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Vito Kitiona of the Vikings leading the way for the skills and backers – during the conditioning part of practice, as part of their preparations for the upcoming Junior Prep Sports (JPS) Football Classic II that will be held in Hawai'i next week. The team is scheduled to depart the territory this weekend. (Read story in tomorrow's Samoa News.)

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## Williams leads Clippers past Grizzlies,

### 113-105

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's happening with such regularity now, people are just expecting Lou Williams to come off the bench and put up 20-plus points while leading the Los Angeles Clippers to a victory.

Williams did it again Tuesday night, scoring 33 to send the Clippers to their fourth consecutive win, 113-105 over the Memphis Grizzlies.

The standout reserve shot 8 of 15 from the field. Continually driving to the basket, he hit all 15 of his free throws.

"He's obviously a great scorer, but when you draw that many fouls and get to the free throw line that many times, you're almost impossible to guard," Memphis interim coach J.B. Bickerstaff said.

Williams leads NBA reserves in scoring at 21.6 points per game. He scored 40 off the bench in his last game against Charlotte. He has scored at least 30 off the bench eight times this season, tied for the second-most in NBA history. Ricky Pierce (1989-90) holds the record with 17.

Williams got scoring help Tuesday from Blake Griffin, who had 21 points — including five down the stretch after the Grizzlies had erased most of an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter to close to 103-101.

Tyreke Evans led Memphis with 18 points, six assists and five rebounds. Mario Chalmers

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The 'Defensive Linemen' for the American Samoa All-Star High School Football Team – putting in work during the conditioning part of practice at the Veterans Memorial Stadium. The team is led by Head Coach Taveuveu Kolose Ili and are preparing to make their second appearance in the JPS Football Classic II that will be held in the state of Hawa'ii this month. (See story in tomorrow's issue.)

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**IFB No: 1221-2018**

**Issuance Date: December 21, 2017**

**Closing Date: Friday, January 19, 2018  
 No later than 2:00 PM local time**

Notice is hereby given that the Congregational Christian Church in American Samoa, by and through the General Secretariat, will receive sealed bid packets from qualified contractors for the **CCCAS 'UA TAUNUU' ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

**Submission:**

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 Attn: Rev. Ioelu Onesemo

Sealed bids will be received by the General Secretary of CCCAS no later than 2:00 p.m. (local time), Friday, January 19, 2018 at which time and place the sealed bids will be open and read by the CCCAS Executive and the General Purpose Committee Board.

Any bid received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Late submissions will not be opened or considered and will be determined as being non-responsive.

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For more information about this project, please contact the following person (s):  
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Approved for Issuance: **Rev. Elder Eveni Mamoe, Jr.,** CCCAS Moderator

**No. 4 Arizona State, No. 14  
 Arizona head to Utah this week**

A look at things to watch this week in the Pac-12 Conference:

**GAME OF THE WEEK:** No. 4 Arizona State at Utah. The Sun Devils (12-1, 0-1) had their undefeated season come to an end with a six-point loss at No. 14 Arizona last weekend and are looking to bounce back. Arizona State plays at Colorado before facing the Utes on Sunday, but the trip to Utah will likely be the tougher game. The Utes (10-3, 2-0) are coming off just the fourth sweep of the two Oregon schools since the Pac-12 was formed and the Hunstman Center is one of the conference's most difficult road venues. No. 14 Arizona, the conference's only other ranked team, also plays at Utah this week.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** This week features a pair of rivalry games in the Pac-12: Oregon at Oregon State on Friday, Washington at Washington State on Saturday. The Ducks (11-4, 1-1) had a good run through the nonconference schedule despite replacing five key players from last year's Final Four team, but lost to the bigger schools it played. The Beavers (9-5, 1-1) opened conference play with a win over Colorado, then lost to Utah. Washington (11-4, 1-1) has the better team on paper than Washington State (8-6, 0-2), but rivalry games always bring out the best in the underdogs.

**INSIDE THE NUMBERS:**

Arizona and Oregon each have won five straight true road games, tied for the sixth-longest streaks in Division I. ... Despite being held to 78 points against Arizona, Arizona State is the Pac-12's top scoring team at 90.7 points per game, more than seven points per game over Arizona in second. .... USC's Jordan McLaughlin is the conference's assist leader with 8.0 per game. ... Oregon's Kenny Wooten (76) and Arizona State's De'Quon Lake (74) are both shooting over 70 percent on the season.

**PLAYER TO WATCH:**

Deandre Ayton, Arizona. The Wildcats' freshman big man was named the Pac-12's player of the week for the second time this season after scoring 23 points, grabbing 19 rebounds and blocking three shots in the 17th-ranked Wildcats' 84-78 victory over rival No. 3 Arizona.

**ON THE WOMEN'S SIDE:**

Oregon's Sabrina Ionescu has made quite an impact in two seasons with the Ducks. The sophomore guard became the NCAA's all-time triple-double leader with eight in just 48 games after posing 24 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists in a win over Washington. She's averaging 18.9 points, 7.1 rebounds and 8.1 assists per game this season.

# Mike Brey nears record for wins at Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Mike Brey insists he is more concerned about starting 2-0 in the Atlantic Coast Conference than he is a much bigger number that he has been building for the past 17-plus years at Notre Dame.

"It's more important than 394," Brey said Tuesday by the Purcell Pavilion basketball court where overhead a banner has charted his run to 393, the record for men's basketball victories at Notre Dame he currently shares with Digger Phelps.

The 76-year-old Phelps will be on hand to watch as Brey's Fighting Irish (11-3, 1-0 ACC) take on North Carolina State (10-4, 0-1) on Wednesday night.

"I'm really happy for Mike and what he has done," Phelps said Saturday at halftime of Notre Dame's victory over Georgia Tech. "He's done a great job in the Big East as well as the ACC. I wish him continued success."

The task got more difficult with news that senior forward Bonzie Colson will miss up to eight weeks with a broken left foot suffered in practice. The 6-foot-6 Colson, who averaged 21.4 points and 10.4 rebounds per game, was scheduled for surgery Thursday.

