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[Courtesy photo]

2017 Aunu'u Iron Challenge opens local international outrigger race season

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The 2017 Aunu'u Iron Challenge consisted of two days of racing with a 4-kilometer V1 race in Pago Pago Harbor on Friday, Oct. 20 and a 12.5-kilometer one way and a 25-kilometer return race on Saturday, Oct. 21.

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Taua'ao i le American Samoa Volley Ball Federation totino o le ASNOC

tusia: *Leua Aiono Frost*

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Mai le tele o tausaga sa avea ai le American Samoa Volley Ball Association (ASVBA) ma totino, peita'i, o lenei tausaga ua taua'aoina i le isi lea asosi, ona ua i ai vala o le "avea ai ma totino o le ASNOC" ua le usita'ia e le ASVBA.

Ina ua fesiligia Ethan Lake, le failautusi aoao o le ASNOC i se fa'amautuina o lea tulaga, sa ia saunoa ai e faapea, "E moni lelei lava. Ua leva ona i ai lea fa'aeaga i le ASVBA lea e peresetene ai le susuga Savaliga Afu ma lena fo'i itu o Asosi Volipolo, peita'i, ua i ai mea ua a'afia ai lo latou avea ma totino a'ia'i o le ASNOC. Ua talosaga mai le ASVBF ina ia maua e i latou lea avanoa, ua taua'ao aloaia nei i lea Asosi lea fa'aeaga."

Ua fa'ailoa le agaga fa'aga'etia o le Peresetene o le ASVBF Ben Sauva'o, "O le fa'amatu'u mai i le matou itu o lenei fa'aeaga, e le fa'atamata i ai, ae ua taumafai ina ia si'itia atili le tapula'a o le a ta'alo ai fanau a Amerika Samoa i lenei fa'agatama. Fa'afetai fo'i ia Savaliga Afu ma lena itu

atoa o le ASVBA ona o le tele o tausaga o tautuaina alo o le atunu'u, sa latou faia fo'i le mea sili e atia'e ai le Volley Ball i Amerika Samoa."

"O aga lava fo'i o fa'agatama e fai ma se'e le manumalo, e fa'apena fo'i i le tautua. Ae e fese'eta'i fa'apea le faigamea i malae, ae tasi le auga o le fealofani ma le fai mea fa'atasi, e maua ai fo'i se i'uga lelei o tau-mafaiga uma."

O lo o fa'atautaia fo'i le Ta'amilosaga Volipolo Fa'avaomalo i le vaiaso nei a le ASVBA, ae ua se'e atu le ASVBF e fa'amae'a le latou Liki Volley Ball sa ta'oto ae fa'atautaia le Ta'amilosaga Volley Ball mo le Moso'oi 2017 lea na faamae'a ia Oketopa 18.

TA'ALOGA ASVBF OKE-TOPA 21

Mai le vaega o Tama U19 i le ta'alogaga na tatala malae i le Faleta'alo o le Kolisi na fetai ai Laumuatasi mai Pago Pago ma le Breakers ma sa le auai uma 'au nei e lua ma ua solofua ai le latou ta'alogaga. Annex na fetai ma Uso ma malo ai Annex U19.

Toe fa'aauau loa ta'alogaga a le Alii A i le ta'amilosaga lona 14 ma sa mua'i ta'alo ai CTR ma Tama Samoa Moni, malo le Tama Samoa Moni mai Pavaia'i.

Sons sa ta'alo ma West Point malo le West Point. Peita'i o le Pioneer sa fetai ma le 'au a Laumuatasi, na malo ai Pioneer. No Mercy na fetai ma le Puataunofo, manumalo ai le No Mercy.

Soso'o ma le ta'alogaga i le va o Amouli Youth ma le Tanoa ma sa malo fua ai Tanoa. Annex 2 sa fetai ma Fagatogo, ua malo ai le Annex. Ta'aoga o le Talita na fetai ai le Uso ma le Sinapi ma sa manumalo le Sinapi. Soso'o lea ma ta'alogaga o le Ta'amilosaga lona 15 mo le 'Alii A' lava ma muamua fetai ai le Ali'itaoso ma le Tanoa, ua manumalo fua fo'i le Tanoa. O le au a le Sons na fetai ma le Tama Samoa Moni, ua malo fo'i le Tama Samoa moni.

