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Cook Islands & Samoa win big in Day 2 of OFC Champions League Qualifiers

TUPAPA MARAERENGA & LUPE O LE SOAGA ADVANCE TO GROUP STAGE



A warm closing to the neighborly match between the two Samoas – as Pago Youth and Lupe o le Soaga players gathered at midfield for a song and prayer to finish off their match. Lupe o le Soaga punished Pago Youth in a 13-1 victory. All tourney games are played at the Pago Soccer Field.

[photo: TG]



Striker for Lupe o le Soaga, Michael Fifi'i bicycle kicks a shot in front of Pago Youth's goal during the opening half of their OFC Champions League Qualifier match up this past Tuesday where Lupe o le Soaga from Samoa defeated Pago Youth 13-1. All tourney games are played at the Pago Soccer Field.

[photo: TG]

by T. Gasu

Samoa News Sports Correspondent

Although they were the only team that lost during the opening of the Oceania Football Confederation's (OFC) Champions League Qualifiers, Lupe o le Soaga from Samoa was able to get back on track after a dominating victory (13- 1) against Pago Youth during the second day of competition.

Even the Tongans felt the wrath of the Cook Islanders after Tupapa Maraerenga FC punished Veitongo FC in a 9- 2 victory.

Coverage of the 2018 Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) Champions League Qualifiers is sponsored by Congresswoman Aumua Amata.

The OFC Champions League Qualifier 2018 is for the National League Champions of four countries — American Samoa, Cook Islands, Samoa and Tonga. The winner and runner-up will advance to the second stage of the OFC Champions League 2018 which is the group stage hosted in four countries: Vanuatu (Group A), Tahiti (Group B), New Zealand (Group C) and the Solomon Islands (Group D).

As of now, Tupapa Maraerenga FC from the Cook Islands are the only undefeated team in the competition, with Lupe o le Soaga eyeing second. In the qualifying stage, the four teams play each other on a round-robin basis.

The winners and runners-up advance to the group stage to join 14 direct entrants. Tupapa Maraerenga has never advanced to the group stage of this competition via the Qualifier, although they appeared in the OFC Club Championships back in 2001.

The final day of the OFC Champions League Qualifiers is tomorrow, with the opening match between Lupe o le Soaga and Veitongo FC set to kick off at 12noon.

The next match up is set for 3p.m. and will be between Tupapa Maraerenga FC and Pago Youth.

TUPAPA MARAERENGA FC 9 - VEITONGO FC 2

Veitongo FC applied pressure during the opening minutes of the match, as they held possession inside Tupapa Maraerenga territory for awhile. With many opportunities to score, Veitongo FC wasn't able to put one behind the net; instead, their shots were all over the place near the goal, but never quite precise for a point.

The Cook Islanders didn't hesitate to bring the pressure, after seeing Veitongo FC tiring out early after numerous opportunities to strike.

Maro Bonsu Maro engineered a perfect pass to Sean Latimer after Maro's first shot at the goal was denied by Veitongo's goalie Motekiai Faupula – but the ball that bounced back to Maro was patiently controlled by the striker as he lured defenders his way, leaving a wide open Sean Latimer for their first goal of the game.

Latimer's second goal of the match followed soon thereafter. Following a throw in by Hone Fowler to Sean Latimer inside Tongan territory, Latimer was able to weave his way through defenders and charge up a powerful shot at the goal for his second

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Clark leads No. 9 Cincinnati over Temple 75-42



Temple guard Josh Brown (1) is pressured by Cincinnati guard Justin Jenifer (3) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday Jan. 24, 2018, in Highland Heights, Ky. (AP Photo/Gary Landers)

The Owls scored the first five points of the game, then went scoreless for nearly five minutes. It was one of two Temple scoring droughts that approached five minutes in the first half.

The Bearcats had runs of 7-0 and 10-0 and led 35-19 at halftime.

Temple shot 2 of 12 from 3-point range in the first half and committed nine turnovers.

Cincinnati kept rolling in the second half. Clark had a 3-pointer and a dunk to put the Bearcats ahead 60-30.

Quinton Rose and Ernest Aflakpui each scored seven points for Temple.

BIG PICTURE

Temple: The Owls trailed by as many as 34 points. The largest deficit the Owls previously had faced this season was 23 points, in an 84-66 loss on Dec. 22 at Georgia.

Cincinnati: The Bearcats are 11-0 this season at BB&T Arena after going 18-0 last season at Fifth Third Arena, which is undergoing an \$87 million upgrade. Temple was the last team to win at Cincinnati, a 77-70 victory on Dec. 29, 2015.

UP NEXT

Temple: The Owls host UConn on Sunday.

Cincinnati: The Bearcats play at Memphis on Saturday. They defeated the Tigers 82-48 on Dec. 31 at BB&T Arena.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, Ky. (AP) — Gary Clark had 17 points and 10 rebounds, and Jarron Cumberland scored 11 of his 13 in the first half to help No. 9 Cincinnati extend the nation's longest active home winning streak with a 75-42 victory over Temple on Wednesday night.

