# Simmons, Augustin power Magic over Bucks, 126-117

By DICK SCANLON, Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A little redemption for the Orlando Magic was a big blow to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Jonathon Simmons scored a career-high 35 points, D.J. Augustin added 32 and the Magic bounced back from an

embarrassing defeat to beat the Bucks 126-117 on Wednesday night.Nikola Vucevic had 22 points, nine rebounds and nine assists for the Magic, who were San Antonio, their fifth straight loss."We were able to bounce back with some enthusiasm," Simmons said.

Giannis scored 38 points for Milwaukee, which has lost seven of 10 while battling for playoff positioning.

Coach Joe Prunty, who routed 108-72 Tuesday night in described the Bucks' effort as "horrible," didn't see much energy from his team on the shots." defensive side of the floor.

Antetokounmpo far to see that they had three 9, and the Magic set a franchise guys dominate the game for them offensively," Prunty said. "They hit every shot in our face. You can't give guys their shot. You have to get out, contest it, make them work to get their

Simmons was 7 of 12 from "You don't have to look too 3-point range, Augustin hit 6 of

record at home with 18 3s in 34 attempts.

"(Tuesday night) was a tough game for us, but it happens to the best of us," Augustin said. "We put it behind us, went out there and shared the ball, helped each other out on defense and played with a lot more energy."

Augustin and Simmons combined for 20 points as the Magic closed out the first quarter on a 27-7 run to take a 16-point lead.

Milwaukee (36-32) erased most of it quickly in the second quarter, but did not regain the lead until Eric Bledsoe converted a turnover into a layup with 4:50 left in the third quarter. Orlando (21-48) scored the final 14 points of that period to take 91-80 lead into the fourth.

The Bucks never got within five in the fourth quarter.

"I think we've done a pretty good job of winning games we're supposed to win this year," Bucks center John Henson said. "But we needed this win tonight for the playoff race, and didn't get it."

### **TIP-INS**

Bucks: G Brandon Jennings, who returned to the NBA with 16 points and 12 assists in Monday night's win at Memphis after signing a 10-day contract, had two points Wednesday night.

Magic: G Evan Fournier missed a fourth straight game with a sprained left knee.

### 300TH WIN FOR VOGEL

Magic coach Frank Vogel got his 300th career victory in what he described as the toughest game on the schedule. "It's a zombie game when you come back from the West Coast into a back-to-back, and the guys just don't have it in their legs to make shots, and in their minds to focus," he said. "Our guys played mentally tough and got a difficult W." Vogel is 300-282 in eight seasons at Indiana and Orlando.

### **GORDON STILL SIDELINED**

Aaron Gordon, the Magic's top scorer and second-leading rebounder, missed his fourth straight game since a collision with Lakers forward Julius Randle put him in concussion protocol. "The worst thing that can happen to an athlete is to be concussed while being concussed," Vogel said.

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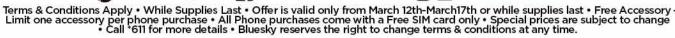
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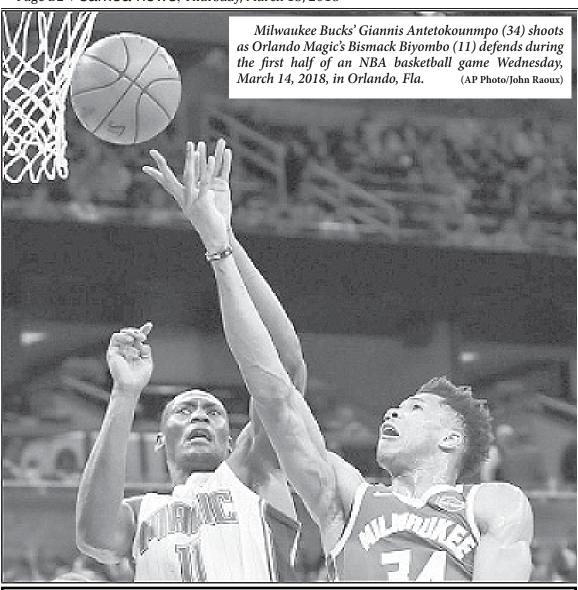
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# Cardinals look to shore up QB spot in free agency

By BOB BAUM, AP Sports Writer

quarterback or two finally on the way, the Arizona Cardinals were acting quickly to shore up their lineup with some early free agency moves.

A person familiar with the situation said quarterback Sam Bradford had agreed to a oneyear contract worth up to \$20 million, with a second year at the club's option. The person requested anonymity because announced.

Before Bradford's acquisition, there were no quarterbacks on the roster for first-year coach Steve Wilks and his offensive coordinator Mike McCoy.

The Cardinals apparently will have Bradford's backup, too. A person familiar with the situation confirmed Mike Glennon had agreed to a twoyear, \$8 million contract with Arizona. The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the signing had not been officially announced.

Meanwhile, ESPN reported that Arizona had reached a twoyear deal with ex-Cincinnati offensive tackle Andre Smith. That could clear the way for the release of right tackle Jared Veldheer, which would clear about \$6.9 million in cap space.

The day began with the Cardinals announcing they had released one of their most popular players, safety Tyrann work out a pay cut.

"I've never made a secret been released. that Tyrann has always had a special place in my heart and always will," Cardinals general manager Steve Keim said in a statement.

this is a part of the business, nothing but continued success he was calling it quits.

Mathieu was due for \$18.75 PHOENIX (AP) — With a million of his contract to be guaranteed when the league year began Wednesday afternoon. By cutting him, Arizona saves close to \$5 million in cap space.

At least one player is coming back. Free agent inside linebacker Josh Bynes tweeted that he had agreed to a three-year deal to return to Arizona after a strong 2017 season.

"3 more years in AZ!," he the signing had not been wrote. "Thank you @AZCardinals and my family for all the support! Glad to be back in Red and Black!"

Bradford, 30, is a former Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 overall pick out of Oklahoma who has a strong, accurate arm but has been besieged by injuries in his pro career.

He has torn the ACL in his left knee twice and, after earning the starting job in Minnesota, missed most of last season after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery.

The Cardinals are counting on his injury problems to end.

Glennon, 28, spent four seasons with Tampa Bay, mostly as a backup, before signing a three-year, \$45 million contract with Chicago a year ago. His stint as Bears starter lasted just four games before he was replaced by rookie Mitchell Trubisky. Glennon didn't play the rest of the season.