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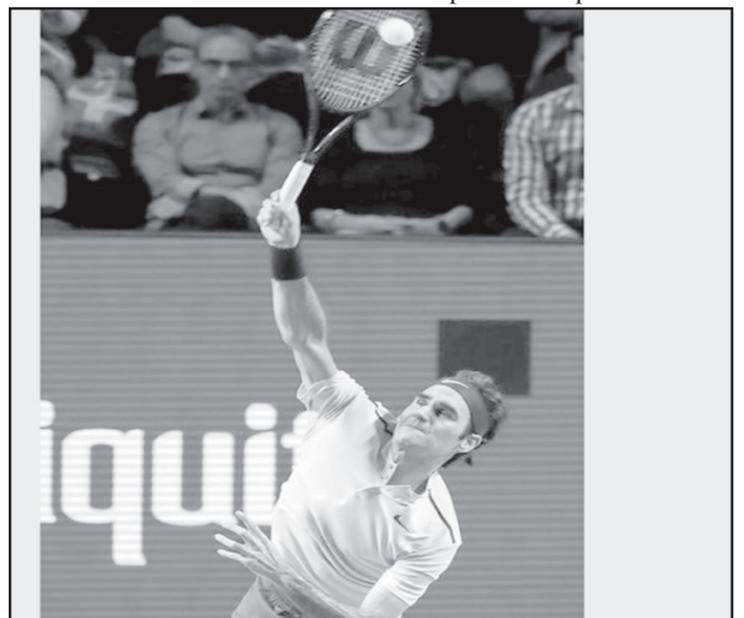
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O le to'afa pito i luga i le taimi nei mo le fa'aauauga o le Liki lenei ua tula'i mai West Point, Annex, Tanoa ma le Tama Samoa Moni. E fa'aauau lenei liki Volley Ball i le aso To'ona'i ma o le a faia ta'alogaga ua mae'a fa'atulagaina:

I le vaega a le U19 e fetai muamua ai le Annex ma le Breakers, soso'o ma le ta'alogaga a le Laumuatasi ma le Uso. Uma fa'aauau mai le ta'alogaga i le B Divison lea e fetai muamua ai fo'i le Annex ma le Aliitaoso, soso'o lea ma le ta'alogaga a le Uso ma le Tama Samoa Moni. Ta'alogaga a le Alii A e amata i le ta'alogaga a le West Point ma le Tama Samoa Moni, ae fetai le Annex ma le Tanoa.

Fa'aoso loa lea o ta'alogaga a tama'ita'i lea e muamua ai ta'alogaga a le BTI ma le Palauso mai Nuuuli, ae fetai le Mizuno ma le Measina. Su'e lea o au faiaina e saili ai au tulaga tolu ma le fa, ae o 'au manumalo e sue ai le siamupini ma le tulaga lua i Tama'ita'i.

O le toe aso lea o faigamea i malae mo le sailiga o siamupini i lenei fa'agatama i le Liki na fa'atautaia mai e afua ia Aukuso - se'ia pa'ia Oketopa 2017.



Switzerland's Roger Federer serves to USA's Frances Tiafoe during their first round match at the Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, on Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2017. Top-seeded Roger Federer never faced a break point as he eased past United States teenager Frances Tiafoe 6-1, 6-3, during the 61-minute first round of the Swiss Indoors on Tuesday.

(Christian Merz/Keystone via AP)



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No later than 2:00p.m (local time)

The American Samoa Government (ASG) issues a Request For Qualification (RFQ) from qualified firms to provide:

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Submission

Original and five copies of the Qualifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked: "RFQ: Pago Pago International Airport Runway 5-23 Rehabilitation - Design Services." Submissions are to be sent to the following address and will be received until 2:00 p.m. (local time), November 2, 2017:

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Attn: Dr. Oreta Mapu Crichton, CPO

Any qualifications 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.

Document

The RFQ Scope of Work outlining the qualification requirements is available at the Office of Procurement, Tafuna, American Samoa, during normal working hours.

Review

Request for Qualification data will be thoroughly reviewed by an appointed Source Evaluation Board under the auspices of the Chief Procurement, Office of Procurement, ASG.

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Vaiala Tongan retains women's cup; Royal Puma tops in league

By FFAS MEDIA/ Brian Vitolio

Vaiala Tongan retained the Women's FFAS National Cup with a 4-1 showing against Black Roses, while Royal Puma is No. 1 in the league through six games of the competition.

In other games played on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 at Pago Park Soccer Stadium, it was Royal Puma 2, PanSa 0; Ilaoa & To'omata 0, Pago Youth 0, and Green Bay by forfeit over the Tafuna Jets. Taputimu Youth was off with a bye as Lion Heart has been removed from the league after earning its second forfeited loss on Sept. 30, 2017.

Any team that forfeits twice is disqualified from continuing in the competition.

Women's games set for Saturday, Oct. 21 have been pushed back to Oct. 28 due to a FIFA referee course that will start on that day.