Kyle Washington had 13 points and nine rebounds for the Bearcats (17-2, 7-0 American Athletic Conference), who won their 11th consecutive game and 37th straight at home while completing a regular-season

sweep of the Owls. Cincinnati is playing home games at BB&T Arena on the campus of Northern Kentucky University while its own building is renovated.

It was the worst loss of the season for Temple (10-10, 2-6), which shot a season-low 28.6 percent and committed 20 turnovers.

The Bearcats won the first meeting 55-53 on Jacob Evans III's jumper with a second left on Jan. 4 in Philadelphia. This one wasn't even close.

USC beats Stanford 69-64 for 5th win in a row

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jonah Mathews scored 18 points and Southern California escaped with a 69-64 victory over Stanford on Wednesday night to maintain sole possession of second place in the Pac-12 Conference with its fifth straight win.

Chimezie Metu added 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Trojans (16-6, 7-2 Pac-12), who have won 10 of 12.

The third-place Cardinal (11-10, 5-3) missed a chance to move into a tie for second with USC. Reid Travis led Stanford with 16 points. Michael Humphrey and Dorian Pickens each added 14 points.

Humphrey hit a 3-pointer and Daejon Davis made two free throws that got Stanford to 66-64.

Jordan McLaughlin had a rocky time in the final seconds. He missed a 3-pointer and then missed 3 of 4 free throws that left USC clinging to a 67-64 lead.

Davis missed a potential tying 3-pointer with 4 seconds left. USC regained possession and Elijah Stewart caught a long pass near midcourt and cruised

in for a game-ending dunk.

Trailing by 15 points at the break, Stanford regrouped to start the second half with a 15-7 spurt. Pickens made 6 of 6 free throws and Travis added five points to cut the Cardinal's deficit to 48-41.

The Trojans took control with a 12-0 run that turned a four-point lead into a 15-point advantage in the first half. Nick Rakocevic had five points, one of four players to score in the spurt that extended USC's lead to 28-12.

USC led 41-26 at halftime after holding Stanford to 36 percent shooting.

BIG PICTURE

Stanford: The Cardinal shot 44 percent, ending USC's run of holding its previous opponents to 43 percent or less.

USC: The Trojans led the entire game and were up by 10 points with 5:12 remaining before surviving their own miscues to hang on.

UP NEXT

Stanford: Visits UCLA on Saturday. The Cardinal needed a buzzer-beater in double overtime to earn a 107-99 victory three weeks ago.

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N. Korea hockey players come to South for joint Olympic team



North Korean women hockey players arrive at the Inter-Korean Transit Office in Paju, South Korea, Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018. Twelve North Korean female hockey players crossed the border into South Korea to form the rivals' first-ever Olympic team during next month's Pyeongchang Winter Games.

(Korea Pool Photo via AP)

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Twelve North Korean female hockey players crossed the heavily fortified border into South Korea on Thursday to form the rivals' first-ever unified Olympic team during next month's Pyeongchang Winter Games.

Fielding the joint hockey team was part of a package of Olympics-related rapprochement deals that the rival Koreas recently struck after a year of heightened regional animosity over the North's advancing nuclear weapons program. Some experts say North Korea may want to use improved ties with the South as a way to weaken U.S.-led international sanctions.

The North Korean hockey players arrived Thursday morning with a coach and two support staff. They wore white and red winter parkas with "DPR Korea" written on the back, an abbreviation of the country's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. A North Korean advance team tasked with looking at the Olympic stadium and accommodations also came with them, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry.

When the buses carrying them left, about 30-40 conservative activists shouted slogans and raised a wood board with a sign demanding the beheading of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and his photo. It wasn't clear if any of the North Koreans on the buses saw them.

The North Korean hockey players were heading to a southern South Korea training center, where they'll be united with their 23 South Korean teammates. They will start their joint practices as early as later Thursday. The North Korean advance team moved to eastern towns, where the Feb. 9-25 Olympics are to take place.

The Koreas began exploring how to cooperate in the Olympics after Kim abruptly said