"We are all feeling for Bonzie right now," Brey said. "We need to embrace this challenge. This program has lost key guys before and we figured out a way to earn an NCAA bid."

Now in his 18th season at Notre Dame, Brey's teams have made 16 postseason appearances, including back-to-back NCAA Elite Eight showings in 2015 (when they also won the ACC championship) and 2016. Phelps, whose 1973-74 team ended UCLA's 88-game winning streak and whose 1977-78 team reached the Final Four, coached 20 seasons at Notre Dame and had 17 postseason appearances.

"Digger had an unbelievable run here," the 58-year-old Brey said. "The program he built made us a national name, and I've benefited from that. To have a chance to go by him is pretty powerful and I am very humbled by it."

Brey, who often jokes that he just hoped to be good enough at Notre Dame not to get fired, was Mike Krzyzewski's assistant at Duke before taking the head job at Delaware prior to the 1995-96 season. In five years, he amassed a 99-52 record, won two America East Conference titles and took the Blue Hens to two NCAA tournaments. Brey first interviewed with Notre Dame following the 1998-99 season but lost out to Matt Doherty. But in the summer of 2000, the job opened again when Doherty left for his alma mater North Carolina.

Long-time assistant coach

Rod Balanis, who moved from Delaware to Notre Dame with Brey, said he can't remember his boss ever mentioning the all-time wins record that will come with his next victory.

"He hasn't brought this up at all," Balanis said. "It's going to be special. It will finally hit him a little bit. But knowing Mike Brey the way I know him, he'd be happier if we get off to a good start and catch our stride. He's always thinking about our team."

His players are of a similar mindset.

"Every game in this league is important," senior guard Matt Farrell said. "If you can get a win in this league it's good. If you can get on a win streak, that's even better. You've got to appreciate these games at home and this is a really special game (Wednesday). We've got to make sure we get it for him."



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Time of American Samoa	Sunday (12/31)	Monday (1/1)	Tuesday (1/2)	Wednesday (1/3)	Thursday (1/4)	Friday (1/5)	Saturday (1/6)
10: am	00' K-pop World Festival	Dragon's Club Overgrown Romance	The Unit	Happy Together (E,R)	00' Music Bank	Encore Drama	00'
11: am	10' Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Encore Drama The Swan Club	00' The Beauty	50' K-pop World Festival	Lovers of Music (E,R)	00'
12 NOON	40' Heritage Tomorrow	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)					
1: pm	50' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E,R)					
2: pm	30' Dragon's Club Overgrown Romance	The Swan Club (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E,R)	K-RUSH (E,R)	30' The Swan Club (E,R)	30' Music Bank
3: pm	50' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	00' The Unit (E,R)	50' My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E,R)	00'
4: pm	00' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	00' The Swan Club (E,R)	10' Jugglers (E,R)	10'
5: pm	10' Encore Drama "Gunman in Joseon" (E,R)	Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	Weekend Drama My Golden Life (E,R)	Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	00' The Swan Club (E,R)	10' Jugglers (E,R)	10'
6: pm	20' Gag Concert	Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)					
7: pm	40' UHD UNESCO World Heritage Special (E,R)	The Swan Club (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	Music Bank (Live)	40' Happy Together (E,R)	00' Gag Concert (E)	00' "The Return of Superman" (E)
8: pm	00' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	Drama Special 2017 (E,R)	The Swan Club	The Unit	K-RUSH (E,R)	00' Gag Concert (E)	00' "The Return of Superman" (E)
9: pm	40' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)	Daily Drama "Love Returns" (E)					
10: pm	00' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E,R)	KBS 9 News (Live)					
11: pm	20' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E)	KBS 9 News (Live)					
12: 00	00' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E)	KBS 9 News (Live)					
Next Day	00' Daily Drama "The Secret of My Love" (E)	KBS 9 News (Live)					
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2: am	50' The Swan Club (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E)	Black Knight Wed-Thu Drama (E)	00' My Golden Life Weekend Drama (E)	30' Mon-Tue Drama Jugglers (E,R)	30' Wed-Thu Drama Black Knight (E,R)	30'
3: am	00' Dragon's Club Overgrown Romance (E,R)	The Unit	Happy Together	2017 KBS Song Festival (E,R)	50' Gag Concert (E,R)	50' The Return of Superman (E,R)	50'
4: am	20' Encore Drama Lovers of Music (E,R)	Heritage Tomorrow					
5: am	40' UHD UNESCO World Heritage	Quiz on Korea 2017 (E,R)	Jugglers Mon-Tue Drama (E,R)	00' The Beauty	10' Immortal Songs 2 (E,R)	30' Two Days and One Night (E,R)	30'
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## Williams...

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had 15 points off the bench.

Williams and Griffin, however, proved too much for the Grizzlies in the final moments.

Rookie guard C.J. Williams, starting for an injured Austin Rivers, added a career-high 18 points for the Clippers in his 10th career start. "When I think about it, it's just basketball," C.J. Williams said. "There are so many other things that can engulf your mind outside of basketball. But I'm playing the sport I've played for 20 years now. I just enjoy every moment of it."

### TIP-INS

Grizzlies: G Wayne Selden Jr. returned Sunday after missing 33 games with a right quadriceps injury. He played 18 minutes against Sacramento, scoring 10 points.

# Kyrgios advances to Brisbane International quarterfinals

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Nick Kyrgios overcame a knee problem to outlast fellow Australian Matthew Ebden 6-7 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-2 on Wednesday and move into the quarterfinals at the Brisbane International.

Third-seeded Kyrgios called for a medical timeout after nine games and had further treatment two games later to have his left knee taped.

His movement appeared to be hampered but he still had too much for Ebden and set up a quarterfinal against former Brisbane International runner-up Alexandr Dolgoplov, who

beat Horacio Zeballos 6-1, 6-2 in the second round.