NFL Network first reported Mathieu, after the two failed to Glennon's deal, moments after the Bears announced he had

The plan now appears for the Cardinals to draft a quarterback to develop as the longterm solution. The team was left without any signal caller when "While we all understand Carson Palmer retired and Drew Stanton and Blaine Gabbert that certainly doesn't make it left as free agents, just as thenany easier. We all wish Tyrann coach Bruce Arians announced

## Peters' 14 assists help Mississippi St. top Nebraska in NIT

assists shy of a NIT record with held to eight points. a career-high 14 and Missis-

Mississippi State (23-11) is

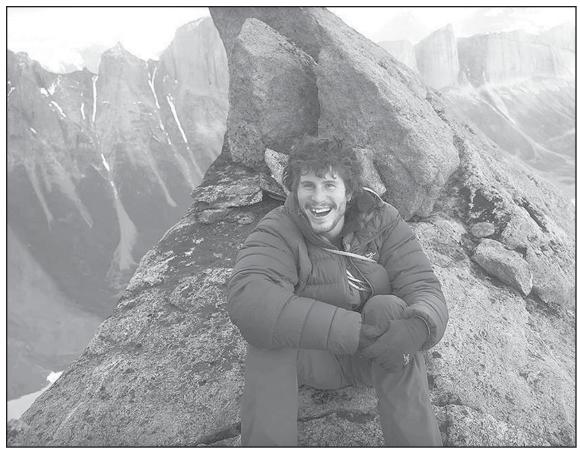
next round. Ado had 11 points, of 4 free throws to seal it.

Miss. on 4-of-11 shooting, and seven (AP) — Aric Holman had 16 rebounds in the first half to points and 10 rebounds for his help MSU build a 33-28 lead. seventh double-double of the The Bulldogs' leading scorer season, Lamar Peters was four Quinndary Weatherspoon was

James Palmer Jr. had 13 sippi State won its first post-points and Isaac Copeland Jr. season game since 2010 with added 12 for Nebraska (22a 66-59 victory over Nebraska 11), which was just 11-of-31 on Wednesday night in the first shooting in the first half and finished at 35.4 percent.

Anton Gill raced coastin the postseason for the first to-coast for a layup to pull time since a 101-96 double- Nebraska to 61-57 with 42.8 overtime loss to UMass in the seconds left but Xavian Stapleton answered with two Abdul Ado added 15 points free throws. The Cornhuskers and nine boards for MSU, missed 3-pointers on their next which plays at Baylor in the two possessions and MSU hit 3

# 2 experienced climbers believed dead on Alaska mountain



In this March 9, 2018, photo provided by Arc'Teryx Equipement shows Arc'teryx athlete Marc-Andre Leclerc of British Columbia is pictured in a climb. Two experienced mountain climbers trying to tackle a new route in Alaska were presumed dead after climbing ropes that matched their gear were found in a crevasse, authorities said Wednesday, March 14, 2018. Marc-Andre Leclerc, 25, of Squamish, British Columbia, and George "Ryan" Johnson, 34, of Juneau, not pictures, were reported missing missing from the Juneau Ice Field, after they failed to return from a climb March 7 on the Mendenhall Towers, a seven-peaked mountain not far from Alaska's capital city.

(Arc'Teryx Equipement via AP)

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) Two experienced mountain climbers trying to tackle a new route in Alaska were presumed dead after climbing ropes that matched their gear were found in a crevasse, authorities said Wednesday.

George "Ryan" Johnson, Leclerc, 25, of Squamish, British Columbia, were reported missing after they failed to return from a climb March 7 on a seven-peaked mountain not far from Alaska's capital city.

Rescuers had to wait until Tuesday for the weather to clear zine called him "one of the best to fly to Mendenhall Towers, a mountain that rises nearly 7,000 feet (2,134 meters) over the site of a sponsor, Canadian Juneau Ice Field, about 12 miles outdoor equipment company

rope at the top of an ice chute on Patagonia. one peak and saw two climbing down the same peak.

what went wrong because no time. My heart is so broken. one saw what happened.

"We know they made it to the top. We know they set anchor," she said. "Whether they were taken out by an avalanche, whether their rope failed — I mean, anything could happen."

Officials won't be able to 34, of Juneau, and Marc-Andre recover the bodies right away because of avalanche danger. Johnson and Leclerc had been flown to the mountain and planned to ski out to an area to be picked up.

Leclerc was considered a gifted climber. Outside magayoung alpinists in the world," and his biography on the web-(20 kilometers) north of Juneau. Arc'Teryx, says he completed They found an intact anchor several ascents in Canada and

"Sadly, we have lost two ropes in a crevasse midway really great climbers and I lost a son I am very proud of," Megan Peters, a spokes- Leclerc's father, Serge, wrote House of Representatives held

Part of me is gone with him."

Treya Klassen, a close friend of Serge Leclerc, said last week that the younger Leclerc had his eye on climbing Mendenhall Towers for a decade.

An online version of Alpinist magazine said Johnson knew the mountain. He had scaled Mendenhall Towers multiple times and received an American Alpine Club grant earlier this year to climb the 13,832-foot (4,216-meter) Mount Hayes in the Alaska Range, according to the Juneau Empire newspaper.

Online fundraising pages have been set up for both men. The page for Johnson said the money will be used to pay for search efforts and to support his 2-year-old son.

Leclerc's family said donations will help his partner as she and other family members

Lawmakers in the Alaska

## woman for the Alaska State on Facebook. "Thank you for a moment of silence for the Troopers, said it wasn't clear the support during this difficult climbers Wednesday. Krystkowiak gets tossed, Utah beat UC Davis 69-59 in NIT

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) through the exit tunnel. Justin Bibbins scored 15 of was ejected in the first half and deficit to beat UC Davis 69-59 round of the NIT.

