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OFC Champions League Qualifier 2018 opens with fierce competition



Team Lupe o le Soaga from Samoa.

[photo: TG]



Team Tupapa Maraerenga FC – Cook Islands.

[photo: TG]



Team Veitongo FC — Tonga.

[photo: TG]

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The 2018 Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) Champions League Qualifiers officially opened last Saturday afternoon at the FFAS Pago Park Soccer Stadium, with a double header that saw only one team losing out of the four – Lupe o le Soaga from Samoa suffered a 1 - 0 loss against Tupapa Maraerenga FC from Cook Islands after a brutal match up that injured numerous players on the field.

Coverage of the 2018 OFC Champions League Qualifiers is sponsored by Congresswoman Aumua Amata.

The second match up of the day was a draw between Veitongo FC from Tonga, and Pago Youth who is representing American Samoa in the competition – they tied 1 - 1.

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

Group A's competition, hosted at the FFAS Pago Park Soccer Stadium, continues today at 12pm with the first match between Veitongo FC from Tonga and Tupapa Maraerenga FC from the Cook Islands; the following match, which is scheduled for 3pm, will feature Pago Youth who will face Lupe o le Soaga for

the first time in the OFC tournament.

COOK ISLANDS, 1 - SAMOA, 0

This was by far the most physical and tense match up of the day, between the Samoans and the Cook Islanders – a brutal match between the two that resulted in numerous injuries as well as penalties against players from both teams.

Refereeing the match was David Yareboinen of Papua New Guinea who didn't hesitate to send a player from Lupe o le Soaga off the field with a red card during the second half of the match, which left Samoa with only 10 players, against the Cook Islands' 11 players.

Throughout the opening half of the match, both teams stood their ground and had a fair weight in both defense and upfront.

Unfortunately for Samoa, Tupapa Maraerenga FC was able to capitalize during the second half of the match from the red card incident again Samoa's team.

With just over 20 minutes of play, Referee Yareboinen sent Va'a Tualai from Lupe o le Soaga off the field with a red card, after a scuffle between Tualai and Cambell Best at midfield – meanwhile, Best was warned with a yellow card. A call that Best argued, which later led to him being benched by Head Coach Alex Napa.

Even the coaches on both teams were heated as they had an exchange of words from within the coach boxes as the match progressed.

Midway through the second half of play and the Cook Island team was able to force the ball

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New Orleans Pelicans center DeMarcus Cousins (0) shoots over Chicago Bulls forward Lauri Markkanen (24) in the second half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Monday, Jan. 22, 2018. The Pelicans won in double overtime, 132-128.

(AP Photo/Gerald Herbert)

Cousins’ historic triple-double lifts Pelicans over Bulls

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — DeMarcus Cousins considered the most impressive statistical night of his career and only half-jokingly asserted that he was most proud of the stamina he needed to log a career high of more than 51 minutes on the court.

Cousins had 44 points, 24 rebounds and 10 assists, Anthony Davis scored 34, and the All-Star pair led a 17-point New Orleans comeback in the final five minutes of regulation before the Pelicans pulled out a 132-128 victory over the Chicago Bulls in double overtime Monday night.

“My strength coach had the nerve to ask me, do I want to lift after this game? I almost lost it. If I had some energy, we would have fought,” Cousins said. “I’m just glad it’s over. Seriously. I think (the Bulls) feel the same way, too.”

In between several moments of brilliance in the second overtime, Cousins’ body language suggested he could barely stand. His feet hardly left the floor on a 3-pointer that rolled around the rim and in. He also managed to hit a turnaround jumper and calmly made two free throws to ice the game with eight seconds left.

Davis, who fouled out in the first overtime, called Cousins’ performance “legendary,” adding that his fellow big man — more than anyone — earned the day off from practice the Pelicans were given on Tuesday. When the game was finally over, an excited Davis jumped on Cousins and wrapped his arms around his neck.

“He played his heart out,” Davis said. Cousins became the first NBA player since Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

in 1972 to have as many as 40 points, 20 rebounds and 10 assists in a game, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Few others have done it.

Cousins’ assists included alley-oop lobbs to Davis and a couple of long passes to him for breakaway baskets.

“You dream about moments like that as a kid — a game coming down to the line and just making big plays down the stretch,” Cousins said. “I think we just willed our way through this game.”

And yet Cousins’ heroics nearly never happened. Even after the Pelicans’ stunning 23-4 run in the last five minutes of regulation gave them a 114-112 lead on Davis’ free throws with 3.2 seconds left, Chicago’s Justin Holiday was fouled by Darius Miller attempting a 3-pointer in the final second of the period.