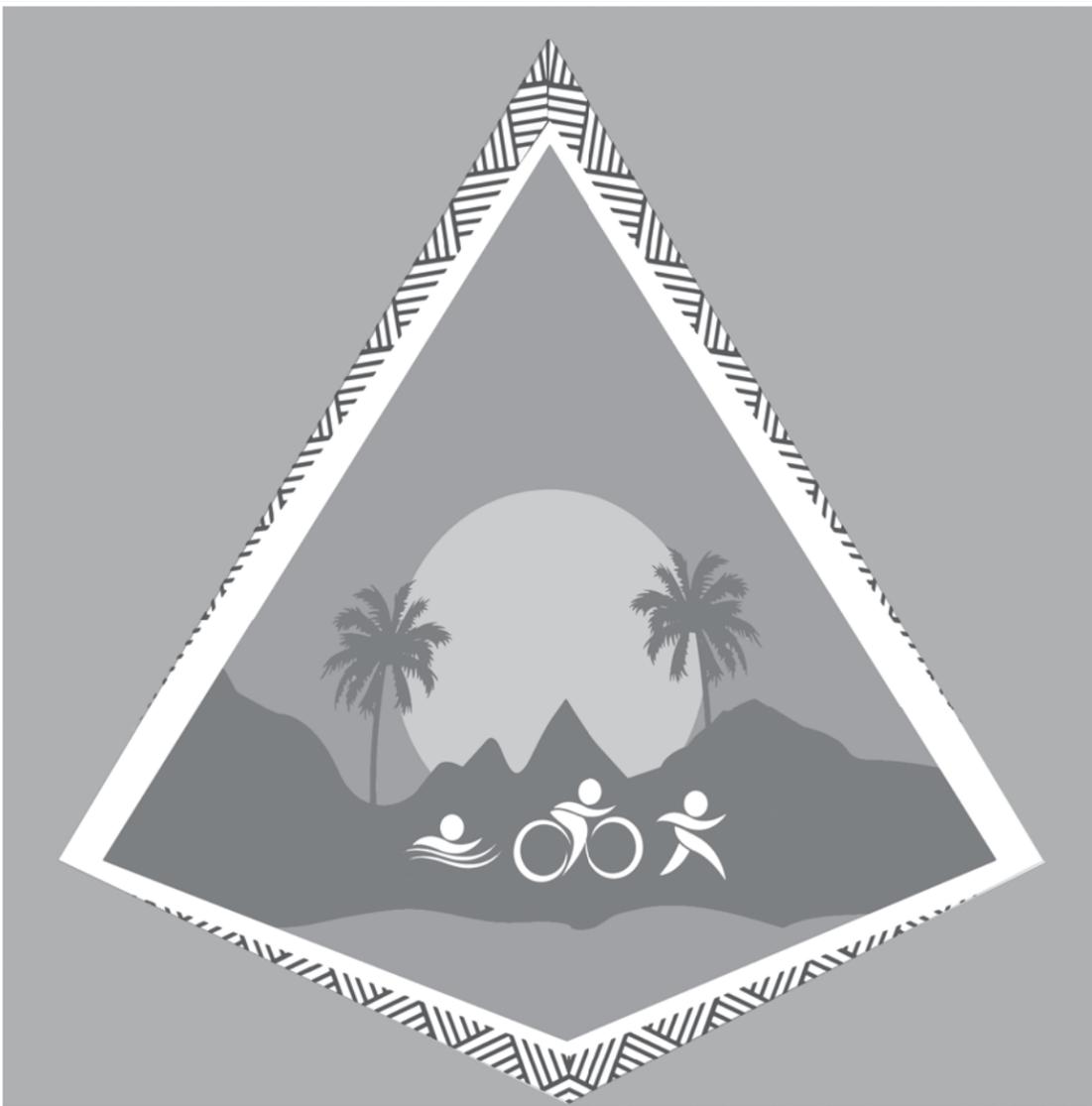
during his New Year's Day address that he was willing to send an Olympic delegation. The rapprochement deals include athletes of the two Koreas marching together under a single flag during the Feb. 9 opening ceremony.

The International Olympic Committee has allowed 22 North Korean athletes, including the 12 hockey players, to compete in Pyeongchang in exceptional entries given to the North, which initially had none to come to the Olympics. The 10 others will compete in figure skating, short track speed skating, Alpine skiing and cross-country skiing, and they will come to South Korea on Feb. 1.

The joint hockey team deal has triggered a backlash in South Korea, with a survey showing about 70 percent of respondents opposing the idea because it would deprive South Korean players of playing time.

Conservatives in Seoul have held a series of small-scale rallies in recent days. On Monday, activists burned Kim's photo and a North Korean flag as the head of the North's popular girl band passed by them during a visit to Seoul. North Korea responded Tuesday by warning similar actions could disrupt ongoing reconciliation efforts.

The United States imposed new sanctions Wednesday on North Korean financial and business networks in China and Russia as it intensified its push to cut off revenues for the nation's nuclear and missile programs. South Korean officials hope an Olympic-inspired mood of detente would serve as a stepping stone to the resumption of diplomatic talks that could slow down North Korea's nuclear advancement. North Korea, however, has insisted it won't discuss its nuclear program during its ongoing talks with South Korea, and some experts warn that tensions could flare again after the Olympics.



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Xavier's Tyrique Jones dunks as Marquette's Jamal Cain (23) looks on in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, in Cincinnati. Xavier won 89-70.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

Goodin leads No. 8 Xavier to 89-70 rout of Marquette

CINCINNATI (AP) — Point guard Quentin Goodin scored 13 of his team-high 15 points while No. 8 Xavier took control in the first half, and the Musketeers routed Marquette 89-70 on Wednesday night to remain unbeaten at home.

The Musketeers (19-3, 7-2 Big East) surged ahead by 26 and were never threatened as they beat the Golden Eagles for the second time this season. Xavier has won eight of the last 10 games between the schools.

Trevon Bluiett scored 13 and became the fifth Musketeers player with 2,000 career points.

