

Tennis

Djokovic, Serena both move on in Cincinnati

Williams looking to defend women's title

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MASON, Ohio — Novak Djokovic smacked his racket on the court after losing serve, seemingly headed for another unexplainable loss at a tournament that has eluded him. In the end, he stopped fuming and started playing like the best.

The top-ranked Serb rallied from a 3-0 deficit in the final set to a 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 victory over David Goffin on Thursday, reaching the quarterfinals of the Western & Southern Open. Serena Williams also advanced while losing only two games in her match.

Djokovic has never won Cincinnati. He's trying to become the first player to win all nine ATP Masters events in a career.

"It was a solid first set, but whatever happened in the next 45 minutes — I don't want to remember it," Djokovic said. "I wasn't on the court. You know, I just lost the intensity and concentration. Luckily for me, I managed to bounce back, dig myself out of this hole I was in."

With things falling apart in the



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, returns the ball to David Goffin, of Belgium, during a match at the Western & Southern Open tournament Thursday in Mason, Ohio.

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second set, Djokovic slammed his racket three times, drawing a warning. And it kept getting worse against Goffin, a 24-year-old Belgian who is 1-20 against top-10 players. Finally, Djokovic pulled himself together and pulled it out.

"I will try to take the positive out of this match, and the positive is the last six games of the match," he said.

Djokovic will face fifth-seeded

Stan Wawrinka, who beat him for the French Open title. Wawrinka pulled out a 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5) win after Ivo Karlovic double-faulted on match point, his second serve hitting the top of the net.

Also, No. 6 Tomas Berdych beat Tommy Robredo 6-0, 6-1 to reach the quarterfinals. He'll face qualifier Alexandr Dolgoplov, who beat Jerzy Janowicz 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 win over Jerzy Janowicz.

On the women's side, Williams needed only 54 minutes to beat Karin Knapp 6-0, 6-2. She lost just 12 points while winning the first nine games.

Williams, the defending Cincinnati champion, is using the tournament as a final tuneup for the U.S. Open, where she'll try to complete a calendar Grand Slam sweep. Her quarterfinals opponent is Ana Ivanovic, who beat Sloane

Stephens 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Williams beat Ivanovic in straight sets to win her first Cincinnati title last year.

"It will be a really good match for me and kind of test where I am, you know, just in general," Williams said. "Yeah, so I look forward to that."

A right forearm injury forced Swiss teen Belinda Bencic to withdraw after she dropped the first set against seventh-seeded Lucie Safarova. The 17th-seeded Bencic said she didn't think the injury was very serious, but it was too soon to know if she could play in next week's tournament at New Haven, Connecticut.

"I wasn't 100 percent, and to beat Lucie or even compete against her, you have to be 100 percent," she said. "I didn't want to retire. This was the first I've ever had to retire. I hope it gets better."

The 18-year-old said her forearm has been sore for some time.

"Every match, it was getting tighter and tighter," she said. "I was hoping that a lot of (therapy) would help, but I couldn't do it."

Bencic was coming off the biggest moment of her brief career. She upset Williams in the semifinals at Toronto last week and went on to win the tournament.

RODEO: Locals only on Sunday

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Arlington.

Also competing Friday will be defending Pendleton Round-Up team roping champions Jake Stanley of Hermiston and Bucky Campbell of Benton City, Washington. Stanley enters the weekend third in the NPRA header standings while Campbell is fifth among heelers.

Also highlighting Friday's draw is a bull riding section that includes three young locals.

Pendleton's Bryan Carter, Weston's Jacob Ramirez and Hermiston's Sid Britt will all leave the chutes as part of a nine-rider section.

Saturday's performance will be lighter on locals, but Hermiston's Cody Ford and Drew Guthmiller are scheduled to hop on bulls, while Pendleton's Alex Simonton takes a

crack at the saddle bronc pen.

As well as the typical rodeo events, contestants will also compete in cow milking, breakaway roping, novice bareback and novice saddle bronc. Steer roping will not be held.

Tickets are \$10 and a live band will perform at the beer garden following each night's performance.