VAIALA TONGAN 4, BLACK ROSES 1

Elcy Lui broke the game wide open for Vaiala Tongan in the second half of the game, completing a hat trick that saw her team retain the cup for another week thanks to a 4-1 score.

Oloataua Tofaeono scored Vaiala Tongan's fourth goal.

Audrey Hall scored Black

Roses' only goal of the game, and they gave it their best shot by holding Vaiala Tongan scoreless in the first half.

Green Bay will challenge for the cup when the women's Match Day 7 resumes on Oct. 28.

ROYAL PUMA 2, PANSA 0

Royal Puma leads the league with 16 points following their fifth win out of six games, while Vaiala Tongan is a close second with 14 points. These two teams met on the first weekend of the league, a game that ended in a 1-1 draw.

Royal Puma scored both goals in the first half, thanks to a brace from Vaileu Sua.

ILAOA & TO'OMATA 0, PAGO YOUTH 0

Both teams played to a scoreless tie, missing multiple chances at earning a goal during the game. Pago Youth is currently 8th in the standings while Ilaoa & To'omata is 9th.

GREEN BAY 3, TAFUNA JETS 0

The forfeited win helped Green Bay move up to the third spot in the standings, behind No. 1 Royal Puma and No. 2 Vaiala Tongan. The Jets did not have enough players to field a team, and one more forfeit and they will be disqualified from the league.

LA Galaxy put coach Sigi Schmid in charge of personnel moves

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — The LA Galaxy have reassigned general manager Pete Vagenas and put head coach Sigi Schmid in charge of their player personnel decisions.

The Galaxy made the moves Tuesday after the five-time MLS champions finished last in the overall league standings during the worst season in franchise history.

Schmid returned to the Galaxy on July 27 after Curt Onalfo was fired, but couldn't halt their skid to an 8-18-8 finish.

The winningest coach in MLS history will oversee the Galaxy's player acquisition, scouting and coaching management, wielding similar power to Bruce Arena before he left for the U.S. national team a year ago.

The Galaxy missed the MLS postseason for the first time since 2008 and finished tied for last with D.C. United at 32 points.

They were unable to overcome enormous offseason turnover, including the departures

of Arena, Robbie Keane, Steven Gerrard and Landon Donovan.

The perennial MLS powerhouse hit bottom at a particularly inopportune time with the imminent arrival of the deep-pocketed expansion Los Angeles Football Club next season.

LAFC already has signed Mexican star Carlos Vela to suit up in its sparkling new downtown stadium.

Schmid will be asked to build an immediate winner around what seemed to be a solid core.

Stellar French forward Romain Alessandrini will be back along with brothers Giovanni and Jonathan Dos Santos and U.S. national team forward Gyasi Zardes.

English defender Ashley Cole is out of contract, but also might return after a strong season.

Vagenas has been named the Galaxy's vice president of soccer operations.

The former Galaxy player was named general manager last November.

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(Photos: Leua)



Vaiala Tongan women's team retained the FFAS National Cup after a 4-1 win over Black Roses during a Match Day 6 game of the 2017 FFAS National League at Pago Park Soccer Stadium on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017. [FFAS MEDIA/Brian Vitolio]

Hollywood story: Hill goes from Long Island Ducks to Series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rich Hill is living a Hollywood story. Twenty-six months ago, he was pitching for the Long Island Ducks in the independent Atlantic League.

Thirteen months ago, he was pulled from a perfect game after seven innings because of his pitch count.

Two months ago, another perfect-game bid was spoiled by a leadoff error in the ninth.

And on Wednesday night, the 37-year-old left-hander will be on the mound for the Los Angeles Dodgers starting Game 2 of the World Series.

"A couple years ago, I was using a bucket in independent ball as a toilet," he recalled last weekend.

Script writers seeking a follow-up to "Bull Durham," "Field of Dreams" and "The Natural" need look no farther than Dodger Stadium, just 7 miles down the 101 from the Walk of Fame. Hill will take on the Houston Astros, who start Justin Verlander, the MVP of the AL Championship Series.

After a decade in the major leagues, Hill began 2015 with the Washington Nationals' Triple-A team at Syracuse, New York, and was released in June. He signed with the Ducks, struck out seven over five hitless innings on Aug. 2 against the Bridgeport Bluefish, then a week later struck out 14 over six scoreless innings versus the Camden Riversharks.

"I think it's something that people will think of and say, wow, it's just a bunch of guys that are washed up or guys that didn't get an opportunity to make it," he explained Tuesday. "But that's not true. If you actually go to a game and take it in and see, there's a lot of good talent here. It just happens that there wasn't any room for these players in affiliated baseball."

Boston took notice, purchased his contract and brought him back to the big leagues in mid-September.