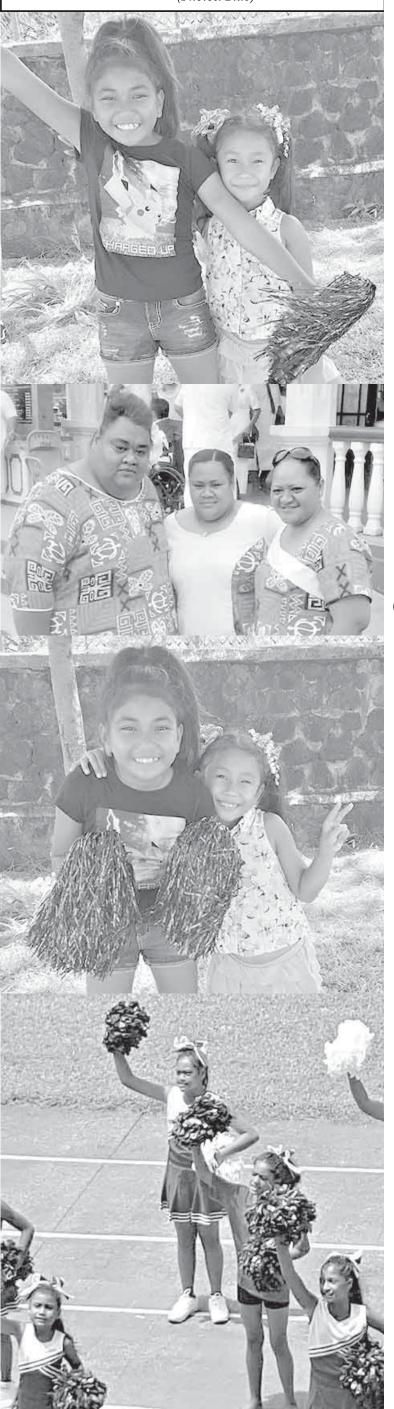
Tyler Rawson and Donnie his 21 points in the second half, Tillman scored 11 points apiece Utah coach Larry Krystkowiak for Utah. The Utes (20-11) will play LSU (18-14) in the second the Utes overcame an 11-point round.UC Davis (22-11) led by 11 points and Colin Russell's on Wednesday night in the first layup gave the Aggies a 39-29 lead early in the second half. After being tossed from the Bibbins hit two free throws to game late in the first half for cap a 10-3 run that pulled Utah and tossed a stool while walking fourth with an 8-0 spurt that

made it 56-48 when Bibbins hit a 3 with 5:53 to play. Garrison Goode's layup about a minute later trimmed UCD's deficit to six, but it would get no closer.

The Aggies made just 1 of 11 from the field, and committed three turnovers, from halfway through the third to the middle of the fourth.

A.J. John had 11 points, arguing a foul, Krystkowiak within one at the end of the third while Michael Onyebalu, Siler pushed over a seat on the bench quarter and the Utes opened the Schneider and TJ Shorts II scored 10 apiece, for UCD.





# Beal scores 34, Wizards beat Celtics 125-124 in 2OT



Washington Wizards forward Markieff Morris, right, is fouled by his twin brother, Boston Celtics forward Marcus Morris (13), during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Boston, Wednesday, March 14, 2018. The Wizards won 125-124 in double overtime. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa)

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By DOUG ALDEN, Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — The Washington Wizards came back from a big deficit to force one overtime, then outlasted the Boston Celtics in the second OT.

Bradley Beal scored 34 points, including four in the second extra period, and the Wizards rallied from 20 points down to beat the short-handed Celtics 125-124 on Wednesday night.

"It tested who we were as a team," Beal said. "They came out and played a lot harder than we did the first half. I definitely credit my teammates. We did a good job of staying poised and battling."

Jayson Tatum missed a 3-pointer just before the buzzer Celtics, who were without six second quarter. ... Morris scored players and missed several nine of Washington's 10 straight opportunities to put away the points to end the second quarter. Wizards.

credit, they came out and outrebounded clawed and scratched and made 25-14 in the first half. a bunch of shots."

Otto Porter Jr. finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Markieff Morris scored 20 points, Ian Mahinmi added 14 and Tomas Satoransky had 10 points for Washington, which rally past the weary Celtics.

Boston patched together a lineup without All-Star point center Al Horford (illness), two drive. of the four regulars who were sidelined.

"It's tough, going into double overtime and coming up short. lot of chances to win," Morris I feel like there were times we should have pulled away with it," said Terry Rozier, who had that they needed a 3 and they 21 points and nine assists for Boston.

Marcus Morris led Boston with 31 points and pulled closing seconds of regulation. a turnover with 16 seconds left

missed the foul shot.

### TIP-INS

and outrebounded Boston 15-6 Celtics up by a point with 3.1 in the period. ... Beal scored 16 seconds left. in the third quarter. ... Wash-

that could have won it for the ington shot 59 percent in the

Celtics: Were also missing "It was definitely a roller- Jaylen Brown (concussion procoaster ride. It was like two tocol), Marcus Smart (sprained games," Washington coach right thumb) and Daniel Theis Scott Brooks said. "Give them (torn knee ligament). ... Boston Washington

### **SECOND CHANCES**

Beal missed a 3-pointer with 5 seconds left in the fourth quarter that would have tied it at 106, but the Celtics knocked the rebound out of bounds and the Wizards had one more chance. played the night before but still Porter took the inbounds pass had enough energy at the end to and drove toward the basket passed it out to Jodie Meeks. who was alone in the corner when Marcus Morris cheated guard Kyrie Irving (knee) and into the lane to stop Porter's

> Meeks made the open 3 to force overtime.

"It's a tough one. We had a said. "I put that on me for just committing to the ball, knowing kicked it out and made a great play. That was my bad."

### MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

Washington had a chance to down nine rebounds, but made seal it late in the first overtime a costly defensive error in the after a bad pass by Tatum led to Tatum scored 19 points for the and Washington up 115-113. However, the Wizards did the Tatum drew a foul on a layup same thing on Markieff Morris' to tie it at 115 with 3.1 seconds inbound pass with 8.8 seconds left in the first overtime, but left and Tatum ended up tying it with a layup.

Tatum also drew a foul on Wizards: Outscored the the play, but missed the foul Celtics 29-21 in the third quarter shot that would have put the

# **NCAA Capsules**

By The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) his 13th double-double while minutes left. leading Syracuse's second-half comeback, and the Orange First Four.

The 11th-seeded Orange plays No. 6 seed TCU (21-11) on Friday in Detroit in the Midwest Region.

Syracuse (21-13) had to sweat out Selection Sunday and wound up as the last one to make the bracket, relegated to the First Four.

Arizona State (20-12) scored a season low in points — only the third time it's been held under 70 all season. The Sun Devils' previous low was 64

Brissett overcame a hard fall in the first half, scored 23 points along with Miami's Chris Lykes

three-point play and a step-back nament at 5-foot-7. jumper as the Orange overcame Freshman Oshae Brissett had a seven-point deficit with 7 (16-19) also became the first

lead, Arizona State's Shannon started the season 0-13 — the the last team to make the NCAA Evans II missed a 3-pointer with worst start for a tournament Tournament — held on for a 2 seconds to go. Frank Howard team in NCAA history — and 60-56 victory over Arizona got the rebound, was fouled and State on Wednesday night in the made both free throws to clinch it. Kodi Justice had 15 points for Arizona State, which hasn't won an NCAA Tournament game since 2009.