Markus Howard had 33 for Marquette (13-7, 4-4), which entered second in the nation in 3-pointers. But the Golden Eagles went only 6 of 23 from outside the arc, matching their season low for 3s.

SOUTH CAROLINA 77, NO. 20 FLORIDA 72

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Wesley Myers scored a season-high 22 points, Chris Silva added a double-double and South Carolina upset Florida.

Silva finished with 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Gamecocks, who won the Elite Eight rematch from last year's NCAA Tournament. South Carolina knocked off the Gators in that one thanks to 42 points in the paint. Coach Frank Martin's team won this one from the 3-point line. The Gamecocks (13-7, 4-4 Southeastern Conference) hit 11 of 21 shots from beyond the arc, matching their most 3s all season. Myers was 5 of 7 from 3-point range, taking advantage of the league's worst team at defending the 3.

The Gators (14-6, 6-2) led by 11 in the first half and were up 48-39 early in the second. But they had no answer for Myers outside and Silva down low.

NO. 24 RHODE ISLAND 78, FORDHAM 58

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Berry scored 20 points on 9-of-12 shooting, Jared Terrell had 17 points and six assists, and Rhode Island cruised past Fordham at historic Rose Hill Gym. Stan Robinson added 16 points, seven steals and six rebounds for the newly ranked Rams (16-3, 8-0 Atlantic 10), who moved into the AP Top 25 this week for the first time since November 2016. Rhode Island has won 11 straight games for the first time in 70 years.

Fordham (6-14, 1-7) was led by Will Tavares, who had 17 points and 13 assists.

Howard scores 43, Cent. Arkansas beats S.F. Austin 100-92

CONWAY, Ark. (AP) — Jordan Howard scored a career-best 43 points and grabbed seven rebounds as Central Arkansas beat Stephen F. Austin 100-92 on Wednesday night.

Howard's total is one shy of the school record, 44 points by Derrell Washington against Delta State on Jan. 31, 1994.

Howard was 11 of 19 from the field, including 6 of 8 from deep for the Bears (11-11, 5-4 Southland). Thatch Unruh added 28 points on seven 3-pointers and Mathieu Kamba had 15 points and five assists.

Central Arkansas was down by one at the break, but Kamba drained two 3-pointers and

Howard made a third in a 12-7 surge to open the second half that put the Bears on top, 55-51, with 15:45 to play. Jones followed that with another 3 to ignite a 28-16 run that included six 3-pointers by Unruh to stretch it to 83-67 with 7:57 left and the Bears cruised from there.

Shannon Bogues led the Lumberjacks (16-4, 5-2) with 31 points. The loss snaps Stephen F. Austin's five-game win streak.



Sean Latimer for Tupapa Maraerenga FC just seconds away from netting his first goal of the match against Veitongo FC during the first half of their OFC Champions League Qualifiers match up this past Tuesday. Latimer and Bonsu-Maró both scored hat-tricks in their 9-2 win over the Tongans. All tourney games are played at the Pago Soccer Field. [photo: TG]

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score of the match.

As Veitongo FC had possession after Latimer's goal, the Tongans were able to pass the ball around to try and spread out the Cook Islanders defense for an opportunity at centerfield. Just as the Tongans finally found the opposing goalie all alone during their offensive attack, striker Soakai Vea for Veitongo FC was tackled from behind by Hone Fowler for a penalty shot.

At the same time, the Tongan striker wasn't able to keep his cool during the time of the penalty, leading to a red card off the field by referee Peter Linney of New Zealand. The brief moment not only sent the Veitongo player out of the game for good, but it also brought them their first goal of the match, when Vai Lutu scored from the spot of the foul.

From that moment, the Tongans knew it was going to be tough to hold on, with nearly an hour left to play, but with only 10 men on the field against Cook Islands' 11.

Midway through the first half, and Maró Bonsu-Maró and Hone Fowler were each able to get on board with two more goals for Tupapa Maraerenga.

It was a 4-1 lead at halftime.

The goals kept flowing for Tupapa Maraerenga with Grover Harmon getting on board and Sean Latimer and Maró Bonsu-Maró both securing hat-trick as Hone Fowler's last goal put the Cook Islanders up with a 9-1 lead.

Midway through the second half of play, and Veitongo's team captain was also red

carded off the field by referee Peter Linney as a tackle from behind was spotted for a penalty against Veitongo as they were looking to strike for the second goal of the match.

The penalty in the box brought Vai Lutu again to strike and net his second goal of the game, bringing this one to a close with Tupapa Maraerenga FC's second victory of the competition 9-2 over Veitongo FC.

LUPE OLE SOAGA 13 - PAGO YOUTH 1

The second match of the day was a neighborly battle between the two Samoas - Lupe o le Soaga and Pago Youth. It didn't take long for the Westerners to get on the board after Lapalapa Toni netted their first goal of the match early in the first half of play.

Not too long after that, Pago Youth players were disappointed to see Lupe o le Soaga's second goal coming by way of Suivai Ataga who scored within the 15th minute of the opening half.