The rodeo action doesn't end Saturday with the conclusion of the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo, either. On Sunday the locals-only MoCo Rodeo will take the arena at 1:15 p.m. It will feature the standard events, plus ribbon roping has been added this year.

The Morrow County Fair grounds are located on Highway 74 in Heppner.

For more information on either rodeo contact the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo office at (541) 676-9451.

Griffin concussed in exhibition game

By HOWARD FENDRICH
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LANDOVER, Md. — After watching Robert Griffin III get knocked around for three possessions, Washington Redskins coach Jay Gruden sent his starting quarterback back out for a fourth Thursday night. That one ended with consecutive sacks and Griffin leaving with a concussion.

Griffin was hurt early in the second quarter of Washington's 21-17 exhibition victory over the Detroit Lions when he fumbled the ball without contact while scrambling, then got landed on by defensive end Corey Wooton.

Gruden said he had "no idea" how long the 2012 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year would be

sidelined. As for who would start Washington's next preseason game, Aug. 29 at Baltimore, Gruden said: "We'll have to see. I would imagine, depending how long he's out, he's still going to be our starter."

Added Gruden: "We'll have to wait, go through the whole process, see how he recovers, see how fast he recovers."

Griffin also got a stinger in his right shoulder, but Gruden said that should be OK. As part of the NFL's concussion rules, Griffin wasn't allowed to speak to reporters after the game. He completed 2 of 5 passes for 8 yards, fumbled twice, was sacked three times and hit hard on other occasions.

Asked why he kept Griffin in for a fourth series despite the pounding the QB was taking,

Gruden replied: "We weren't doing that well on offense. I wanted to try to get something going on offense. A lot of quarterbacks play into the second quarter in a preseason game. Football is a tough sport."

It capped a rough week for Griffin, who caused a national "firestorm," to use his word, with comments in a television interview about striving to be the best quarterback in the NFL. The No. 2 overall pick in the NFL draft after winning the Heisman Trophy, Griffin has been plagued by injuries in the pros, including tearing knee ligaments as a rookie and dislocating an ankle last year.

After his last play Thursday, Griffin stayed down on the field for about 5 minutes and was tended to by trainers.

LLWS: Eight games today

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after noon, with up to an inch of rain expected. Opening ceremonies were canceled and won't be rescheduled.

Eight games are now set for Friday. Little League officials believe that is the most played in one day at the world series. The series used to be a single-elimination event with eight teams needing just eight games total over a few days to declare a champion. The tournament introduced pool play in 1992 and expanded to its current 16 teams in 2001.

Williamsport's National Weather Service forecast for Friday called for a slight chance of showers before 2 p.m. EDT, then clouds, sun and high temperatures around 80 degrees through the middle of next week.

The revised schedule for Friday is: Uganda vs. Dominican Republic at 10 a.m.; Pearland, Texas, vs. Portland, Oregon at 11 a.m. (8 a.m. PST); Venezuela, vs. Australia at 1 p.m.; Bowling Green, Kentucky vs. Bonita, California at 2 p.m.; Surrey, British Columbia vs. Mexicali, Mexico, 4 p.m.; Taylors, South Carolina vs.

Cranston, Rhode Island at 5 p.m.; Taiwan vs. Japan at 7 p.m.; and Lewisberry, Pennsylvania vs. Webb City, Missouri at 8 p.m.

The team from New Albany, Indiana, that was to receive its uniforms, championship banner, and be recognized as the 2014 Great Lakes regional champions with a ceremonial first pitch Thursday night will now be recognized before Friday's Bowling Green vs. Bonita game. Bowling Green is this year's Great Lakes region champion. Little League declared New Albany the 2014 Great Lakes champion in February after stripping the honor from Jackie Robinson West of Chicago for boundary manipulation and ineligible players.

Little League World Series festivities began Wednesday night with the Grand Slam parade in downtown Williamsport, with former manager Jim Leyland serving as grand marshal. Former New York Yankees reliever Mariano Rivera is still scheduled to visit and be inducted into Little League's Hall of Excellence on Tuesday.