### **TEXAS SOUTHERN 64, NORTH CAROLINA CEN-TRAL 46**

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) -Damontrae Jefferson scored 25 points and pulled down eight rebounds as Texas Southern got its first ever NCAA Tournament win, a 64-46 rout of North Carolina Central in a First Four

Jefferson, a sophomore, and had 12 rebounds. He had a is the shortest player in the tour-

No. 16 seed Texas Southern team with a losing record to win With a chance to take the a tournament game. The Tigers didn't win a game until Jan. 1. Now they're moving on to face No. 1 seed Xavier on Friday.

> Donte Clark had 18 points and Trayvon Reed added 10 points and eight boards for Texas Southern, a historically black college in Houston that won the Southwestern Athletic College Tournament. Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Tournament winner N.C. Central, another historically black school was making its second straight appearance in Dayton for a play-in game.

> N.C. Central (19-16) was led by Raasean Davis with 19 points, part of a starting five that included a pair of true freshmen guards and a walk-on.

# Sentencing nears for ex-NFL running back's killer



FILE - This 2013 file photo shows New York Jets running back Joe McKnight. The man convicted of manslaughter in the 2016 road-rage shooting death of former NFL running back McKnight faces sentencing in Louisiana. Fifty-six-year-old Ronald Gasser could get up to 40 years in prison when court convenes Thursday, March 15, 2018, in suburban New Orleans.

GRETNA, La. (AP) — The man convicted of man-lated the conflict, following him released for a time after being slaughter in the 2016 road-rage down an exit that he would not questioned. He is white and his shooting death of former NFL ordinarily have taken moments release after the shooting of the running back Joe McKnight prior to the shooting. faces sentencing in a suburban Thursday.

up to 40 years in prison.

on a bridge spanning the Misboring Jefferson Parish.

Assistant District Attorney Seth of manslaughter. Shute, "driving like a jerk." But

New Orleans courtroom on McKnight had a hand on the race was a factor. open, passenger side window Ronald Gasser, 56, could get of Gasser's car before he was Newell Normand, who has shot. But he said physical Gasser was convicted Jan. evidence proved Gasser lied 26.Defense lawyers argued during extensive police questhat Gasser fired in self-defense tioning when he claimed McKwhen McKnight walked up night lunged at him.McKnight Prosecutors later recounted to his car following a 5-mile had been a high school foot- a painstaking investigation rolling confrontation that began ball hero at Louisiana's John including an extensive search Curtis Christian School. He for witnesses and physical evisissippi River in New Orleans signed with the University of dence that eventually led to and ended with gunfire in neigh- Southern California in 2006. Gasser being charged. In the NFL, he played three Witnesses at the trial said seasons for the New York Jets echoed another New Orleans-McKnight had been weaving in and one with the Kansas City area road-rage shooting from and out of traffic at high speed Chiefs.Gasser was indicted on 2016. Former New Orleans before the shooting. Prosecu- a second-degree murder charge Saints star Will Smith was tors acknowledged to the jury in McKnight's death. The jury that he was, in the words of voted 10-2 for the lesser verdict

Gasser did not leave the tenced to 25 years.

they argued that Gasser esca-scene of the shooting and he was black athlete sparked protests Shute acknowledged that at the time from some who said

Jefferson Parish Sheriff since retired, denied that race played any role and noted that a thorough investigation led to Gasser's arrest and indictment.

The case in some ways gunned down in that April incident. The shooter was later convicted of manslaughter and sen-

# Actor Jim Caviezel portrays Royals coach in team photo

Jesus and golfer Bobby Jones on glad you're here," Yost said. the big screen. On Wednesday, he portrayed Kansas City Royals bench coach Dale Sveum.

Sveum had a medical and missed the photo shoot, so Caviezel stood in for him.

"That way we can Photoshop the head with Dale in there," Royals manager Ned Yost said.

assistant to the general manager, was the "director" of the

"And Emily was going, many times would you ever be

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — 'Jesus vou need to move on a MLB field?' Actor Jim Caviezel has played back a little bit. Jesus, we're "(Caviezel replied), 'Yeah, you're really going to need me this year."

Caviezel, who also starred appointment for his stiff neck in the TV series "Person of Interest" and is best known for playing Jesus in "The Passion of the Christ," said it "was funny" to be in the Royals' photo.

"I think it's more humbling Emily Penning, executive for me to pop into a picture and impersonate some guy,' Caviezel said. "I enjoyed it, just getting into a team photo. How

Caviezel is in camp at the invitation of friend Mike Sweeney, a former Royals player who is in the team's front office. The club had a private pre-screening of Caviezel's latest movie, "Paul, Apostle of Christ," which opens nationwide next week.

Caviezel took batting practice with Sweeney pitching. When the round ended, Caviezel was standing around.

"Jimmy, you've got to get the balls," Sweeney barked jokingly. "If you're going to hit, you've got to pick them up."

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"E lei aoga lo'u atali'i i le leoleoina o pagota, sa aoaoina fesoasoani mai le Fale Leoleo i o ia ia iloa fui le mu pe a tula'i Leone mo taimi o fa'alavelave mai. Afai la e le agava'a lo'u atali'i i le leoleoina o pagota, e Na taua atili e Fagaoatua e le tatau la ona fa'a faigaluegaina fa'apea, ua fa'ailoa atu e ni isi o ia i le falepuipui i Tafunaa", o le talitonuga lea o le Tama.

Sa ia taua fo'i e fa'apea, o

(Faaauau itulau 7)





# Fesiligia Faipule mafua'aga taofi ai faigamalo paketi a le Fono

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Faipule le mataupu e pei ona e fai atu ai le Fono e avatu tupe tula'i mai i le paketi e fa'atupe e fa'aaoga, ona fa'amatu'u atu ai malaga a le fono, ina ua maua ripoti ua taofi e le faigamalo le fa'amatu'uina mai o tupe sa E. Amituana'i e fa'apea, e i ai pasia i le paketi e fa'aaoga i malaga a le Fono.

mai Manu'a ia Vesi Talalelei Fautanu Jr na tula'i ma fa'aleo le mataupu i le taimi o folafolaga a le maota o sui i le Vesi e fa'apea, e tele naua galuega a Taitai Komiti e fa'atino, e aofia ai malaga i fafo mo le aoina mai lea o fa'amatalaga e fesoasoani i a latou galuega, ae ua faigata ina ua taofi e le Kovana le fa'amatuuina mai o Komiti o le Paketi a le maota, ia vaega tupe.