At 25 minutes into the first half of play, Lupe o le Soaga's Lapalapa Toni was able to net his second goal of the day - which came after a penalty kick for Samoa that was blocked by Pago Youth's goalie Moimoi Tualaulelei who wasn't able to secure the ball, as Samoa's passing game trafficked right in front of the goal.

Toni didn't hesitate to put strike through traffic for his second goal of the first half.

But Pago Youth finally was able to gather themselves and utilize a good passing strategy

that netted them their first and only goal of the game.

28 minutes into the first half and Pago Youth's striker Rambo Tapui was able to lob a perfectly timed ball in front of Roy Ledoux who was en-route towards the goalie's box.

Lupe o le Soaga's goal keeper pursued just a bit early, as Ledoux was able to fake him out to jump to the opposite side of the goal before striking his first goal for Pago Youth.

Coming back on to the field from a water break in the first half, Lupe o le Soaga's Suivai Ataga was able to net his first goal at the top right corner of the goal to extend their lead after a good passing strategy by full back Andrew Setefano to setup Ataga for their fourth goal of the half.

It didn't take long for Suivai Ataga to net his second goal - as the Pago Youth defenders seemed gassed, Ataga took advantage and shot a long one from outside of the box for Lupe o le Soaga's fifth goal of the half.

Kevin Ah Kuoi was able to shoot and score another goal for Samoa as they extended their lead 6-1 into halftime.

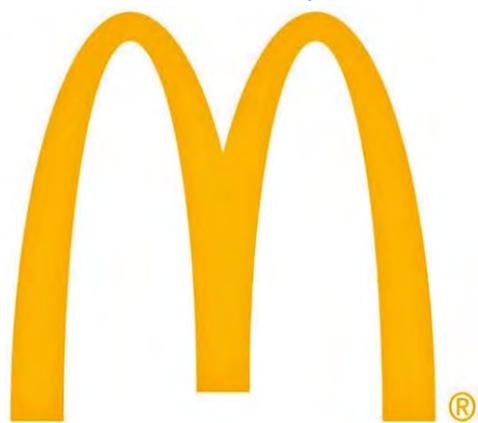
Suivai Ataga proved to be the team's most prolific scorer, adding two goals after the break to his first half hat-trick.

With our local team utilizing substitution due to their teammates cramping on the field and gassing out - Lupe o le Soaga striker Michael Fifi'i was able to net their final goal of the game within the 75th minute, expanding their lead 13-1.

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All-Star Harden, Rockets top Mavs 104- 97, question Paul snub

DALLAS (AP) — James Harden is an All-Star for the sixth straight season. New Houston teammate Chris Paul will miss the February party for the second year in a row following nine consecutive appearances for the Western Conference.

The Rockets aren't exactly pleased about the Paul part.

"He averages what 19 (points) and nine assists?" Harden asked after getting 25 points and 13 assists in a 104-97 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night. "What are we rewarding? We're winning and he's putting up the numbers, there's no question.

"Obviously, we have a lot of depth on this team, but I'm not doing it out there by myself. He's controlling the games as well." Paul scored 12 points with seven rebounds and four assists as the Rockets beat their Texas rivals for the sixth straight time. The streak started with a four-game sweep last season. Houston won its fourth straight game and seventh in the past nine. After missing the first 14 games with a left knee injury, Paul later sat another three with a left abductor strain. But the Rockets are 24-5 in games he has played, and won his first

15 starts. He is averaging 18.8 points, 8.8 assists, 5.9 rebounds and 1.9 steals per game.

"People that should be watching games don't watch the games and see how important a guy is," coach Mike D'Antoni said before the game. "It's perplexing."

Wesley Matthews matched a pair of season highs with 29 points and seven 3-pointers for the Mavericks, who lost for the seventh time in 10 games since a season-best four-game winning streak that helped lift them out of last place in the West.

Trevor Ariza had 23 points and Eric Gordon scored 17 on 4-of-7 shooting from beyond the arc. Southwest Division-leading Houston was up and down from beyond the arc, going 10 of 14 in the first quarter and 2 of 15 in the second.

The Rockets finished two shy of their season high in 3s, going 21 of 51. Harden shot 6 of 10 and Ariza was 5 of 14, missing his last four. Chris Paul went 3 of 8.

"It was a tough game and we were playing from behind," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "We got up 3-0 and things look pretty promising at the moment and then it was just like boom, boom, boom."



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DETROIT (AP) — Ricky Rubio was inbounding from the left corner — not the easiest angle for the most important pass of the game.

“We were trying to get the ball to Donovan (Mitchell), but Joe (Ingles) was so open,” Rubio said. “He was one of the options, too, and we found it and it worked.”