Elina Svitolina advanced to the women's quarterfinals with a 6-3, 6-1 second-round win over Croatia's Ana Konjuh.

The third-seeded Svitolina, who won five WTA titles last year and peaked at No. 3, will next play fifth-seeded Johanna Konta.

Kaia Kanepi beat Lesia Tsurenko 6-4, 6-3 and qualifier Aliaksandra Sasnovich rallied for a 1-6, 7-6 (2), 6-3 win over Anett Kontaveit to set up a quarterfinal match against Alize Cornet.



Cleveland Cavaliers' Isaiah Thomas is congratulated by teammates as he walks to the bench in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Portland Trail Blazers, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, in Cleveland. The Cavaliers won 127-110. (AP Photo/Tony Dejak)

## Hutton helps Blues beat Devils for 9th straight time

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Carter Hutton felt relaxed and in control. The St. Louis goalie stopped 24 shots through overtime and both attempts he faced in the shootout to help the Blues to a 3-2 win over the New Jersey Devils on Tuesday night. "Some nights the (puck) looks like a BB and some nights it looks like a beach ball, it's so easy to save," Hutton said. Brayden Schenn and Vladimir Tarasenko scored in the tiebreaker to give

St. Louis its ninth straight win against New Jersey, dating back to a 7-1 loss to the Devils on Jan. 21, 2014. Tarasenko and Vladimir Sobotka scored in regulation for the Blues, who have a 30-11 scoring edge during the win streak. Hutton improved to 7-3-0 on the season. He made an eye-popping pad save on Marcus Johansson with 2:09 left in overtime, and then stopped Taylor Hall and Kyle Palmieri in the shootout.

# Isaiah Thomas has stellar return as Cavs beat Blazers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Isaiah Thomas showed flashes of what made him an All-Star in his long-awaited Cleveland debut as the Cavaliers snapped a three-game losing streak with a 127-110 win over the Portland Trail Blazers on Tuesday night.

Thomas scored 17 points and played 19 minutes in his first game in seven months, an impressive return to action for the dynamic point guard. Thomas added three 3-pointers and three assists before leaving with 8:10 left and the Cavs up by 12.

LeBron James scored 24 points, Kevin Love had 19 and Jae Crowder added 15 for the Cavs, who were coming off losses at Golden State, Sacramento and Utah.

Damian Lillard scored 25 for the Blazers after missing five games with a hamstring injury. Jusuf Nurkic added 23 and CJ McCollum had 19 for Portland.

The Cavs were unable to separate from the Blazers until Thomas and Dwyane Wade teamed up in the fourth quarter.

### SPURS 100, KNICKS 91

NEW YORK (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge scored 29 points, Kawhi Leonard had a season-high 25 and San Antonio beat New York to give Gregg Popovich sole possession of fifth place on the NBA's coaching wins list.

Manu Ginobili finished with 12 points — three of them coming on what appeared to be a pass that went into the basket without everyone noticing.

Popovich has 1,176 victories, all with the Spurs. The five-time champion broke a tie with his friend George Karl.

The Spurs beat the Knicks for the second time in six days

and won for the fourth time in five games. They beat New York 119-107 on Dec. 28.

Michael Beasley had 18 points for the Knicks, who were playing one of just four home games this month. They play 12 times on the road.

Kristaps Porzingis shot just 5 for 19 and was one of three Knicks to finish with 13 points.

### SUNS 104, HAWKS 103

PHOENIX (AP) — Devin Booker sank three free throws to put Phoenix ahead with 12.3 seconds to play, Marquese Chriss blocked Taurean Prince's shot at the rim with 7 seconds to go and the Suns rallied from down 10 in the final 2½ minutes to beat Atlanta.

Booker scored eight of his 34 points in the final 37 seconds as the Suns finished with a 15-4 run. T.J. Warren scored 31 and Chriss had 17 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks for Phoenix.

Ersan Ilyasova scored 21 points for Atlanta. Kent Bazemore and Dennis Schroder added 20 apiece.

Bazemore made 7 of 8 shots, including 4 of 5 3-pointers, but he fouled Booker on a 3-point attempt with the Hawks clinging to a two-point lead.

Booker made all three to put the Suns on top 102-101. Prince then got free for what looked to be an open layup, but Chriss came from the other side of the court to block the shot.

### HORNETS 131, KINGS 111

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Dwight Howard had 20 points and eight rebounds, Kemba Walker added 12 points and 10 assists and Charlotte built a big early lead and beat Sacramento.

Nicolas Batum scored 21

points, Jeremy Lamb added 16, and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marvin Williams had 10 points apiece to help the Hornets to their third consecutive win in Sacramento.

Charlotte came in as one of the NBA's worst 3-point shooting teams but repeatedly got open looks from beyond the arc, especially in the first half when the Hornets made 10 of their season-high-tying 15 3s. Lamb and Batum made three apiece to pace the outside shooting.

Four days after stunning Golden State to begin their four-game trip, the Hornets set season highs in scoring and for points scored in the first half (72). Charlotte's previous high was 129 points in an overtime win over Washington on Nov. 22.

Zach Randolph had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Sacramento. Skal Labissiere added 17 points and a career-best 15 rebounds for the Kings, who have lost five of six.

### CLIPPERS 113, GRIZZLIES 105

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Tyreke Evans led the Grizzlies with 18 points, six assists and five rebounds.

Rookie guard C.J. Williams added a career-high 18 points for the Clippers, who shot 54.9 percent from the field.

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Running Back Iosefa Mauga of the Nu'uuli Wildcats secures a catch during their backers drills at the Veterans Memorial Stadium – part of their preparations for the upcoming JPS Football Classic II that will be held next week in the state of Hawai'i. (See story in tomorrow's Samoa News.)

[photo: TG]

# Howard, Walker help Hornets pull away and beat Kings 131-111

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Dwight Howard lost control of the ball on his way in for an apparent dunk when he was fouled from behind by Zach Randolph. As Howard tried to regain his footing, the ball floated about 3 feet above the rim and then fell straight back down and through.