Holiday’s first two free throws looked perfect. His last, for the win, rattled out.

“It wasn’t meant to happen,” Holiday said. “I had the opportunity. I don’t miss free throws. Obviously after the game we can talk about things we did wrong, but when we get an opportunity like that, that’s what is on my mind right now.”

After Holiday had swished the second free throw, Davis recalled, “I looked at DeMarcus and we both just shook our head with sad faces, like, ‘We had this one.’

“And then he missed, and it was, ‘All right. Let’s go get it.’”

Jerian Grant had 22 points and 13 assists, and Robin Lopez also scored 22 for the Bulls, who appeared well on their way to their fifth victory in six games when they opened the fourth quarter with a 23-5 run to

take their largest lead at 104-86.

“A lot of good things and obviously we had a chance to win it at the end,” coach Fred Hoiberg said. “A lot of things we can learn as well and grow from.”

TIP-INS

Bulls: Lauri Markkanen had 14 points and 17 rebounds. Zach LaVine had 19 points, Holiday 15 and Nikola Mirotic 14. ... Came in having made at least 10 3s in 10 straight games and in 32 games total this season, but went 8 of 31 from deep in New Orleans. ... Chicago shot 48.9 percent (45 of 92) overall.

Pelicans: E’Twaun Moore scored 15 points, including a 3 in the second overtime to help the Pelicans win for the fifth time in six games. Often guarded by his brother, Jrue Holiday had one of his lowest recent scoring totals, with 12 points, after averaging 25.6 points in his previous five games. ... Miller scored 10 points. ... Won despite shooting only 41.6 percent (47 of 113).

STUNNING FINISH

Chicago still led by 17 when Bobby Portis hit a pair of free throws with 5:06 left in the fourth quarter, but New Orleans tied it at 110 on Jrue Holiday’s 3 with 46 seconds left. Davis gave New Orleans its first lead of the fourth quarter with an alley-oop dunk of Jrue Holiday’s lob.

Markkanen tied it with a driving layup before Davis and Justin Holiday each hit two free throws in the final seconds.

New Orleans had a chance to win at the end of the first overtime, but Ian Clark’s 3-point attempt was short and Jrue Holiday’s rushed putback also rattled out.

UP NEXT

Bulls: Visit the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday.

Sam’s late basket lifts Southern over Alabama A&M 62-61

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Jared Sam shot 8 of 11 from the field and finished with 19 points, including the winning jumper with four seconds left, and Southern slipped past Alabama A&M 62-61 on Monday night.

Sidney Umude added 14 points, on 6-of-9 shooting, and Eddie Reese scored 12 for Southern (8-13, 4-4 Southwestern Athletic Conference).

Marcus Merriweather scored

seven points during a 12-4 spurt that gave Alabama A&M (2-18, 2-5) a 59-58 lead when Mohamed Sherif hit a 3-pointer with 69 seconds to play. Torrey Mayo answered with a layup but Julian Walters made two free throws to put the Bulldogs back in front with 14 seconds left. Sam was fouled and missed the front end of a 1-and-1, but Jamar Sandifer grabbed the offensive rebound setting up Sam’s winner.

Sherif missed a potential winning 3 at the buzzer.

Merriweather had 16 points and Sherif added career-high tying 14 points and a career-best 14 rebounds for Alabama A&M. The Bulldogs shot 52.9 percent (9 of 17) from the free-throw line.

Southern, which led by 10 points midway through the second half, made 24 of 43 (55.8 percent) from the field.

Bridges, No. 6 Michigan State hold off Illinois 87-74

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Miles Bridges helped No. 6 Michigan State overcome a game so sloppy, coach Tom Izzo called it “ridiculous.”

Bridges scored 31 points, Jaren Jackson Jr. had 21 points and 11 rebounds and the Spar-

tans beat Illinois 87-74 on Monday night despite committing 25 turnovers.

It was the most giveaways for Michigan State (18-3, 6-2 Big Ten) since November of 2005 against Arizona, when they had 27 in an overtime win.

This was the Spartans’ third straight game with 20 or more turnovers, and they’ve won each game by double digits.

“It was a bit ridiculous what we did out there tonight,” Izzo said.

Michigan State shot 68.2 percent, which set a record at State Farm Center for an opponent’s shooting percentage. Illinois shot 43.1 percent.