"It was a great experience. I wouldn't change that for anything," Hill said. "It was learning again, reigniting that fire, reigniting that passion for what we do out there on the field and really getting back into disassociating yourself with the results and just understanding that it is a pitch-to-pitch process and understanding that the moment is all that matters."

He went 2-1 with a 1.55 ERA in four starts with the Red Sox and earned a \$6 million, one-year deal with Oakland for 2016. Dealt to the Dodgers that Aug. 1, he went 7-5 with a 2.12 ERA in 20 starts overall, became a free agent again and signed a \$48 million, four-year contract to remain with Los Angeles. At the news conference to announce his big deal, Hill's voice quavered and his face flushed with emotion when he thanked his wife Caitlin; son Brice, who was born in 2011; and son Brooks, who was less than 2 months old when he died in February 2014.

"He was born with multiple issues that we confronted and had to deal with," Hill said at spring training that year. "Unfortunately, he succumbed. He's passed. He taught us a lot of things. Unfortunately, things didn't work out."

Dodgers manager Dave Roberts admires Hill for a passion and intensity that stands out even among hyper-competitive major leaguers.

"He's whacky on his start days," Roberts said. "He gets more mad when he swings and misses than he does giving up a homer. This guy thinks he's Superman on the baseball field. So it's kind of comical at times." Hill's performance in Los

Angeles has been blistering — both good and bad.

He retired his first 21 batters at Miami on Sept. 10 last year when Roberts removed him after 89 pitches. Hill didn't pitch in the majors between May 29 and July 2 because of a strained left groin and between July 17 and Aug. 24 because of a blister on the middle finger of his pitching hand.

"I feel sick to my stomach," Roberts said then. "This is probably the worst I've felt after a win."

On Aug. 23 this year, he retired his first 24 batters at Pittsburgh before third baseman Logan Forsythe allowed Jordy Mercer's grounder to bounce off his chest and skip away for an error. Hill pitched no-hit ball until Josh Harrison homered on a fastball leading off the 10th that gave the Pirates a 1-0 win.

Still, his season was interrupted twice by the blister, which sent him to the disabled list from April 7-16 and April 17 to May 16. After returning for the second time, he held opponents to a .194 batting average and averaged 11.2 strikeouts per nine innings, finishing with a 12-8 record.

He didn't get a decision in his first two postseason starts this year, allowing two runs over four innings as the Dodgers beat Arizona 8-5 in Game 2 of the Division Series and giving up one run over four innings during the 4-1 win over the Chicago Cubs in Game 2 of the Championship Series.

Hill thought back to "those times of struggle and in the times of failure in the rehab, the years of rehabbing, not being in an affiliated clubhouse."

"You understand how fortunate you are to play this game and fortunate to be able to get the opportunity to go out there and play," he said.



FILE - In this Sept. 7, 2017 photo, Venus Williams, of the United States, returns a shot from compatriot Sloane Stephens during the semifinals of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, in New York. Williams returns to the year-end WTA Finals for the first time since reaching the 2009 final, and the fifth time overall, starting on Sunday, Oct. 22 in Singapore.

(AP Photo/Andres Kudacki, File)

Venus beats Ostapenko, Pliskova reaches semis at WTA Finals

SINGAPORE (AP) — Venus Williams needed three match points and more than three hours to defeat Jelena Ostapenko 7-5, 6-7 (3), 7-5 at the WTA Finals on Tuesday.

The match, lasting 3 hours, 13 minutes, featured 20 service breaks, with neither player finding much confidence on their service games.

The 37-year-old Williams dropped her serve nine times, while the 20-year-old French Open champion conceded serve 11 times.

"I don't know if there was any luck for me tonight, I just had to work for every point," the fifth-seeded Williams said.

"It's not easy to lose the first match, and both of us were in the same situation. What else can you do but fight to live another day?"

By contrast, Karolina Pliskova capitalized on a fourth match point to easily beat Garbine Muguruza 6-2, 6-2. Pliskova, at 2-0 in the round-robin, is guaranteed a place in the semifinals.

"I'm just happy that I don't have to play the next match (against Ostapenko) for qualifying, because last year it was pretty stressful to do that," Pliskova said.

"If I win a few matches in

a row it gives me confidence."

The second semifinalist from the White Group will be decided by Thursday's match between Williams and Muguruza, who both are at 1-1 in their group.

Williams and Muguruza met in this year's Wimbledon final with the Spaniard winning the title.

Williams's first match point came on Ostapenko's serve in the 10th game of the second set, but she squandered the opportunity by netting a forehand.

Ostapenko kept the pressure on to force a tiebreaker and levelled the match. Prior to this match, Williams had only lost two tiebreakers in 12 played this season.

