

to race again," he said. "I had just got done stopping and I had crew members everywhere. I thought that was really special and cool. It comforted me pretty quick. And then I just wanted to get out of there and let the fans know that I was OK, let my parents and grandparents know that I was all right." Dale Earnhardt Jr. was near

tears as he pulled into victory lane at nearly 3 a.m. Monday after watching the last-lap wreck in his rearview mirror. Runner-up Jimmie Johnson said Dillon was lucky to be alive. That Dillon walked away with only a sore arm and tailbone, and only five fans suffered minor injuries, was a testament to NASCAR's

evolving safety improvements. Although Kyle Larson walked away from a similar accident in a 2013 race at Daytona. The fence also was shredded, and the debris field injured 28 fans. Daytona has since reinforced its fencing, and part of the track's ongoing \$400 million renovation project has moved seating back a bit from the fence. "I'm really proud of the fact that the fence worked and the additional safety enhancements of the 'Daytona Rising' project did its job," track President Joie Chitwood said. Six-time NASCAR champion Johnson likened fencing to a "cheese grater" when a race car sails into it and said the energy from the impact will almost always lead to heavy debris. Although he marveled at the lack of injuries, Johnson had no solution for preventing similar incidents. "I don't know how you keep a 3,500-pound car at 200 mph staying in the racetrack," Johnson said. "The fence held up, it did function well, but the debris going off into