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LAPATA’IGA MO MATAFAGA

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Fullback for team Tupapa Maraerenga FC from the Cook Islands trying to clear out the ball from the backfield as a striker from Lupe o le Soaga tries to defend – during the first half of their OFC Champions League Qualifier match up last Saturday afternoon at the FFAS Soccer Stadium in Pago Pago. Lupe o le Soaga lost to Tupapa Maraerenga FC 1 - 0.

[photo: TG]

TCU upsets No. 7 WVU 82-73 after falling out of Top 25



TCU guard Shawn Olden (2) hugs TCU guard Desmond Bane (1) after the 82-73 win over West Virginia in an NCAA college basketball game Fort Worth, Texas, Monday, Jan. 22, 2018.

(AP Photo/ Richard W. Rodriguez)

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — This was the kind of home-court celebration Jamie Dixon envisioned for TCU when he returned to his alma mater less than two years ago.

Students spilled onto the court, some even lifting Dixon into the air, after the Horned Frogs beat No. 7 West Virginia 82-73 on Monday night. Their first home win over a Top 10 team in nearly five years came on the same day they dropped out of the AP Top 25.

“We had lost so many of these, so many opportunities, close games, even the last two years, home games, big crowd, atmosphere,” Dixon said. “We’ve had leads, and we had opportunity, and it just didn’t happen for whatever reason.”

Alex Robinson scored 17

points for TCU (15-5, 3-5 Big 12), even with a long 3-pointer at the end of the half taken away by video replay. Desmond Bane scored eight of his 15 points in just over a minute early in the second half to cap a game-changing 23-3 run that spanned the end of the first half and first few minutes after the break.

“We just knew this was a big game. We lost the last one, we didn’t play very well,” said Robinson, who also had nine assists and seven rebounds.

All five West Virginia starters scored in double figures, but the Mountaineers (16-4, 5-3) shot only 33 percent and lost for the third time in four games. Jevon Carter had a team-high 16 points, while Sagaba Konate had 14, Dexter Miles Jr. 12, Lamont West 11

and Wesley Harris 10.

“First half, we stopped them seven consecutive times and we didn’t score,” coach Bob Huggins said. “It wasn’t like we didn’t have shots. We had shots. We’re just not making any.”

Kouat Noi had 13 points with three 3-pointers for TCU before being ejected because of a flagrant foul with just over 10 minutes left. Vladimir Brodziansky had 14 points, and Kenrich Williams had 14 rebounds.

Bane’s quick burst, with two 3-pointers and a heady layup between those long-range shots, pushed TCU ahead 47-34 with 15:28 left. That capped a 12-1 run to start the second half after the Frogs finished the first half on an 11-2 spurt in which Bane made the go-ahead shot.

And that is even with Robinson’s long 3 going into the break getting taken off the board after officials determined the ball was still on Robinson’s fingertips when the clock hit zero, negating the 35-foot shot and leaving the Frogs’ lead at two instead of five.

Robinson and his teammates were already in the locker room when the review took place, and found out it didn’t count “when coach came in and told us.”

BIG PICTURE

West Virginia: The Mountaineers trailed by 20 with 5 1/2 minutes left and made somewhat of a dent in that. But overall, WVU made only 25 of 75 shots — and 7 of 27 on 3-pointers, with Carter going 0 for 6 and Miles 1 for 8 from long range.

“We’ve got guys that are 2 for their last 15 on 3s, and they’re still shooting them,” Huggins said.

IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Leua)





Goalkeeper for Lupe o le Soaga watches helplessly as the winning goal for Tupapa Maraerenga FC rolls past him during a penalty kick that came late in the second half of their match. Tupapa Maraerenga FC defeated Lupe o le Soaga 1 - 0.

[photo: TG]



American Samoa Government
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

RFP No: RFP 026-2018
Issuance Date: January 16, 2018

Date & Time Due: January 25, 2018
No later than 2:00 p.m. local time

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DOCUMENT

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

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Time for Tennys: American Sandgren into Aussie Open quarters

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — The last American man standing at the Australian Open is through to the quarterfinals.

Tennys Sandgren, who had never won a Grand Slam match or beaten a top 10 player before the Australian Open started, upset No. 5-seeded Dominic Thiem on Monday to top his second-round victory over 2014 champion Stan Wawrinka.

The 26-year-old Sandgren, who entered the season’s opening major ranked 97th, missed a match point in the fourth set but held on for a 6-2, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (7), 6-3 win over Thiem.

“I’m staying calm and not getting too upset, not getting too up, not getting too down,” Sandgren said when asked how a player with only two ATP tour match victories kept believing he had what it takes to advance to a Grand Slam quarterfinal.

