Monday's Sports In Brief

By The Associated Press

Tom Brady will be a Patriot until he is 40 years old.

Brady agreed to a three-year contract extension through 2017 with New England on Monday, a person familiar with the contract told The Associated Press. The extension is worth about $27 million and will free up nearly $15 million in salary cap room for the team, which has several younger players it needs to re-sign or negotiate new deals with.

Sports Illustrated first reported the extension.

The 35-year-old two-time league MVP was signed through 2014, and has said he wants to play at least five more years.

A three-time Super Bowl champion, Brady will make far less in those three seasons than the going rate for star quarterbacks. Brady currently has a four-year, $72 million deal with $48 million guaranteed.

Drew Brees and Peyton Manning are the NFL's highest-paid quarterbacks, at an average of $20 million and $18 million a year, respectively.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Manti Te'o's first appearance on a football field since the BCS championship game didn't go as well as planned.

The Notre Dame star and Heisman Trophy runner-up was clocked at 4.82 seconds in the 40-yard dash at the NFL scouting combine. NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock had said Sunday anything faster than 4.7 would be “phenomenal.” Anything 4.8 or over would be a “concern.”

The workout came more than a month after Te’o’s highly-publicized online romance with a girlfriend was exposed as a hoax and that he was a victim of the hoax.

The linebacker said Saturday the hoax had no impact on that game. And he insists it has not affected his preparation for the combine, either.

But instead of putting those concerns to rest with a good showing, Te’o fell short of his goals again — and not just in the 40.

Te’o participated in five of the seven drills, opting out of the bench press and 60-yard shuttle, and did not finish ranked among the top five at his position in any of them.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Top draft prospect Star Lotulelei will undergo more extensive heart tests when he returns to Utah.

Doctors at the NFL’s scouting combine found the star defensive tackle and likely high pick has a heart condition, Lotulelei’s agent, Bruce Tollner, confirmed in a series of emails with The Associated Press.

Tollner said Lotulelei would not take questions regarding the diagnosis yet. But the 6-foot-2, 311-pound defensive tackle still plans to do a full workout in front of scouts at his regularly scheduled Pro Day on March 20. The Tonga native was scheduled to fly to Utah on Monday night, Tollner said.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles have released veteran defensive tackles Cullen Jenkins and Mike Patterson.

Jenkins signed a five-year, $30 million contract with the Eagles in 2011 and started every game the last two seasons. He was due to make $5.5 million this season, but Philadelphia cut the 32-year-old with an eye toward rebuilding.

After spending the first seven seasons of his NFL career with Green Bay, Jenkins left for Philadelphia. He had 5 1/2 sacks in 2011 and four in 2012.

TRACK AND FIELD

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Oscar Pistorius informed South African authorities that he wants to resume training while on bail for the murder case against him, a government official said.

A spokeswoman for the Olympic runner, however, denied that he was making immediate plans to return to the track while awaiting trial for the Feb. 14 shooting death of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp.

“Absolutely not,” said spokeswoman Janine Hills. “He is currently in mourning and his focus is not on his sports.”

His next court appearance is on June 4.

PRO BASKETBALL

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The Oklahoma City Thunder signed veteran Derek Fisher, filling an opening for a third point guard that was created when Eric Maynor got traded to Portland.

Fisher joins Oklahoma City for the stretch run for the second straight season.

PRO HOCKEY

NEW YORK (AP) — Pittsburgh Penguins center Evgeni Malkin was placed on injured reserve with a concussion.

The team said the move was retroactive to Feb. 22.

The NHL's reigning MVP was diagnosed with a concussion on Sunday, two days after he slammed back-first into the end boards during a win over Florida.

Malkin, whose head snapped back when he hit the boards, initially suffered short-term memory loss, but is improving, coach Dan Bylsma said.

The Russian has four goals and 21 points in 18 games.

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — Flamboyant former NBA star Dennis Rodman is heading to North Korea with the VICE media company — tattoos, piercings, bad-boy reputation and all.

The American known as "The Worm" is set to arrive Tuesday in Pyongyang, becoming an unlikely ambassador for sports diplomacy at a time of heightened tensions between the U.S. and North Korea.

Rodman, three members of the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team, a VICE correspondent and a production crew from the company are visiting North Korea to shoot footage for a new TV

show set to air on HBO in early April, VICE told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview before the group's departure from Beijing.

BASEBALL

DUNEDIN, Fla. (AP) — Baseball union head Michael Weiner said there have been talks about increasing the penalties for violating baseball's drug testing program.

"There are certainly some players who have expressed that," Weiner said. "We've had discussions with the commissioner's office. If it turns out that we have a different penalty structure because that's what players are interested in, that's what the owners are interested in, it will be for 2014."

Weiner spoke to the media after he met with the Toronto Blue Jays as part of his annual tour of spring training camps.

MIAMI (AP) — Miami Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria has begun a public-relations campaign and is trying to put a positive spin on his widely mocked offseason decisions.

After a dismal first season in the Marlins' new home, Loria said the latest dismantling of the roster was the right move because the team was heading in the wrong direction. And he said a return to payroll austerity was needed because the Marlins lost tens of millions of dollars in 2012 after an unprecedented spending spree.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Indiana is No. 1 in The Associated Press' Top 25 for the fourth straight week, while Gonzaga moved to No. 2 for the first time in school history.

Duke moved up three spots to third and is followed by Michigan and Miami, which dropped from second after falling to Wake Forest, the Hurricanes' first Atlantic Coast Conference loss this season.

Baylor remains No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for an eighth straight week after topping UConn last Monday night.

The first seven stayed unchanged with Notre Dame, UConn, Stanford and Duke following Baylor

AUTO RACING

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — With Danica Patrick starting from the pole, the Daytona 500's preliminary television ratings were much higher than last year's.

Sunday afternoon's race earned a 10.0 overnight rating and 22 share on Fox, the network said. That's up 30 percent from 2012, when rain pushed the event to a Monday night. It was the highest overnight rating since 2006.

Jimmie Johnson won the race while Patrick was eighth, the best finish by a woman at the Daytona 500.

SOCCER

NEW YORK (AP) — Major League Soccer is sending its youth academy coaches to study abroad.

Personnel from teams in North America's top pro league will visit France's national training

center in Clairefontaine as part of a 16-month program designed to raise the talent level throughout MLS.

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