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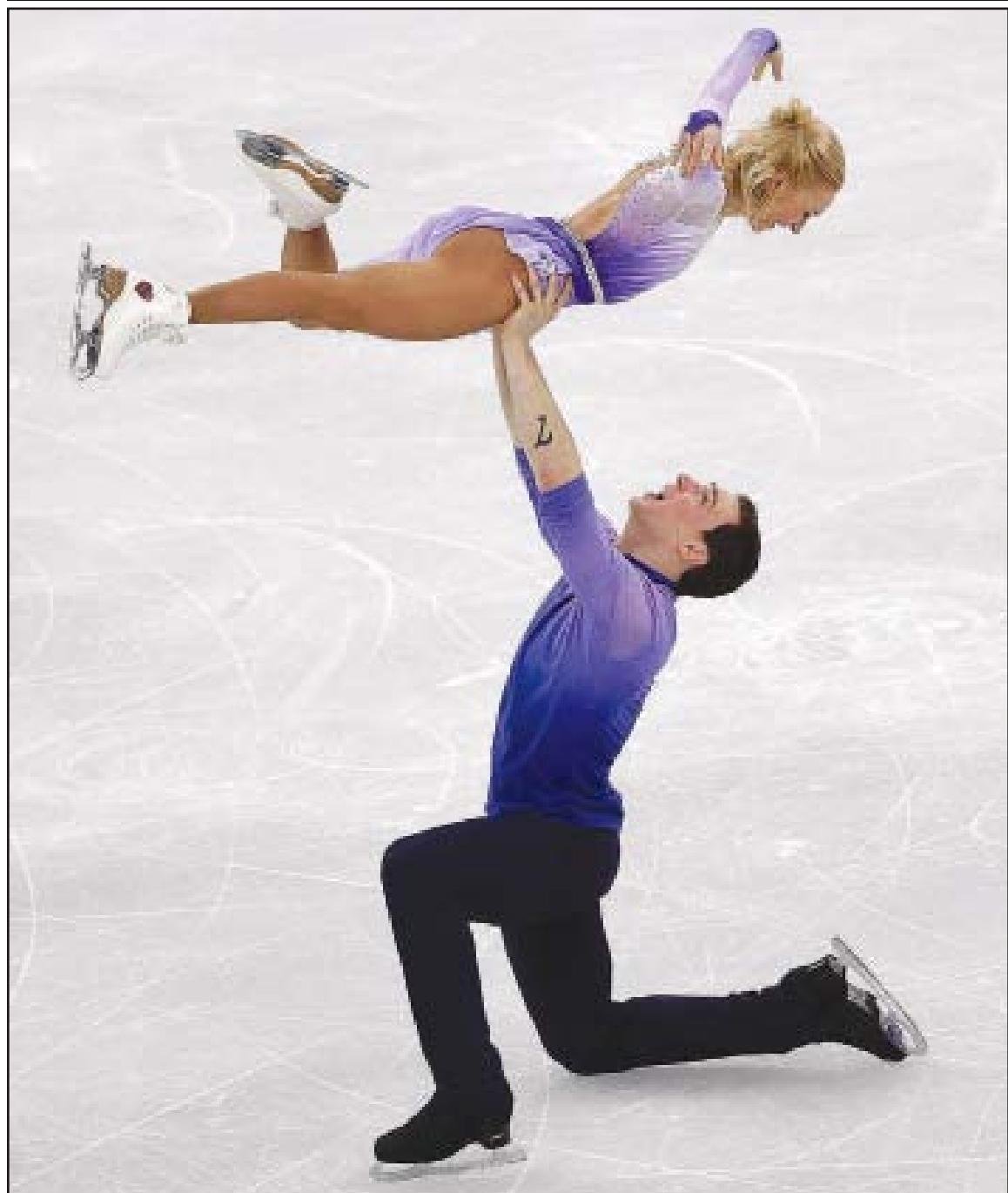


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Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot of Germany perform in the pairs free skate figure skating final in the Gangneung Ice Arena at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018.

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip)



Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot of Germany react after their performance in the pairs free skate figure skating final in the Gangneung Ice Arena at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018.

(AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

Germany's Savchenko, Massot flawless in winning pairs gold

By DAVE SKRETTA, AP Sports Writer

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — It took Aliona Savchenko five trips to the Winter Games, working with three different partners and representing two different nations, to finally achieve Olympic glory.

It also took Bruno Massot lifting her to the top step of the podium.

Performing to music by Armand Amar, the German pair pranced and soared to a record 159.31 points in their free skate Thursday. That gave them 235.90 points, catapulting them from fourth place to first and topping China's Sui Wenjing and Han Cong by less than half a point.

"We did New Year's together," the Ukraine-born Savchenko said, "and we said, '2018 will be our year,' and it is. It's just an amazing story, and I'm unbelievably happy."

Sui and Han, who led after the short program, made mistakes on their opening lift, a combination jump and side-by-side triple salchows. They recovered to skate a strong second half of the program, but the bobbles proved costly. They finished with 234.47 points, leaving them with a silver medal.

Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford added bronze to the team gold they won with Canada, becoming the first pair to land a quad throw in an Olympic competition.

"We heard what the Germans did before us. We heard that score when we were on the ice," Duhamel said. "We didn't let it faze us. We said: 'OK, good for them. Now it's our turn.'"

They skated well. But the Germans were simply superb.

Savchenko stuck a huge triple twist lift to open their program, going so high that it seemed she would scrape the ceiling, and the couple was perfect on a throw triple flip. They followed with a gorgeous combination and a side-by-side triple toe in such perfect unison that it drew gasps from the crowd and a big cheer from German great Katarina Witt seated in the arena.

When the music stopped, Savchenko lay on the ice gasping for air. The performance was sweet vindication for the Germans, who were favored for gold after winning the Grand Prix Final but whose error on a jump in the short program left them playing catch-up.

They caught up and flew right by.

"We were two fighters," said the French-born Massot. "We were on the ice for a medal, and for a gold medal, and we didn't give up after what happened yesterday. We were ready for this."

The 34-year-old Savchenko's road to Olympic gold included trips with Stanislav Morozov and Robin Szolkowy, with whom she won two bronze medals and five world titles. But it wasn't until she teamed with Massot four years ago that the groundwork was laid for her triumph in South Korea.

After their flawless performance, Savchenko and Massot had to wait anxiously as three more pairs took the ice. Duhamel and Radford were solid, and Wenjing and Cong made things tight, but the gold medal was assured when Evgenia Tarasova and Vladimir Morozov struggled.

When the Russian pair's scores were read, Massot enveloped Savchenko in a big hug.

Then he lifted her — quite literally — onto the top step of the podium.

"Yesterday was hard for me," Massot said of his short program mistake, "but Aliona was here for me, to tell me it's not finished: 'We still have a very good free program. We have to show to everybody that this program is an Olympic program, a gold medal program.'" It was indeed.

Earlier in the day, North Korea's Ryom Tae Ok and Kim Ju Sik performed a season-best free skate to the delight of their orchestrated cheering section seated in the upper level of Gangneung Ice Arena. The couple finished 13th out of 16 teams to qualify for the free skate. "I was very nervous," Kim said, "but when I heard the crowd cheer all the hardships melted away."