“I’ve been able to keep my emotions under control, which is a big deal because I can be an emotional person. That doesn’t go well with tennis, especially with a three-out-of-five-set match. You don’t have energy to waste on emotions.”

He is only the second man in the last 20 years to reach the quarterfinals in his Australian Open debut — Alexandr Dolgoplov did it in 2011. Before that it was Nicolas Escude in 1998.

Most of his Sandgren’s previous Grand Slam appearances have been forgettable — first-round losses as a wild-card entry at last year’s French Open and U.S. Open. The Tennessean failed to qualify for a major in 13 attempts, including from 2013 to 2016 at Melbourne Park.

Even his build-up for Melbourne was brief: first-round losses in India and at Auckland, New Zealand.

So while highly-ranked U.S. men such as No. 8-seeded Jack Sock, No. 13-seeded Sam Querrey and No. 16-seeded John Isner all went out in earlier rounds, Sandgren is through to the final eight.

After his match, he was asked at a news conference about the nature of some of his social media activity, with a question suggesting he fol-

lows some accounts or retweets items from controversial right-wing sources.

“Look, who you follow on Twitter I feel doesn’t matter even a little bit,” Sandgren said. “I think it’s crazy to assume that. To say, ‘Well, he’s following X person, so he believes all the things that this person believes.’ I think it’s ridiculous.”

He was asked if he supports any far-right movements.

“No, I don’t. I don’t,” Sandgren said. “I find some of the content interesting. But no, I don’t, not at all. As a firm Christian, I don’t support things like that, no.”

By Tuesday morning, a number of tweets dating back to June 2016 had apparently been cleared from the history of Sandgren’s Twitter account.

In the quarterfinals on Wednesday he’ll play Hyeon Chung, who upset six-time Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic in straight sets.

Sandgren lost to Chung in Auckland two weeks ago, and he credited his form in that loss — 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 — with forcing improvements in his game.

“I feel like we had a tight contest,” Sandgren said. “I feel like I had to raise my game to even compete with him on the court. I think that helped me a lot going into this week, seeing I could play a good level. That made me feel like, ‘OK, maybe I can do it in three-out-of-five sets, on a bigger stage, against other players, too.’”

Thiem was full of praise for Sandgren.

“I didn’t play bad, it was one of these days where you have to give a lot of respect to your opponent,” Thiem said.

“He served very well. I had lots of problems to return his serve. Then he didn’t make too many unforced errors, it was very tough for me to finish the points. He didn’t really drop for almost four hours.”

For the time being, Sandgren is living the dream. Seriously.

“Obviously the first three matches were more than I expected,” Sandgren said. “This one was about as hard-fought as I’ve ever had a match before. I definitely had a real pinch-me moment. If I wake up now, I’m going to be real upset.”

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The Mini Page

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Next Week:
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Let the Games Begin



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Are you getting excited to watch the XXIII Winter Olympic Games beginning on Feb. 9 in Pyeongchang, South Korea? (Competition begins on Feb. 8, but the opening ceremony is on Feb. 9.)

All across the world, athletes are preparing to compete for the ultimate prize in sports: an Olympic gold medal.

What's new

- There are three new events this year: big air snowboarding, mass start speed skating, and mixed doubles curling. Big air contests will feature one dramatic jump and trick off of a 49-foot-high ramp.
- This year, athletes from Russia will not be allowed to represent their country. The organization that controls the Olympics suspended, or stopped, Russia from competing because of claims that athletes had used drugs to help them perform better, with help from the Russian government.


Individuals may compete, but they will be required to wear a neutral uniform and have the title "Olympic Athlete from Russia" (OAR). During medal ceremonies, the Olympic anthem will be played rather than the Russian anthem.



Mascots

Each host of the Olympics creates mascots to represent their city, their nation and the "Olympic spirit." This spirit, or feeling, is that the Olympic athletes come together to compete in peace, friendship and fairness.

This year's mascot for the Olympics is a white tiger named Soohorang. The tiger is often seen in Korean mythology and folk tales. It represents trust, strength and protection.



