

NFL Mariota named Polynesian pro player of the year

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Tennessee quarterback Marcus Mariota has been voted the 2016 Polynesian Pro Football Player of the Year after leading the Titans to their first winning record since 2011 in his second season.



Mariota

The Polynesian Football Hall of Fame announced the award Thursday. "What an incredible gift," Mariota said in a video recorded at the Titans' headquarters, where he is recovering from surgery to repair a broken right fibula. "I am truly, truly blessed. Thank you to the entire Polynesian Hall of Fame staff and selection committee. I'm truly honored by this prestigious award and look

forward to representing it with high regard and a high standard."

Arizona guard Mike Lupati won the inaugural award in 2015 honoring the top player of Polynesian ancestry.

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound Mariota was born in Honolulu and is of Samoan descent. Mariota became the first player of Polynesian ancestry to win the Heisman Trophy, at Oregon in 2014, and also became the Hall of Fame's inaugural college football player of the year.

In 2016, Mariota had a 95.6 passer rating that ranked third in franchise history. He was 276 of 451 for 3,426 yards with 26 touchdowns and nine interceptions. He also ran for 349 yards and two touchdowns.

Hockey

US beats Canada in world junior thriller

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Troy Terry scored the lone shootout goal, Tyler Parsons stopped all five shots he faced in the tiebreaker and the United States outlasted Canada 5-4 on Thursday night to win the world junior hockey title.

The game was decided in the five-round shootout after a 20-minute overtime period.

On Wednesday in the semifinals, Terry scored on all three of his shootout attempts to give the United States a 4-3 victory over Russia. He beat the goalie between the legs on all four attempts.

"Before the shootout, I was thinking about trying something different (than shooting between the legs)," Terry said. "As I came down, I decided I just had to try to go five-hole."

The University of Denver forward and Anaheim draft pick beat Carter Hart in the fourth round of the shootout. Parsons then stopped



Paul Chiasson/The Canadian Press via AP

United States players pose with the trophy after defeating Canada in the final of the world junior championship in Montreal on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017.

Anthony Cirelli's attempt, American Jeremy Bracco missed a chance to end it in the fifth round, and Nicholas Roy mishandled the puck on Canada's last attempt.

The Americans won their fourth title and first since 2013. They won all seven of their games in the tournament, also beating Canada 3-1 on Saturday in the group finale.

The teams met for the fourth time in the championship game, with the Americans also winning in 2004 and 2010 and Canada in 1997. Canada won the last of its record 16 titles in 2015.

"I'm proud of what I've done in this tournament, but it's so hard to lose this game," said Canadian defenseman Thomas Chabot, the tourna-

ment MVP. "I put everything I could into representing my country as well as I could and help the team win. I may have got the MVP, but I'm heartbroken. It's very difficult right now."

The Americans overcame two two-goal deficits to force overtime.

"It was such an up-and-down game," Terry said. "We were down two goals twice. I think when we were down 2-0 and came back to tie it we got some confidence because it sucked to go down two goals right away. But, we knew as a team that no matter how we played, we had the confidence to get back into the game."

Parsons made 46 saves. He plays for London in Ontario Hockey League.

"It was a great atmosphere in the building," Parsons said. "It gave me chills. It's unbelievable to win this for your country."

Earlier, Russia beat Sweden 2-1 in overtime in the bronze-medal game.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

BOYS' PREP BASKETBALL

Today
Pilot Rock at Imbler, 3 p.m.
Irrigon at Grant Union, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Helix at Cove, 7 p.m.
Union at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Enterprise, 7:30 p.m.
Mitchell/Spray at Arlington, 7:30 p.m.
lone at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.
Joseph at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Powder Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Mountain View at Hermiston, 3:45 p.m.
Redmond at Pendleton, 4:30 p.m.
Ontario at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Imbler, 5:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 5:30 p.m.
Elgin at Heppner, 5:30 p.m.
Arlington at South Wasco, 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Horizon Christian (Hood River), 5:30 p.m.
Sherman at Lone, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Powder Valley, 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS' PREP BASKETBALL

