

Wambach Breaks Hamm's Mark For Career Goals

U.S. Star Becomes Top On International Career Goals Chart

HARRISON, N.J. (AP) — Move over Mia Hamm. Abby Wambach is now the greatest goal scorer in international soccer.

Wambach scored four times in the first half to break Hamm's record for international career goals with room to spare in a 5-0 victory over South Korea on Thursday night.

The four goals gave the 33-year-old Wambach 160, two more than Hamm had in a storied career that ended in 2004.

Wambach connected three times in the first 29 minutes to break Hamm's mark of 158 international goals, and she added another in injury time to give her a nice round number.

Ali Daie of Iran holds the men's record with 109.

The historic 159th came on a line-drive header that ripped into the twine in the back of the net off a corner kick by Megan Rapinoe.

"I'm just so proud of her," Hamm said. "Just watching those four goals, that's what she is all about. She fights for the ball, she's courageous and she never gives up. Her strength and perseverance is what makes her so great and it's what defenders and opposing teams fear."

"From being her teammate early in her career, I know all she ever wanted to do was win, and she continues to do that. I'm just glad I got to share 158 with her. It was short, but it was fun."

After the record-setting goal, Wambach turned and ran a couple of steps in the di-

rection of the U.S. bench, then stopped as Rapinoe jumped into her arms. The Rochester, N.Y., native was then mobbed by teammates on the field and those who streamed off the bench as the crowd of 18,961 at Red Bull Arena cheered wildly.

After the hugs, Wambach turned to the stands and blew a kiss toward her parents, Judy and Peter.

Chants of "Ab-bee, Ab-bee, Ab-bee," cascaded through the stadium as officials got the ball and gave it to the U.S. bench.

The four goals in the friendly were the second most by Wambach in an international game, and will allow the spotlight that has followed her in her chase of Hamm's record to finally dissolve.

Her first goal Thursday came on a shot

in the box past South Korean goalkeeper Kim Jung-mi in the 10th minute. The second came nine minutes later in the friendly on a flicking header.

Lauren Cheney set up the first two goals on crossing passes on plays that Wambach eluded Korean defender Shim Seo-yeon.

Wambach's fourth goal was an easy tap-in after Alex Morgan made a run down the right side and centered the ball to the on-rushing Wambach, the 2012 FIFA Women's World Player of the Year.

Wambach had a chance for a fifth goal, which would have tied her single-game record, but she could not get her head on a cross early in the second half.

Wambach was given a standing ovation by many in the crowd when she was replaced in the 58th minute by Christen

Press. Before leaving the field, she exchanged hugs with long-time teammates Rapinoe, Heather O'Reilly and Carli Lloyd and a few other players. As she got to the sideline she applauded the crowd and then hugged her coaches and teammates. The crowd chanted "Abby Wambach" in return.

Cheney added the final goal for the United States on a header in the 64th minute.

Goalkeeper Hope Solo made her first start for the United States since having wrist surgery in early March. She faced one weak shot as the ball stayed in the South Korean half most of the game.

Chapman Seventh At USA Junior Championships

DES MOINES, Iowa — South Dakota freshman pole vaulter Peter Chapman cleared 15 feet, 11 inches to place seventh in the junior men's pole vault at the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Des Moines, Iowa, on Thursday.

Chapman cleared the mark on his first attempt, but missed on his attempts at 16-4 3/4. Chapman finished his season as the Summit League's champion in the event and had a season-best mark of 16-8.

Daven Murphree won the event with a mark of 16-8 3/4.

The Coyotes will have four athletes in action on Friday. Meghan Dennis will lead off by competing in the junior women's javelin at noon, while Christian Nielsen will compete in the junior men's 200-meter dash at 12:45 p.m. Madison Mills and Hunter Wilkes will wrap up the day by competing in the junior women's pole vault at 1:15 p.m.

Gay, Gatlin Easily Advance In 1st Round Of 100

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Tyson Gay was barely out of breath after breezing through his 100-meter heat. Same with Justin Gatlin moments later.