But Williams, the runner-up at the Australian Open and Wimbledon this year, then started taking Ostapenko's second serve from well within the baseline.

She broke her Latvian opponent in the 11th game by forcing her into a backhand error.

Williams, the only player in the field to have won the WTA Finals — back in 2008 — sealed victory with a backhand crosscourt winner.

Seventh-seeded Ostapenko — who is making her WTA Finals debut — fell to 0-2 in round-robin play.

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Bulldogs dismiss Gators' trash talk as 'what you expect'

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Georgia players dismissed trash talk from Florida players as predictable and say the taunts won't affect their game Saturday.

On Monday, Florida safety Chauncey Gardner said No. 3 Georgia quarterback Jake Fromm was successful because he throws "simple passes."

Also, Florida receiver Josh Hammond questioned the Gators opening as 14 ½-point favorites for the game in Jacksonville, Florida.

"They might be the No. (3) team in the country, but they can't beat Florida," Hammond said.

Georgia safety J.R. Reed said the comments were not surprising.

"That's Florida, so that's what you expect from some teams," Reed said. "From some teams you don't expect it. But it doesn't bother me that much."

Fromm, a true freshman, has led Georgia (7-0, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) to the top of the SEC's Eastern Division. He ranks second in the conference in passing efficiency at 170.4.

"He's throwing simple passes," Gardner said. "I get

it. Anybody can throw a slant. I get it. But like I said, we're just playing football. If you call him the best quarterback, so be it, but he has to play Saturday. We're going to see what his best attribute is."

There is reason for Florida's strong talk. The Gators have won 21 of 27 in the rivalry, including three straight.

Reed said Georgia's answer to the taunt will come on the field.

"We're just going to let them find out on game day and see what he can really do and keep them moving," Reed said, adding he first heard the Florida comments on social media.

"I found out just by Twitter blowing up and other people telling me about it and people texting me about it," he said, adding "I didn't really pay that much attention to it."

Asked how Georgia coach Kirby Smart would respond to similar trash talk from the Bulldogs to reporters, linebacker Lorenzo Carter said "I don't know, but I'm not going to find out."

Carter said the comments from Florida's players won't matter on Saturday.



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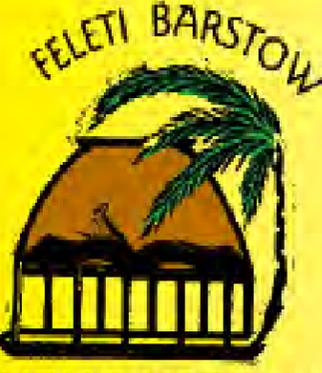
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TELL ME A STORY: THE LESSON OF THE PATIENT ELEPHANT

(A BUDDHIST TALE)
*adapted by Amy Friedman and
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Once upon a time, a man named Dojin lived in Savatthi, not far from the Buddhist monastery known as Jetavana. There, for some time, the Blessed One, Buddha, resided and watched over all.

Dojin was a patient, kind and generous man. He had worked hard all his life and had saved a great deal of money. With his money, he purchased homes and land. Dojin was generous to all who came to him for help, but he had some relatives who were especially greedy. They often asked Dojin for a handout, and he always gave freely. But they were wicked, and they never felt they had enough. And so they came up with a plan to steal Dojin's land.

They came to Dojin's house and cornered him. "We are going to take you to court," they said. "For what?" Dojin asked, surprised by their fury.

"You are a thief!" they cried. "We all will testify against you. We shall tell the judge you stole our lands -- unless you give them to us."

Dojin listened carefully to their threats, and he did not complain. He did not threaten to accuse them in return. He did not call them liars or cheats. Instead, he gave them his land.

When his daughter asked him why he had done this, he said he felt sorry for the wicked. "Their hearts are a heavy weight to carry," he said. But the neighbors noticed Dojin was giving away everything he owned, and they began to wonder why he didn't complain. They asked one another this question and many others.

"Why did he let nieces and nephews and distant cousins steal his belongings?" they asked. "Why didn't he fight for his rights?"

Rumors spread through Savatthi. In the assembly hall at Jetavana, the men discussed the matter and wondered how one man could have such patience and why he did not fight back.

The Blessed One overheard these discussions. He asked the men what they were talking about. When he heard the tale, he said, "This is not the first such tale I have heard," and he told the assembly another story.

The tale was of a time when Brahmadata was king of Benares. In those days, the Blessed One was born in the Himalayas as an elephant. He grew up to be big and strong and roamed the hills and mountains. He slept in woods and caves, and he enjoyed the bounty of nature.

One day, he spotted a beautiful tree. He decided to stand beneath it to eat his food, but as he was eating, some monkeys clambered down from the tree and jumped on his back.