BEAVERS: McMaryion, Mitchell played on scout team

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runner for the job.

He verbally committed in January after switching from San Jose State and enrolled at Oregon State early. As a senior at Granite Hills High School in San Diego, he passed for 1,013 yards and 12 touchdowns while running for 988 yards and 17 scores.

He said that he chose the Beavers because of the chance to play right away.

"I sat down with my parents, and any school I planned on attending, I planned on going in and trying to compete for the job," he said. "Because if not, what's the point?"

Collins generated buzz in spring practice, then threw for 175 yards and two touchdowns while also running for 74 yards in the spring game.

Speaking for the first time at the start of fall camp, Collins was unruffled by the prospect of being a freshman starter.

"You have to take a step on the field, whether you're a freshman, sophomore or



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In this April 18, 2015, file photo, Oregon State quarterback Seth Collins passes during the second half of the team's spring game in Corvallis. Collins is one of three players battling for the starting job for the Beavers.

a junior, you have to take that first step on the field," he said. "Taking my first step on the field in the first game of the year? It doesn't bother me. I'm ready to go. It doesn't scare me."

McMaryion, who helped out on the scout team last year, came to the Beavers from Dinuba High School in California, where he threw for more than 500 yards in a game as a junior.

Mitchell also played on the scout team last season,

and was voted by his teammates as the scout team's offensive MVP. From North Bend, Washington, Mitchell completed 6 of 13 passes for 59 yards in the spring game and also ran for 12 yards on five carries.

"Whoever they end up deciding on — whether they have one quarterback, two quarterbacks — whoever gets the job is going to have our full support. I think it's just about going out there and improving each and every

day," Mitchell said.

Andersen has introduced a true freshman quarterback before: He was coach at Utah State when Chuckie Keeton made a splash in his first year.

Keeton, now a redshirt senior for the Aggies, started in eight games his freshman year, throwing for 1,200 yards with 11 touchdowns, while Utah State went 7-6. But the next season Keeton threw for 3,373 yards and 27 touchdowns, and the Aggies went 11-2.

So Andersen realizes it's a process.

"You're going to go through some growing pains. As you move through that, you have to be patient, but you also have to have expectations," Andersen said. "You have to be careful that you put the young man in a position to do things that he can do. Don't expect him to be a junior quarterback that is in the spread offense and has done some wonderful things throughout his career."

Oregon State opens the season on Sept. 4 at home against Weber State.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Eastern Oregon Invitational Today

Eastern Oregon vs. North Idaho, 11 a.m.
MSU-Northern vs. Oregon Tech, 11 a.m.
Montana Western vs. Corban, 1 p.m.
Montana Western vs. Northwest, 5 p.m.
Eastern Oregon vs. MSU-Northern, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Oregon Tech vs. Montana Western, 9 a.m.
Northwest vs. MSU-Northern, 11 a.m.
Eastern Oregon vs. Southern Idaho, 11 a.m.
Eastern Oregon vs. University of Montana Western, 1 p.m.
Corban vs. MSU-Northern, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER

EOU Kickoff Showcase

Eastern Oregon vs. UBC-Okanagan, Noon
College of Idaho vs. UBC-Okanagan, 1 p.m.

Baseball

American League				
East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	67	53	.558	—
Toronto	66	55	.545	1½
Baltimore	62	58	.516	7½
Tampa Bay	60	61	.496	7½
Boston	55	66	.455	12½
Central				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	73	47	.608	—
Detroit	59	61	.492	14
Minnesota	60	61	.495	13½
Chicago	56	63	.470	16½
Cleveland	56	64	.467	17
West				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	66	56	.541	—
Los Angeles	63	58	.520	2½

Texas	61	59	.508	4
Seattle	56	65	.463	9½
Oakland	53	69	.434	13

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Minnesota at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit 4, Texas 0
Boston 4, Kansas City 1
Tampa Bay 1, Houston 0
Chicago White Sox 8, L.A. Angels 2

Friday's Games

Cleveland (Carrasco 11-9) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 9-5), 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milone 6-3) at Baltimore (W.Chen 7-6), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 13-5) at Detroit (Verlander 1-5), 4:08 p.m.
Kansas City (Cueto 2-1) at Boston (Owens 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 7-7) at Houston (Fiers 0-0), 5:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Smily 0-2) at Oakland (Bassitt 1-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Price 11-4) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 7-6), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 11-7) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 14-7), 7:10 p.m.

