

NADAL: Loss ended winning streak of 28 straight sets at majors

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2015) or fourth round (2014, 2017).

All of those losses, except Monday's, came against men ranked 100th or worse. The 34-year-old Muller is not exactly a giant-killer: He had lost 22 consecutive matches against players in the top five. And he'd only reached a Grand Slam quarterfinal once before, at the 2008 U.S. Open.

Nadal said Muller's powerful serve and crisp volleys make him "uncomfortable" to play.

Now Muller, who also beat Nadal at Wimbledon in 2005, will get a much-needed chance to recover before facing 2014 U.S.

Open champion Marin Cilic in Wednesday's quarterfinals.

Other men's quarterfinals: defending champion Andy Murray against Sam Querrey of the U.S., Roger Federer against Milos Raonic, Tomas Berdych against Novak Djokovic or Adrian Panatta. The Djokovic-Panatta fourth-rounder was postponed until Tuesday; it had been scheduled for No. 1 Court after Nadal-Muller concluded.

But that duo played on and on, past 8 p.m., when the descending sun's reflection off the arena bothered Nadal so much that he held up action; chair umpire Ali Nili asked spectators to stand in the way and block the rays. A few games later, Nili told

fans to stop doing the wave, suggesting they wait for the next changeover so play could proceed.

Hours earlier came what might be interpreted as a bad omen for Nadal: Going through his prematch rituals on the way to the court, he jumped up so high that he banged his head on the doorway's transom. He staggered back a bit, then tried to laugh it off, before rubbing the top of his head.

"Maybe that's why the first two sets I was winning quite easy," Muller joked. "Maybe still a little bit feeling dizzy."

After all, until Monday, Nadal hadn't lost a Grand Slam set since the fifth of the Australian Open final

in January against Federer. From the outset of the French Open — where he won a record 10th championship last month — and through his first three matches at Wimbledon, Nadal won 28 consecutive completed sets at the majors. Healthy and playing terrifically, Nadal seemed poised to again be a factor at the All England Club.

Don't forget: From 2006-11, he reached the final in five consecutive Wimbledon (he missed it in 2009 because of bad knees), winning titles in 2008 and 2010.

After losing two sets in the opening 75 minutes against Muller, Nadal adjusted. He stepped a little farther behind the baseline to give himself

more time to react. He also fared better on his own serve, finishing with 23 aces, an unusually high total for Nadal and only seven fewer than Muller.

So they headed to a fifth set, which was masterful, filled with brilliance from both.

Still, things were not looking good for Nadal when he served while down 5-4 and double-faulted to trail 15-40. But Nadal deflected those initial two match points for Muller with an ace and a service winner. Muller's next two match points came at 10-9: Nadal deleted the first with a volley winner, and the second disappeared when Muller shanked a return.

"It was not easy," Muller said, "to keep believing."

One key: Nadal converted only 2 of 16 break points. That included going 0 for 5 in the fifth set, four in one game, and was a big reason that the No. 4-seeded Spaniard lost despite remarkable totals of 77 winners and 17 unforced errors.

"When you are in the fifth, against a player like him, (the outcome) just depends on a few balls," Nadal said.

The fifth set alone lasted 2 hours, 15 minutes, until Nadal pushed a forehand long, meaning he would not manage to complete what would have been his fourth career comeback from two sets down.

Instead, it was Muller who was able to enjoy a win that seemed to be slipping away.

LITTLE LEAGUE: Hermiston places second in Intermediate Baseball

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INTERMEDIATE BASEBALL

GRANTS PASS — The Hermiston all-stars placed second at the Oregon Little League State Tournament on July 5.

Hermiston fell to Ashland in the championship 21-10.

No details from the games were available.

Hermiston had started its tournament run with a 9-5 win over Reynolds, then stomped the host team Grants Pass 20-5 before running up against Ashland for the first time.

That one went to Ashland 17-7, but Hermiston wasn't done yet and battled a revenge-minded Grants Pass to reach championship game. After a back-and-forth game, Herm-

iston beat Grants Pass 23-22.

Hermiston was coached by Manager Chris Elliott, Justin Henderson and Josh Stocker. Members of the team are: Derek Devin, Hunter Dyer, Chase Elliott, Josh Fernandez, Kaiden Henderson, Caden Hottman, Jacob Parker, Aaron Ransom, Fabian Rosales, Jaydon Sanchez and Tyson Stocker.