"You're so ugly!" they insulted him.

"Look at your wrinkled skin and your silly tail."

They pulled the elephant's tail and yanked on his tusks. They did all they could to annoy him, but the Blessed One did nothing to retaliate. He was patient and kind and always showed mercy. He paid no attention to the monkeys, and they continued to tease, jeer, taunt and hurt him.

One day, the spirit that lived in the tree asked the elephant why he put up with such rudeness and cruelty.

The elephant explained: "If I cannot endure these monkeys without hurting them for being what they are, I cannot

walk the noble path."

And then a day came when the Blessed One moved on and another elephant stood beneath the same tree. The wicked monkeys did not notice that he was a different elephant, and so they climbed on his back and pulled his tail and tusks. They taunted and teased him mercilessly, until at last the elephant grew furious. He threw them to the ground and stabbed them with his enormous tusks.

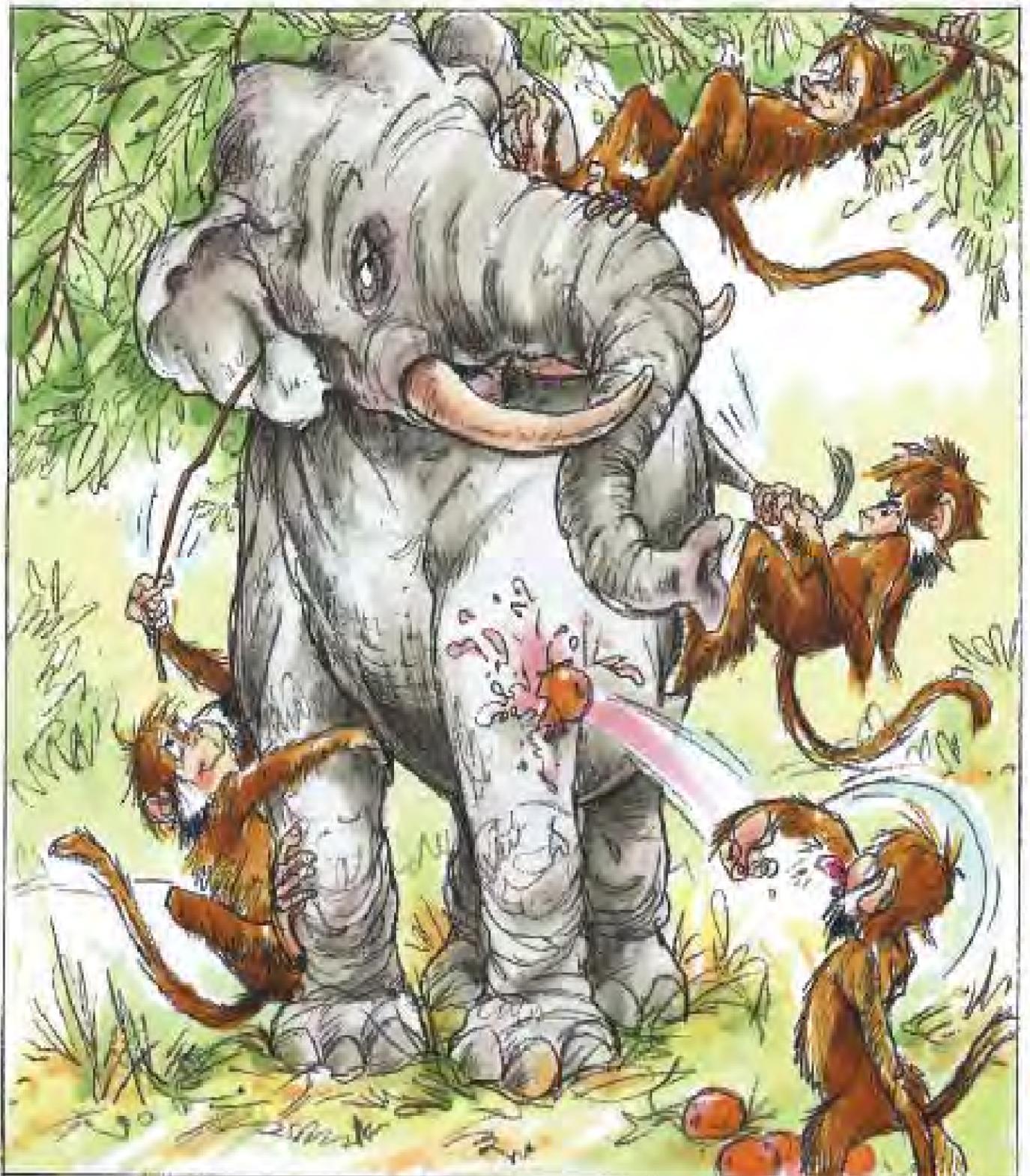
"The wicked relatives are like the monkeys," the Blessed One said. "They will be punished eventually." One of the men was listening to this tale and seemed