San Diego	59	62	.488	8½
Colorado	49	70	.412	17½

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh 4, San Francisco 0
Arizona 5, Cincinnati 7
Miami 9, Philadelphia 4
Chicago Cubs 7, Atlanta 1
Colorado 3, Washington 2

Friday's Games

Atlanta (S.Miller 5-9) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 6-5), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nelson 9-9) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 9-5), 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Bumgarner 14-6) at Pittsburgh (Locke 6-7), 4:05 p.m.
Arizona (R.De La Rosa 10-5) at Cincinnati (Holmberg 1-2), 4:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eickhoff 0-0) at Miami (K.Flores 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 7-7) at Houston (Fiers 0-0), 5:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 10-11) at Colorado (J.Gray 0-0), 5:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Lackey 10-7) at San Diego (Cashner 4-12), 7:10 p.m.

Northwest League

North	W	L	Pct	GB
Everett	12	10	.545	—
Vancouver	11	11	.500	1
x-Tri-City	11	11	.500	1
Spokane	10	12	.476	2
South				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Hillsboro	13	9	.590	—
Eugene	13	9	.590	—
Salem-Keizer	11	11	.500	2
Boise	7	15	.318	6
x-clinched first half				

Thursday's Games

Vancouver 6, Spokane 3
Eugene 12, Salem-Keizer 5
Tri-City 4, Everett 3
Boise 5, Hillsboro 3

Friday's Games

Vancouver at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.
Eugene at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.
Boise at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.
Everett at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.

Little League World Series

Friday's Games

Uganda vs. Dominican Republic at Volunteer, 7 a.m.
Miami at Carolina, 4 p.m.
New England at New Orleans, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indianapolis, 4:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 4:30 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 5 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 7 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 5 p.m.
St. Louis at Tennessee, 5 p.m.

Monday's Game

Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.

Soccer

East	W	L	T	Pts
D.C. United	13	8	5	44
New York	11	6	6	39
Columbus	9	8	8	35
New England	9	9	7	34
Toronto FC	9	10	4	31
Montreal	8	9	4	28
New York City FC	7	11	7	28
Orlando City	7	11	7	28
Philadelphia	6	13	6	24
Chicago	6	12	5	23
West				
W	L	T	Pts	
Los Angeles	12	7	7	43
Vancouver	13	9	3	42
Sporting K.C.	11	5	7	40
Portland	11	8	6	39
FC Dallas	11	7	5	38
Seattle	11	12	2	35
San Jose	9	10	5	32
Houston	8	9	7	31

NFL Preseason

Thursday's Games

Washington 21, Detroit 17
Buffalo 11, Cleveland 10

Friday's Games

Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 4:30 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 5 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Baltimore at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 8 p.m.
New England at New Orleans, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indianapolis, 4:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 4:30 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 5 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 7 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 5 p.m.
St. Louis at Tennessee, 5 p.m.

Monday's Game

Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.

Real Salt Lake	7	10	8	29
Colorado	5	9	9	24

Friday's Games

Houston at Portland, 11 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Orlando City at Toronto FC, 4 p.m.
San Jose at D.C. United, 7 p.m.
Sporting K.C. at Montreal, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
FC Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New York City FC at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA				
East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	17	7	.708	—
Indiana	15	9	.625	2
Washington	15	9	.625	2
Chicago	15	11	.577	3
Connecticut	12	15	.450	5
Atlanta	9	15	.375	8
West				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Minnesota	18	8	.692	—
Phoenix	15	10	.600	2½
Tulsa	12	14	.462	6
Los Angeles	8	17	.320	9½
San Antonio	7	19	.269	11
Seattle	7	19	.269	11
x-clinched playoff spot				