Ingles made a tying layup in the final seconds of regulation, then added two straight 3-pointers in overtime to lift the Utah Jazz over the Detroit Pistons 98-95 on Wednesday night. The Pistons lost their sixth straight by blowing a nine-point lead late in the fourth quarter. Detroit had a chance to tie at the end of overtime, but Tobias Harris missed from the left corner, and the rebound went out of bounds off the Pistons. Andre Drummond had 30 points and 24 rebounds for Detroit, and he fueled a 10-0 run that put the Pistons ahead 88-79, but Utah closed strong in the fourth. Down by two, Mitchell cut toward the basket from the left side, then circled back toward the top of the key. Ingles then made his own cut along that same path with Detroit’s Stanley Johnson trailing him. Drummond was patrolling the area around the basket, but he was a few feet from the hoop. Rubio had a clear lane to pass to Ingles, who caught the ball under the basket and was able to lay it in before Drummond could recover and block the shot.

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“They just did a good job reading it,” Utah coach Quin Snyder said. “We thought Joe might get a late look. We wanted Donovan and Joe Johnson involved in the play as well, but Ricky found Joe (Ingles). It was a heck of a pass, and Joe made a good cut.”

That layup tied it at 89, and Luke Kennard’s perimeter shot at the other end missed.

Drummond opened the scoring in overtime, but Ingles made his two 3-pointers and Mitchell added one of his own to put the Jazz up 98-91.

“We had a great look to win it at the end of the fourth and a great look to tie it at the end of overtime, but we didn’t make anything,” Pistons coach Stan Van Gundy said.

MILESTONE

Drummond surpassed 2,000 offensive rebounds for his career. At 24, he became the youngest player to reach the mark. Dwight Howard and Moses Malone did it at 25.

Drummond was left off the All-Star team this week, and a message Tuesday night on his

Twitter account — “Guess I gotta start doing back flips after every point I score to get attention around here!” — suggested he wasn’t thrilled with being passed over.

He played a terrific game Wednesday, scoring the first seven points of Detroit’s big fourth-quarter run.

“Andre did everything for us tonight, but the rest of us have to give him more support,” teammate Anthony Tolliver said.

COMEBACK

Down nine with 3:17 to play, the Jazz scored eight straight points to get back in it. Rubio then had a pass stolen, but Drummond made only one of two free throws with 11.8 seconds left, and Utah got the ball back down two.

TIP-INS

Jazz: Mitchell and Rudy Gobert scored 15 points each. Rubio had 11 points and 10 rebounds. ... Rodney Hood (lower leg) did not play. ...



Utah Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell (45) passes the ball against Detroit Pistons guard Luke Kennard, left, forward Stanley Johnson and center Boban Marjanovic (51) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, in Detroit. (AP Photo/Duane Burleson)



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Michigan State president resigns in wake of Nassar scandal

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State President Lou Anna Simon submitted her resignation Wednesday amid an outcry over the school's handling of allegations against Larry Nassar.

The announcement that Simon was stepping down came hours after the sentencing of Nassar, who worked at Michigan State as a doctor and received 40 to 175 years in prison for molesting young girls and women under the guise of medical treatment. Several of the 150-plus victims who spoke at the hearing were former athletes at the school, and many victims accused the university of mishandling past complaints about Nassar.

"As tragedies are politicized, blame is inevitable," Simon said in her resignation letter. "As president, it is only natural that I am the focus of this anger."

Simon was promoted to school president in 2005 after moving up the ranks while flourishing in various administrative roles.

"We agree with Dr. Simon that it is now time for change," Board of Trustees Chairman Brian Breslin said in a statement. "President Simon has served with distinction as MSU's President for 13 years and has been a constant presence at the university for more than 40 years. She literally has devoted her entire professional life to this institution, and more than anyone else has helped make MSU a national and international leader in higher education." Simon's resignation was welcomed in Michigan's Legislature, where pressure had been building for her to step down or be ousted.

Sen. Curtis Hertel Jr., a Democrat from East Lansing, where the campus is located, called it "an important step in moving the university forward."

"We need to create a culture at Michigan State where survivors are listened to and believed," Hertel said. "I don't think that's happened — not just in this case. I don't think anyone could say that Lou Anna Simon hasn't had great accomplishments. But I think in this case, her actions did not meet the leadership that we need at Michigan State."

Hertel, who graduated from Michigan State, said further investigation is needed. State Attorney General Bill Schuette will review how Michigan State handled the allegations against Nassar. And the NCAA has asked the school for information regarding potential violations related to Nassar.

"We need to find out beyond the president's office who had reports and didn't act," Hertel said.

Former Michigan State gym-

nastics coach Kathie Klages resigned last year after she was suspended for defending Nassar over the years. Klages is accused of downplaying complaints made by two teens in 1997.

A Title IX probe conducted by the university cleared Nassar of sexual assault allegations in 2014. At least 12 reported assaults occurred after the investigation ended, according to a university police report that was provided to the FBI for review by the U.S. attorney.

The school let Nassar see patients for 16 months while the campus police also conducted a criminal investigation into the allegations. The local prosecutor declined to charge Nassar in that case.

Simon began her career at Michigan State after earning her doctorate there four-plus decades ago. The school is being sued by dozens of women, who say officials wrote off complaints about the doctor who also worked at USA Gymnastics, which trains athletes aspiring to be Olympians.

The university's eight-member board of trustees voiced support of Simon last week only to have one trustee issue a statement the next day saying she should resign. On Wednesday, a second trustee, Dianne Byrum, joined a growing chorus of calls for Simon to step down.

