FIFA WORLD CUP 2018

RECAP

AP Photo/Petr David Josek

Argentina's Lionel Messi reacts after the third goal of Croatia during the group D match between Argentina and Croatia at the 2018 soccer World Cup in Nizhny Novgorod Stadium in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia on Thursday Croatia won 3-0.

Messi drought endures on Day 8 of World Cup

MOSCOW — Lionel Messi's goal drought at the World Cup continued on Day 8 after Croatia thrashed Argentina 3-0 to advance from the group. France also goes through after beating Peru 1-0 and eliminating the South Americans, the fourth team to be going home after this round. Kylian Mbappe became the youngest player to score for France at a World Cup at 19 years and 183 days. Denmark and Australia drew 1-1 in the early match, leaving both teams to fight for the second spot in Group C.

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Arizona's Deandre Ayton, right, poses with NBA Commissioner Adam Silver.

DRAFT: A few trades made in the first round

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Otherwise, the top of the draft was dominated by big men, starting with a pair of former high school teammates.

The Suns made the 7-foot-1 Ayton the first No. 1 pick in franchise history. The center from Arizona averaged 20.1 points and 11.6 rebounds in his lone season in Tucson, tying for the national lead with 24 double-doubles in 35 games.

He joined Mychal Thompson — father of Golden State All-Star Klay Thompson — in 1978 as the only players from the Bahamas to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft.

"Having my name called to be the first pick for the Phoenix Suns was mind-blowing," Ayton said. "Having all that confidence and leading up to that point when I saw Adam Silver came out, I was just waiting for my name, and when he called it, my mind went blank."

The Sacramento Kings followed by taking Marvin Bagley III, the Duke big man who played with Ayton at Hillcrest Prep Academy in Phoenix in 2015-16.

With Jaren Jackson Jr. going fourth to Memphis, Texas center Mo Bamba going No. 6 to Orlando and Wendell Carter Jr. following to Chicago, it was an early run of big men in what's increasingly become a perimeter-based league.

Then it was another guard with Alabama's Collin Sexton going at No. 8 to Cleveland, triggering chants of Michael Porter Jr.'s name by Knicks fans who hoped they would take him with the No. 9 pick. But they ended up disappointed as New York went with Kentucky's Kevin Knox.

With concerns over back problems that limited him to only three games at Missouri last season, followed by a recent hip injury that he believe scared off teams, Porter ended up falling all the way to Denver at No. 14, the last lottery position.

There were a couple other trades involving lottery picks. Mikal Bridges, the No. 10 pick from Villanova who thought he was staying in Philadelphia with the 76ers — who employ his mother — but was dealt to Phoenix for the rights to No. 16 pick Zhaire Smith of Texas Tech and a 2012 first-round pick from the Miami Heat.

The Charlotte Hornets sent the rights to No. 11 pick Shai Gilgeous-Alexander — whose floral-patterned suit stood out among the selections — to the Clippers for No. 12 pick Miles Bridges and two future second-round picks.

TRAIL BLAZERS DRAFT TWO GUARDS

The Portland Trail Blazers selected IMG Academy guard Anfernee Simons with the 24th pick of the NBA draft.

The 6-foot-4, 180-pound Simons didn't play in college. He initially committed to Louisville but after the school fired coach Rick Pitino in October, Simons opted to attend IMG Academy in Florida. Simons, who turned 19 this month, averaged 22.4 points and shot 45 percent.

Simons is the first player since 2005 to land in the draft without playing in college or overseas. Simons was eligible for the draft because he's 19 and one year removed from his high school graduation. The Blazers' roster had the youngest average age among NBA teams last year.

Simons appears to fill a need, as Portland is looking this offseason for an additional shooter off the bench.

The Blazers also traded two future second-round picks to Sacramento in order to select Duke guard Gary Trent Jr. with the 37th pick. He shot 40.2 percent from 3-point range and averaged 14.5 points per game as a freshman.

ALL-EO: Thieme led Rockets to title game

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The level-headed 6-foot 2-inch two-sport athlete is used to pressure scenarios, but this year helping the Rockets to an 20-3 overall record and 11-1 Special District 6 there were multiple times Thieme was tested.

One of the games that sticks out, Thieme recalled, was the district title game against Sherman.