Alexa Scimeca-Knierim and Chris Knierim became the first Americans to land a quad twist in an Olympic competition when they opened their free skate with it. The spectacular, four-revolution element is so difficult that only a couple of other pairs tried it.

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Bluiett scores 37, No. 4 Xavier beats Seton Hall 102-90



Seton Hall forward Sandro Mamukelashvili (23) attempts a steal against Xavier forward Kaiser Gates (22) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Wednesday Feb. 14, 2018, in Cincinnati.

(AP Photo/Gary Landers)

By JOE KAY, AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — Trevon Bluiett followed his worst shooting performance of the season with a can't-miss showing, keeping Xavier atop the Big East with a huge game ahead.

Bluiett scored 37 points — three shy of his career high —

and the Musketeers let most of a 25-point lead slip away before holding on for a 102-90 win over Seton Hall on Wednesday night, tightening their hold on first place in the league.

Xavier (24-3, 12-2) has won nine in a row heading into its showdown with No. 3 Villanova on Saturday at the Cintas

Center. Xavier leads the league by a game and a half after the Wildcats' 76-71 loss at Providence earlier Wednesday.

"Very fortunate," coach Chris Mack said. "We've got a big one on Saturday."

Bluiett missed all of his four shots from beyond the arc and finished with a season-low six

points during a win at Creighton on Saturday. He found his touch from the first shot on Wednesday

— a nothing-but-net 3 — and finished 8 of 11 beyond the arc, one shy of the school record for 3-pointers made in a game.

"I just wanted to be aggressive from the beginning," Bluiett said. "I don't think it was anything different, just our regular game plan and me staying aggressive."

Naji Marshall added a career-high 20 points. Xavier went 14 of 29 from beyond the arc while topping 100 points in a Big East game for the first time.

Seton Hall (17-9, 6-7) has dropped a season-high four in a row. Myles Powell scored a career-high 30 points, including 24 in the second half as the Pirates cut Xavier's 25-point lead to 87-81 with 3:39 left before Xavier finished it out at the free throw line.

It was familiar for the Pirates, who overcame a 17-point deficit on Saturday before losing to Georgetown 83-80, with Powell scoring 25 points.

"We're just getting ourselves in big holes early in the game," coach Kevin Willard said. "It's tough in this league to spot teams 17 or 25 points."

Bluiett came out determined to set the tone early, hitting four 3s during a 25-11 opening run as he personally outscoring the Pirates 12-11. The Musketeers led by as many as 22 in the half.

Bluiett finished with 37 points despite taking only 12 shots from the field, making eight of them. He was 13 of 13 on free throws.

"I don't know if I've seen a better performance as a head coach than Trevor's 37 points," Mack said. "A lot of guys get over 30 in a game, but they're taking 25 shots to get it. It's pretty amazing to take 12 shots and get that many points."

BIG PICTURE

Seton Hall: The Pirates are 3-3 against ranked teams, with

wins over Texas Tech, Louisville and Creighton and losses to Villanova and Xavier twice.

Xavier: The win kept Xavier's week of momentum going into the showdown with Villanova. The Musketeers got a No. 1 seed in the preliminary NCAA Tournament rankings on Sunday, then received five first-place votes while moving up to No. 4 in the AP poll for the first time in school history a day later.

BLUIETT CLOSES IN

Bluiett now has 2,114 career points, 18 shy of David West for second on Xavier's all-time scoring list. He also has 300 career 3-pointers, seven shy of Romain Sato's school record.

JONES BACK

Xavier forward Tyrique Jones missed the last two games with an injured left shoulder. He played 11 minutes, scored nine points and had a pair of rebounds.

PERFECT AT HOME

Xavier is 16-0 at the Cintas Center this season and 244-35 overall.

TEE TIMES

The officials called technical fouls on Willard and Seton Hall's Ismael Sanogo, and also Xavier's Sean O'Mara for questioning a call from the bench.

DELGADO'S KNEE

Seton Hall's Angel Delgado played 22 minutes and had 10 points and six rebounds. He was playing with a sore left knee. Willard took him out when the Pirates got behind by 25 points.

UP NEXT

Seton Hall: Hosts DePaul on Sunday. The Pirates won at DePaul 86-70 on Jan. 28, one of their two road wins in Big East play along with a victory at Butler.

Xavier: Villanova has won the last three in the series by lopsided margins, including an 89-65 victory on Jan. 10 — Xavier's last loss.

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Maten scores 23, Georgia sweeps Florida with 72-69 OT win

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Yante Maten has been a one-man show for Georgia all season.

Even though the Southeastern Conference's leading scorer got some much-needed help against Florida, it was no surprise to see Maten deliver the biggest buckets of the night.

Maten scored 23 points, including a huge 3-pointer to send the game into overtime, and the Bulldogs beat the Gators 72-69 on Wednesday night to end a three-game losing streak in SEC play. Maten added 10 rebounds for his 10th double-double of the season.

"Yante's a winner," coach Mark Fox said. "Most people just see him play; they don't know him as a kid. As a young man, he's a terrific person. He's been a great Georgia Bulldog and that was obviously a huge shot at the end and super happy

for him."

The senior scored eight consecutive points to put the Bulldogs (14-11, 5-8 SEC) ahead for good early in the extra frame. He helped Georgia overcome an 11-point deficit in the final 10 minutes and win in Gainesville for the first time since 2002.

"There wasn't any magic," Fox said. "Nothing we said was different. We just wanted to keep competing."

The Bulldogs swept Florida for the first time since the 1996-97 season.

The Gators (17-9, 8-5) looked like they would win in regulation after Egor Koulechov scored eight points in the final 2:36. But Jalen Hudson turned the ball over, and Maten hit a wide-open 3-pointer from the top of the arc to send it to overtime. Maten also drained a 3 with 15.8 seconds remaining in regulation to keep Georgia close.

"It's tough," Koulechov said. "It's real tough, probably our toughest loss we've had all year because we felt like we were getting in the groove. We got to go back to the lab now and get the groove back again. That's all we can do."

Tyree Crump added 13 points for the Bulldogs, who got 10 points apiece from Derek Ogbeide, Juwan Parker and Rayshaun Hammonds. Ogbeide also chipped in 10 boards.

"We had a lot of guys play well tonight," Fox said.

Florida had plenty of chances in overtime, but missed five of its first six free throws. Leading scorer Hudson fouled out with 3.8 seconds remaining and was scoreless on the night.

Chris Chiozza had one final shot to send the game into a second overtime, but his 3-pointer from the elbow was short.

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Wake Forest guard Bryant Crawford (13) drives to the basket against Georgia Tech during an NCAA college basketball game, Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

(Andrew Dye/The Winston-Salem Journal via AP)

Wake Forest snaps 3-game skid, beats Georgia Tech 79-62

By SCOTT HAMILTON, Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Doral Moore scored 17 points, Bryant Crawford added 16 and Wake Forest beat Georgia Tech 79-62 on Wednesday night.

The teams combined to hit 20 of their first 35 shots from the field, including an 11-of-19 effort by the Demon Deacons, who snapped a three-game losing streak. Wake Forest (10-16, 3-11 Atlantic Coast Conference) was able to string together a 10-0 run that gave it a 36-26 lead following a Mitchell Wilbekin 3-pointer with 3:43 remaining in the first half.