“I don't know how it went in,” Howard said with a grin.

On a night when Charlotte set season highs in several offensive categories, Howard's play was symptomatic of just how good things were going for the struggling Hornets.

Howard had 20 points and eight rebounds, Kemba Walker added 12 points and 10 assists, and Charlotte built a big early lead in beating the Sacramento Kings 131-111 on Tuesday.

Nicolas Batum scored 21 points, Jeremy Lamb added 16, and Michael Kidd-Gilchrist and Marvin Williams had 10 points apiece to help the Hornets to their third consecutive victory in Sacramento.

“To score the way we did, really just did a lot of good things offensively,” Hornets interim coach Stephen Silas said. “We need to carry that over because our offense has not been very good up until this point, up until this trip. But things are starting to click a little bit and it's good.”

Charlotte came in as one of the NBA's worst 3-point shooting teams but repeatedly got open looks from beyond the arc, especially in the first half when the Hornets made 10 of their season high-tying 15 3s. Lamb and Batum hit three apiece to pace the outside

shooting. Four days after stunning Golden State to begin their four-game trip, the Hornets set season highs in scoring and for points scored in the first half (72). Charlotte's previous high was 129 points in an overtime win over Washington on Nov. 22.

“It was pretty good,” Howard said. “I still think our defense could have been a lot better. We gave up too many points in the paint. One-on-one defense, especially for the bigs, could have been a lot better. We're going to take the positives but there are some things we still have to improve on.”

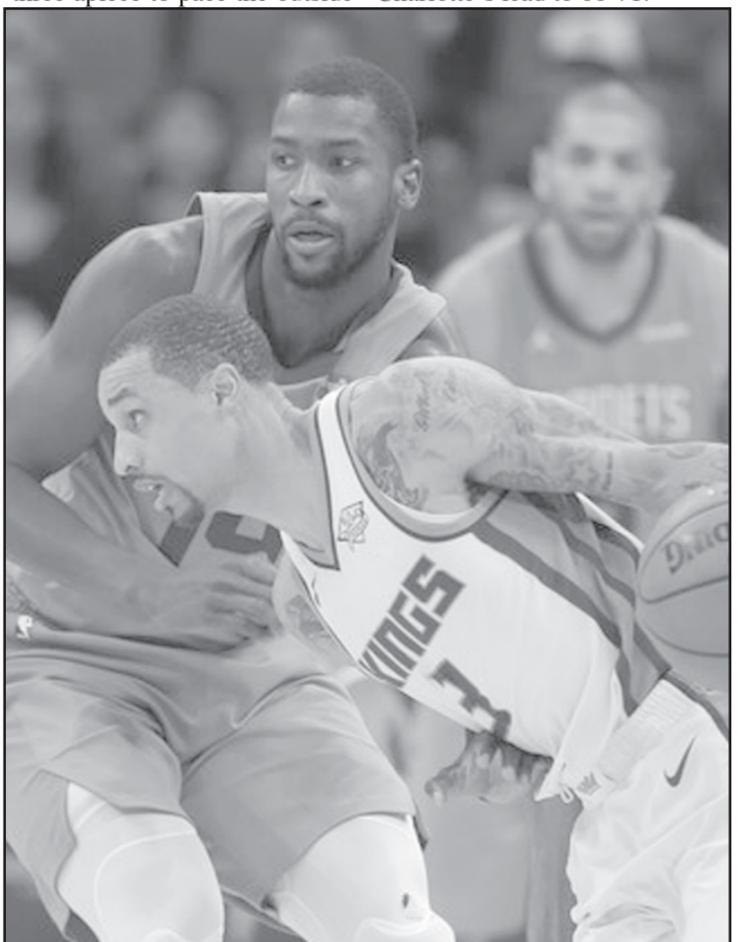
Zach Randolph had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Sacramento. Skal Labissiere added 17 points and a career-best 15 rebounds for the Kings, who have lost five of six.

“Teams are definitely confident that they can come here and shoot well,” Sacramento coach Dave Joerger said. “It's just what it is until it's not.”

Charlotte led 32-25 but didn't pull away until an 18-4 run midway through the second. Four different Hornets made 3-pointers, and Howard had a dunk and short hook on consecutive possessions.

Walker added a three-point play and Williams had a 3-pointer as part of another run for Charlotte, and Batum's short jumper put the Hornets up 72-52.

Sacramento made a brief surge in the third to pull to 76-65, but Kidd-Gilchrist scored eight points over the next 2½ minutes to extend Charlotte's lead to 88-71.



Sacramento Kings guard George Hill, right, drives against Charlotte Hornets forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, in Sacramento, Calif. (AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli)

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American Samoa All-Star Defensive Coordinator Pati Pati and assistant coach Merton Hunkin working with their defense squads during practice last week at the Veterans Memorial Stadium – See story in tomorrow’s Samoa News. [photo: TG]

## Booker, Chriss lead late rally to boost Suns past Hawks

PHOENIX (AP) — The Phoenix Suns appeared headed for an ugly home loss to the Atlanta Hawks until the frantic final minutes.

That’s when Devin Booker and Marquese Chriss came through.

Booker sank three free throws to put Phoenix ahead with 12.3 seconds to play, Chriss soared to block Taurean Prince’s shot at the rim with 7 seconds to go and the Suns rallied to hand the Hawks another road loss, 104-103 on Tuesday night.

“We played bad today, but that says a lot about a young team,” Booker said. “To be able to play bad like that, come back and get a win down late, that’s big.”

Booker scored eight of his 34 points in the final 37 seconds, starting with a 3-pointer that made it 101-99, as the Suns finished with a 15-4 run. T.J. Warren scored 31 and Chriss had 17 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks for Phoenix.

Booker, in his 13th 30-point game of the season, was 14 of 15 at the foul line, 11-for-11 in the second half.

Ersan Ilyasova scored 21 points for Atlanta. Kent Bazemore and Dennis Schroder added 20 apiece.