Thieme pitched a complete game and allowed only one run off three hits while striking out eight and walking none in the 4-1 victory. Pilot Rock matched its league championship with this win for district championship.

Not only did Thieme put in the work this offseason, but the Rockets changed things up later in the year that allowed for an offensive cushion and even someone else, equally as trusted, on the mound.

"This year we changed up practices quite a bit," Thieme said. "It seemed like we focused on a lot more hitting as we got into the season which as you could tell our lineup hit fairly well all the way down which saved our butt on a lot of games, and also our pitching with Chris (Weinke) and Bryson (Pierce) — they did super well all season so it definitely helped that we had some cushion there."

Personally, Thieme's growth came from Legion and travel ball, where he was able to spend even more time on the hill and mentally prepare for a tough season — which turned out to be the best season Pilot Rock had with the four-year varsity player on its roster.

"I played a lot more Legion ball and travel ball so getting that extra time on the field, just getting to practice and figure things out, definitely helped a lot," he said. "The other thing is I have always been pretty good at keeping my head but as I've gotten older it seems that I do a lot better under pressure, that helps a lot especially if you walk somebody or get in the high count and you're just like, 'Hey, it's not a big deal, throw another strike.'"

That calm, cool and collected mentality helped Pilot Rock in the semifinal game against Bandon. Thieme, again, threw a complete game but in the process of earning the win, his pitch count was to high for him toe the rubber in the state title game just days later.

Usually, it's something that doesn't cross Thieme's mind but he knew that pitching against Bandon would be hit last outing with the Rockets.

"I don't ever think about my pitch count," he said. "I go in able pitch and do what I am told basically.

"But I did know I wasn't going to pitch in the championship. They were going to throw me the whole game to get the W. I wasn't expecting to pitch in the final — I wish I had."

The end of Thieme's career wasn't the picture-perfect ending he was hoping for, and knowing that the game against undefeated Knappa at Volcanoes Stadium could have ended different with him in control still irks him but now, the chapter is closing on the accomplished baseball players career.

Thieme is getting ready to make the move northeast to the University of Idaho where he'll pursue his passion of technology by studying computer science.

As for Pilot Rock and the Rockets squad, replacing Thieme will be difficult and finding the raw talent he possesses might take a while but for the small town of 1,500 people — he gave them something to remember.

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2018 ALL-EO BASEBALL HONORS

SECOND TEAM

Pitcher: Chris Weinke, Pilot Rock, sr.; Bryson Pierce, Pilot Rock, sr.; Chris Large, Pendleton, jr.; Ryan Stahl, Pendleton, jr.
Catcher: Justin Duso, Pendleton, jr.
Infield — Jordan Ramirez, Hermiston, jr.; Adrian Roa, Irrigon, sr.; Jesus Vela, Mac-Hi, sr.; Seth Cranston, Umatilla, sr.; Zack Henrichs, Irrigon, jr.
Outfield: Shaw Jerome, Pendleton, sr.; Justin Keeney, Stanfield/Echo, sr.; Cade Munkers, Pilot Rock, jr.
Utility: Logan Weinke, Pilot Rock, soph.

HONORABLE MENTION

Pitcher: Travis Hendley, Weston-McEwen, sr.; TJ Smith, Stanfield/Echo, sr.
Catcher: Rudy Esparza, Mac-Hi, jr.
Infield: Shayne Keltz, Stanfield/Echo, sr.; Damien Curiel, Stanfield/Echo, sr.; Payton Lehman, Heppner, sr.; Parker Munck, Weston-McEwen, sr.
Outfield: Tyler Chichester, Pendleton, sr.; Beau Wolters, Heppner, sr.; Avery Deutz, Pendleton, sr.; Lino Covarrubia, Irrigon, jr.
Utility: Coby Dougherty, Heppner, sr.

Season Superlatives

Top Team: Pilot Rock Rockets

With the leadership of seniors Levi Thieme, Chris Weinke and Bryson Pierce, the Pilot Rock Rockets went 20-3 overall, won the district championship and earned a trip to the state championship game for the first time since 2000, where they finished as the runner-up to Knappa.

Top Newcomer: Gabe Umbarger, Pendleton, jr.