Wilbekin and Brandon Childress each added 11 points for Wake Forest, which committed a season-low five turnovers — more than eight fewer than its 13.2 season average.

"We did a good job of not forcing passes, going to meet passes and making ourselves available as a receiver," Wake Forest coach Danny Manning said. "We made a lot of hockey assists out there tonight with our passing — somebody would get a pass and have a shot, but then give it up to somebody else for a better shot. We were very unselfish tonight."

Crawford, a junior, tied a season-high by dishing out nine assists without committing a turnover.

"Just making that extra pass was the difference," Crawford said. "(There was) no point in shooting a contested shot if somebody else is open."

Josh Okogie had 20 points and Ben Lammers added 14 for Georgia Tech (11-15, 4-9). The Yellow Jackets, who entered Wednesday making a league-worst 4.92 3-pointers a game, connected on only one of its nine attempts from behind the arc.

It was the first game for Georgia Tech since Jose Alvarado suffered a season-ending elbow injury during last week's loss at Duke. Alvarado, a freshman, had started every game at point guard this season. Okogie, a sophomore, took over the bulk of point guard duties against Wake Forest and finished with one assist and four turnovers.

"Josh is our point guard, two guard and three

guard and it's tough — he didn't have a real efficient game," Georgia Tech coach Josh Pastner said. "One of our Achilles' heels has been turnovers. And it's as bad as it's ever been for me around a team with the injury bug. . But we've got to adjust."

BIG PICTURE

Georgia Tech: The Yellow Jackets have now lost four straight and eight of their last nine games dating back to a 64-48 loss to then-No. 22 Virginia on Jan. 18, a defeat that snapped a run of four consecutive wins.

Wake Forest: The Demon Deacons had lost 10 of their last 11 games going into Wednesday, yet are now three games ahead of Pittsburgh for last place in the ACC with four regular-season games remaining.

TEAM EFFORT

Wake Forest had 11 players log at least four minutes against the Yellow Jackets and Manning emptied his 15-man bench down the stretch. Nine different players scored for the Demon Deacons, their second-highest total this season.

"We tried to throw a lot of different bodies at them, wear them down and push the tempo," Manning said. "It worked out well for us."

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Pastner scolded his team at halftime for allowing Wake Forest to shoot 62 percent and connect on 6 of 8 3-point attempts during the first half. The Demon Deacons' points total was the fourth time a team scored at least 79 points in Georgia Tech's last seven games that ended in regulation (all losses).

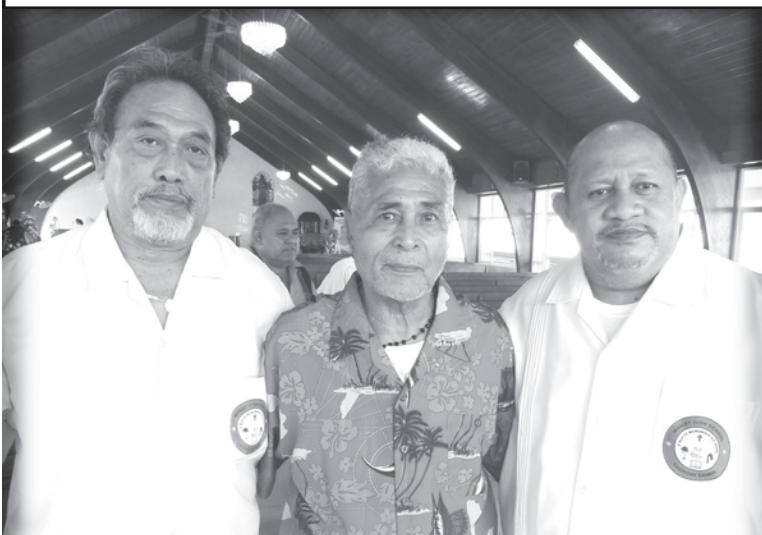
"I told them 'You guys are so nice. We need a little more junkyard dog out of you, man. A little more personal accountability, a little more pride,'" Pastner said.

UP NEXT:

Georgia Tech plays host on Saturday to Virginia Tech, which lost at No. 12 Duke 74-52 on Wednesday for only its second loss in its last seven games. Wake Forest, which hasn't won back-to-back games since beating Coastal Carolina, 84-80, on Dec. 18, plays host to North Carolina State on Saturday.

IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua Aiono Frost)



Yun takes big lead at midpoint of Olympic skeleton race

By TIM REYNOLDS, AP Sports Writer

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — Yun Sungbin has spent thousands of hours at the sliding track his nation built for the Pyeongchang Olympics, studying every nuance and scrutinizing every inch.

He knows it better than anyone alive.

And the payoff for that work is potentially two runs away.

South Korea has never been close to an Olympic medal in any sliding sport, and Yun — the one his nation identified as the slider with the most potential of becoming a star at the games — is expected to change all that. He emerged from Thursday's first two runs of the men's skeleton competition with a huge lead over Nikita Tregubov, one of the Olympic Athletes from Russia.

"I didn't show 100 percent, so I will show 100 percent (Friday)," Yun said.

Yun's time: 1 minute, 40.35 seconds. Thousands of his countrymen showed up on Thursday morning to watch, and organizers expect even more on Friday when he will be the overwhelming favorite to emerge from the final two runs as a gold medalist.

"I think it would be more of a surprise if he didn't win a gold," U.S. skeleton veteran John Daly said.

It was not a banner start for the U.S., which will need to seriously rally to reach the medal mix. Matt Antoine, the reigning Olympic bronze medalist, had a strong second run and will enter Friday in 11th place. Daly, back in his third Olympics after a brief retirement following a last-run debacle in Sochi, is tied for 13th.

"Second run was a lot better," Antoine said. "That's probably the best run I've had down the track. ... I proved to myself that I can put down the good runs. So two more clean, consistent runs and we'll see where that leaves me."

Unless Yun makes a huge mistake, it's over. His margin over Tregubov is 0.74 seconds. That's a lifetime in sliding, especially when considering that the winning margin in the last four men's skeleton events at the Olympics is 1.21 seconds — combined.

Yun's home-ice advantage is an important part of this Olympic story, though it's not why he's winning. He wins everywhere. He toyed with the World Cup circuit this season, winning five times and finishing second in his other two starts. He won the overall season points total even after skipping the final race to prep for Pyeongchang.

Latvia's Martins Dukurs is third at the midway point, 0.88 seconds off the lead.

"Really simple. I made less mistakes in the second run," Dukurs said. "This track is tricky. We'll see. I'm not under any pressure."

Britain, which made a splash before the event with news of some high-tech uniforms that had other competitors questioning their legality, was led by Dom Parsons and his fourth-place showing after the first two runs.