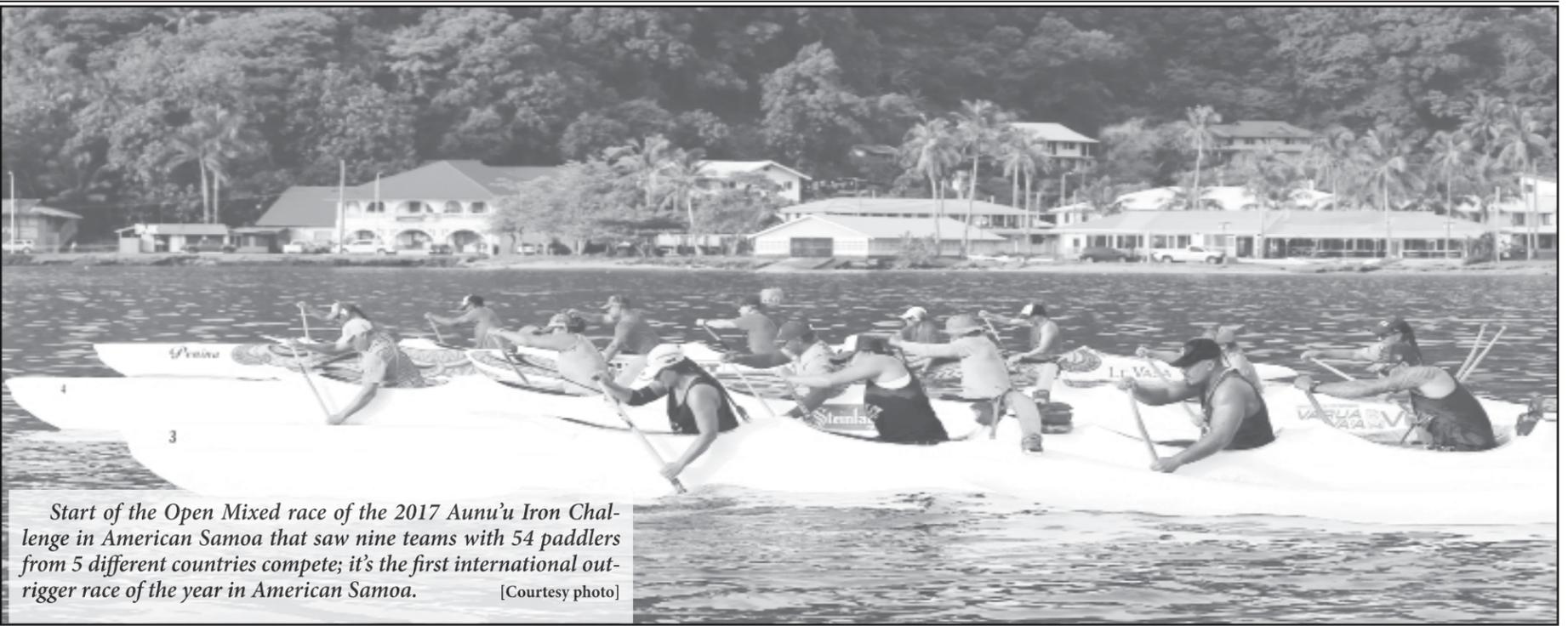
confused.

"If we do not correct a wrong," he asked, "isn't it true that evil will increase in this world?" The Blessed One shook his head.

"Those who adopt the faith of selflessness will never do evil," he explained. "You will not return hate for hate, for it is true that you cannot destroy wrong by committing a wrong. Leave the wicked to their fate just as the good man called Dojin has done. He will live his whole life without a moment's regret. He will never know the bitter taste of guilt or fury, and he will always be glad."

The Lesson of the Patient Elephant





Start of the Open Mixed race of the 2017 Aunu'u Iron Challenge in American Samoa that saw nine teams with 54 paddlers from 5 different countries compete; it's the first international outrigger race of the year in American Samoa. [Courtesy photo]

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Iron...

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meter marathon roundtrip race to and from Aunu'u on Saturday, Oct. 21 morning.