A starter in Pendleton's outfielder from opening day, Gabe Umbarger certainly impressed in his first varsity season. From the leadoff spot, Umbarger hit for a .338 average with two home runs, four triples and three doubles, while driving in 19 runs and scoring a team-best 30 runs. He was an on-base machine, with 25 hits, 16 walks and 12 hit-by-pitches for a .515 on-base percentage that was second-best on the team.

Top Game: Stanfield-Irrigon league series

On April 10 in Stanfield, the Tigers won 11-10 on a walk-off single from Justin Keeney to score Adrian Renner. Stanfield had led 3-1 after three innings, but then Irrigon stormed back to take a 9-3 lead after five-and-a-half innings. The Tigers scored four runs in the fifth, three in the sixth and one in the seventh to take the victory.

Then on April 24 in Irrigon, the game once again came down to the last inning. Irrigon scored three runs in the fifth to tie the game at 5-5, but in the top of the sixth, Stanfield's Justin Keeney scored from third with two outs on a wild pitch for the go-ahead run. The Knights loaded the bases with no outs in the bottom half of the inning, but Brody Woods struck out the next three batters to end the threat and helped Stanfield hang on for the 6-5 win.

Coach of the Year: Shane Leasy, Pilot Rock

In his second year leading the Rockets, Leasy guided his team to a 20-win season, a 15-game win streak, a 2A/1A Special District 6 championship, the first state championship game appearance since 2000 and a state runner-up finish. Not bad for a small school the size of Pilot Rock.

Sure, Leasy had some really good senior talent with Thieme, Weinke and Pierce leading the way, but the coach pulled all the right strings this season and the Rockets reaped the rewards.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	22	.694	—
Boston	50	26	.658	2
Tampa Bay	34	40	.459	17
Toronto	34	40	.459	17
Baltimore	21	52	.288	29½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	40	33	.548	—
Detroit	36	39	.480	5
Minnesota	33	38	.465	6
Chicago	24	49	.329	16
Kansas City	22	52	.297	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	50	26	.658	—
Seattle	46	29	.613	3½
Los Angeles	40	35	.533	9½
Oakland	38	36	.514	11
Texas	32	44	.421	18

Thursday's Games
Oakland at Chicago White Sox, ppd.
N.Y. Yankees 4, Seattle 3
Boston 9, Minnesota 2
Washington 4, Baltimore 2
L.A. Angels 8, Toronto 5
Friday's Games
Oakland (Manaea 6-6) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 2-8), 1:10 p.m., 1st game
Detroit (Fiers 5-3) at Cleveland (Bieber 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-2) at Tampa Bay (Stanek 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
Seattle (LeBlanc 3-0) at Boston (Wright 2-1), 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Cobb 2-9) at Atlanta (Newcomb 8-2), 4:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 3-7) at Houston (Keuchel 4-8), 5:10 p.m.
Oakland (Bassitt 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 4-7), 5:10 p.m., 2nd game
Texas (Minor 4-4) at Minnesota (Romero 3-2), 5:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 4-6) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 7:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	43	30	.589	—
Washington	40	33	.548	3
Philadelphia	39	33	.542	3½
New York	31	41	.431	11½
Miami	29	46	.387	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	44	30	.595	—
Chicago	42	30	.583	1
St. Louis	38	35	.521	5½
Pittsburgh	36	38	.486	8
Cincinnati	29	45	.392	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	41	33	.554	—
Los Angeles	38	35	.521	2½
San Francisco	38	38	.500	4
Colorado	37	38	.493	4½
San Diego	34	43	.441	8½

Thursday's Games
Colorado 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Arizona 9, Pittsburgh 3
Washington 4, Baltimore 2
Cincinnati 6, Chicago Cubs 2
Milwaukee 11, St. Louis 3
San Francisco 3, San Diego 0
Friday's Games
Arizona (Corbin 6-3) at Pittsburgh (Nova 4-5), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Eflin 4-2) at Washington (Roark 3-7), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 6-5) at Cincinnati (Castillo 4-8), 4:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Wood 2-5) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-5), 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Cobb 2-9) at Atlanta (Newcomb 8-2), 4:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Flaherty 3-2) at Milwaukee (Guerra 3-5), 5:10 p.m.
Miami (Chen 2-3) at Colorado (Gray 6-7), 5:40 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 6-6) at San Francisco (Stratton 8-4), 7:15 p.m.