Today
Irrigon at Grant Union, 5 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Imbler, 6 p.m.
Union at Heppner, 6 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Enterprise, 6 p.m.
Helix at Cove, 6 p.m.
Mitchell/Spray at Arlington, 6 p.m.
lone at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.
Joseph at Echo, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Powder Valley, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Hermiston at Mountain View, 2 p.m.
Redmond at Pendleton, 2:45 p.m.
Union at Heppner, 3 p.m.
Stanfield at Imbler, 4 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Enterprise, 4 p.m.
Elgin at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Arlington at South Wasco, 4 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Horizon Christian (Hood River), 4 p.m.
Sherman at Lone, 4 p.m.
Helix at Powder Valley, 4 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Friday-Saturday
Mac-Hi, Irrigon, Heppner, Echo at JoHi Invite (Joseph), 9 a.m.
Saturday
Riverside at Grandview (WA) Winter Classic, 9 a.m.
Pendleton at Brunner Invitational (Dallas), 9 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston at The Dalles Meet (at Hood River Aquatic Center), 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today
Warner Pacific at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday
Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 4 p.m.
Multnomah at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today
Warner Pacific at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
Blue Mountain at Big Bend, 2 p.m.
Multnomah at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Today
Eastern Oregon vs. Embury-Riddle (at Menlo Duals), 6 p.m.
Saturday
Eastern Oregon at Menlo Duals, TBD

Prep Scores

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday's Games
Aloha 50, Glencoe 47
Columbia Christian 61, St. Helens 47
Corbett 41, Hood River 39
Dallas 59, Lebanon 55
De La Salle 54, Portland Christian 51
Grant 68, Franklin 64, OT
Lincoln 64, Madison 52
McKay 72, Roseburg 56
Roosevelt 17, Benson 38
South Albany 71, Woodburn 54

GIRLS BASKETBALL
Thursday's Games
Banks 46, Portland Adventist 35
Cleveland 62, Wilson 21
Grant 77, Franklin 39
Hood River 60, Corbett 45
Lincoln 53, Madison 35
Newberg 63, Tualatin 45

Football

NFL
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday
Oakland at Houston, 1:35 p.m. (ESPN)
Detroit at Seattle, 5:15 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday
Miami at Pittsburgh, 10:05 a.m. (CBS)
N.Y. Giants at Green Bay, 1:40 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 14
Seattle, Green Bay or N.Y. Giants at Atlanta, 1:35 p.m. (FOX)
Houston, Oakland or Miami at New England, 5:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 15

Pittsburgh, Houston or Oakland at Kansas City, 10:05 a.m. (NBC)
Green Bay, N.Y. Giants or Detroit at Dallas, 1:40 p.m. (FOX)

NCAA

Bowl Game
Monday, Jan. 9
National Championship
at Tampa, Fla.
Alabama (14-0) vs. Clemson (13-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Basketball

NBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
Toronto 24 11 680 3
Boston 21 14 600 3
New York 16 19 457 8
Philadelphia 9 24 273 14
Brooklyn 8 26 235 15½

Southeast Division
Atlanta 20 16 556 —
Charlotte 20 17 541 ½
Washington 16 18 471 3
Orlando 16 21 432 4½
Miami 11 26 297 9½

Central Division
Cleveland 26 8 765 —
Milwaukee 18 16 529 8
Indiana 19 18 514 8½
Chicago 18 18 500 9
Detroit 17 21 447 11

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
San Antonio 29 7 806 —
Houston 28 9 757 1½
Memphis 22 16 579 8
New Orleans 14 23 378 15½
Dallas 11 25 306 18

Northwest Division
Utah 22 15 595 —
Oklahoma City 21 16 568 1
Portland 16 22 421 6½
Denver 14 22 389 7½
Minnesota 11 24 314 10

Pacific Division
Golden State 31 5 861 —
L.A. Clippers 24 14 632 8
Sacramento 15 20 429 15½
L.A. Lakers 13 26 333 19½
Phoenix 12 25 324 19½

Thursday's Games
Indiana 121, Brooklyn 109
Detroit 115, Charlotte 114

Toronto 101, Utah 93
Atlanta 99, New Orleans 94
Houston 118, Oklahoma City 116
Phoenix 102, Dallas 95
San Antonio 127, Denver 99
Portland 118, L.A. Lakers 109

Today's Games
Houston at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
New York at Indiana, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Detroit at Portland, 7 p.m.