Gay and Gatlin hardly worked up a sweat as they easily cruised through the first round of the 100 on Thursday at the U.S. track championships. Their times were hardly blistering, but that wasn't the point on this windy day, only advancing in as little effort as possible.

By moving on, they're moving toward a showdown in Friday's final.

"It felt good," said Gay, who trimmed his hair to be more aerodynamic. "Just get the nerves out."

This was a game within a game between the two — show just enough, but not too much.

Gay powered down his lane to win his heat in 10.28 seconds. Gatlin easily cruised across the line in 10.37, taking second in his heat. He estimated he ran at maybe 70 percent, conserving his energy for when he really needs it, possibly to hold off Gay.

"Tyson is something of an enigma," Gatlin said. "When he's healthy, he's one of the most dangerous sprinters you can compete against."

And he's healthy, maybe as healthy as he's ever been. Asked about his hip, the one that's given him problems for quite some time, Gay simply said, "Feeling good."

Gay has the world's top time this season. But Gatlin has something perhaps even more impressive — a recent win over Usain Bolt, which very few sprinters have done since the Jamaican's rise to power.

While Gay and Gatlin were the center of attention early on at nationals, Dentarius Locke of Florida State stole some of the spotlight as he turned in the top time of 10.19, just ahead of Jeff Demps.

"I just went out there and ran my race," Locke nonchalantly said. "I know tomorrow will be a different day. Hopefully everything will fall into place."

The women's 100 lacked some star power as world champion Carmelita Jeter was out with a sore right quadriceps and Allyson Felix skipped the race to save energy for the 200. Barbara Pierre won in 11.18.

For Jeter, there's a safety net, with an automatic spot at worlds reserved for her courtesy of her win in 2011. Given that, her coach, John Smith, said there's no reason to take any chances. He feels confident Jeter will be ready to defend her title in Moscow in August, provided she backs off the throttle now.

The 33-year-old Jeter captured three medals at the London Olympics, finishing third in the 200, second in the 100 and helping the 400-meter relay team to gold.

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Menno Blanks Cardinals



Menno Mad Frogs starter Macon Oplinger delivers a pitch during Thursday night's South Central League amateur game against Irene in Menno. Oplinger tossed a two-hitter as Menno won 1-0.

MENNO — Macon Oplinger struck out eight batters in a complete game 2-hit shutout as the Menno Mad Frogs came out on top of a 1-0 pitchers dual Thursday night in South Central League amateur baseball action in Menno.

Oplinger allowed only a double to Simon Healy and a single to Wes Robertson in helping the Mad Frogs (2-7) snap a 7-game losing streak.

Seven different players had a single for Menno, which scored its only run in the bottom of the first inning on an RBI ground out by Jay Thaler.

Josh Homme pitched all eight innings for Irene and struck out five batters.

Both teams return to action Sunday night, with Menno at Tabor and Irene at home against Freeman.

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Josh Homme and Pat Sees; Macon Oplinger and Jay Thaler

Crofton 5, Lesterville 0

CROFTON, Neb. — Matt Tramp and Rand Thygeson combined on a 2-hit shutout as the Crofton Bluejays blanked Lesterville 5-0 in South Central League action Thursday night.

Tramp pitched six innings and Thygeson went the final three frames for the Bluejays (8-1), who have won eight straight league games.

Crofton has now pitched shutouts in three of its last five SCL games.

Thygeson doubled in the win, while Nick Hegge, Aaron Losing and Cody Wilken all had two singles.

Tyler Edler pitched the whole game for Lesterville (3-6).

Crofton travels to Beresford for a non-league game Sunday, while Lesterville visits Wynot on Thursday night.

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Tyler Edler and Zach Johnson; Matt Tramp, Rand Thygeson (7) and Carl Schieffer

Torre's Daughter Catches Falling Baby

NEW YORK (AP) — The daughter of former New York Yankees manager Joe Torre made a quick-thinking save Wednesday when she caught a baby who had tumbled off of a second-floor Brooklyn apartment's fire escape, the baseball great has confirmed.