Teams from Apia included Laumei OCC, Nafanua OCC, Pualele OCC, and Team Fuzzy Manta which is made up from a mixture of Apia clubs. Teams from American Samoa included Team Galu Afi from Au Vaa Laumei OCC, Teams Alo O Samoa and Atafa i Moana from Alo O Samoa Outrigger, and Le Vasa OCC. Race Chair John Goeke said, "It's been a long time since we've been able to host an international outrigger race. The tsunami in 2009 destroyed two canoes and made it difficult to offer a fair, safe, and competitive race. Thanks to our boat sponsors National Pacific Insurance, Steinlager, the American Samoa Visitors Bureau, and Bud Light we can begin hosting again. Without these sponsors, we would not have the equipment necessary to develop sports tourism through invitational outrigger competitions. We know teams who want to come and we have great water."

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V6 Open Men 12.5 km
1. Laumei
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- 2. Nafanua
1:26.35 va'a American Samoa Visitors Bureau
- 3. Pualele
1:33.42 va'a National Pacific Insurance
- 4. Alo O Samoa
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V6 Open Mixed 12.5 km
- 1. Galu Afi
1:12.00 va'a National Pacific Insurance
- 2. Alo O Samoa
1:15.00 Lightning Ma'amu Le Vasa OCC
V6 Open Men 25 km
- 1. Laumei
2:21.12 va'a Varua 2
- 2. Nafanua
2:23.05 va'a American Samoa Visitors Bureau
V6 Open Mixed 25 km
- 1. Fuzzy Manta
2:32.05 va'a Varua 3
- 2. Atafa i Moana
2:36.51 va'a Steinlager
- 3. Le Vasa
2:48.51 va'a Bud Light
V1 Open Women 4 km (Harbor Course)
- 1. Amanda Wheatley
- 2. Malama Tafunai
- 3. Erika Radewagen
V1 Open Men 4 km (Harbor Course)
- 1. Esera Aumua
- 2. Dan Conley
- 3. Jacktai Laban
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6	1	3	4	2	5	7	8	9

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WE WILL CONTINUE WITH "MOTHR A RETURNS A SWEATER"

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Some Pac-12 teams encountering mid-season QB challenges

Arizona's quarterback situation was resolved in a big way three games ago when Khalil Tate took over.

While half of the Pac-12's teams are holding steady with quarterbacks that started the season, a handful haven't had the same success as the Wildcats in navigating a midseason QB quandary. Injuries have taken a toll on Oregon, Oregon State and Utah. At Colorado, there's a quarterback competition.

What's happening with the teams facing quarterback challenges:

WILDCATS WIN: Arizona has won three straight as Tate has taken over, and he has simultaneously won three straight Pac-12 offensive Player of the Week honors. The last player to win the honor three straight weeks was USC's Rodney Peete in 1988.

Tate, a mobile 6-foot-2 sophomore, has accounted for 1,162 yards in total offense over the last three games. He's rushed for 694 yards in those games and scored 11 touchdowns.

"He is exceeding my expectations, but not from a production standpoint. With the small amount of experience he's had, he recognizes mistakes very quickly," Arizona coach Rich Rodriguez said. "His demeanor and calmness has also been exceptional. He loves to compete and loves the game. He is certainly taking advantage of his opportunities."

With Tate on a roll, the Wildcats (5-2, 3-1 Pac-12) host Washington State (7-1, 4-1) on Saturday.

LOSING LUTON: Oregon State had high hopes this season for Jake Luton, a junior college transfer. But his tenure as the Beavers' starter lasted just four games when he sustained a thoracic spine fracture in a 52-23 loss at Washington State. He is officially listed as week-to-week.

"I think Jake is on a really good course as far as healing," interim head coach Cory Hall said. "Of course if you talk to Jake, he wants to play now. But I think he's progressing ahead of schedule." The Beavers, who can't seem to catch a break at quarterback, got a scare when Luton's replacement, Darell Garretson, briefly left the field in a 36-33 loss to Colorado on Oct. 14. The Beavers (1-6, 0-4) had a bye last weekend in preparation for this Thursday's game against Stanford (5-2, 4-1).

Oregon State moved red-shirt freshman Mason Moran from safety to cornerback after it was revealed last week that junior receiver Seth Collins would be out indefinitely with health issues. Collins played quarterback for the Beavers his freshman year and was considered an option at the position should injuries pile up.

HERBERT'S RETURN? The Ducks saw a welcome sight in practice Tuesday when Justin Herbert was seen at practice in pads. But most likely freshman Braxton Burmeister will start again on Saturday for the Ducks (4-4, 1-4) against Utah (4-3, 1-3). Herbert fractured his collarbone on his non-throwing side against California on Sept. 30. Oregon has lost three straight since, with Burmeister adjusting to the starting role.

As a result, Oregon has had to depend on the run.

Oregon coach Willie Taggart said Burmeister is growing but that it is important to remember that at this time last year he was playing high school football.

"I just constantly talk to him about trying to get better and not trying necessarily to win the game for us, but just run our offense and be efficient with it."



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