Bazemore made 7 of 8 shots, including 4 of 5 3-pointers, but he fouled Booker on a 3-point attempt with the Hawks clinging to a two-point lead.

Booker made all three to put the Suns on top 102-101. Prince took a lob from Schroder and was free for what looked to be an open layup, but Chriss came from the other side of the court to soar and block the shot.

“I just had to run and try to catch up and he lofted the ball a little too much and I was able to

get back,” Chriss said. “I think I have a chance for pretty much every block I go for.”

Booker called it “an x-factor play that only Marquese can make.”

Booker made two more at the line with 6.5 seconds remaining to make it 104-101. With the Hawks needing a 3-pointer to tie it, Schroder instead drove for the layup to cut it to one, but by then there was just a half-second to play and the Suns handed Atlanta its seventh straight road loss.

“It’s tough, man,” Bazemore said, “any time you fight so hard and put yourself in a situation to win a game, and I question myself down the stretch.”

Bazemore called Booker “a great player and he was there when his team needed him.”

As for that foul on the three-pointer, Bazemore said, “I thought I made some really good plays down the stretch defensively and didn’t get the benefit of the doubt. You control what you control.”

Phoenix interim coach Jay Triano was not pleased with what he saw much of the night.

“I thought we stayed in it and we gave ourselves a chance at the end, but throughout the game I did not like our energy level,” he said. “We were slow to the ball. ... The lineup at the end, they got into it, and we were a little bit better defensively, and as a result we gave ourselves into it.”

Atlanta led by as many as 14 in the first half and was up 99-89 after Prince’s inside basket with 2:53 to play.

“That’s a tough loss,” Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer said. “To have a lead and not make enough plays on both ends of the court, I think we’ll learn from it. ...



Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker (1) drives on Atlanta Hawks guard Marco Belinelli during the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, in Phoenix. The Suns defeated the Hawks 104-103. (AP Photo/Rick Scuteri)

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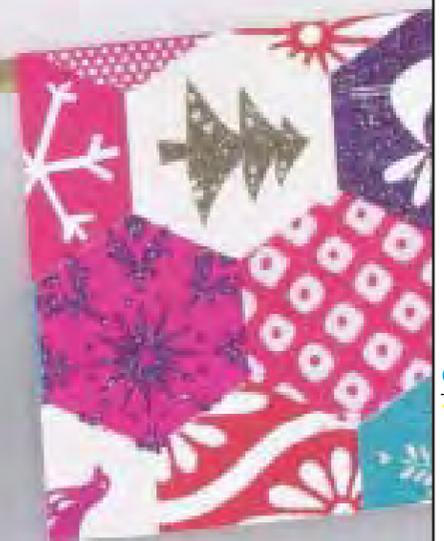


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# 3 pepe tausaga fou 2018 - maua meaalofa mai le PID



O le tama o David Troy Tausagafou Hines Pa'aga ma ona matua o Tiaina Maluafou ma Franklin Leti Pa'aga o Nu'uuli.

[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

Tusia: Leua Aiono Frost

E tolu pepe fou o le tausaga fou ma ua fa'afiafaina o latou matua ina ua avea i latou nei ma fa'amau fa'a'ologa i o latou aiga, na soifua a'e i le ulua'i aso o le tausaga 2018.

"O se fiafiaga ia i ma'ua ua vave mai le ali'i o David Troy Tausagafou Hines Pa'aga i lenei olaga ma ua mafuta ma i ma'ua ma le to'afa o ona uso matutua. O lea sa matou tatalia o ia ia Fepuari 2018 ae peita'i, ua manatu o ia e asiasi vave mai, ma ua agava'a ai mo lenei ata i le nusipepa ae maise o le tala tusia i lona ola mai i le ulua'i aso o le tausaga. E le gata i lea o se fa'ate'iga o i matou i se meaalofa tele ua taua'aina mai e le Pacific Independent Distributors. Fa'afetai lava!"

O se tala lea a lona tama Franklin Leti Pa'aga, o se tasi e faigaluega o le Governor Protecting Detail mo le Matagaluega o le Puipeiga o le Sagaolemu Lautele a le tatou malo po'o le Matagaluega o Leoleo.

O David o le lona lima lea o aloalii e fa'asino i le mafutaga a le tina o Tiaina Maluafou ma Franklin Leti Pa'aga, ma o i la'ua fo'i sa a'o'oga i le Bethel Bible Training a le susuga le Fa'afeagaiga Pr. Vaeao lea fo'i na tu'ua le atunu'u mo sana malaga i fafo ae ua mae'a fa'amanuia i le taunu'u mai o lea fo'i sui sili ona la'ititi i lana ekalesia Full Gosbel Peteli i Tafuna.

Mo le tausiga o si o la'ua aiga, e na'o le tama lava lea e faigaluega, peita'i e nofo lava le tina e tausia si fanau, peita'i ua mae'a faia le filifiliga a i la'ua, o le a alo le tina e fa'amae'a lona fa'a'ologa na tausailia fa'atasi ma le tama i totonu o le a'oga fa'afaife'au, ona alo ane lea e saili se galuega e fesoasoani fo'i i le tausiga o le la'ua fatuaiga tausii. I lona fanau mai e 6 pouna-7 aunese le mamafa o le tama o David, sa manatu fo'i foma'i e tauau o lo'o soifua mai o ia i le na'o le 8 masina, peita'i e leai ma se fa'aletonu o matauina ia pepe, ma ua mamafa fo'i o ia.