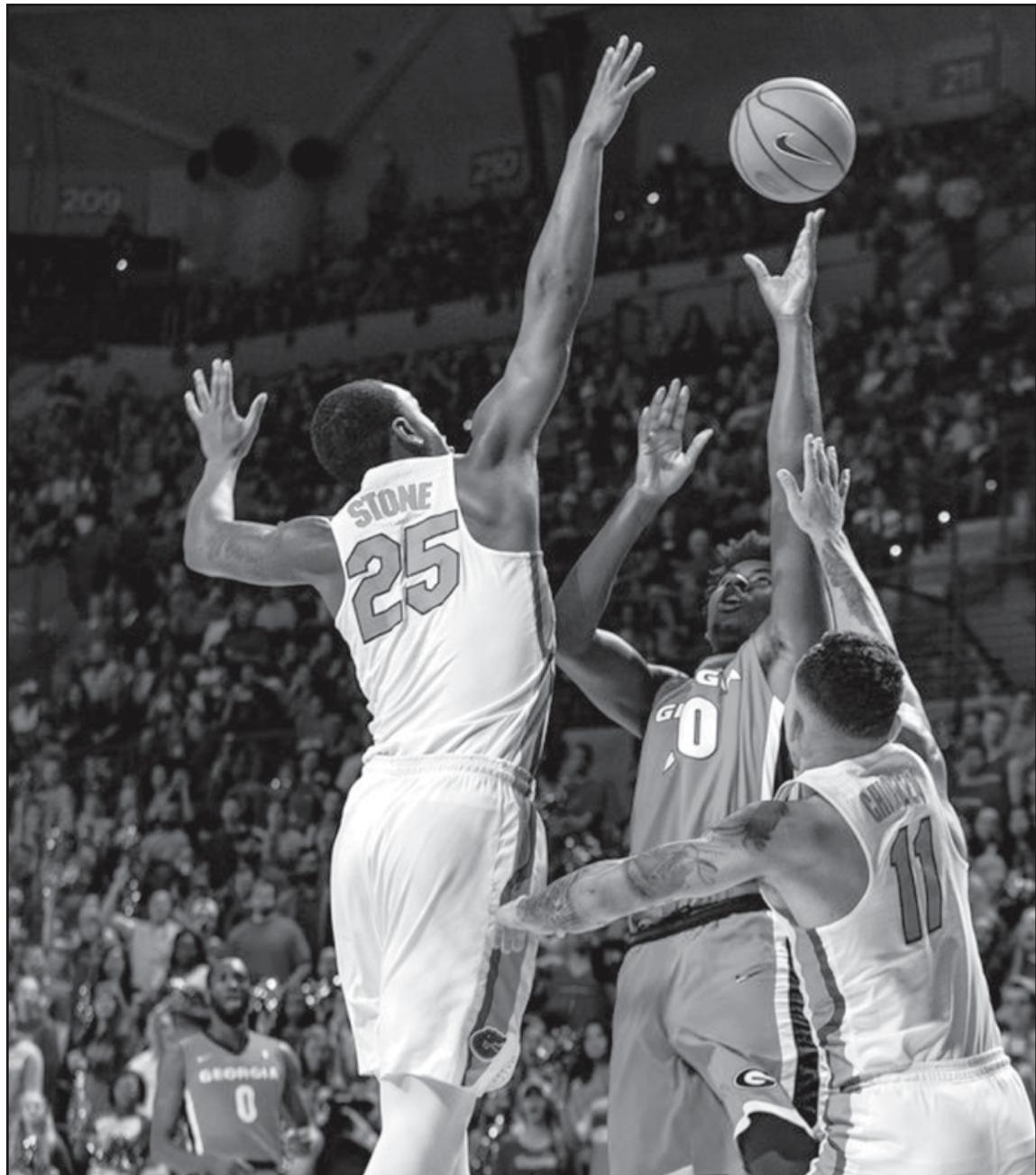
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Florida forward Keith Stone (25) and guard Chris Chiozza (11) pressure Georgia guard Tes-Haun Hightower (10) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Gainesville, Fla., Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018.

(Lauren Bacho/The Gainesville Sun via AP)

Koulechov and KeVaughn Allen led the Gators with 19 points each. Mike Okauru added 14 points off the bench.

BIG PICTURE

Georgia: Fox needed this victory to keep from losing seven of eight, but he probably will need a bunch more to save his job. Fox has earned only two NCAA bids in eight seasons,

losing in the first round in 2011 and 2015.

Florida: The Gators looked like they had turned a corner since losing three consecutive league games. But this was a step back and could be the start of a significant slide. Florida plays three of its final five in the regular season on the road. The stretch includes games

against Tennessee, Auburn and Kentucky.

UP NEXT

Georgia: Hosts No. 18 Tennessee on Saturday. The Volunteers have won seven of their last eight.

Florida: Plays at Vanderbilt on Saturday. The Commodores have won four straight at home.

Jazz win 11th straight, beating Suns 107-97

By JOHN COON, Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Stepping up in the fourth quarter is becoming natural for the Utah Jazz.

The Jazz survived another close game on Wednesday, pulling out a 107-97 victory over the Phoenix Suns for their 11th straight win after making the right plays at the right time on both ends of the court in the closing minutes.

Utah allowed just one basket over the final 2:40. On the other end, the Jazz hit four of five shots to turn a one-possession game into a double-digit victory.

"When it's the fourth quarter and it's time to win, everyone is focused and everyone trusts each other even more," center

Rudy Gobert said. "At the end of the game, we make the right play on both ends and usually we end up winning the game because we trust each other."

Donovan Mitchell scored 24 points and Royce O'Neale had a career-high 19 for the Jazz. Derrick Favors had 18 points and 12 rebounds, and Gobert added 14 points and 17 rebounds. Mitchell and Joe Ingles each had six assists.

Jae Crowder, who scored 12 of his 15 points during the fourth quarter, played a pivotal role in helping the Jazz pull away.

Phoenix took a 75-74 lead early in the fourth quarter on back-to-back baskets from Marquese Chriss and Josh Jackson. Crowder got to the line on two straight possessions to fuel an 8-0 run that put Utah back in

front 85-77.

Later, the Suns cut it to 98-95 on a 3-pointer from Elfrid Payton. Crowder went to work again. He answered the basket with back-to-back layups to give the Jazz a 102-95 lead with 1:58 left.

"Just understanding the game is one of the biggest things with him," Mitchell said. "He communicates with us and he's been great to play with. He's working hard to learn all the plays."

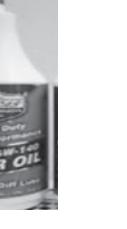
Devin Booker returned from a hip injury to lead the Suns with 28 points. Jackson added 22 points, and Payton had 13 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists. Phoenix has lost seven straight.

Utah had a 54-41 rebounding advantage and a 52-40 edge in points in the paint.

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No. 24 Nevada beats Boise State 77-72

By JASON CHATRAW, Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Kendall Stephens tied his career-high with 21 points and Caleb Martin also had 21 to lead No. 24 Nevada past Boise State 77-72 on Wednesday night.

Nevada (22-5, 11-2 Mountain West) never led by more than six points in a physical game and held Boise State leading scorer Chandler Hutchinson to 13 points, well below his 20.3 average.

Boise State (20-6, 10-4) lost at home for the first time this season, ending a school-record 13-game home winning streak.

The victory gives Nevada its second Quadrant I victory of the season to go along with a win over Rhode Island. Boise State

remains in search of its first and likely won't have another chance until the conference tournament.

Tied at 72 with 38 seconds remaining, Martin hit a pair of free throws to give Nevada the lead. Hutchinson had two chances at the other end but missed an 8-foot jumper in the paint and 3-point shot from the corner. Cody Martin was fouled after grabbing the defensive rebound and sank both free throws with 10 seconds left to secure the win for Nevada.

Nevada weathered Boise State's initial run to start the game, erasing 20-11 deficit to take a 33-27 lead late in the first half.