MiLB

Northwest League
North Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Everett (Mariners)	4	3	.571	—
Tri-City (Padres)	3	3	.500	½
Spokane (Rangers)	2	4	.333	1½
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	2	5	.286	2

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	5	2	.714	—
Eugene (Cubs)	4	3	.571	1
Hillsboro (D-backs)	4	3	.571	1
Boise (Rockies)	3	3	.500	1½

Thursday's Games
Salem-Keizer 4, Boise 3
Everett 1, Vancouver 0
Hillsboro 4, Eugene 0
Spokane at Tri-City, late finish
Friday's Games
Everett at Vancouver, 1:05 p.m.
Salem-Keizer at Boise, 6:15 p.m.
Eugene at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.
Spokane at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.

NCAA

College World Series
At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha
Omaha, Neb.
All games on ESPN Networks
(Double Elimination)
Thursday's Games
Game 10 — Florida 9, Texas Tech 6, TECH eliminated
Friday's Games
Game 11 — Mississippi State (39-27) vs. Oregon State (51-11-1), Noon
Game 12 — Arkansas (46-19) vs. Florida (49-20), 5 p.m.

Soccer

FIFA WORLD CUP

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Russia	2	0	0	8	1	6
x-Uruguay	2	0	0	2	0	6
Egypt	0	0	2	1	4	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0	2	0	6	0

x-advanced to second round

Wednesday, June 20
Uruguay 1, Saudi Arabia 0
Monday, June 25
At Samara, Russia
Uruguay vs. Russia, 4 a.m.
At Volgograd, Russia
Saudi Arabia vs. Egypt, 4 a.m.

GROUP B

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Portugal	1	1	0	4	3	4
Spain	1	1	0	4	3	4
Iran	1	0	1	1	1	3
Morocco	0	0	2	0	2	0

Wednesday, June 20
Portugal 1, Morocco 0
Spain 1, Iran 0
Monday, June 25
At Kalinigrad, Russia
Spain vs. Morocco, 8 a.m.
At Saransk, Russia
Iran vs. Portugal, 8 a.m.

GROUP C

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	2	0	0	3	1	6
Denmark	1	1	0	2	1	4
Australia	0	1	1	2	3	1
Peru	0	0	2	0	2	0

Thursday, June 21
At Samara, Russia
Denmark 1, Australia 1
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
France 1, Peru 0

GROUP D

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	2	0	0	5	0	6
Argentina	0	1	1	1	4	1
Iceland	0	1	0	1	1	1
Nigeria	0	0	1	0	2	0

Thursday, June 21
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
Croatia 3, Argentina 0
Friday, June 22
Volgograd, Russia
Nigeria vs. Iceland, 5 a.m.

GROUP E

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	3
Brazil	0	1	0	1	1	1
Switzerland	0	1	0	1	1	1
Costa Rica	0	0	1	0	1	0

Friday, June 22
At St. Petersburg, Russia
Brazil vs. Costa Rica, 2 a.m.
At Kalinigrad, Russia
Serbia vs. Switzerland, 8 a.m.

GROUP F

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mexico	1	0	0	1	0	3
Sweden	1	0	0	1	0	3
Germany	0	0	1	0	1	0
South Korea	0	0	1	0	1	0

Saturday, June 23
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia
South Korea vs. Mexico, 5 a.m.
At Sochi, Russia
Germany vs. Sweden, 8 a.m.

GROUP G

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Belgium	1	0	0	3	0	3
England	1	0	0	2	1	3
Tunisia	0	0	1	1	2	0
Panama	0	0	1	0	3	0

Saturday, June 23
At Moscow
Belgium vs. Tunisia, 2 a.m.
Sunday, June 24
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia
England vs. Panama, 5 a.m.

GROUP H

	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Japan	1	0	0	2	1	3
Senegal	1	0	0	2	1	3
Colombia	0	0	1	1	2	0
Poland	0	0	1	1	2	0

Sunday, June 24
At Yekaterinburg, Russia
Japan vs. Senegal, 5 a.m.
At Kazan, Russia
Poland vs. Colombia, 8 a.m.