Ina ua to'ai taunu'u sui mamalu o le Kamupani a le Pacific Independent Distributors (PID) ma le meaalofa tele mo David, na avea ai le tama'ita'i o Tulili e fai ma sui o le latou vaega e taua'aina le meaalofa fa'apitoa, "Ia o le lona lua ai lea o tausaga talu ona a'e se tofa a le Kamupani ia faime-

aalofa i pepe uma lava e soifua mai i le tausaga fou ta'itasi. O lona uiga o le 2018 lea ua fa'alua i ai ona faia lenei foa'i, ae o oloa fo'i o aofia i lenei foa'i taua, o oloa uma o lo'o fa'atauina atu e le PID i so'o se faleoloa i totonu o le teritori. O oloa fo'i e fa'aaogaina i le tausiga o pepe ma isi fo'i fanau mo le aiga. O se meaalofa ua foa'ia mai e le fa'auuluga o lenei Kamupani (Faaauau itulau 10)

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O se tasi fo'i lea o tina sa ia mauaina fa'amanuiaga mai le Pacific Independent Distributors o le taga ua aofia fa'atasi ai le pusa Diapers ma le pusa Wipes...fa'afetai [ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

## Fa'asala se ali'i mai Samoa i le toese faia amio mataga i se teine talavou

tusia: F. Sagapolutele

O le ali'i e 24 tausaga le matua mai Samoa lea na tali ioe i moliaga o le faiaiga ma se teineitiiti e 15 tausaga ua fa'asalaina e le Fa'amainoga Mauluga e tuli masina e ono i le toese i Tafuna, o se tasi lea o vaega o lana fa'asalaga fa'anofo va'avaaia mo le 5 tausaga.

Na ulua'i tu'uuaia e le malo le ali'i o Ashley Afamasaga i moliaga mamafa e 8, ae i lalo o se maliliega na sainia e Afamasaga ma le malo i le masina o Novema 2017, lea fo'i na talia e le Fa'amasinoga Mauluga, sa tali ioe ai le ua molia i moliaga e lua, ae solofua moliaga sa totoe.

O moliaga mamafa e 2 lea sa tali ioe i ai Afamasaga, o moliaga o lona tagofia lea o itutinoso o se teineitiiti. Sa maua i fa'amaumauga a le fa'amasinoga ia Afamasaga na ulufale mai i Amerika Samoa i lalo o le pemitia 30-aso ae le'i toe foi lava i lona atunu'u.

O le aso 22 o Tesema 2017 na lau ai le fa'asalaga o Afamasaga. Ae le'i lauina lana fa'asalaga sa fa'atoese le ua molia i le fa'amasinoga ma sa taua ai lona salamo i le solitulafono e pei ona tuuaia ai o ia.

Saunoa Afamasaga e faapea i le vaiataimi atoa o taofia ai i le toese, e ala o ia i taeao uma ma tilotilo atu i pa sima o le toese ae le masani ai lona olaga, i le taofia i le toese.

Sa ia talosaga i le fa'amasinoga ina ia fa'amagalo o ia ma ia toe talosagaina ai foi mo se avanoa e toe foi ai i lona aiga e fesoasoai ia i latou.

I le finauga a lana loia fautua ia Douglas Fiaui sa ia taua ai faapea o le ua molia sa malaga mai i Amerika Samoa ia Ianuari 2017 ina ia mafai ona toe feso'otai ma lona tina sa fanau mai ai, ma saili se lumanai manauia mo ia.

Ae peitai, saunoa Fiaui, ma taua se mea sese sa faia e le ua molia ona o lona auai i se teineitiiti e 15 tausaga le matua. Ma o le ua molia ua salamo i lana solitulafono, ma e agava'a Afamasaga i se fa'asalaga fa'anofovaavaia e aofia ai lona tuua o Amerika Samoa ae toe foi atu i lona atunu'u.

Mo le itu a le malo, sa saunoa le sui loia sili ia Robert Morris e faapea, e laititi tausaga o le ua molia ma e leai na fa'amaumauga sa aafia o ia i nisi solitulafono. Na ia lagolagoina le talosaga a Fiaui mo se fa'asalaga fa'anofovaavaia e aofia ai le fa'atonuina lea o le ua nofosala ina ia tuuina Amerika Samoa.

O le afioga i le ali'i Fa'amasino Sili lagolago le tumau ia Elvis P. Patea fa'atasi ai ma le lagolago a le alii fa'amasino ia Satele, sa fofogaina lenei mataupu. Saunoa Patea e faapea ua tuuina atu i le fa'amasinoga se fa'amatalaga a matua o le teineitiiti na aafia.

I le fa'asalaga a le fa'amasinoga, e ta'i lima tausaga i le toese mo moliaga ta'itasi e lua, ma lona uiga e 10 tausaga. Ae peitai, saunoa Patea o ia moliaga e ta'i lima tausaga e tuli fa'atasi i le taimi e tasi - o lona uiga e 5 tausaga i le toese.

Ae ui i lea o le a fa'amalumalu le tuliina o le 5 tausaga ae fa'anofo vaavaia Afamasaga mo le 5 tausaga, i lalo o tuutuuga e tatau ona ia usitaia. O nisi o nei tuutuuga, na te tuliina le 20 masina i le toese, ae peitai, o le a fa'amalumalu le 14 masina, ae tuli na o le ono masina, pe afai e usitaia uma tuuuuga o le fa'anofo vaavaia.

O le ono masina i le toese e aofia ai masina ma aso lea sa taofia ai Afamasaga i le toese e fa'atali ai lana mataupu a'o fa'agasolo i luma o le fa'amasinoga. Ma a maea ona tuli le ono masina ona ia tuua lea o Amerika Samoa, ae toe foi atu i lona atunu'u, ma ia auai i fafo atu o Amerika Samoa i le lima tausaga o le fa'anofo vaavaia.

E pei ona talosagaina i lalo o le tulafono a Amerika Samoa, ua fa'atonuina Afamasaga ina ia faia suesuega o le fa'ama'i o le HIV ma ia lesitala lona suafa i le Ofisa o le Loia Sili i le lisi o i latou ua fa'asalaina ona o le faia o feusuaiga fa'asaga i le fanau laititi.

Ua fa'asaina foi ona ia taumafai e fa'afesoota'i i le teineitiiti na aafia ma a maea ona tuli le ono masina i le toese, ona tatala lea o ia i tua i le Ofisa Fa'anofo Vaavaia mo le fafofi o Afamasaga i lona atunu'u.

