

Tennis

Raonic beats Federer to reach 1st Grand Slam final

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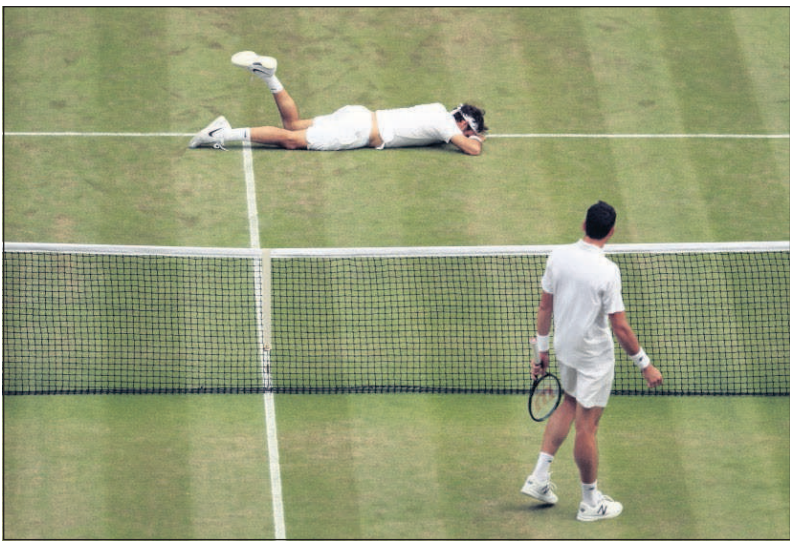
LONDON — Roger Federer’s bid for a record eighth Wimbledon title was cut short in the semifinals Friday by Milos Raonic, a big-serving Canadian who came from two-sets-to-one down to win in five and reach his first Grand Slam final.

Raonic beat the seven-time champion 6-3, 6-7 (3), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 on Centre Court, handing the Swiss great his first loss ever in the Wimbledon semifinals after 10 straight wins.

“This one clearly hurts because I felt I could have had it,” Federer said. “So close. It was really so, so close. It clearly hurts.”

The 25-year-old Raonic became the first Canadian man in history to advance to the final of a Grand Slam tournament. The only other Canadian to get this far was Eugenie Bouchard, the women’s runner-up at Wimbledon in 2014.

In Sunday’s final, Raonic will face 2013 champion Andy Murray, who swept Tomas Berdych 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 in less than two hours to reach the championship match for the third time at Wimbledon and



Adam Davy/Pool Photo via AP
Roger Federer of Switzerland, top, falls over during his men's semifinal singles match against Milos Raonic of Canada on day twelve of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Friday, July 8, 2016.

11th time at a Grand Slam.

The second-seeded Murray has a 6-3 career record against Raonic, including a win in the final of the Wimbledon warm-up at Queen’s Club last month.

The sixth-seeded Raonic, who served 23 aces among his 75 winners, avenged a Wimbledon

some really good tennis. And just on the little, little opening, I managed to turn it around.”

For Federer, the loss means he remains one title short of the all-time Wimbledon men’s record. He’s still tied with Pete Sampras and 1880s player William Renshaw with seven.

Federer last won Wimbledon in 2012, the last of his record 17 Grand Slam championships. He lost in the Wimbledon final the past two years to Novak Djokovic, who was ousted in the third round this year by Sam Querrey.

“I mean, yes, while I’m in the tournament, it’s a dream to win my eighth,” Federer said. “It’s not my only reason why I play tennis, just to be clear, otherwise I’ll go in a freeze box now and come out before Wimbledon next year.”

The match turned in the fourth set, as Raonic saved three break points — two in one game to stay ahead 3-2, another with a service winner to hold for 5-4.

Then Federer went up 40-0 on serve at 6-5, but couldn’t hold. He served two double-faults in a row to set up deuce. Federer saved two set points before Raonic hit a backhand passing shot down the

line to send the match into a fifth.

“I can’t believe I served a double-fault twice,” Federer said. “Unexplainable for me really. Very sad about that and angry at myself because never should I allow him to get out of that set that easily.”

After that break, Federer called for a trainer on the changeover and had his right thigh massaged.

Then, while serving at 2-1 down in the fifth, Federer lost his footing on a deuce point and fell onto his stomach on the turf while trying in vain to reach a passing shot. Federer went immediately to his chair and called for trainer, who examined his left knee.

Federer, who had surgery on his left knee in February, resumed the game and didn’t show any outward sign of injury. But he was broken in that game after another crucial double-fault at deuce. On the second break point, Raonic stroked a forehand cross-court passing shot winner.

That break put Raonic in firm control. He stayed on top the rest of the set and served out the match at love.

Federer said later he wasn’t sure whether he had picked up an injury.

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The USA Explosion Dave’s Food Mart 14u softball team split a Friday doubleheader falling to the Northwest Bullets 8-7 before rebounding for a 9-1 win over the Oregon Titans.

In Game 1 against the Bullets, the Explosion scored first in the second inning on an RBI double to center field by Allie Brock to bring Chelsea Farrow around from first base to score for the 1-0 lead. But then the Bullets got to Explosion pitcher Katie Bradt and scored eight unanswered runs over the next four innings to jump to an 8-1 lead.

However, the Explosion were not ready to wave the

white flag just yet. In the seventh inning, they made a valiant effort at a comeback, starting the inning off with a walk before three-straight hits had them in business with more runs on the board.

After getting the lead down to 8-7 after an RBI single by Sami Spriet, Jaiden Hafer came to the plate for the second time in the inning with the tying run on third base, but unfortunately a pop fly to short stop ended the threat and the game with an 8-7 loss.

In Game 2, the Explosion jumped on the Oregon Titans from the start with a run in the first inning when Jaycee Seavert scored on an error for the 1-0 lead. Seavert scored another run two innings later on a steal

MLB

Straily solid as Reds fall to Marlins

By **CHRISTOPHER STOCK**
Associated Press

MIAMI (AP) — Dan Straily’s quality start was not good enough to beat Jose Fernandez and the Miami Marlins.

Straily allowed three runs in six innings for the Cincinnati Reds in a 3-1 loss to the Marlins on Friday night to begin the final series before the All-Star break.

“On another day that could have been a game we won if we could have got anything going offensively,” Reds manager Bryan Price said.

Straily (4-6) allowed six hits and two walks. He struck out two.

“I thought I pitched well but not good enough,” Straily said. “Certain nights you have to go out there and win a ballgame 1-0. I wasn’t able to get that done tonight.”

Cincinnati second baseman Brandon Phillips left after being hit by a pitch on the left hand in the seventh inning. X-rays

revealed a hairline fracture.

“It wasn’t good enough to stay in the game,” Price said. “It was real sore. We’ll have to see where he is tomorrow with a lot of ice and time to sleep and get the swelling down.”

Fernandez (11-4) bounced back from allowing a career-high nine runs, six earned, in a loss at Atlanta to allow one unearned run in seven innings for the Marlins.

Fernandez struck out eight and did not walk a batter while allowing six hits to lower his first-half ERA to 2.52. The Reds scored the unearned run with two errors committed by Marlins’ outfielders.

Christian Yelich’s RBI double in the first gave the Marlins the lead.

Adam Duvall’s single tied the game in the top of the fourth before Dietrich’s base hit put the Marlins ahead 2-1 in the bottom of the inning.

Yelich hit a solo homer in the sixth for a 3-1 lead.



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