Soohorang

Olympic Mini Facts

The 2018 Winter Olympics will include:

- seven sports, with 15 disciplines (DIH-seh-plenz), or types of competitions
- 102 medal events
- 22,400 volunteers for the Olympics and the Paralympic Games, which begin on March 9
- 259 sets of medals
- 2,800 athletes from 95 nations

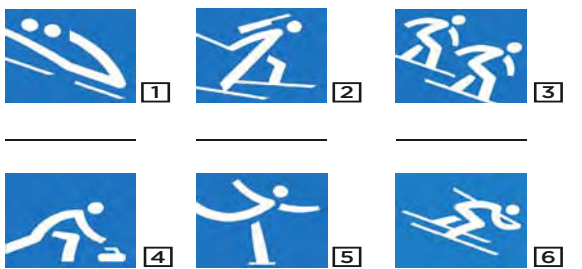
Did you know that South Korea is 13 hours ahead of New York (Eastern Standard Time) and 16 hours ahead of Los Angeles (Pacific Standard Time)? When an athlete wins a medal at 10 a.m. on Wednesday in South Korea, a kid in St. Louis, Missouri, (Central Standard Time) might just be going to bed at 8 p.m. Tuesday!

Puzzling pictograms

A pictogram (PIC-toe-gram) is a symbol that represents something. For example, in ancient times, people drew pictograms (or pictographs) on rock walls to tell stories about their lives.

With each Olympics, pictograms are used to identify the events. The 2018 pictograms have been designed based on the Korean alphabet known as Hangeul. This is a system of letters that is unique to Korea, and it was also used in the design of the official Games emblems.

The Mini Page challenges you to a matching game! Try to match these pictograms to the following Olympic events: figure skating, biathlon, curling, bobsleigh, alpine skiing and snowboard cross.



Answers: 1. Bobsleigh; 2. Biathlon; 3. Snowboard cross; 4. Curling; 5. Figure skating; 6. Alpine skiing (speed)


Resources

On the Web:

- bit.ly/MPolySched
- bit.ly/MPTeamUSA

At the library:

- "Incredible Olympic Records" by Tyler Mason



Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of the Winter Olympics are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:

ALPENSIA, ANTHEM, CEREMONY, COMPETITION, DISCIPLINES, GAMES, GOLD, JUMP, MASCOT, NEUTRAL, OLYMPIC, PARALYMPICS, RAMP, SILVER, SOOHORANG, SPIRIT, SPORTS, SUSPENDED, TIGER, WATCH.

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Cook's Corner

'Mapple' Crisp Dessert

- You'll need:**
- 5 apples, peeled and sliced
 - 1/2 cup pure maple syrup
 - 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup rolled oats
 - 1/2 cup brown sugar
- What to do:**
1. Place apples in an 8-by-8-inch baking dish. Pour syrup over apples and coat evenly.
 2. In a medium bowl, mix all dry ingredients together.
 3. Combine dry ingredients with melted butter until mixture has a crumbly consistency.
 4. Spoon mixture over apples.
 5. Bake at 375 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes until topping is golden brown.
 6. Serve with low-fat vanilla ice cream. Makes 6 to 8 servings.



* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

7 Little Words for Kids

- Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.
1. over (5) _____
 2. go to see (5) _____
 3. you take it to the beach (6) _____
 4. very strong (8) _____
 5. it lifts heavy things (5) _____
 6. blocks that fit together (5) _____
 7. cooked on charcoal (7) _____

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Answers: above, above, visit, bucket, powerful, crane, Legos, grilled.

Mini Jokes


Ollie: What is the hardest thing about speed skating?

Olive: The ice!



Eco Note

NASA's GRACE satellite keeps an eye on melting glaciers and their effects on rising sea levels. Glaciers are huge, thick masses of ice. They form when a lot of snow falls in one location over many years. The snow on the bottom gets squished down and turns to ice. Glaciers and ice sheets hold about 68 percent of the world's fresh water!



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For later:

Using the first URL in Resources, make a schedule of which Olympic events you will watch. Keep track of which countries take gold, silver and bronze medals.

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Pago Youth's striker, Rambo Tapui defending against a Veitongo FC player that was threatening to shoot from a distance during the second half of their match up last Saturday evening – Pago Youth and Veitongo FC were tied, 1 - 1.

[photo: TG]

► OFC...

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on to Samoa's territory with some strategic passes and lobs. Lupe o le Soaga's fullback Andrew Setefano drew a penalty against them, after tackling Maro Bonsu-Maró from behind, inside the box, alerting a penalty that would cost them the match.

The penalty was a lucky break for Tupapa Maraerenga FC, as their striker Sean Latimer struck the ball off the upright from the penalty spot to take the lead which they held onto for the remainder of the game, giving them their first victory of the tournament.

AMERICAN SAMOA, 1 – TONGA, 1

The second and final match up the day was between Pago Youth representing American Samoa, led by Head Coach Li'atama Amisone Jr., and the Veitongo FC team from Tonga led by Head Coach Timote Moleni. Refereeing this match was Veer Singh from Fiji.