The fallout included Michigan State professor Sue Carter stepping down as the faculty's athletic representative.

"I had an exchange recently with President Simon that persuaded me to know my voice and the concerns of others are not being heard," Carter said.

"I could no longer be part of an administration that was not in full grasp of the damage that has been done to the girls and women and to the institution itself." Michigan State officials have denied accusations the school covered up misconduct by school administrators. The university has said reviews by campus police, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office have not resulted in criminal charges against anyone at the university other than Nassar, who was fired in September 2016. Schuette has urged the school to give him an internal report, but the school has said there was not one. Simon declined a \$150,000 raise in December, and she and the board agreed to put the money in a scholarship fund and create a \$10 million fund for mental health services for sexual assault survivors. She earned about \$860,000 in 2015, according to the latest data released by The Chronicle of Higher Education, making her the 12th-highest paid public university executive in the U.S. that year.

Larry Nassar sits with attorney Matt Newburg during his sentencing hearing Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, in Lansing, Mich. The former sports doctor who admitted molesting some of the nation's top gymnasts for years was sentenced Wednesday to 40 to 175 years in prison as the judge declared: "I just signed your death warrant." The sentence capped a remarkable seven-day hearing in which scores of Nassar's victims were able to confront him face to face in the Michigan courtroom.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): What you do for others might not be appreciated. Don't let anyone take you for granted. Take care of your responsibilities before you invest your time in helping others. Don't let an emotional matter interfere with your responsibilities. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep moving forward. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your progress. Set your goal and don't stop until you reach your destination. Refuse to let emotional issues lead to indulgent behavior. Protect and nurture important relationships. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Deal with money, legal and medical matters realistically. Have a plan in place and only share it with people who are dependable. There is money to be made if you are smart with your investments. Moderation is encouraged. Simplify your life. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Strike up a friendship with someone who has something to offer you in return. A partnership will give you more time to dedicate to what you do best. Taking time to rejuvenate will be necessary. Don't abuse your health. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Moderation will be necessary. Keep your life simple and uncomplicated. Strive for personal growth, greater understanding and meaningful interactions with others. Say "no" to excessive behavior and verbal abuse. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can pick up valuable information if you participate in networking functions, conferences or classes. Adding to your knowledge, skills and experience will result in unusual opportunities. Avoid donating or investing in something you know little about. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be offered something that sounds good in theory, but is likely to fall short when put into play. You are better off investing more time and energy into perfecting your skills and adding to your qualifications. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll avoid a scene if you deal with work or personal relationship matters in a diplomatic manner. Emotional stress will lead to ill health and personal loss if you aren't careful. Try to avoid being used or taken for granted. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll have the discipline to get things done. Pull out your to-do list and start at the top. The more organized you are, the better you will feel and the more you will be able to accomplish throughout the day. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be able to make positive changes. Partnerships are favored, and working alongside like-minded people will encourage success. The cause of emotional stress should be handled quickly. Walk away from toxic situations. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Help those close to you. Remember that charity begins at home and you need to protect those you love. Communication and travel will lead to knowledge and clear choices. Your intuition will not disappoint you or lead you astray. **

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

CELIBACY BEFORE MARRIAGE PUTS EXTRA URGENCY ON SETTING A DATE

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 50-year-old male engaged to be married to my elementary school sweetheart, "Marie." This will be the second marriage for both of us. We've been dating for six years, three of which were a long-distance relationship.

During a time when her mother became ill and sadly passed, Marie told me God had spoken to her and told her not to be sexually active anymore until we're married. I respect and want to honor her and God, but my concern is that we haven't even discussed a wedding date. The earliest could still be six or eight months away. Am I wrong for feeling resentment toward Marie, and will this resentment create problems after marriage with our bedroom life? -- ON HOLD IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR ON HOLD: You and Marie have known each other for many years, and know each other very well in every sense. Because Marie doesn't want to have intimate relations again until after you are married, you should not only discuss a wedding date, but also an elopement.

DEAR ABBY: My sister takes my nephews for modeling and acting assignments. They have been in print ads, websites for clothing, and even a movie. I was shocked when she told me her 6-year-old is interviewed without a parent present in the room. The boy is bright, self-possessed and spirited, but still -- he's only 6. Given the recent revelations about industry-wide problems with child sexual abuse ("An Open Secret" documentary), was I out of line to suggest she have a device to listen in and record? -- CONCERNED AUNTIE

DEAR CONCERNED AUNTIE: Better than that, minor children should have a trusted and responsible adult present -- whether it's a parent, another relative or the child's agent. That way, EVERYONE would be protected.

DEAR ABBY: My 24-year-old son, "Jeremy," no longer speaks to me because I asked him to move out. I'm not a fan of his girlfriend, and I'm worried about drugs. Jeremy and I have always been super close. I am so sad and I want to do what's right for both of us. What should I do? -- TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING

DEAR TRYING: I don't know how emotionally mature Jeremy is, but chronologically he's an adult. If you suspected that he was using drugs while living with you, you had the right to insist he be tested for them -- the tests are easily obtainable -- as a condition of his continuing to live with you. However, for you to have based living under your roof on the condition that you "liked" his girlfriend was heavy-handed. It was wrong, and for that you should apologize. If you do, perhaps it will give you a chance to mend fences.