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"I mean, honestly, I didn't think about that," the 13th-seeded Ostapenko said, then quickly added: "But, I mean, yeah, I think I deserve to play on a better court than Court 12, I guess."

The site of her 6-3, 7-6 (6) victory over No. 4 Elina Svitolina has a seating capacity of 1,065, making it only the fifth largest for the event.

Garbine Muguruza beat Kerber 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 at Court No. 2, with its 4,063 seats, in a matchup between the past two Wimbledon runners-up, a pair of players with a combined three major championships, and the woman atop the WTA rankings (well, until next week).

While Kerber noted that scheduling is "not so easy" on the second Monday at Wimbledon — the only major with all men's and women's singles matches on one day — she added: "Of course, I was surprised."

Muguruza's take? "I don't want to make any problem. I'm so focused on what I do, I don't care if I played on 13, 1, 5," she said, then acknowledged: "I was expecting another court."

All England Club chief executive Richard Lewis said scheduling decisions involve "some difficult choices."

Lewis said one factor Monday was that "four of the all-time great male players" — Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray — were all playing. Their matches were all on the

tournament's two principal courts.

Both Centre Court (nearly 15,000 seats) and No. 1 Court (more than 11,000) had two men's matches and one women's match.

"I wouldn't say it's favoritism," Lewis said.

"In the end, it's not about male-female," he said. "It's about which matches in the end are the ones that the public and broadcasters most of all would like to see."

Five-time champion Williams played in the main stadium, winning 31 of 36 first-serve points while overpowering 27th-seeded Ana Konjuh of Croatia 6-3, 6-2.

Williams, a vocal advocate for Wimbledon's switch in 2007 to equal prize money for the genders, said about the court assignments: "I'm sure that the women ... would want more matches on Centre or Court No. 1 over the whole fortnight."

She and Murray think the All England Club should consider placing four matches — two men's, two women's — at each of the top two arenas on what's called "Manic Monday."

Over on No. 1 Court, Konta won 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-4 against No. 21 Caroline Garcia of France. Not since Jo Durie 33 years ago has the host country had a woman in the quarterfinals.

Britain's last female champion was Virginia Wade in 1977.

"I've dreamed of it ever since I was a little girl — to be a Grand Slam champion," said Konta, who had won just one match in

five previous Wimbledon appearances.

Five-time champion Williams is 37; each of her past two opponents is 19. Now the American faces Ostapenko, who turned 20 last month and was born after Williams made her Grand Slam debut at the 1997 French Open.

"Winning never gets old at any stage in your career. Ever," Williams said, then repeated that final word for emphasis.

The other women's quarterfinal matchups Tuesday: Konta vs. No. 2-seeded Simona Halep, Muguruza vs. two-time major champion Svetlana Kuznetsova and Rybarikova against 24th-seeded CoCo Vandeweghe of the U.S.

Halep, who lost to Ostapenko in the French Open final, defeated former No. 1 Victoria Azarenka 7-6 (3), 6-2 and would replace Kerber at No. 1 if she eliminates Konta next. If Halep loses, then 2016 U.S. Open runner-up Karolina Pliskova would move atop the rankings despite a second-round exit at Wimbledon.

Rybarikova, a 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 winner against 135th-ranked qualifier Petra Martic at Court 18 (capacity: 782), had no problem with the way matches were organized.

"To be honest, really, I enjoy watching more men's tennis," she said. "Also for the spectators, it's more enjoyable to watch, because it's ... Federer, Murray, Huge names. And I think they deserve, obviously, to be on Centre Court and Court 1. For me, myself, I'm happy to be on any court."

D-JAXX: Hodgen, DFM/Pratt take losses

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the win.

Leading the team at the plate was Primus (3 for 4, 4 runs, 2 RBI), Tucker Zander (2 for 2, 2 walks, 3 runs, 2 RBI), Kyle Field (1 for 1, 2 runs, 2 RBI), Nat Hunsaker (3 for 5, 2 runs, 2 RBI) and Tyler Browning (3 for 5, 3 runs, 2 RBI).

In Saturday's morning game, the Diamondjaxx beat River City 3-2 after scoring a run in the sixth and a run in the seventh innings.

