

## SPORTS

## Williams Sisters Defeated

### Disappointment for Venus and Serena

(AP)— Venus Williams came up short Tuesday in a bid for her first Grand Slam title since 2001, losing to Anastasia Myskina 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals at the French Open.

The upset came less than half an hour after Jennifer Capriati eliminated Serena Williams 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

So it will be 2001 champion Capriati against Myskina in the semifinals Thursday, instead of Williams vs. Williams.

"We're going to pack our bags and leave," Venus said. "There's nothing left for us here anymore."

The double blow to family pride came on a drab, drizzly day.

"I'm alive. I'm breathing. I'm healthy. Things could be worse," Serena said. "But, I mean, obviously I'm not happy."

Her defeat came to a chaotic conclusion. Williams failed to return a shot that skipped off the baseline on match point, and Capriati began to celebrate before realizing her shot had been called out.

Umpire Pascal Maria overruled the call - correctly, as TV replays confirmed - and ordered the match point replayed.

Williams again hit a shot into the net, and Capriati resumed her celebration.



Serena Williams reacts during her quarterfinal match in the French Open tennis tournament. (AP photo)

The rivals traded smiles and kisses at the net before a gleeful Capriati bowed to the four sides of the center court stadium.

"I don't even know what happened at the end with the call," Capriati said. "I was just happy for him to say 'replay the point.'"

Capriati has now beaten Williams twice in a month after losing the previous eight meetings in the rivalry.

## Tourneys to Draw Top Athletes

### Basketball, golf events sponsored

A local foundation that helps student-athletes achieve is hosting a banquet, golf tournament and basketball tournament as part of official Rose Festival events.

Canaan Chatman of the Journeys Foundation, an African American leader from northeast Portland and coach for the Inner City players, is one of the organizers behind the effort, which will draw top local and national athletes.

The events begin with a Golf Challenge at Heron Lakes in north Portland on Thursday, June 10, drawing coaches are from University of Arizona, University of Minnesota, University of Oklahoma and other PAC-10 schools.

On Thursday, June 10, banquet at 6 p.m. at the Multnomah Athletic Club, will raise donations for local student teams that travel nationally. Twelve Journeys graduates will be honored, including Kevyn Green, who will play basketball at the University of Nevada, T.R. Smith, who will play football at the University of Oregon and Brittney Davis, who will play basketball at the University of Minnesota.

A basketball tournament will take place Friday, June 11 through Sunday, June 13 at Grant High School,

showcasing top national teams from the Amateur Athletic Union, including the Portland Reds, Portland Panthers, Portland Legends, Seattle Rotary Select, Seattle Friends of Hoop, the Los Angeles Pump N Run, the Atlanta Celtics and the Playaz Basketball Club from New Jersey.

Each day of competition will begin with local high school teams playing in front of their family and fans.

The tournament will be covered nationally by ESPN, Slam magazine and Fox Sports.

"This is a great chance to represent our region and to expose our community to this national talent and recognize stars in our own backyard," said Chatman, a Benson High School graduate who founded the Journeys Foundation and played professional basketball. He graduated from the University of Portland in 1995.

The mission of Journeys Foundation is to provide a foundation for student athletes to succeed personally, academically and athletically.

For more information about the cost of tickets or schedule of events, call 503-282-4073 or visit [www.journeysfoundation.org](http://www.journeysfoundation.org).

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## Lakers Head Back to Finals

### NBA championship series begins Sunday

(AP)— The Lakers love a little drama - and the NBA's most entertaining show is headed back to the NBA Finals. Shaquille O'Neal had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and Kareem Rush came from nowhere to hit six 3-pointers in a 96-90 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals Monday night.

Kobe Bryant scored 20 points for the Lakers, who overcame Kevin Garnett, their constant bickering with the referees and O'Neal's horrific 7-for-20 free throw shooting to win the best-of-seven series.

Their fourth trip to the championship round in five seasons will begin Sunday against either Detroit or Indiana.

The Lakers improved to 9-0 at Staples Center in the postseason, but Garnett and the Timberwolves spent most of the game on the verge of an improbable upset.

Unbowed by the Lakers' nine championship banners and intimidating home crowd, the Timberwolves played tight defense and made enough free throws to take a lead into the fourth quarter. But Bryant and Rush led a 15-6 run early in the quarter, and Slava Medvedenko added two critical baskets in the final minutes.

Karl Malone and Gary Payton, who signed with the Lakers last



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant goes up for a shot against Minnesota Timberwolves' Mark Madsen during the fourth quarter of the concluding Game 6 of the NBA Western Conference Finals. (AP photo)

summer for a chance at their first NBA title, joined their teammates in a group hug near the bench before accepting the conference championship trophy.

Latrell Sprewell scored 27 points, and Garnett - who fouled out in the final minute - had 22 points and 17 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who nearly extended the best season in franchise history to a Game

7 in Minneapolis.

Though only five players remain from the Lakers' 2000 championship team, the current club has many similarities to the three-time titlists. They're almost invincible when even one of their role players is able to make outside shots - and Rush splendidly filled the role previously played by Glen Rice, Robert Horry and Rick Fox.

## Fishing Clinics for Kids

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest will be hosting three Kids' Fishing Day clinics on June 12 as part of its 16th annual observance of National Fishing Week.

Parents are urged to bring their children for these free fishing clinics and a host of other family-oriented, fun activities.

The clinics are scheduled at Mt. Adams-Guler County Park in Trout Lake, Wash.; the Lower Cowlitz Falls, east of Morton Wash. and the Merwin Reservoir at Merwin Park in Woodland, Wash.

Besides the opportunity to learn how to catch fish, other activities will include the Columbia Gorge Fly-Fishers Club fly-tying table, tee-shirt fish printing, face painting, fish anatomy, bug hunt, casting contest, and special guest appearances of Smokey Bear.

Food and beverages will be served. For more information, call the Mt. Adams Ranger District at 509-395-3400, the Cowlitz Valley Ranger District at 360-497-1141 or the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument at 360-449-7833.

## Stoudamire Loses Appeal

(AP)— The state Court of Appeals has declined to second-guess a judge's decision that an aluminum-foil-wrapped package of marijuana can be used as evidence at the trial of NBA star Damon Stoudamire.

The Portland Trail Blazer filed the appeal in an effort to get the court to throw out the evidence from an airport search because it was not conducted with a search warrant.

Stoudamire was cited July 3 after he walked through a Tucson International Airport metal detector while carrying the package, according to prosecutors.

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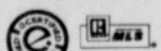
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