Cristina Torre did not respond to a request for comment.

Police said a 44-year-old woman caught a 1-year-old boy who fell from a fire escape outside a Brooklyn apartment building but did not identify the bystander. They said the baby somehow climbed out of the apartment onto the fire escape and tumbled from above. That's when Torre caught the baby as she walked on the sidewalk below.

The baby is in stable condition, police said, while the parents were charged with reckless endangerment and acting in a manner injurious to a child under 17.

Police: No Suspect In Burglary At Stoops' Home

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Police said Thursday they have no suspects in a burglary at the home of Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops.

Norman Police Sgt. Jennifer Newell said officers received a call from the house at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday reporting that a break-in had occurred overnight. Newell said the exact time of the burglary is part of the department's ongoing investigation.

Newell said several members of the Stoops family were home when the burglary occurred, but no one was injured.

"There were people at the house at the time," she said.

Newell would not confirm whether Stoops was at the house. He and several Oklahoma players were in Wichita, Kan., on Wednesday night for an appearance at an OU Club of Wichita event.

Newell said a number of items

were reported missing after the burglary, including a vehicle.

"It was personal property and my understanding is a vehicle as well," she said.

Newell said she was not aware of any other burglaries reported in the same neighborhood recently. She also said she did not know of additional security precautions that are being taken following the burglary.

High-Scoring Game 4 Flips Script On Stanley Cup

CHICAGO (AP) — So much for all the talk about the impenetrable goalies, and forget about those lane-clogging defensemen. It was all about the offense in Game 4, and the hangover could extend into the final three games of the deadlocked Stanley Cup finals.

Chicago's 6-5 overtime victory at Boston on Wednesday night was the highest-scoring game in this year's NHL playoffs. There were breakaways, rebounds, long slap shots and tips. Eleven goals in all, coming from all over the ice.

It all raises questions about how the remainder of this compelling series will look.

"I guess a series like this can take some unexpected turns sometimes, and you saw that last night," Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews said. "I'm not going to make any predictions for what happens in the next game, but obviously there's a lot of things we want to carry into this game, Game 5, here."

The biggest variable could be the recovery of goalies Tuukka Rask of the Bruins and Corey Crawford of the Blackhawks, who have a couple days to find their game again before the series resumes in Chicago on Saturday night.

Rask and Crawford had been the best two goalies in the playoffs before each of them stumbled under heavy pressure in Game 4. Rask gave up too many prime rebound opportunities, and Crawford was beaten repeatedly on his glove side.

"Every goal is stoppable, but I don't think there was any weak one, so to speak," said Rask, who was coming off a 2-0 shutout and had allowed just eight goals in the previous eight playoff games. "Mistakes piled up and I wasn't able to bail our guys out. Sometimes you do, sometimes you don't."

Crawford was great in each of the first two finals games in Chicago. He had 51 saves in the three-overtime series opener, keep-

ing the Blackhawks in the game long enough for Andrew Shaw to score the winning goal in a 4-3 victory.

Crawford had 33 stops when the series shifted to Boston for Game 3, but Chicago was unable to get anything going against Rask. And then came more of the glove-side problems on Wednesday night that the Bruins have exploited all series long.

"A couple tough breaks last night, especially when we had the lead at 3-1 or 4-2, Boston is going to open up a little bit," Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane said Thursday. "I think for us that we can play better defensively, maybe get in some shooting lanes and block some of those shots."

Chicago held leads of 1-0, 3-1, 4-2 and 5-4, but Boston rallied each time. The glove-side issue is a tricky little one for coach Joel



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The Chicago Blackhawks celebrate Brent Seabrook's goal against the Boston Bruins in overtime in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals, Wednesday, June 19, 2013, at the TD Garden in Boston, Massachusetts. Chicago's 6-5 win evens the series, 2-2.