It was an evenly fair match up between the two, with both scoring for a tie-up match.

On the 14th minute of the first half, when Veitongo's striker Vai Lutu was tackled from behind by Pago Youth's captain Ryan Samuelu – causing the first penalty of the game inside the box, giving Veitongo FC a chance to face Pago Youth's Eti Fatu at goalie as Samuelu was

warned with a yellow card.

The free kick inside the penalty box by Veitongo's Soakai Vea netted the first goal for Tonga – but the sideline official signaled an off-side, hence overturning the decision of a goal. Both teams were scoreless at this point.

But midway through the first half of play, Pago Youth was given a free penalty kick from midfield – Nissan Silao shot a long one that would bounce just short of Veitongo's goal keeper Motekiai Faupula's reach – bouncing over him and into the goal for the first score of the game – by American Samoa. Pago Youth held on to their lead into half-time – but when the second half opened, Samoa News saw a different look from our local team, as their strategy changed from being aggressive, to being conservative, as the majority of possessions in the second half were played inside Pago Youth territory.

The strategy for Pago cost them the lead, as Veitongo brought on the pressure – utilizing good passing strategy inside the box that would later reward them with their first goal of the game, when Veitongo FC's team captain Sione Uhatahi shot the tying goal right in front of the box and through traffic – to tie up the match 1 - 1

► Bridges...

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Kipper Nichols led Illinois (10-11, 0-8) with a career-high 27 points. Trent Frazier and Leron Black added 13 and 12, respectively.

Michigan State turned the ball over 25 times. It was the third straight game in which the Spartans gave it away more than 20 times and still won by double digits.

Michigan State out-rebounded Illinois 37-15. The Illini didn't record their first rebound until nearly 10 minutes into the game.

"That was a war out there," Izzo said. "We had the most turnovers in a decade and our best field goal percentage in a long time. I know it doesn't add up, but somehow it did for us tonight."

Illinois coach Brad Underwood, whose team has lost six in a row - all Big Ten games - managed to sound optimistic after his team's effort against an elite team.

"I liked the team I coached out there tonight," he said. "Losing is unacceptable, but we're young and everything is a growing process for us. Baby steps. Continuing to learn. Tonight, I think we ran our best offense of the year, against a team that is ranked first or second in the nation in just about every defensive category."

Jackson took an elbow to the side of the head late in the first half while fighting for the ball. He was helped off the court and

taken to the locker room, but returned to start the second half.

"Jaren is tough," Izzo said. "I think he hit his head, maybe on the floor, and it looked bad for a minute. But when we came off the court at the half, he was waiting for us in the tunnel, ready to go."

BIG PICTURE

Illinois, playing tight zone defense, was able to stick around in the first half despite Michigan State's height advantage.

TURNING POINT

With the game close at the beginning of the second half, Illinois went cold, going 1 of 9 from the field. Michigan led by five at the half but jumped to a 48-36 lead after less than five minutes. The game was never close after that.

HIGHLIGHT REEL

Bridges was a dunking machine, but his one-handed tip-dunk midway through the second half even left his coach impressed.

"Miles had a blocked shot at one end and ended up with a tip-dunk at the other. He was the man out there tonight," Izzo said.

UP NEXT

Michigan State travels to Wisconsin for another Big Ten matchup. Wisconsin crushed Illinois by 25 points in Madison, Wisconsin, on Friday. The Spartans then host Maryland on Sunday. Illinois remains at home against Indiana on Wednesday and Rutgers on Jan. 30.

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16 Word with "many years"
17 "Jeopardy!" feature
19 Choler
20 "It's _____ cause"
21 Branching horn
23 U-turn from sweet
26 "Bravo" initiators
27 "Snowy" birds
28 Hispanic person
29 Start for a menu "king"
30 Spanish gentleman
32 Jumped for joy (var.)
35 Stir up sediments
37 Flip remark?
39 Historic 1944 event
40 Great sadness, poetically
42 Hawaii, on many maps
44 Sense No. 6
45 Cooks using radiant heat