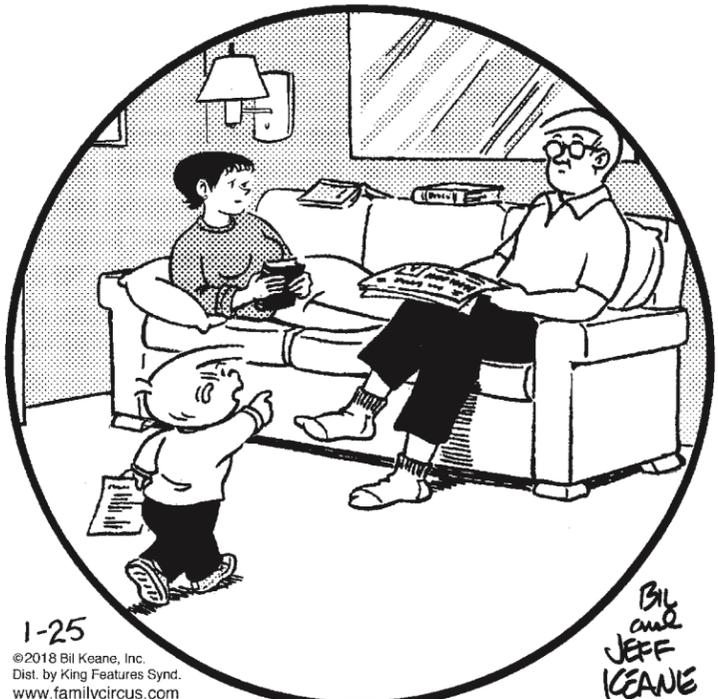
DEAR ABBY: We have a relative who is a terrible cook. How can we refuse her invitations when she's only trying to reciprocate? We enjoy her company, but not her food. We have gone out to eat, but she wants to cook for us! What to do? -- SORRY, NOT HUNGRY

DEAR SORRY: You have two choices. Either be honest with her or graciously eat her food as infrequently as possible (and when you do, bring along a dish of your own to add to her dinner).

DIAMOND IN THE DOUGH By Timothy E. Parker

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Calvin & Hobbes

by Bill Watterson

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! YOU'RE DOODLING! YOU'RE SITTING HERE DRAWING MARTIANS WHEN WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE RESEARCHING!

YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING YET! DON'T YOU CARE?? WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?!

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IT'S NO USE! WE'RE GOING TO FLUNK! I'LL HAVE TO GO TO A SECOND-RATE COLLEGE BECAUSE MY IDIOT PARTNER SPENT THE STUDY PERIOD DRAWING MARTIANS!

HERE, THIS WILL CHEER YOU UP. THE MARTIAN MOVES WHEN YOU FLIP THE PAGES! WATCH, YOU CAN SEE HIM EAT AN ASTRONAUT!

WHY ME? WHY ME? WHY ME?

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PEANUTS

by Charles M. Schultz

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HERE'S A GENTLE REMINDER..

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IF YOU THROW THAT SNOWBALL AT ME, I'LL BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR STUPID BODY!

SAVED BY A GENTLE REMINDER

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THE POLLING SAYS AMERICANS DIDN'T SUPPORT A SHUTDOWN.

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THEY FAVOR A SHUT UP.

FOLLOWED BY A 'STEP DOWN'.

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ZIGGY

TODAY'S SPECIAL BEAN BURPRITO

THAT'S NOT A TYPO!

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Hagar the Horrible

by Chris Brown

KVACK

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HELGA! COME GET THIS DUCK OFF MY PLATE!

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DUCK? I SERVED YOU LASAGNA!

KVACK

BROWNE

GARFIELD

by Jim Davis

SENDING A TEXT TO LIZ... "HOW DO I LOVE THEE? LET ME TEXT THE WAYS"

TAP TAP

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OOPS! I SENT THAT TO MRS. FEENY BY MISTAKE

POOR JON

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MRS. FEENY IS WONDERING WHAT I'M DOING SATURDAY NIGHT

PING!

POOR MRS. FEENY

JIM DAVIS 1-25

Sudoku Pacific

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

2			3	4				8
				1	3			4
	3		5		2			
			2	7	4	9		
1			9					7
	9	2	3	4				
		1	7				8	
5	4	9						
9		6	1					2

1/25 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Wednesday's Puzzle Answer 1/24

2	5	9	7	6	4	3	8	1
1	8	3	9	2	5	6	7	4
4	6	7	8	3	1	5	9	2
6	2	1	3	5	9	8	4	7
5	9	8	6	4	7	2	1	3
3	7	4	2	1	8	9	5	6
7	1	6	5	9	2	4	3	8
8	3	5	4	7	6	1	2	9
9	4	2	1	8	3	7	6	5

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