Tanner Sweek pitched 6 2/3 innings with 10 strikeouts, one walk, and allowed two unearned runs. Beers got the last out for the save, and Browning was 2 for 4 with one RBI. The winning run came in with two outs in the seventh and was the result of an error on a ball hit by Primus.

In the semifinals later Saturday, the Diamondjaxx stranded 11 base runners and lost 15-4 to Oak Harbor.

Hunsaker was 3 for 4 with a double and Clark was 2 for 4 with an RBI. Zander started on the mound and took the

loss allowing six earned runs. He had four strikeouts and one walk.

PROPLAYER 11, HODGEN 7 — Hodgen Distributing allowed five runs in the sixth inning as it fell 11-7 to Proplayer Team Baseball on Saturday to end its week.

Hodgen had jumped into the lead 7-6 with three runs in the bottom of the fourth Nick Bower and Ryan Russell driving in runs, but a two-run home put Proplayer back up in the sixth.

Russell went 2 for 2 with two RBI, and started on the mound. He went three innings with five strikeout and one walk, but five runs allowed, before giving the ball to reliever Justin Duso, who took the loss.

Tyler Chichester was 2 for 2 with a run scored, and Brett Swanson was 1 for 1 with three RBI for Hodgen.

SOFTBALL

BLAZE-OHANA 11, DFM/PRATT 1 — The Dave's Food Mart/Pratt softball team finished off its

weekend with two losses, and fell to Blaze-Ohana in five innings on Sunday.

DFM/Pratt had beaten USA Explosion/Coleman 6-5 in Saturday's morning game, but fell 18-5 to Oregon Titans Demarini in the evening game.

Allie Brock pitched a complete game in their win, and Katie Bradt hit single through the left side of the infield to score Jaycee Seavert for the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Bradt was 2 for 2 with two RBI, Seavert was 2 for 4 with an RBI, and Kara Gooderham went 2 for 3 with an RBI. Carissa Cooley (1 for 2) scored twice.

DFM/Pratt needed four pitchers to get through its game against Oregon Titans, and Bradt ended up getting the loss despite driving in three more runs at the plate. Also with big games on offense were Seavert (2 for 2, 2 runs), Brock (2 for 3), and Kirah McGlothlin (2 for 4, 2 runs).

McGlothlin hit a triple and scored DFM/Pratt's only run against Blaze-Ohana, and Brock pitched another complete game.

JUDGE: Major leagues' home run leader hits 47 total in derby, longest travels 513 feet

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The larger-than-life New York Yankees slugger dominated the All-Star Home Run Derby in the same manner he has smashed his way through his rookie season, beating Minnesota's Miguel Sano 11-10 with two minutes to spare in the final on Monday night.

"It was a blast. I enjoyed every minute of it — watching the other guys

swing, coming here early and talking to the media," Judge said. "Everything about today was fantastic."

Five years ago, Judge won the college home run derby in Omaha, Nebraska. This time, he outslugged some of baseball's top stars, including local favorites Giancarlo Stanton and Justin Bour of the Miami Marlins.

"A lot more fans," Judge said. "Your adrenaline is pumping, you're nervous,

you're excited. But this was an incredible experience."

Judge, 6-foot-7 and 282 pounds, hit 47 home runs in the derby that totaled 3.9 miles. His longest drive of the night went 513 feet, and he topped 500 four times.

"I thought I had seen it all before. He didn't even look like he was getting tired," said Seattle's Robinson Cano, the 2011 Derby winner. "He was going opposite field. He was late on the ball and he

was putting the ball in the upper deck."

Judge had no trouble hitting the roof, thought to be previously untouched by batted ball. That drive didn't count.

"I got it in BP, too, earlier. So I wasn't too surprised by that," Judge said.

Hitting second each time, Judge knocked out Bour 23-22 in the first round and beat Los Angeles Dodgers rookie Cody Bellinger 13-12

in the second. Then, with lightning visible behind the huge glass door, he hit a 458-foot drive above the batter's eye for the title.

"That guy Aaron Judge, he doesn't get tired," Sano said.

Many of the All-Stars sat in foul territory, some with their kids.

"I had never seen him in person. He's really impressive," said Colorado's Charlie Blackmon, who was eliminated in the first round. "The first time

I saw him, he was in a crowd. I was wondering what he was standing on. He's a monster."

