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IN BRIEFBiggest moves
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done in NBA

Associated Press

The biggest remaining domino wobbled in the afternoon and finally fell in the evening.

When Gordon Hayward announced he was joining the Boston Celtics, it wrapped up the decisions of players at the top of this summer's NBA free agent board. The biggest moves have been made, but there is more dealing to be done.

The Utah Jazz need to figure out how to move on after losing their leading scorer and another starter Tuesday.

The Cleveland Cavaliers could ponder whether they need another move to counter a fortified Boston team that finished ahead of them in the regular season.

The Miami Heat, the other team that fell short in the Hayward chase, can shop elsewhere with the cash they freed up by finally waiving Chris Bosh.

There aren't any franchise-altering players left as the NBA heads toward the end of the moratorium Thursday, when stars such as Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry, Blake Griffin and Kyle Lowry can sign the deals they agreed to with their teams.

Messi to extend
contract with
Barcelona

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Lionel Messi will play out the best remaining years of his trophy-rich career at Barcelona.

The Spanish club said today that Messi had agreed a three-year contract extension that will keep him at the club through the 2020-21 season. By then, Barcelona's all-time leading scorer will be 34 years old and finishing his 17th season with the club.

Barcelona announced that Messi will sign the new deal "in the coming weeks" that will be good through June 30, 2021.

The contract extension comes as no surprise. Messi has repeatedly said he wanted to play the best years of his career at Barcelona, before perhaps making a return to his native Argentina that he left at 13 years old to come to Barcelona's famed La Masia training academy.

But with his current contract set to expire at the end of the upcoming 2017-18 season, the club's board, players, fans and new coach Ernesto Valverde can all breathe easier this summer knowing their star is staying put.

Who wants to
be a millionaire?
Not students in
this school

Associated Press

BOSTON — Who wants to be a millionaire? Not most students at a school in one upscale Massachusetts town.

While arguments over whether to keep or drop Native American-themed high school mascots have divided communities across the U.S., Lenox Memorial Middle and High School is having a nickname debate of a more peculiar kind.

Students voted by a 2-to-1 margin at the end of the school year that they would like to retire their Millionaire mascot because it's divisive, leads to bullying from athletes at rival schools and doesn't reflect the economics of the community.

The nickname dates to the 1950s, when a local sportswriter used it to describe the school's athletes. It refers to "cottagers," wealthy out-of-towners who owned second homes in the picturesque community in the Berkshire Mountains.



AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews

Joey Chestnut wins the Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest, marking his 10th victory in the event Tuesday in the Brooklyn borough of New York. He downed 72 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes. Miki Sudo won the women's competition with 41 hot dogs.

Joey Chestnut wins 10th title,
gobbles a record 72 hot dogs

By MAYLAN L. STUDART
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joey "Jaws" Chestnut gulped, chomped and powered his way to a 10th title on Tuesday, continuing his record-setting reign as the chowing champion at the annual Nathan's Famous July Fourth hot dog eating contest.

Shoving water-soaked buns and wriggling franks into his mouth on a hot, sunny day on the Coney Island boardwalk, he downed 72 dogs and buns in 10 minutes to beat his own record and hoist the Mustard Belt for a 10th time. The San Jose, California, man bested up-and-comer Carmen Cincotti, of Mays Landing, New Jersey, who ate 60 franks and buns on his 24th birthday.

Miki Sudo notched a fourth straight win in the women's competition. The Las Vegas woman ate 41 hot dogs and buns to beat Michelle Lesco of Tucson, Arizona, who downed 32 franks and buns.

Demonstrators

During the men's competition, five people were taken into custody for trying to disrupt

the event, police said. The people appeared to be attempting to unfold a black banner before police stopped them and took them away. They were taken to a precinct where they were questioned and released, police said.

The demonstrators later issued a statement saying they were from a group called Direct Action Everywhere, and want Nathan's to stop holding the contest.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals members separately had been giving away free vegan hot dogs outside the event, but spokeswoman Tricia Lebkuecher said the people arrested inside weren't affiliated with PETA.

'I love to eat'

Chestnut has dominated the chowdown throwdown for years, eating 70 franks and buns last year to top his then-record and take back the title from Matt "The Megatoad" Stonie. The 25-year-old Stonie came in third on Tuesday, with 48 franks and buns.

"There's no secret, I love to eat, and I love doing it, I love to win, so I had to figure out my body and push it to the limit," a sweating

Chestnut said after his win. The 33-year-old said he'd hoped to down even more dogs but was leaving feeling good.

Cincotti said he'd eaten a thousand hot dogs since May in preparation for his second try at the Mustard Belt. Getting to even second place is "surreal — I grew up watching this contest," he said.

Meanwhile, the women's side has featured a yearslong rivalry between Sudo and record-holder Sonya "The Black Widow" Thomas, of Alexandria, Virginia. Thomas, who's 50, came in third on Tuesday with 30 dogs and buns, well shy of her record 45.

Sudo told ESPN she "just came back better than ever" this year. She's 31; Lesco is 33. One of America's most outlandish July Fourth traditions, the contest dates to 1972, though the company has for years promoted what a former president acknowledged was a legendary start date of 1916.

Leigh Brown and her husband brought her 11-year-old sons, Carter and Corbyn, all the way from Florida to see it.