BIG PICTURE

Johnson's 3-pointer lifts NC State over Syracuse, 74-70

By MARK FRANK, Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — The ball felt great coming out of the hands of North Carolina State guard Sam Hunt, and now the Syracuse Orange has its hands full trying to make the NCAA tournament.

Markell Johnson's 3-pointer from the top of the key with 33 seconds to go broke a 70-70 tie and North Carolina State (17-9, 7-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) went on to defeat Syracuse (17-9, 6-7) 74-70 Wednesday, but it was Hunt's four 3-pointers in the second half that put the Wolfpack in position to pull off a huge road win and build its NCAA tournament resume in a game that was huge for both teams who reside squarely on the NCAA bubble.

Allerik Freeman led the Wolfpack with 17 points and Johnson had 16. The Wolfpack, who broke a two-game losing streak, had seven 3s in the final 20 minutes on just 13 attempts.

Syracuse was led by Oshae Brissett, who had a game-high 25 points, including 18 in the second half. Tyus Battle had 17 on just 5-of-14 shooting, including 0-of-4 from 3, and Frank Howard had 16.

NC State took a 41-39 lead on a jumper by Freeman with 16:52 to go, but Syracuse went on an 8-0 run to take a 47-41 lead with 13:29 remaining. The Wolfpack responded with five straight and then closed to 49-48 on a short jumper by Torin Dorn. Syracuse scored the

next five to extend to a 54-48 lead but the Wolfpack answered again with eight straight points. Hunt's first 3 brought the Wolfpack within three, Torin Dorn's jumper made it 54-53 and Freeman's 3-point play with 8:23 remaining gave the Wolfpack a 56-54 lead.

Syracuse tied the game at 56 on a floater by Howard but 3-pointers by Hunt and Freeman gave the Wolfpack a 62-58 margin with 6:09 to go. NC State extended its margin to 70-62 on a Freeman layup and two more 3-pointers by Hunt. The Orange scored the next eight in a span of 1:47 to tie the game at 70 on two 3s by Brissett and a left-handed layup by Battle. Brissett's 3 tied the game with 1:02 to go.

"My teammates were able to find me," Hunt said. "They penetrated the gaps and found open spots for me in the zone and luckily I was able to make some shots. It felt good. It felt good coming out of my hands."

"I thought this was a gutsy win for our team," North Carolina State coach Kevin Keatts said. "Anytime you can get a road win in the ACC it's huge. I thought we did a great job in the second half finding some gaps in the zone and we made some plays. Sam Hunt came off the bench and made some huge shots."

For Syracuse, it was another lost opportunity, and another game where SU defenders lost track of a hot 3-point shooter.

"The game was decided

because we didn't get to the 3-point shooters three times in the last five or six possessions," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We gave them really good looks from the 3 and they're a good shooting team and they made them. In the first half I thought we did a much better job covering the 3-point line. In the second half, we didn't and that was the difference in the game." The Wolfpack was just 3-of-10 from beyond the arc in the first half.

The first half was a foul-plagued, turnover-filled affair. The teams combined for 20 fouls and 20 turnovers, with Syracuse scoring 16 points off Wolfpack miscues and 32 in the game. The Orange had a 26-20 lead with just over seven minutes to go when NC State went on a 10-0 run to take a 30-26 lead. Freeman hit a layup with seconds to go in the half, giving the Wolfpack a 35-32 lead at the break.

BIG PICTURE:

With a matchup against bottom-feeder Wake Forest on Saturday, North Carolina State can build on its resume.

Syracuse's loss puts the Orange squarely behind the eight-ball with consecutive games against Miami and North Carolina.

UP NEXT:

North Carolina State visits Wake Forest Saturday.

Syracuse hits the road for a Saturday afternoon matchup against Miami.

In The High Court of American Samoa TRIAL DIVISION

PR NO.008-2018

In the Matter of the Estate of

DAVID LAI

Decedent

by

MASE AKAPO

Administrator

NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that MASE AKAPO has filed a Petition for appointment as administrator of the Estate of David Lai (deceased) who passed away on December 23, 2001 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

A hearing on the Petition will be held on April 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. before the Trial Division of the High Court of American Samoa at the Courthouse in Fagatogo, American Samoa.

All heirs of David Lai and interested parties may appear before the court on said date to respond to this Notice.

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Petitioner

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Jazz...

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"Our competitiveness was at a high level through the whole game," Payton said. "They made a run and we were able to combat that and stop the bleeding. That's something I haven't seen in the last two games for the most part."

Jackson and O'Neale took turns dominating on offense in the second quarter. O'Neale had nine points in the quarter, and Jackson had eight.

Jackson's four baskets early in the quarter helped the Suns stick with the Jazz. O'Neale took over late in the quarter, scoring four baskets in the final

3:44 before halftime. He capped it off with a buzzer-beating step-back jumper that gave Utah a 50-41 halftime lead.

The Suns rallied again in the third quarter and went ahead 60-59 on a basket from Alex Len. Mitchell answered with a go-ahead 3-pointer on the other end and eventually put the Jazz back ahead 70-62 on a step-back jumper from the rookie.

"We knew it would be a tough game, and it was," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "Fortunately, we made some plays that we needed to make to win the game."



Phoenix Suns guard Elfrid Payton (2) passes the ball as Utah Jazz forward Derrick Favors, right, defends in the first half during an NBA basketball game Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, in Salt Lake City.

(AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)



FILE - In this Feb. 23, 2017 file photo, Tonga's Pita Taufatofua competes in the men's cross country sprint qualification at the 2017 Nordic Skiing World Championships in Lahti, Finland. Taufatofua joked that he has two primary goals when he competes in his first Olympic event on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018, don't hit a tree and finish before they turn the lights off. The medal podium is far from the mind of the shirtless Tongan, who qualified for the event despite having spent less than 12 weeks of his life on snow. He said his long-term goal at the Pyeongchang Games is to inspire others from the South Pacific to give the Olympics a shot.

(AP Photo/Matthias Schrader, File)

Shirtless Tongan's goal: Don't hit tree, finish and inspire

By STEVE REED, AP Sports Writer

flag despite bone-chilling temperatures.

The crowd roared with approval.

"If my ancestors can sail across the Pacific Ocean for 1,000 years, not knowing where the next piece of land is going to be, not knowing where their next meal is going to be, going to war, then I can walk for 25 minutes through an opening ceremony without a shirt on," Taufatofua said. "Because that's what they wore for 1,000 years."

Taufatofua's mere presence here is a testimony to his perseverance.

He was considered too small to be given a chance to play rugby as a high school kid.

But he still went to all of the practices.

"For four years I was never once put on the field, I was never given a chance," he said.

"The coaches thought I had no chance. That taught me two things — I was resilient (and) I don't give up. I needed better coaches at the time because that's not how you treat people."

Taufatofua said he hasn't received much advice yet other Olympic cross-country skiers, joking that he's normally too far behind.

"By the time you get to the finish line, they've already gone home, had coffee, had dinner and gone to sleep — so you don't have much time to talk to them," he said, laughing. That's something he struggles with sometimes while competing in the 15-kilometer event — the race he's entered on Friday.

"The 15K has never been kind to me, we have this love-hate, hate-hate relationship actually," he said. "All of my qualifying points have been in the 10K, which is sort of at the limit of my ability."