Vesi i lona talosagaina lea o se faaletonu i tupe maua a le malo, iloiloga ma le Teutupe a le malo e fa'amanino ai lenei mataupu.

Na tula'i le afioga a Gafatasi Afalava na lagolago i le finagalo o Vesi. Saunoa Gafatasi e fa'apea, e oo lava fo'i ia te ia o loo pogisa i le mafu'aaga ua le ripoti o galuega fa'atino a le faia ai e le kovana lea fa'aiuga e taofi le paketi a le fono mo malaga i fafo.

goina o se iloiloga ma le Teutupe a le malo e fa'amanino ai lenei mataupu, pau lona popolega, ina ne'i le mafai e le Teutupe ona tali fesili a le maota i le mafu'aaga ua ala ai ona faia e le Kovana le fa'aiuga, ona fai lea ma to'atuga i le tau sailiina o le mafu'aaga o lenei fa'amoemoe.

o Faipule le tatau lea ona valaau se iloiloga ma le Teutupe a le malo.

Saunoa le Sui Fofoga Fetalai ia Fetu Fetui Jr e fa'apea, e tatau i Faipule ona latou silafia mai o lenei faafitauli i le taimi le tulaga o loo taoto ai galuega nei, e i ai lona taofi ua oo i le fa'atino a vaega e 3 o le faiga- taimi ua tatau ai ona tufa atu malo. E le gata e le feaiaa'i ae lava le paketi a le Faipule ia e eseese fo'i a latou matafaioi. E pulea ma fa'atonutonu o ia. E le le mafai e le isi vaega o le faigagata e mafai ai e le faipule ona malo ona faatonu le isi vaega.

Fetalai e fa'apea, o le tiute o le tagata na te fa'a faigaluegaina.

faigamalo o le saili o tupe ma E lei talia gofie e afioga i fa'atupu, ae a oo loa i le taimi loa lea.

Saunoa le afioga a Vailoata lona talitonuga o loo tulaga lelei tupe maua a le malo i le taimi O le afioga i le ali'i Faipule nei. Na mafua lea saunoaga a Vailoata, ona o le tulaga o loo i ai le tele o atina'e a le malo o loo faatinoina i le taimi nei.

Sa ia faailoa i le maota e amataga o le vaiaso nei. Saunoa fa'apea, afai latou te malaga atu i le itu i sisifo o le atunu'u, ona latou maitauina ai lea o atina'e fou o loo fa'atinoina ai a le malo, ma ua atagia mai ai o loo tulaga lelei tupe maua a le malo.

Na faamanino e le Taitai afioga Vailiuama S. Leasiolagi Na faai'u le saunoaga a e fa'apea, e le o i ai se tulaga o loo tulaga lelei lava. Ae o le fa'afitauli ua mafua ai ona taofi le paketi mo malaga a le fono, e mafua mai lava i le ova o le fa'aaoga a le Fono.

Sa ia faailoa i Faipule e faitau malo mo le Kuata Muamua o le tausaga tupe fou lenei 2018, o loo manino mai ai le tulaga lea, Sa ia taua fo'i lona lagola- e na o le Fono lava sa ova lana fa'aaoga mai le aofa'i o le tupe e tatau ona fa'aaoga.

> E tusa ai o le ripoti, e 26% na fa'aalu e le Fono mai lana paketi i le kuata muamua. Ae i lalo o le tulafono o le paketi, e tatau ona fa'aaoga le 25% o le paketi i le kuata muamua.

Saunoa Faimealelei A. F. Na lagolagoina e le to'atele Allen e faapea, e faigata ona faamalamalama poo ai o loo mafua ai ona ova le fa'aaoga i le paketi a le Fono, poo le Senate poo le Maota o Sui fo'i.

Ae ina ia foia le toe alia'e faasoasoa lana tupe fa'aalu, ae Saunoa atili le Sui Fofoga iloa ai fo'i e le faipule poo ai le



O se vaaiga i totonu o le DRC, lea e lesitala ai le mamalu o le atunu'u mo fesoasoani a le FEMA. [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



### tusia Ausage Fausia **VAITELE TAGO**

Na talia e le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino ia Elvis P. Patea le fautuaga a le alii loia ia Douglas Fiaui, ina ia aua nei faaleaogaina tuutuuga o le nofofaavaavaaia a Vaitele Tago, a ia faia e le fa'amasinoga se poloaiga e toe faia ai se teuteuga i tuutuuga ua mae'a ona tuuina atu ia te ia.

O le vaiaso na te'a nei na tula'i ai Tago i luma o le fa'amasinoga maualuga, mo le tuuina atu o se faasalaga faasaga ia te ia, ina ua faamaonia lona le usitaia o tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia sa tuuina atu e le fa'amasinoga i le 2013, ina le toese i Tafuna. ua ta'usala o ia i le moliaga o le faaoolima i le tulaga lua.

O ni isi o tuutuuga o le nofovaavaaia a Tago sa tuuina atu e le Fa'amasinoga, o le fa'asa lea ona ia toe soli se tulafono a le

tumalo ia Tago i le moliaga o le ai lana nofovaavaaia. faatupu vevesi i nofoaga faitele, e mafua mai i le faalavelave lea na ia aafia ai i se misa i totonu o Nuuuli i le tausaga na te'a nei.

moliaga o le faatupu vevesi i nofoaga faitele, ua atagia mai ai

lona le usitaia o tuutuuga o lana lea i lona to'alua ao fa'asua'ava nofovaavaaia.

faamalieina le fa'amasinoga i le faafinauga a lana loia, ma ua manatu ai le faamasinoga e toe tuuina atu se isi avanoa mo ia.