Sa fa'atonuina foi e le faamasinoga le loia a le malo ina ia tuuina atu se kopi o le faaiuga lenai a le fa'amasinoga i le Immigration Office ina ia mafai ai ona tuu le suafa o Afamasaga i le "Look-out-List" a le immigration.

I le taimi na tali ioe ai Afamasaga i le masina o Novema 2017 i moliaga e pei ona tuuaia ai o ia, sa ia ta'utino ai e fa'apea, i se taimi o le aso 24 Mati e oo atu i le aso 24 Aokuso o le tausaga e 2017, sa ia faia ai ni uiga mataga i se teineitiiti e 15 tausaga le matua. O ia uiga mataga e aofia ai lona tagofia o ona itutinoso, pule i lona tino, atoa ai ma le feusua'i ma ia i se auala fa'asolitulafono.



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lana pulega fa'apea ma le aufaigaluega, e fa'amama avega ai i le tausiga o pepe David Troy."

Na auai fo'i ma si tama'ita'i talavou o Flo ma nisi o taulele'a o le aufaigaluega malolosi a le PID ina ia la'uina atu i totonu meaalofa mo Pepe fou o lo'o tausia pea i totonu o lea Ward a le falemai ma latou tina.

Na soifua mai le ali'i o David i le itula e 6:00 i le taeao po o le aso Gafua, Ianuari 01, 2018.

O Pepe numera lua na soifua a'e ia Ianuari 01, 2018 o le ali'i malosi ma le mamafa lea o Mathew Fa'alae Jr. Williams mai Mapusaga Fou. O ia lea sa soifua a'e i lona tina o Lina Williams ma o le ulua'i pepe lea a Lina. "O si a'u tama o la'u meaalofa lava lea o le tausaga fou, e ui ina ou tigaina i lona taunu'u mai, ae ua ou fiafia ua ou si'isi'i i si a'u tama," o le tala lea a Lina e tusa o si ana tama o Mathew Fa'alae Jr.

E le'o na'o Lina ua fa'afiafaina, ae ua silisili ona mitamita ma fa'afetai le tina matua o Sue Williams ma lona uso o Val, lea ua le mafai ona tu'ua i lalo le ali'i o Mathew ae ua fa'asoloatoa ona si'isi'i ia te ia. O lo'o auai le tina o Lina Williams i le Ekalesia a Iesu o le Au Pa'ia o Aso e Gata Ai i Mapusaga Fou lava.

O le mamafa o le ali'i o Mathew e 8lbs 10oz. Na to'ai taunu'u mai lana malaga i lenei olaga i le itula e 8:00 i le taeao o Ianuari 01, 2018. E mautinoa lava e auai o ia i le Ekalesia Mamona lea fo'i e auai ai lona tina.

O le Pepe lona tolu ua fa'ailoa mai o Baby Mauga. Ma e le'i mautu mai fa'amaumauga mai le tina o Baby Mauga i le taimi o lenei lomiga a le Samoa News. O lo'o ua faao'atu i ai le meaalofa mo pepe, o le ato o lo'o aofia ai diapers ma pepa solo mai le PID.

# TALA I VAIFANUA

**tusia: Leua Aiono Frost**  
**GALULUE ASCC & NATIONAL PARK - AOGA TUSI ATA!**

Ua amatalia ona so'ofa'atasi i se polokalama e fa'atautaia ai aoaoga ma matua una'ia ai le tusia o ata o measina a Samoa e ala lea i le toe tima'i o fanau talavou i vasega laiti i a'oga tulaga muamua, ia toe fa'amasani e tusia ata o measina a Samoa. Ua amatalia i se maliliega a le ASCC ma le National Park a Amerika Samoa se polokalama mo le lua tausaga lea ua mua'i fa'ata'ita'ia ai, pe tua ma ni a lea taumafaiga. Ua fa'amalosia nei le fanau a'oga i le Kolisi ina ia fa'amaumauina foliga mai o Measina a Samoa, ia taumafai ona taina, tusia ata, pe gaosia fo'i nei measina uma. O nei measina e aofia ai le gaosiga o le siapo, ta o fa'atagata po'o meatau a Samoa, ma le lalagaina o ietoga a Samoa.

O nei galuega alofilima uma ua mae'a fa'aalia i le National Park o Amerika Samoa i le latou Ofisa e asiasi atu i ai tagata lautele ma malo mai fafo ina ia maimoaina ai. O le fa'amatalaga mai, na afua ona fa'aosofia lea lagona lelei i le va o le National Park ma le ASCC ina ua talosagaina le fanau o tau'avea le Atisi a le Kolisi e le a'oga tulaga muamua i Midkiff Leone e avea ma nisi e fa'ata'ita'i i ai le fanau a'oga talavou, i le potu a'oga o le Vasega 3, i Leone Midkiff.

O iina na amata ai ona fa'aofi atu e le fanau a'oga Atisi a le Kolisi le tele o tala logomalie i le fa'afogoga a nei fanau talavou lava o le vasega 3 a Midkiff, ma latou taumafai loa ona gaosia nei Oloa Samoa po'o measina a Samoa. O tala ua latou fa'alogoa ai, ae o lea fo'i ua latou toe taumafai e fa'atino mai Measina nei e fa'amatalatala i nei tala Samoa logomalie. Ua le gata i le fanau a'oga, ae ua avea fo'i ma se avanoa lelei ua fa'alogoa ai nei sui mai fafo o le National Park, le vaega a Park Rangers, ua fa'aaoga atu ai ma i latou i le gaosiga o nei Measina Samoa. Lea ua fa'aosofia loa ma lagona, e ao ina mataituina ma maimoa ai nisi o fia iloa nei Measina ma o latou aoga. "O le avanoa lelei lea ua maua e le fanau talavou lava o le tatou atunu'u e silafia ai nei talatu'u a Samoa, ofi atu ai ma le iloa ona gaosia, ma tusia ata o nei measina o aofia ai talatu'u nei, ma toe maua ai le avanoa e lagona ai le taua o measina i lo latou olaga a'o tuputupu a'e i le tatou atunu'u. Mo nisi o uso mai fafo ua maua lenei avanoa, ua fa'afetaia e i latou le ala ua latou maua taitaia ai le gaosiga o measina taua a le atunu'u, ma o latou foliga mai. Ua latou naunau e fa'aalia, aua o galuega lava na aofia ai ma i latou i le gaosiga," o se tala lea a le tama'ita'i Faia'oga Atisi a le ASCC, Regina Meredith.