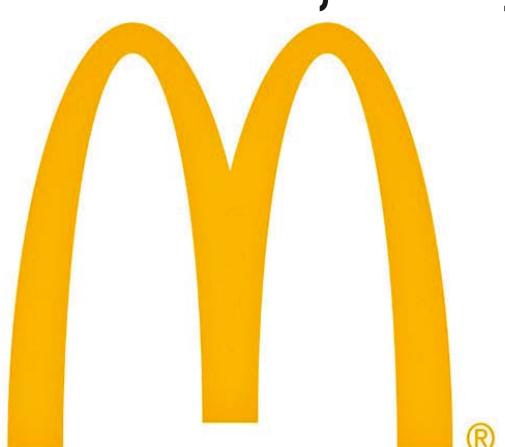
He's been more concerned about his homeland than any Olympic distance this week.

A cyclone that hit Tonga earlier this week — the biggest in 60 years — devastated homes and wrecked the Parliament house, and Taufatofua asked people via a Facebook post to stay tuned for how they can help out.

Now he's in Olympic mode — in Pyeongchang and maybe further down the line. As for the next Summer Games, in 2020, he said he may take up another sport, perhaps something to do with the water.

"Stay tuned," he said.

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Jacobellis at peace with Olympic legacy as 4th Games loom

By WILL GRAVES, AP Sports Writer

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea (AP) — The most accomplished snowboardcross rider in history knows the question is coming. Because the question comes every four years.

No matter how many races she wins. No matter how many world championships she picks up. No matter what she's done to grow the sport she's helped define for more than a decade.

So Lindsey Jacobellis sets her jaw and steels herself every time the Olympics roll around, well aware that for some she'll never outrun a three-second error in judgment in Turin as a 20-year-old, when gold somehow morphed into silver when her attempt to add a little bit of sauce to her winning run ended up with her ever-so-briefly sitting down in the Italian Alps. So go ahead. Ask the question. You can let a bout of youthful exuberance define her in your mind. She's long since let it go. She's in Korea to talk about the future. Not the past. "I don't look back at all," said Jacobellis, who will make a fourth bid for Olympic gold in women's snowboardcross on Friday. "Right now I'm here. What year is it? It's 2018. We're in Pyeongchang and I'm focusing on that."

Even if the public at large can't. She is by every metric "the GOAT" (slang for the Greatest of All Time). Five world championships. Nine X Games wins. More than two dozen World Cup victories. A staggering 49 podium finishes in a discipline her good friend and American teammate Jonathan Cheever says is only fit for masochists because of its pure unpredictability. Snowboardcross requires a mix of daring, athleticism and intelligence and sometimes even that's not enough. Failure is always one dip, one elbow, one split-second poor choice away as you career down the side of a mountain over a series of jumps, bumps and dips with a handful of riders often within arm's reach.

Yet for half her life the 32-year-old Jacobellis has been the closest thing to a sure thing. Not that you'd know it if you only stopped by during the Olympics, when the focus isn't on all those victories but on the one she let slip away.

A quick review. Jacobellis was well in front of Switzerland's Tanja Frieden in the Big Final in Turin in 2006 when she decided to do a "Method," kicking her legs out in front of her, grabbing the board in the process. She mistimed the landing, her legs straightening out too early, forcing her to temporarily lose her edge. By the time she was back on her feet, gold had turned to silver and Jacobellis found herself

low-hanging fruit for those eager to chastise her for what they considered just another showboating move by someone who put style over substance.

It was three seconds in a lifetime. Three. Three that pop up every time she straps on her board with the Olympic rings in the background. Maybe victory this time around will let others move on from a moment she's long put in the rearview mirror. Maybe. "I can't really get mad at those people that chime in every four years and don't really understand our sport and the development and how hard we work," she said. "People don't (think) that snowboarders work out as hard or we mess around and we're just having fun. We have a job that is year round and we work that hard constantly and every day to make our bodies take the impacts."



FILE - In this Friday, Feb. 17, 2006 file photo, silver medallist Lindsey Jacobellis, of the United States, reacts prior to the flower ceremony of the Women's Snowboard Cross competition at the Turin 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Bardonecchia, Italy. Jacobellis says she's long since moved past her misstep that cost her a gold medal at the 2006 Olympics. Jacobellis was leading in the women's snowboardcross finals when she fell after trying to showboat a bit on her way to the finish line. The mistake forced her to settle for silver.

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Old French-Dutch match-fixing attempt surfaces at Olympics



Alexis Contin of France competes during the men's 1,500 meters speedskating race at the Gangneung Oval at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018.

(AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda)

By RAF CASERT, AP Sports Writer

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — The Dutch Olympic team was hit by a 4-year-old match-fixing scandal involving one of its speedskating coaches on Thursday.

The Dutch Olympic committee said it has officially warned Jilbert Anema, who also worked for the French team, for an attempt at match-fixing in the Olympic team pursuit four years ago at the Sochi Games. In a 2014 letter to Anema published Thursday, the committee chastised him for asking a Dutch team leader not to be too hard on the French squad in the quarterfinals because a humiliating result might have funding consequences for their team.

Anema is in Pyeongchang and is the trainer of Dutch speedskater Jorrit Bergsma and his American wife, Heather. Jorrit Bergsma is a medal favorite in the 10,000-meter race.

Anema was not immediately available for comment.

The 2014 letter said that such behavior countered the IOC code of ethics and the committee said it regrets the incident.

"We will leave it at this for the moment," the committee said.

The Dutch team beat the French four years ago and went on to win the gold medal. The Dutch Olympic committee, which published the letter after De Volkskrant newspaper wrote about it, said it regretted that the issue had to come up during the Pyeongchang Games. Dutch technical director Arie Koops said Anema came up to him four years ago with the request.

"I was flabbergasted when it came, surprised that such a question could be asked," Koops said Thursday. "I told him, 'No. I came here to win. I will not adapt my strategy to others.'

"He approaches me for another country so I have to take another country into account. I don't do that."

The issue highlighted the peculiar situation in a sport where one coach sometimes takes care of skaters from different nationalities at the games, and where some teams train together.

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Canadian women take 1st Olympic showdown against US 2-1



Brianna Decker (14), of the United States, is checked by Laura Fortino, center, of Canada, as teammate Emily Clark (26) controls the puck during the second period of a preliminary round during a women's hockey game at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Gangneung, South Korea, Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018. Canada won 2-1.

(AP Photo/Julio Cortez)

By TERESA M. WALKER, AP Sports Writer

GANGNEUNG, South Korea (AP) — The Americans and Canadians pushed, shoved and grabbed each other, sometimes from behind, sometimes mask to mask, and bodies were crashing to the ice repeatedly in front of the net.

All of this with no medal on the line, either.

Meghan Agosta and Sara Nurse each scored in the second period and defending Olympic champion Canada clinched the top spot in pool play by edging the United States 2-1 on Thursday in a rough-and-tumble early showdown between the dominant powers in women's hockey. It could have been a mere preview of the battle for gold expected to come next week.

Genevieve Lacasse made 44 saves, including stopping Hilary Knight at the post inside the final 90 seconds. Brianne Decker hit two posts, the second in the final seconds, before the two rivals ended up in a scrum. Officials reviewed the final play and ruled no goal. The Canadians also had two goals disallowed earlier in a game that showed just how far these two teams are above the rest of the field — and how much they want to beat each other.