Sa manatu le faamasinoga e poloaiga loa Tago e tuli le 5 tausaga o loo totoe o lana nofoai ona taliaina o le talosaga a ala i lona ta tu'i o foliga o lona lana loia, na manatu ai loa le to'alua. fa'amasinoga e lava masina e 8 e poloaina ia Tago na te tuliina i ma latou viliina ai loa Leoleo

ia usita'i i tuutuuga o lana nofovaavaaia pe afai e magalo mai o ia mai tua i le toese. Ua fautuaina fo'i o ia ina ia auai i ni aoaoga e fesoasoani ai i le tulaga o le ita, ma ia taumafai e aua nei ia. O le 2 vaiaso talu ai na tausala toe alu i le nofoaga na tula'i mai

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E 41 tausaga o se alii mai O le ta'usala ai o Tago i le Tafuna na taofia e Leoleo i le faaiuga o le vaiaso na te'a nei, ona o tuuaiga i lona faaoolima

o ia. O le aso Lua na te'a nei Saunoa Patea e faapea, e ui na tula'i ai lea alii i luma o le o lea ua faamaonia le le usita'i fa'amasinoga fa'aitumalo, ma o Tago e tausisi i poloaiga o tali tete'e i moliaga mama e lua lana nofovaavaaia, peita'i ua o le faaoolima i le tulaga tolu, atoa ai ma le faatupu vevesi i nofoaga faitele.

O loo tuuaia e le malo e faapea, o se feeseeseaiga na tulai mai i le va o le ua molia ma lona to'alua, na mafua ai loa ona tula'i mai le vevesi, ma i'u vaavaaia, peita'i i le mae'a ina faaoolima ai le ua molia e

Na faalogo i ai aiga tuaoi mo se fesoasoani. Na aga'i atu Na fautua Patea ia Tago ina Leoleo ae sola ese le ua molia mai le fale. O le vaveao o le aso Sa na te'a nei, na toe aga'i atu ai Leoleo ma maua atu ai le ua molia o loo moe i le umukuka, ma pu'e fa'apagota mai ai loa o

Ua toe tatala le ua molia i tua le Fa'amasinoga Faai- ai le fa'alavelave e pei ona aafia e fa'atali ai taualumaga o lana mataupu, ma ua fautuaina o ia e aua nei toe alu i le fale o loo nonofo ai lona to'alua ma lana fanau, ae saili se isi nofoaga e faamautu ai se'i vagana ua mae'a taualumaga o lana mataupu.

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Na lagolagoina e le afioga i le ali'i faipule mai Saole lenei mataupu, afioga Kitara Vaiau. Na taua e Kitara e fa'apea, ua

faalavelave e pei o le sosola i Leoleo i Fagaitua, ma faaleo atu pagota, ona ua tau leai ni leoleo tua o pagota, ona le iloa lea poo le lagona faasea lava lea e tasi, o i le taimi nei, ona o le to'atele o

o lona itumalo o loo galulue i Fuimu mai lona itumalo, ua o tagata faigaluega a le malo.

le leai lea o se latou agava'a i le Leoleo lea ua galulue i le polofa'atinoina o le galuega leoleo kalame fesoasoani a le FEMA, e pagota, ae o loo tofia ai lava i lelei e maua ai a latou ova taimi.

Mai itulau 6

E talitonu Kitaea, e le tatau Saunoa atili Kitara e fa'apea, i le Komesina ona ia faia se mae'a fo'i ona talanoa atu ni isi e tusa ai o le fa'amatalaga a alii fa'aiuga e aafia ai le saogalemu







Stanford forward Reid Travis (22) drives to the basket against BYU forward Yoeli Childs (23) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in the first round of the NIT on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, in Stanford, Calif. (AP Photo/ Tony Avelar)

# Stanford holds off BYU's late rally 86-83 in NIT

the first round of the NIT.

with 7:09 remaining but the Cardinal didn't hit another field goal until freshman Daejon Davis sank a contested 3-pointer at the 1:48 mark. BYU's Jahshire Hardnett grabbed an offensive the next round. rebound and finished in traffic, then his steal led 10-0 run after a technical foul on Cougar coach

Stanford led by 10 with 36 seconds left but his 3-pointers and finished with 10 points.

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) - Reid Travis BYU wouldn't go away. TJ Haws made a steal scored 25 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, at 13.5 on an inbounds pass and Elijah Bryant hit Michael Humphrey added 11 and 14 and Stan- a long 3-pointer to pull BYU to 85-83. Daejon ford topped BYU 86-83 on Wednesday night in Davis went 1 of 2 at the line for a three-point lead. Bryant was fouled at 5.7 before he could get Travis gave Stanford a 69-58 lead on a dunk off a potential tying 3-pointer and Haws grabbed the second free-throw miss, raced to the 3-point line and was just off on a 3.

Stanford (19-15) will play Oklahoma State in

Bryant led BYU (24-11) with 28 points and to a fast-break layup to pull to 72-68 and cap a Yoeli Childs fouled out with 2:27 remaining with 11 points and 10 rebounds for his 15th doubledouble of the season. Haws missed all seven of

# Last-in Syracuse rallies for 60-56 win over Arizona State

By JOE KAY, AP Sports Writer

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — NCAA Tournament gets to play at least one more. Credit previous low was 64 points. Syracuse's fabulous freshman defense for getting a cringeworthy win.

Syracuse's while leading second-half comeback, and the Orange — the last team to make in the first half, scored 23 points the NCAA Tournament — held on for a 60-56 victory over Arizona State on Wednesday night in the First Four.

The 11th-seeded Orange plays No. 6 seed TCU (21-11) on Friday in Detroit in the Midwest Region.

Syracuse (21-13) had to sweat out Selection Sunday and wound up as the last one to make the bracket, relegated to the First Four. The Orange prevailed in a matchup of teams that started fast and then faded onto the tournament bubble.

"Our offense struggles," coach Jim Boeheim said. "But I thought our defense has been good all year and that's where won an NCAA Tournament we hang our hats, on the defensive end."

Arizona State

Arizona State scored a season low in points — only the The last team to make the third time it's been held under 70 all season. The Sun Devils'

"Usually we're scoring 56 forward and its legendary zone in a half, and we ended up with 56," coach Bobby Hurley said. "So there were limited posses-Freshman Oshae Brissett sions. It was a rock fight, and had his 13th double-double we just didn't make enough shots."

> Brissett overcame a hard fall and had 12 rebounds. He had a three-point play and a step-back jumper as the Orange overcame a seven-point deficit with 7 minutes left.

> "I knew he was going to get back up," said Tyus Battle, whose 3-pointer put Syracuse ahead to stay. "He's hit some huge shots. He's done that countless times this year."

> With a chance to take the lead, Arizona State's Shannon Evans II missed a 3-pointer with 2 seconds to go. Frank Howard got the rebound, was fouled and made both free throws to clinch it. Kodi Justice had 15 points for Arizona State, which hasn't game since 2009.