DOWN

- 47 "My kingdom for _____!"
49 New in Louisiana?
51 Lit or plastered
52 Tasty dishes
53 Part of a teapot
55 Wood-shaping tool (var.)
56 Ad-receiving roster
61 Golfer's widget
62 Clownish caper
63 Safe spot
64 Be incorrect
65 Pains in the neck
66 Little bird sound
1 Sign of spring
2 Chain letters, genetically
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4 Widen, as pupils
5 Needlelike instruments
6 Cupid relative
7 Vulgarian
8 Chem class setting
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may not like your current situation, but you can use your intelligence to concentrate on doing the best you can. Complaining or criticizing others will only make you look bad. Personal improvements are favored and romance is featured. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use your intelligence. Inconsistency will give others reason to mistrust you. Stick to what you know and only offer what you can. It's better to show that you are reliable. Avoid overreacting and being indulgent. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The changes you want to make will have to be well-thought-out. Avoid taking on too much or making snap decisions that will leave you short of cash or renege on a promise you made. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Partnerships will experience difficulty. It will be best to weather the storm by standing on the sidelines and observing how situations develop. Leave room to make a hasty exit if necessary. Play it safe and avoid unnecessary stress. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A career change may tempt you, but get the lowdown before you make a move. You are better off making personal changes to your life before you take on a project that needs your undivided attention. Romance is highlighted. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Invest in yourself, not others. Walk away from fast-talkers and emotional manipulation. Trust in yourself, your skills and your ability to design your own life plan with confidence. Partner with those who have something to offer in return. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be tempted to make an emotional move. Before you say something you may regret, consider the outcome and how it will affect the people you love. Don't act hastily when you need time to determine what you really want. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be extra careful in the way you present information. Precision and detail will be required to avoid being misinterpreted. Refuse to let personal matters interfere with your professional responsibilities. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Refuse to let emotional issues ruin your day. Put the past behind you and head into the future without regret. Look forward to new projects and make the most of your time. Personal improvements are encouraged. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Sensitive issues will need to be taken care of with diplomacy. Be a good listener, and once you've gathered all the information, consider your choices and respond with honesty and compassion. A professional matter will turn in your favor. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do your own research. Change can be good if it's well planned and executed with precision. However, snap judgments, assumptions and acting without thinking will keep you from reaching your goals. Rely on past experiences and choose wisely. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions will stand in your way. Make an effort to concentrate on what needs to be done, not what others are doing. Take care of your responsibilities regardless of interference. What you accomplish will lead to an unexpected opportunity. ***



Dear Abby
by Abigail Van Buren

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If I were to love Steve the way I love Rick OR if Rick were to love me the way Steve does, the decision would be clear. I can see myself making a life with either of them. I risk losing either one as a friend if I pick the other one.

They both love my kids, and I love theirs. Both want to build a life with me. How do I decide which path to take? Once I choose, how do I not have questions or doubts about what might have been if I had chosen the other? HELP! -- STUCK IN A LOVE TRIANGLE

DEAR TRIANGLE: You are no more stuck than you want to be. I know what decision I would make if my choice was between a man who loved me more than life itself and who could give me the life I had always dreamed of, and someone I was crazy about but suspected didn't love me as much -- but only you can decide what is right for you and your children. I don't think you should marry either man unless you are confident you can do it without second-guessing yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I am 72 years old and I cry a lot. I'm so resentful of my ex-co-workers and my former friends I can't stand it.

I have lost two cherished wives, two children and one grandchild, while those people still have their first wives and all their children and grandchildren. Why did I have to lose people I loved? I am so full of anger that I no longer believe in God. What am I to do? Do I need therapy? -- OLD AND HATEFUL IN TEXAS

