

Dee Gordon Suspended 80 Games For Doping

[Dee Gordon](#), the reigning National League batting champion, has been suspended for 80 games early Friday after he tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs. Major League Baseball announced the suspension that Gordon had tested positive for [Exogenous Testosterone](#) and Clostebol.

MLB made the announcement after the Marlins' victory in Los Angeles. The suspension was the second in second in eight days for a player coming off the best season of his career. Chris Colabello, an undrafted former independent leaguer who hit .321 for the Toronto Blue Jays last season, was also handed suspension for 80 games. Colabello was informed by MLB that he had tested positive for Dehydrochloromethyltestosterone but was not suspended until April 22 after his appeal was denied.

Gordon is hitting .266 and was tied for the team lead in runs scored, with 13, and led the Marlins in steals, with six despite a low .289 on-base percentage. Gordon hit .333 — 61 points above his career average as a Dodger — last season. He led the league in stolen bases and hits while winning a Gold Glove. Gordon rewarded him with a five-year, \$50 million contract in January though he was to make only \$3 million this season. Gordon issued a statement through the Players' Association where denied using banned drugs on purpose. The statement said he did not so knowingly and he has informed that test results showed he ingested something that contained [prohibited substances](#).

In the statement, Gordon added the hardest part about this is feeling that he has let down his teammates, the organization, and the fans. The American professional baseball second baseman for the Miami Marlins of Major League Baseball added he should have been careful to avoid products that could contain something banned by MLB and the 20-plus tests that he had taken and passed throughout his career prove this. Gordon, who previously played for the Los Angeles Dodgers, said he made a mistake and will accept the consequences.

Gordon was praised by Marlins' owner, Jeffrey Loria when Gordon's contract was announced in January. In a statement then, Loria said it is truly incredible and historic what he did in his first season with our ball club. Miami's team president, David Samson,

said the Marlins would welcome Gordon back and added the Marlins completely support the Major League Baseball drug prevention program in every way. Samson remarked the Marlins were informed on Thursday of the positive test and added it is a huge disappointment and a huge loss for our team as we love Dee Gordon, but we do not like what he did.

Marlins Manager Don Mattingly remarked he was shocked and surprised at the positive test of Gordon and said the bad news deflated a team that should have been celebrating its sweep. Mattingly remarked you as a team would expect our guys to be in there all excited and then we get this news and that's not quite the feeling. The Marlins Manager said we will support Dee and said Gordon is like one of his kids and we are going to move forward.