O le tulaga tau le iloa, gaosi ma toe fa'aalia, o se vaega sili lea ua maua e le National Park

e avea ma latou pitola'au i lenei feagaiga matagofie. O le latou fa'anaunaga, ia fa'amauina ma iloa lelei gaosia mea taua a Samoa e ona augatupulaga faia'e i le lumana'i.

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[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]



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[ata: Leua Aiono Frost]

**IN THE COMMUNITY**  
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*FILE - In this Friday, Feb. 20, 1998 file photo, United States' Michelle Kwan, left, kisses fellow American Tara Lipinski during the awards ceremony at the ladies free skating long program at the White Ring Arena in Nagano, Japan. As men, Åôs figure skating pushes the envelope with an expanding repertoire of quadruple jumps, the women, Åôs side has stagnated over the past two decades.*  
(AP Photo/Eric Draper, File)

## As men go quad crazy, women's figure skating bumps ceiling

When the sprightly youngster with the blonde hair and brilliant smile stepped onto the ice at the White Ring in Nagano, she knew it would take a flawless program to win Olympic gold.

Tara Lipinski delivered. She laid down seven triple jumps in a jaw-dropping performance, each accompanied by an audible gasp from the crowd. And her trademark triple loop-triple loop combination, along with a closing combination featuring two more triples, was enough to push her past fellow American Michelle Kwan and to the top step of the podium at the 1998 Winter Games.

It was a free skate that would hold up remarkably well today — unlike the gold medal-winning men's performance.

While the women's event has stagnated over the past two decades, the heights at which they fly having seemingly reached a ceiling, the men have continued to push skyward. Ilia Kulik won gold at the Nagano Games largely on the strength of his quadruple toe loop, but some experts think it will take a program packed with five or six quads to win gold at the upcoming Pyeongchang Olympics.

"The women have definitely not been on the same track as the men with the quad revolution," said Lipinski, now an NBC Sports analyst. "But I do see a turn since the last Olympics with all the Russian ladies and their easy triple-triples, back-loaded programs and tricks to beat the judging."

Lipinski understands the nuances of the sport, though. She sees the inherent difficulty in step sequences and spins, the kind of stuff that looks easy — almost blasé — to the casual viewers.

The soaring jumps are what stand out to them. And four spins are much more dramatic than three.

So far, Japan's Miki Ando is the only woman to land a quadruple jump in a competition, hitting a quad salchow at the Junior Grand Prix final in 2002. Sasha Cohen of the U.S. landed one in practice a year earlier for Skate America, but abandoned the risky jump once her long program began, and the idea of uncorking one in a major competition has remained dormant for much of the last decade.

The biggest reason for the stagnation: simple biology.

Female skaters often reach their pinnacle by the time they are 20 years old. Their power-to-weight ratio peaks before puberty, and the rapid changes to their bodies during their teenage years often throw off the intricate timing that they've worked years to achieve.

The men, meanwhile, get stronger when puberty hits. Their ability to fly higher and spin faster only grows in their early 20s, allowing many to go quad crazy when they step on the ice.

"The people succeeding are the guys," said Audrey Weisiger, the longtime coach of two-time Olympian Michael Weiss. "If you want to track the ascension of skills attained, it is all men. (The women) are not doing anything different than what Kristi Yamaguchi was doing."

Or Lipinski, for that matter. "Women are good to a certain level and then their bodies change. They reach puberty," Weisiger said. "They are not as strong and probably more emotional. Their skills deteriorate much faster."

As a result, many of them are forced to trade amplitude for altitude.

Which isn't necessarily a bad thing. Many critics believe the sport has gone overboard with its jumps, ratcheting up athleticism at the expense of artistry. Two-time Olympic gold medalist Dick Button even claimed he doesn't watch skating much anymore because "there's no theater to it," and he predicted the men's Olympic champion next month will be the skater that lands the most quads.

But as in most sports, innovation is the best way to avoid irrelevance.

Mirai Nagasu understands that concept. The 24-year-old California native is trying to make her second Olympic team at this week's U.S. championships in San Jose, and her ticket could be pulling off a triple axel — a points-lucrative jump involving 3 1/2 rotations from a forward leap, or the closest thing any women are doing these days to a quadruple jump.

"I love I'm being recognized for having the ability to accomplish such a difficult jump," she said. "It took me three years to learn my double axel and a really long time for the triple axel, and I'm proud to be recognized for something nobody else in the U.S. can do right now."

Lipinski thinks it's just a matter of time until more skaters can pull off the triple axel, and that a day will come when a young woman can consistently land a quadruple jump in competition.

The ceiling, as the saying goes, truly is made of glass.

"I think it's advancing, even if you look at the junior level; I saw a Japanese skater land a triple axel-triple toe," Lipinski said. "I think over the next few years the women are going to catch up and it's going to change dramatically the women's event."



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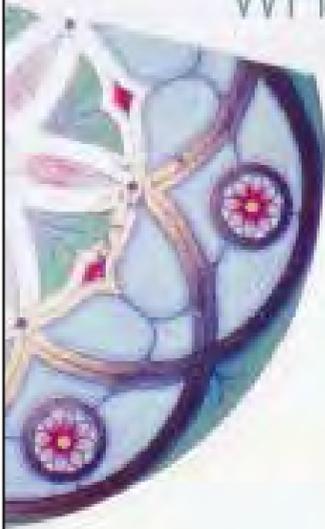
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