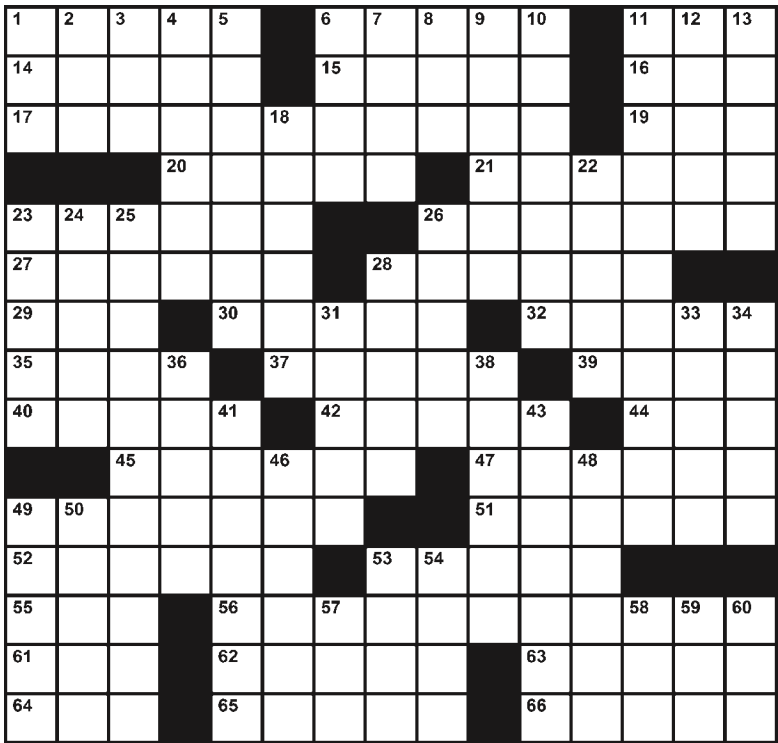
DEAR OLD AND HATEFUL: You have suffered more than your share of loss, and for that, please accept my sympathy. The problem with harboring resentment and anger is that, unchecked, they feed upon themselves and grow. A therapist could be helpful by giving you a safe place to vent those emotions. It is normal to cry when in emotional pain, but you could also benefit from talking with a grief counselor or joining a grief support group. Your physician may be able to suggest one. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: My child attends a private elementary school. The school is trying to discourage gossip, which can lead to teasing and bullying. The way they do it is, when a child asks a question about another child, the teacher's answer is, "That's none of your business." Whether I agree with that response is irrelevant because I feel schools have the right to run themselves the way they deem proper. However, isn't there a nicer way to phrase it? I think I remember hearing years ago something like, "Please tend to your own affairs." -- CLAMPING DOWN ON GOSSIP

DEAR CLAMPING DOWN: I agree that whoever wrote the script for those educators was less than tactful. A better way to phrase it would be, "You do YOU, and stop worrying about other people," which might be less harsh.

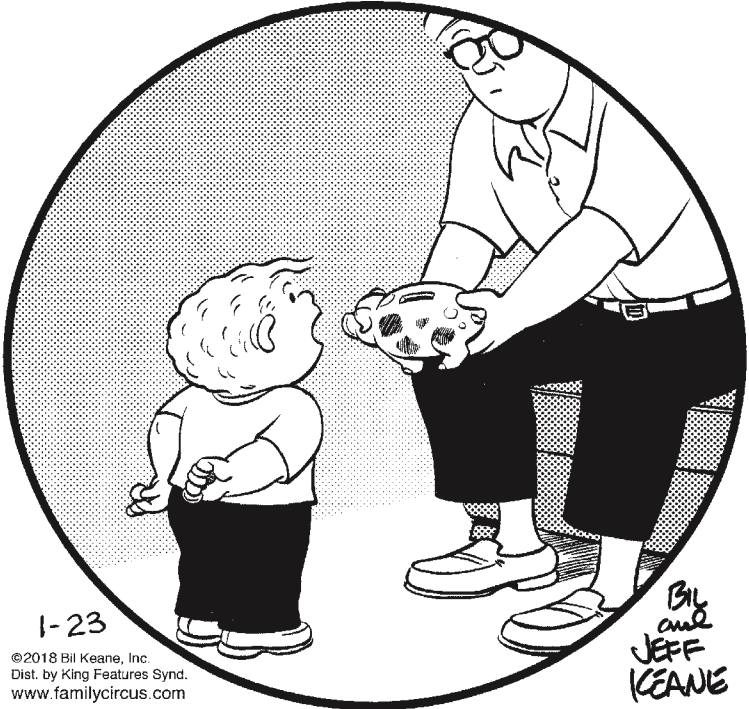
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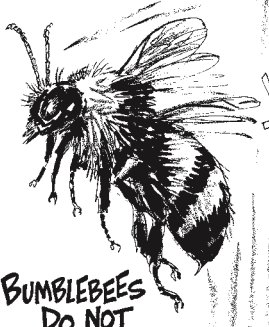
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SAYS YOU! I HEARD THAT SOMETIMES KIDS DON'T PAY ATTENTION BECAUSE THE CLASS GOES AT TOO SLOW OF A PACE FOR THEM. SOME OF US ARE TOO SMART FOR THE CLASS.

OH, RIGHT. YOU'RE **TOO** SMART.

BELIEVE IT, LADY. YOU KNOW HOW EINSTEIN GOT BAD GRADES AS A KID? WELL, **MINE** ARE EVEN **WORSE!**

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SURE!

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WHEN I GO OUT, DO YOU FEEL SAD?

OH, YEAH!

I PUT ON A SAD FACE, AND DO A SAD DANCE...

I'M THINKING "NO"

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

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Monday's Puzzle Answer 1/22

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

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