Judge leads the major leagues with 30 home runs, and some Yankees fans showed up to support him in their full dress — flowing black robes and white powdered wigs. Boomed initially by the crowd of 37,027, Judge earned cheers once Stanton, the defending champion, and Bour were eliminated in the first round.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

Today's Game MLB
American League at National League, 5 p.m.

Northwest League

North Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	16	9	.640	—
Tri-City (Padres)	13	12	.520	3
Everett (Mariners)	9	16	.360	7
Spokane (Rangers)	9	16	.360	7

South Division

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Eugene (Cubs)	14	11	.560	—
Hillsboro (D-backs)	14	11	.560	—
Boise (Rockies)	13	12	.520	1
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	12	13	.480	2

Monday's Games

Vancouver at Boise, late finish
Hillsboro at Spokane, late finish
Salem-Keizer at Everett, late finish
Tri-City at Eugene, late finish

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Soccer

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	11	3	5	38	34
Chicago	10	3	5	38	37
NYC FC	11	6	3	33	36
Atl. United FC	9	7	3	30	39
Orlando City	8	7	5	29	22
Columbus	9	10	1	28	30
New York	8	8	2	26	25
Philadelphia	6	7	5	23	26
Montreal	5	6	21	27	29
New England	5	9	5	20	29
D.C. United	5	11	3	18	41

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting K.C.	8	4	8	32	25
FC Dallas	8	3	7	31	30
Houston	8	7	4	28	34
Portland	7	7	6	27	34
San Jose	7	7	5	26	22
Seattle	6	7	6	24	25
Vancouver	7	7	3	24	27

Los Angeles 6 8 4 22 28 32
Real Salt Lake 6 12 2 20 23 40
Colorado 6 11 1 19 19 27
Minn. United 5 11 3 18 25 42
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

July 7-July 18

No games scheduled

Basketball

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB	
Connecticut	10	7	.588	—
Washington	10	8	.556	½
Atlanta	8	8	.500	1½
New York	8	8	.500	1½
Indiana	7	9	.438	2½
Chicago	4	12	.250	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	13	2	.867	—
Minnesota	12	5	.706	2
Phoenix	10	6	.625	3½
Dallas	9	10	.474	6
Seattle	8	9	.471	6
San Antonio	1	16	.059	13

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 98, Dallas 78
Phoenix 81, New York 69

Monday-Tuesday

No games scheduled

Tennis

Wimbledon

Monday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club

London

Purse: \$41.1 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles

Men

Fourth Round

Marin Cilic (7), Croatia, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (18), Spain, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Andy Murray (1), Britain, def. Benoît Paire, France, 7-6 (1), 6-4, 6-4.
Sam Querrey (24), United States, def. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-7 (11), 6-3.

Tomas Berdych (11), Czech Republic, def. Dominic Thiem (8), Austria, 6-3, 6-7 (11), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Grigor Dimitrov (13), Bulgaria, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
Milos Raonic (6), Canada, def. Alexander Zverev (10), Germany, 4-6, 7-5, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1.
Gilles Muller (16), Luxembourg, def. Rafael Nadal (4), Spain, 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 15-13.

Fourth Round

Garbine Muguruza (14), Spain, def. Angelique Kerber (1), Germany, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (7), Russia, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (9), Poland, 6-2, 6-4.
Jelena Ostapenko (13), Latvia, def. Elina Svitolina (4), Ukraine, 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.
Venus Williams (10), United States, def. Ana Konjuh (27), Croatia, 6-3, 6-2.
Johanna Konta (6), Britain, def. Caroline Garcia (21), France, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 6-4.
Simona Halep (2), Romania, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
CoCo Vandeweghe (24), United States, def. Caroline Wozniacki (5), Denmark, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

Doubles

Men

Third Round

Hans Podlipnik-Castillo, Chile, and Andrei Vasilevski, Belarus, def. Raven Klaasen, South Africa, and Raveev Ram (7), United States, 6-4, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Ryan Harrison, United States, and Michael Venus (10), New Zealand, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcel Granollers (6), Spain, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-3.
Oliver Marach, Austria, and Mate Pavic (16), Croatia, def. Jay Clarke and Marcus Willis, Britain, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Henri Kontinen, Finland,