### **BIG PICTURE**

Syracuse: The Orange uses opened the season with 12 only seven players and had conwins, including victories over cerns about Howard, who had a tournament No. 1 seeds Xavier throat ailment the last few days. and Kansas. The Sun Devils He hit a pair of 3s and had a went 8-12 the rest of the way, steal and layup as the Orange and their high-powered offense opened with a 10-7 run. He fingot shut down in their biggest ished with 12 points, including the clinching free throws.

# Reaves, Penn St. rally for 63-57 win over Temple in NIT

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (AP) — Josh Reaves had his second career double-double, Shep Garner hit two 3-pointers in the final three minutes and Penn State overcame an 11-point second-half deficit to beat Temple 63-57 on Wednesday night in the first round of the NIT.

Reaves shot 7 of 10 from the field, including a careerhigh tying four 3-pointers, and finished with 19 points and 11

Tony Carr missed 10 consecutive field-goal attempts before scoring his first points of the game on a jumper that pulled Penn State within four with 6:20 to play. That sparked a 16-2 run to give the Nittany Lions a 62-54 lead with 16 seconds left.

Reaves and Garner hit back-to-back 3s to make it 54-all before John Harrar's layup with 1:52 remaining gave Penn State its first lead since 4-3. The Owls made just 1 of 9 from the field and committed three turnovers during the span.

Shizz Alston Jr. led Temple (17-16), which led for more than 35 minutes, with 15 points and Josh Brown added 14.

Carr and Garner — who came in averaging 19.9 and 11.1 points per game, respectively — combined to score 10 on 3-of-19 shooting for the Nittany Lions (22-13).

The Owls made just 5 of 14 free throws while Penn State hit 20 of 30.

It was the 93rd meeting between the schools, which are located less than 200 miles apart, but the first since 2011. The Nittany Lions snapped a seven-game skid in the series, dating to Dec. 9, 2000.

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# **EUGENIA**®

Thursday, March 15, 2018



Happy Birthday: Stop waiting for something to happen. If you want to get ahead, it's up to you to put your plans into action. Don't fear failure when it's regret that you should be cutting out of your life. Success will be preceded by multiple mistakes and plenty of hard work. Look ahead with enthusiasm and work hard to make your dreams come true. Your numbers are 5, 13, 21, 23, 28, 37, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your financial, medical and legal issues a secret. Sharing too much information with others will put you in a vulnerable position. Finish whatever responsibilities you are handed quickly and efficiently. Take time to relax and rejuvenate. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): What you offer will be well-received. Partnerships will help you get ahead. Set up meetings or offer your services to those in need of help. Establishing a healthy relationship with someone will be beneficial. \*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A situation that exposes your emotions will put you in a vulnerable position at work or when dealing with people who may take advantage of you. Be careful what information you share. Don't be too proud or gullible. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions and insight will help you figure out the best way to respond to someone who makes unreasonable demands. Fight back by offering positive alternatives. Lead the way, but don't do all the work yourself. ★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money matters will not be clear. Go over your expenses, assets and debts and see where you can cut corners to avoid loss and stress. Don't let your desire to be loved lead to ill-considered generosity.★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): An opportunity to work alongside someone you respect or enjoy spending time with will make it easier to get things done. Mixing business with pleasure will allow you to explore your options. Someone close to you will get upset easily**\*** ★ ★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't waste your time thinking about what you should do -- take action and make things happen. Listen to someone who has more experience than you and you'll find answers that will help you excel\*\*\* SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have more leeway than you realize. Express your feelings and

work alongside someone you love to make your surroundings, location and relationship convenient and comfortable. Wear the purple hat and enjoy being different. ★★★★ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Physical activity will make you feel alive. Try something new or

set your sights on something you want to accomplish. Celebrate your success with someone you

love. Personal and home improvements are featured. \*\*\* CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let anyone limit what you can do with responsibilities that don't belong to you. Stay focused on what you do best and what best serves your interests. Don't rely on others -- do the work yourself. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Emotional problems will set in if you overreact or take things the wrong way. Think before you respond to any criticism that you feel is unfair. Give others the benefit of the doubt and be willing to compromise.★\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be forthright about what you want and don't stop until you at least have some idea how best to move forward. Use past experience to help you gain insight into the best way to enforce what you want to see unfold. ★★★



### SON THROWS A TANTRUM AFTER WEDDING GIFT IS CUT IN HALF

**DEAR ABBY:** I was working out of town in a position that paid a good salary. When my adult son proposed to his girlfriend, I told him I would try and give him \$10,000 for the wedding. Well, things changed. I had to return home for good, and my salary was cut. When I told my son I wouldn't be able to give him \$10,000, but could give him only \$5,000 instead, he became very upset and said, "You promised that amount and we were counting on that money!"

I feel a gift is a gift, and they should be happy with whatever I can manage. After talking it over with several friends, they all agreed that he is behaving inappropriately. I am single and trying to retire in 10 years. Please help. -- SALARY CUT IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR SALARY CUT: Your son's reaction was immature. He should understand that sometimes circumstances can change. If you haven't already explained why you need to cut back on the sum you planned to give him, do it now. How he reacts to your explanation will tell you whether you want to give him even \$5,000.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently took a job working for someone I knew. He was a neighbor and attended my church for several years, but we were never more than acquaintances.

After I began working there, I saw things going on with other girls in the office that were very inappropriate. Then I stumbled across a sexual online chat he was having with one of them. As I scrolled through the feed, it became apparent they're having an affair. It made me so uncomfortable I quit working there.

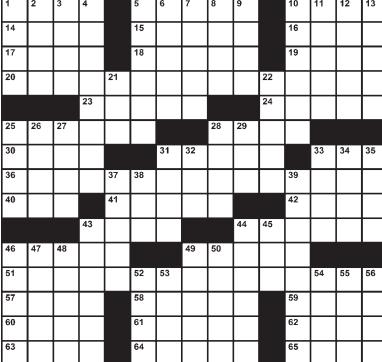
We still live in the same community. He has a beautiful, kind and very pregnant wife. Should I tell her? Should I tell anyone, or stay quiet and let him get away with it? It makes me sick, and I don't know what to do at this point. -- UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE WEST

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: Allow me to suggest that what you do is remain silent, at least for now. The kind and very pregnant wife does not need to be told that her husband is cheating with an employee at this juncture. After the baby is born, perhaps she should be told -- if she doesn't know already -- but NOT NOW.