"They really wanted to come. They always watched it on TV, so it's pretty special for them," Brown said.

WIMBLEDON

Tennis stars benefit from retirements

By HOWARD FENDRICH
 Associated Press

LONDON — Novak Djokovic's first-round match at Wimbledon lasted all of 40 minutes Tuesday. Roger Federer's, which was next in the All England Club's main stadium, went 43.

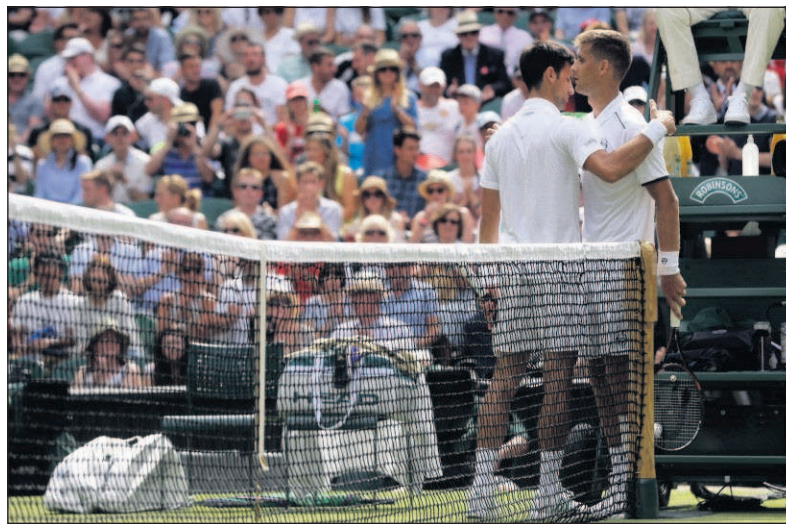
When two of tennis' biggest stars crossed paths after both advanced when opponents stopped playing because of pre-existing injuries, they kidded each other about a way to try to make it up to the fans.

"We had a little joke about it in the locker room," Djokovic recounted, "saying we should maybe play a practice set on the Centre Court, have the crowd stay."

The short workdays for the two were quite similar. Djokovic led 6-3, 2-0 when Martin Klizan retired with a left leg problem that has bothered him for about two months; Federer was ahead 6-3, 3-0 when Alexandr Dolgoplov quit because of a painful right ankle he first twisted last month.

Those still go into the books as wins, allowing Federer to collect his 85th at Wimbledon, breaking a tie with Jimmy Connors for the most in the Open era. Djokovic picked up his 234th match victory at all majors, moving ahead of Connors and alone into second place in history, behind only Federer's 315.

But the way the afternoon went meant Centre Court spectators who paid 56 pounds (more than \$70) per ticket, some of them waiting in line for hours, got only brief glimpses of seven-time champion Federer or three-time champion Djokovic. They did, however, have the opportunity to



AP Photo/Alastair Grant

Serbia's Novak Djokovic, left, embraces Slovakia's Martin Klizan after winning their Men's Singles Match on day two at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London Tuesday.

watch a pair of top women, current No. 1 Angelique Kerber and former No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki, win full-length matches.

"I feel for the crowd. They're there to watch good tennis. Proper tennis. At least they see the two of us, who gave it all they had. They saw other players that tried, at least," Federer said. "It's unfortunate that it happened."

Two other men also stopped mid-match Tuesday, 19th-seeded Feliciano Lopez (left foot) and Janko Tipsarevic (right leg), bringing the first-round retirement total to seven. That equals 2008 for the most by men in the first round during the 50 editions of Wimbledon in the Open era.

It sparked discussion about whether Grand Slam tournaments should change their rules to allow players to

still receive prize money if they withdraw before an event. That's a system being employed on a trial basis this season on the ATP Tour — which doesn't run majors — and lets someone who lost in qualifying take the spot in the main draw of an injured player.

The theory behind that setup: Players who are injured won't step on court simply to collect their prize money as an entrant, before calling it a day without finishing the match.

"Even if I had a torn muscle today, and the doctor says, 'You shouldn't go on court, you have serious damage to risk,' I could have faked it, stayed there for two less games, and still picked up the paycheck," said Tipsarevic, who stopped while trailing 5-0 after only 12 minutes against Jared Donaldson of the U.S.

Royals keep
rolling as
KC knocks
off Mariners

By TIM BOOTH
 Associated Press

SEATTLE — Whit Merrifield hit the first pitch of the game from Felix Hernandez for his seventh home run, Mike Moustakas added his 24th homer of the season, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Seattle Mariners 7-3 on Tuesday for their fifth win in six games.

Kansas City knocked around Hernandez (3-3) for five earned runs in six innings. Merrifield set the tone jumping on an 89 mph pitch in the middle of the plate and clearing the wall in left-center. The Royals scored three times in the fourth inning thanks to Moustakas' two-run shot and a two-out error by second baseman Robinson Cano that allowed Brandon Moss to score. Salvador Perez had a two-run double and the five earned runs were the most allowed by Hernandez in his eight starts this season.

Kansas City starter Danny Duffy (5-4) returned after spending a month on the disabled list and allowed just two first-inning runs.

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 at Seattle Mariners (41-44)
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