Basketball

NBA DRAFT

Thursday's Selections
At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.
FIRST ROUND
1. Phoenix — Deandre Ayton, c, Arizona.
2. Sacramento — Marvin Bagley III, f, Duke.
3. a-Atlanta — Luka Doncic, g, Real Madrid (Spain).
4. Memphis — Jaren Jackson Jr., f, Michigan State.
5. a-Dallas — Trae Young, g, Oklahoma.
6. Orlando — Mohamed Bamba, c, Texas.
7. Chicago — Wendell Carter Jr., c, Duke.
8. Cleveland (from Brooklyn via Boston) — Collin Sexton, g, Alabama.
9. New York — Kevin Knox, f, Kentucky.
10. b-Philadelphia (from LA Lakers via Phoenix) — Mikal Bridges, f, Villanova.
11. c-Charlotte — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, g, Kentucky.
12. c-LA Clippers (from Detroit) — Miles Bridges, f, Michigan State.
13. LA Clippers — Jerome Robinson, g, Boston College.
14. Denver — Michael Porter Jr., f, Missouri.
15. Washington — Troy Brown Jr., g, Oregon.
16. b-Phoenix (from Miami) — Zhaire Smith, g, Texas Tech.
17. Milwaukee — Donte DiVincenzo, g, Villanova.
18. San Antonio — Lonnie Walker, g, Miami.
19. Atlanta (from Minnesota) — Kevin Huerter, g, Maryland.
20. Minnesota (from Oklahoma City via Utah) — Josh Okogie, g, Georgia Tech.
21. Utah — Grayson Allen, g, Duke.
22. Chicago (from New Orleans) — Chandler Hutchison, f, Boise State.
23. Indiana — Aaron Holiday, g, UCLA.
24. Portland — Anfernee Simons, g, IMG Academy.
25. LA Lakers (from Cleveland) — Moritz Wagner, c, Michigan.
26. Philadelphia — Landry Shamet, g, Wichita State.
27. Boston — Robert Williams III, c, Texas A&M.
28. Golden State — Jacob Evans, f, Cincinnati.
29. Brooklyn (from Toronto) — Dzanan Musa, f, Cedevita (Croatia).
30. Atlanta (from Houston via LA Clippers) — Omari Spellman, f, Villanova.

Proposed Trades
a-Atlanta traded the rights of (No. 3) to Dallas for the rights of (No. 5) and a 2019 protected first-round pick.
b-Philadelphia traded the rights to Mikal Bridges (No. 10) to Phoenix for the rights to G Zhaire Smith (No. 16) and a 2021 first-round draft pick.
c-Charlotte traded the rights of (No. 11) to LA Clippers for the rights of (No. 12) and two future second-round picks.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	7	4	.636	—
Washington	7	5	.583	½
Atlanta	6	6	.500	1½
New York	4	6	.400	2½
Chicago	3	8	.273	4
Indiana	1	11	.083	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	9	2	.818	—
Phoenix	10	3	.769	—
Seattle	8	4	.667	1½
Dallas	5	5	.500	3½
Minnesota	5	6	.455	4
Las Vegas	4	9	.308	6

Wednesday-Thursday
No games scheduled.
Friday's Games
Connecticut at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
New York at Las Vegas, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 7 p.m.

Golf

PGA TOUR

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP
Thursday
At TPC River Highlands
Cromwell, Conn.
Purse: $7 million
Yardage: 6,841; Par: 70 (35-35)
First Round Leaderboard

Zach Johnson	33-30—63	-7
Jordan Spieth	31-32—63	-7
Peter Malnati	35-29—64	-6
Brian Harman	32-32—64	-6
Rory McIlroy	31-33—64	-6
Beau Hossler	33-32—65	-5
Matt Jones	34-31—65	-5
Paul Casey	33-32—65	-5
J.B. Holmes	33-33—66	-4
Jason Kokrak	36-30—66	-4
Kelly Kraft	33-33—66	-4
Vaughn Taylor	32-34—66	-4
Russell Henley	34-32—66	-4
Padraig Harrington	33-33—66	-4
Jason Day	32-34—66	-4
Justin Thomas	33-33—66	-4
Steve Marino	32-34—66	-4
James Driscoll	32-34—66	-4