DEAR ABBY: Please help! How do I politely tell my partner -- without hurting his feelings -- that I don't like his cooking and I should be the one doing the cooking because I'm more "seasoned" in the kitchen than he is? I am usually the "chef" and he is the "second-in-command," which in the past has worked. -- SEASONED IN CALIFORNIA

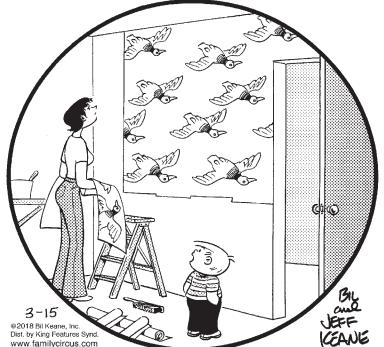
DEAR SEASONED: Here's how: Skip the part about not liking his cooking, which could be hurtful. Ease into it by telling him you consider cooking together to be a bonding experience. Then say how much you enjoy taking the lead when the two of you do it, how meaningful it is when he helps you, and how much you'd appreciate it if he would continue to let you be the chef.





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By Bil Keane



"Wow, you did that great, Mommy. Why are all the birds flying upside down?"

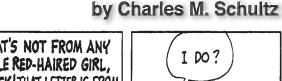
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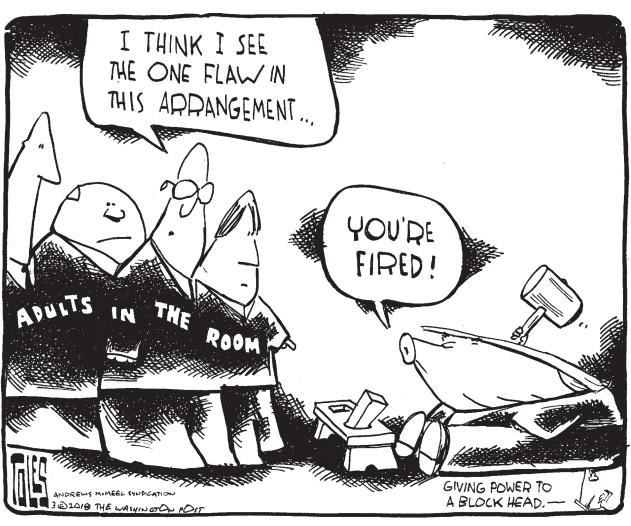








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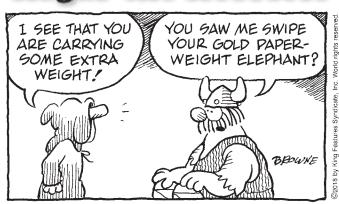
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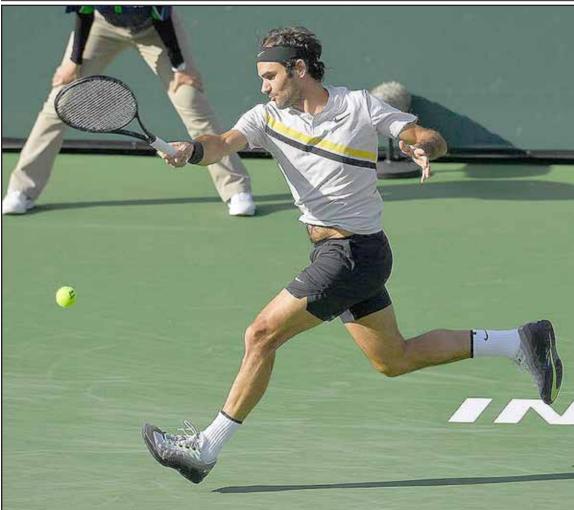


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Roger Federer, of Switzerland, returns a shot to Jeremy Chardy, of France, during the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament Wednesday, March 14, 2018, in Indian Wells, Calif.

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# Federer wins at Indian Wells, sets up rematch with Chung

By BETH HARRIS, AP Sports Writer

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Roger Federer defeated Jeremy Chardy of France 7-5, 6-4 in the fourth round of the BNP Paribas Open on Wednesday, and at 15-0 the world's top-ranked men's player is off to his best start since 2006. The 36-year-old Swiss superstar can equal his season-best start of 16-0 with a win in the quarterfinals, where he will meet Chung Hyeon of South Korea in a rematch of their Australian Open semifinal.

"This might be the last day, so we'll see," Federer said, smiling. "Don't jinx it."

He advanced to the final in Melbourne when Chung retired in the second set trailing 6-1, 5-2 because of blisters on his left foot. Federer went on to win a five-set final against Marin Cilic

for his 20th Grand Slam title. Chung, seeded 23rd at Indian Wells, beat 30th-seeded Pablo Cuevas of Uruguay 6-1, 6-3. Since his Grand Slam breakthrough Down Under, Chung has been on a roll. He's reached the quarterfinals or better in four of five tournaments and improved to 15-5 this year.

"I was honestly quite surprised how quickly he came back," Federer said. "Because that thing looked nasty and it takes some time to heal. But he seems fine and he played a great match today. So I'm excited to play against him."

Federer is chasing a record sixth title in the desert.

"Just playing really fast and good serve, good baseline," Chung said of Federer. "He play everything good, so I'm just trying to enjoy on the court."

Against Federer, Chardy played a tough first set in windy conditions that persisted throughout the day. Federer earned the only break in the 11th game and then served a love game to take the set.

Federer again took the only break in the second set to go up 5-4. His forehand pulled Chardy completely off the court and Federer hit a crosscourt backhand winner off Chardy's return. Federer served his fifth love game of the match to close it out. Chardy committed 46 unforced errors to 29 for Federer, who won 90 percent of his total service points.

Against Cuevas, Chung dominated in racing to a 6-1, 5-0 lead before Cuevas fought off seven match points to break back in the sixth game. Cuevas then broke Chung again to close to 5-3, but the Korean closed out the win. "It was a really tough match against Pablo," Chung said. "I have few match points but start (getting) windy and he playing good. Not easy to play with the wind, but I'm just trying to focus all the time."

Simona Halep also fought the wind and a pesky opponent to reach the semifinals.

The world's top-ranked woman outlasted Petra Martic of Croatia 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-3 and improved to 18-1 in matches this year.

Winds gusting to 15 mph made shots tricky. Trailing 4-2 in the first set, Martic closed to 5-4 before Halep served it out.

"I was a little bit frustrated about the game today because the wind didn't give us the rhythm," Halep said in an oncourt interview. "That's maybe why I'm here because I refuse to lose." Martic controlled the second set, taking a 5-2 lead before Halep forced the tiebreaker. The Romanian tied it 5-all before Martic won the final two points to force a third set. Halep rallied from a 2-1 deficit to tie it 3-all before winning the last three games.





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