"It's a rivalry," U.S. coach Robb Stauber said of the physical play. "What else would anybody expect?"

Canada coach Laura Schuler was happy with the win, especially Lacasse's performance.

"She played outstanding for us," Schuler said.

Kendall Coyne scored the lone goal for the Americans.

Canada and the United States are the only countries to ever win women's hockey gold at the Olympics. The Americans won in 1998 when women's hockey joined the Olympics, while Canada is looking for a fifth straight title.

The two played eight times last fall through a pre-Olympic exhibition tour and the Four Nations Cup. The United States won two of the first three, but Canada now has won five straight against their biggest and only rival.

"We're not worried about it, nope," Stauber said. "We're focused on the things that we can control, and certainly those games that we've played in the past have nothing to do with our future. Absolutely nothing to do with our future."

The United States certainly had plenty of chances, outshooting Canada 45-23. Stauber said he was happy with outshooting an opponent nearly 2-to-1 for a third straight time in these games, believing a goalie will break under the flurry.

"It's just finding a way to finish those Grade A chances that we had, and we didn't finish," Coyne said.

The Canadians didn't sound too impressed.

"I think we did a good job keeping them to the outside," Lacasse said.

After missing on a penalty shot and hitting a post late in the second, the Americans got on the board when Coyne raced through four Canadians and scored 23 seconds into the third

Canada thought it had the first goal of the game with 3:15 left in the first period, but Melodie Daoust and captain Marie-Philip Poulin were in the crease with the play blown dead. The official immediately signaled no goal.

Agosta put Canada up 1-0 at 7:18 of the second on the power play. With Megan Keller in the box for interfering with Poulin, Natalie Spooner in her 100th international game spun and hit Agosta in the slot with a backhanded pass. Agosta's shot went off goalie Maddie Rooney's glove and in for the goal. Rooney was in net for all three of the American wins over Canada last fall.

Nurse scored at 14:56 with a shot from the left circle that went off Rooney's elbow. Laura Stacey appeared to be offside as Canada brought the puck into the zone, but the United States did not challenge.

Officials awarded Jocelyne Lamoureux-Davidson a penalty shot at 16:08 of the second after Canadian forward Haley Irwin placed a glove on top of the puck in the crease amid a pile of bodies in the crease. Lamoureux-Davidson, who scored the fastest back-to-back goals in Olympic history in the U.S. win over Russia, went too slow and Lacasse easily deflected her backhand shot.

"It's always a battle, especially playing the U.S.," Agosta said. "We just got to kind of keep it coming."

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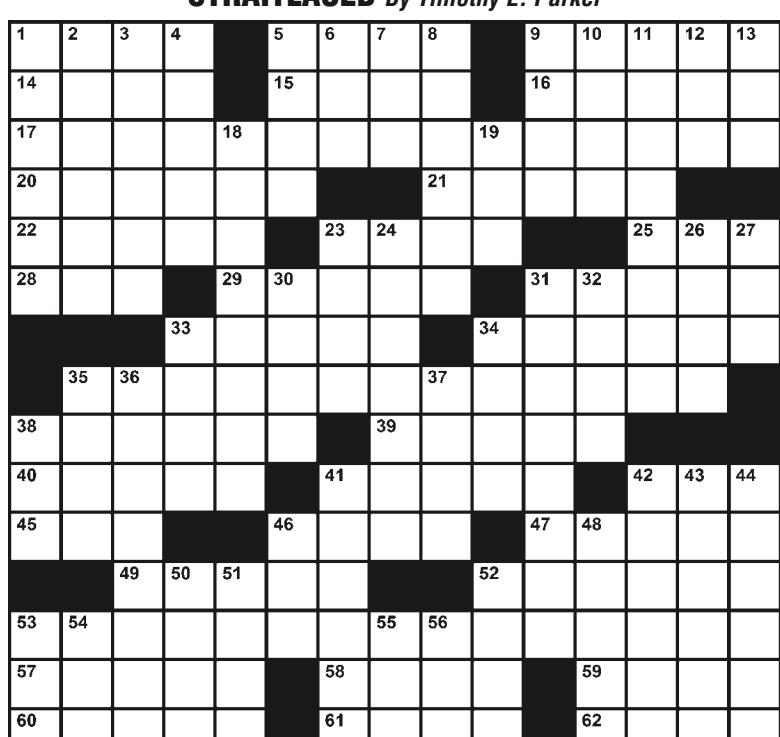
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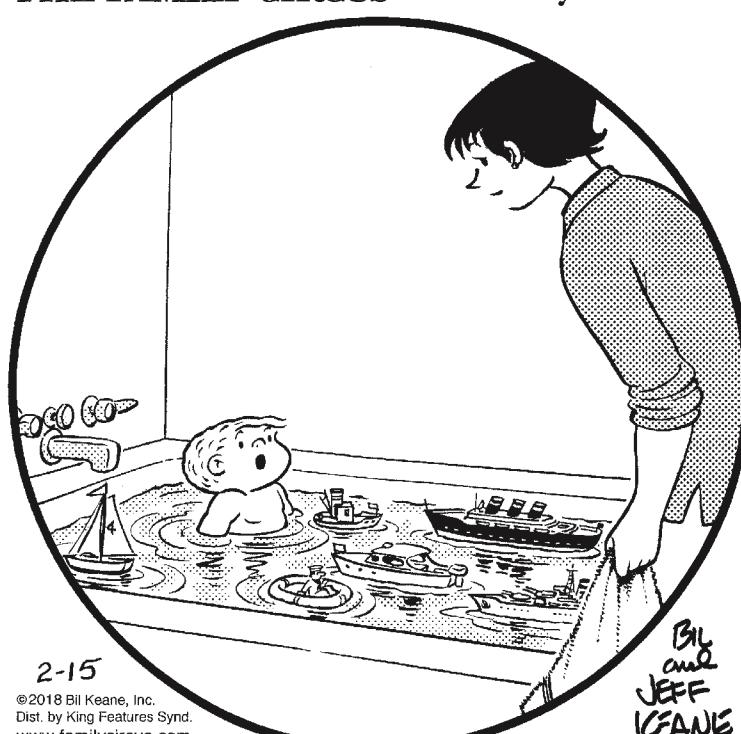
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We have not finalized the arrangements or sent out invitations. Karen has been asking if she and my former father-in-law are invited, but we haven't answered her yet. She says she's hurt because she feels we don't want her there.

Is it proper etiquette to invite the parents of a deceased spouse to a remarriage? The only people she would know aside from us would be my parents, who need to bond with my fiancee's family who are coming from out of town. The kids seem to not care either way. If it were me, I'd feel awkward being there. Help! -- LOOKING TO THE FUTURE IN ILLINOIS

DEAR LOOKING: Although your late wife is gone, her parents are still your children's grandparents and therefore should be treated as part of your family. While you might feel awkward if you were in their position, consider how hurt they will be if they are not included on the guest list. The decision whether to attend should be theirs to make.