NCAA
Men's Top 25
Thursday's Games
No. 4 UCLA 81, California 71
No. 5 Gonzaga 95, San Francisco 80
No. 17 Arizona 66, Utah 56
No. 19 Saint Mary's 81, BYU 68
No. 20 Purdue 76, Ohio State 75
No. 25 Southern Cal 72, Stanford 66

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Women's Top 25
Thursday's Games
No. 4 Mississippi State 59, Arkansas 51
No. 5 South Carolina 73, Auburn 47
No. 6 Florida State 90, North Carolina 77
No. 7 Notre Dame 92, Wake Forest 72
No. 8 Louisville 86, Virginia 81, OT
No. 13 Duke 75, Georgia Tech 68
No. 14 Miami 67, N.C. State 64
No. 24 Kentucky 64, Missouri 62

Friday's Games
No. 9 UCLA at Washington State, 9 p.m.
No. 10 Stanford vs. Oregon, 11 p.m.
No. 12 Washington vs. Southern Cal, 11 p.m.
No. 19 Arizona State at Utah, 9 p.m.
No. 20 California vs. No. 16 Oregon State, 9 p.m.

Women's Top 25
Thursday's Games
Edmonton 4, Boston 3
Washington 5, Columbus 0
Nashville 6, Tampa Bay 1
Carolina 4, St. Louis 2
Chicago 4, Buffalo 3, OT
Detroit 4, Los Angeles 0
Minnesota 5, San Jose 4

Today's Games
Toronto at New Jersey, 4:30 p.m.
Nashville at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
Carolina at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Arizona at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

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Toronto 37 17 12 8 42 113 109
Tampa Bay 40 19 17 4 42 114 117
Houston 39 16 15 8 40 93 108
Detroit 39 17 17 5 39 97 109
Buffalo 38 14 15 9 37 85 106

Metropolitan Division
Columbus 37 27 6 4 58 126 79
Pittsburgh 38 25 8 5 55 133 107
N.Y. Rangers 41 27 13 1 55 141 103
Washington 38 24 9 5 53 110 83
Philadelphia 40 20 15 5 45 118 125
Carolina 38 17 14 7 41 109 103
Winnipeg 41 19 19 3 41 113 122
Dallas 39 16 15 8 40 100 117
Colorado 38 12 25 1 25 77 129

Western Conference
Central Division
Chicago 41 24 12 5 53 113 101
Minnesota 37 24 9 4 52 118 80
St. Louis 39 20 14 5 45 110 115
Nashville 38 17 14 7 41 109 103
Winnipeg 41 19 19 3 41 113 122
Dallas 39 16 15 8 40 100 117
Colorado 38 12 25 1 25 77 129

Pacific Division
San Jose 39 23 14 2 48 99 87
Anaheim 40 20 12 8 48 109 109
Edmonton 40 20 13 7 47 115 107
Calgary 40 21 17 2 44 109 112
Los Angeles 39 19 16 4 42 94 96
Vancouver 40 19 18 3 41 100 116
Arizona 38 11 22 5 27 82 124

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

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Washington 5, Columbus 0
Nashville 6, Tampa Bay 1
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Arizona at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Golf

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Thursday
At Plantation Course at Kapalua
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First Round
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Jim Herman 32-35—67

Justin Thomas 34-33—67
Ryan Moore 31-36—67
Daniel Berger 31-37—68
Jason Dufner 34-34—68
Cody Gribble 33-36—69
Rory Sabbatini 35-34—69
Pat Perez 34-35—69
Hideki Matsuyama 34-35—69
Dustin Johnson 34-35—69
Aaron Baddeley 34-36—70
Tony Finau 36-34—70
Fabian Gomez 34-36—70
William McGirt 35-35—70

Transactions

THURSDAY BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND — Designated LHP Edwin Escobar for assignment. Agreed to terms with DH Edwin Encarnacion on a three-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with C Steve Lerud and RHP Jaye Chapman on minor league contracts.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with RHP Gavin Floyd on a minor league contract.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL Association
MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Assigned G Wade Baldwin IV and F Troy Williams to Iowa (NBADL).
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Recalled F Richaun Holmes from Delaware (NBADL).

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL — Suspended Dallas DE Randy Gregory for one year for a third violation of the league's substance-abuse policy this season.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed WR Aaron Dobson and P Richie Leone to reserve/future contracts.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Placed CB Makinton Dorleant on injured reserve. Signed CB Herb Waters from the practice squad and CB Keith Baxter to the practice squad.

NEW YORK JETS — Signed LS Zach Triner to a reserve/future contract.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Agreed to terms with WR Darel Walker. Signed G Jarvis Harrison to a reserve/future contract.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Promoted general manager Jon Robinson to executive vice president/general manager.

WASHINGTON — Fired defensive coordinator Joe Barry, defensive line coach Robb Akey, defensive backs coach Perry Fewell and strength and conditioning coach Mike Clark. Signed S Earl Wolff to a reserve/future contract.

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