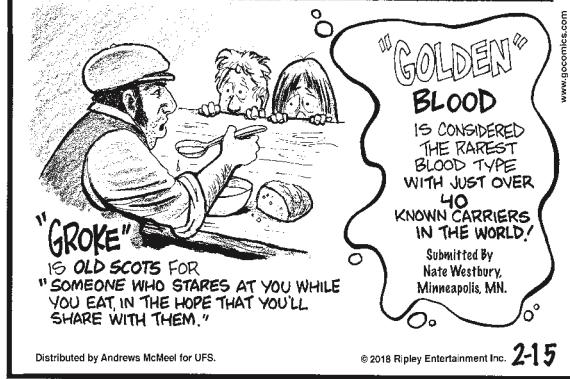
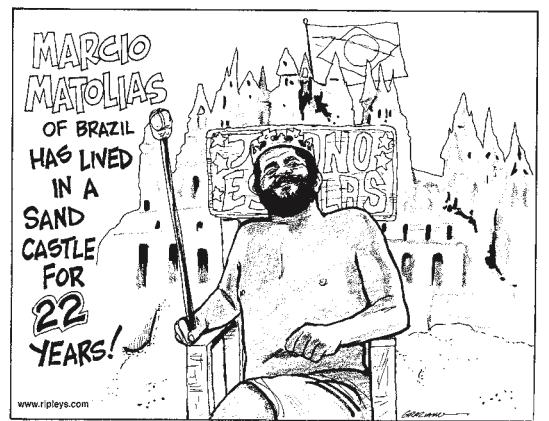
Welcome them and treat them with kindness. A wife can be "replaced," but a daughter cannot, which is why Karen is still grieving even though you have gone on with your life.

DEAR ABBY: I need advice on how to deal with a friend/neighbor's messy, unkempt backyard. We are getting ready to put our house on the market, and I'm concerned their yard may be a deterrent to potential buyers. Their pool looks like a swamp, and various pieces of lawn furniture are strewn about the yard. Tables are turned upside down and random items are thrown about.

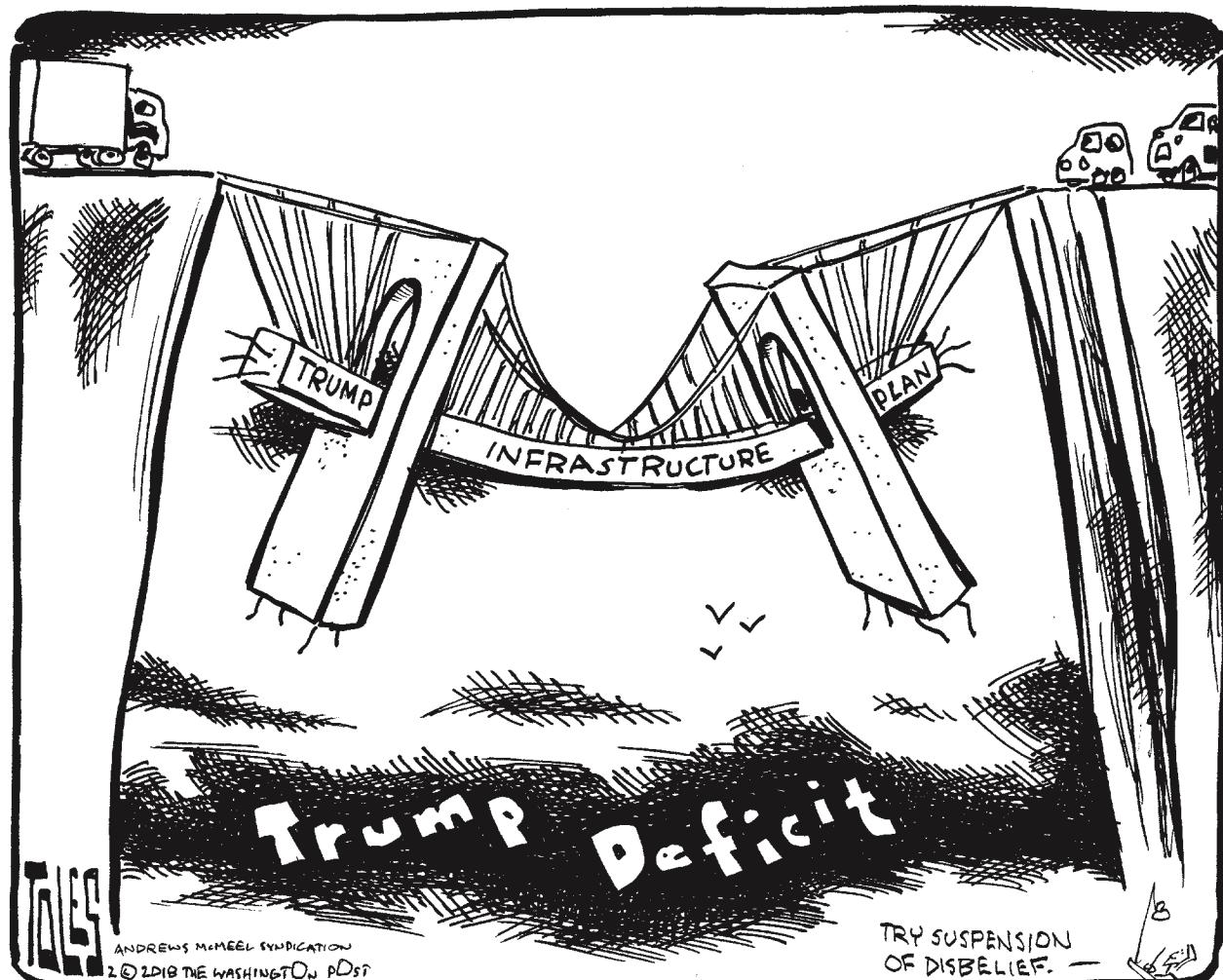
They are friends of ours, but I have no clue how to broach such a sensitive topic without upsetting them. Please help. -- LIVING NEXT TO A SWAMP

DEAR LIVING: Because those neighbors are friends, I assume they are aware that you are selling your home. If you live in an area that's prone to any dangerous mosquito-borne viruses, you would be doing them a favor to point out that their pool equipment needs fixing because still water makes an excellent breeding place for mosquitoes.

As to the state of their yard, your real estate agent may have some suggestions about how to handle that. If you and your spouse volunteer to help your neighbors make it more attractive, they might be receptive. However, if they refuse and you live in a community with a neighborhood association that regulates how properties must look in order to preserve their value, consider bringing this to its attention.

Ripley's Believe It or Not!**Calvin & Hobbes****PEANUTS**

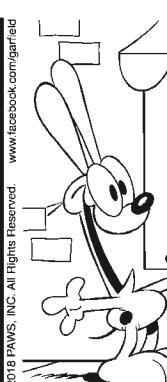
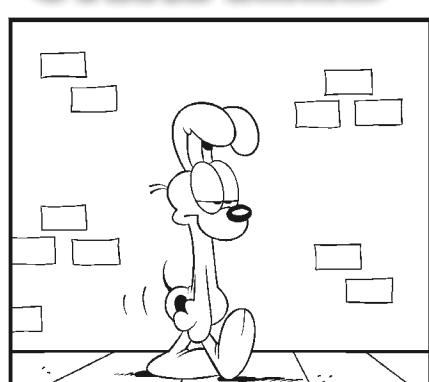
by Charles M. Schulz

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**Sudoku Pacific**

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

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Wednesday's Puzzle Answer

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