

FIFA WORLD CUP 2018
RECAP

Musa scores twice to give Nigeria 2-0 win over Iceland



Nigeria’s Ahmed Musa celebrates after scoring his team’s second goal during the group D match between Nigeria and Iceland.

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VOLGOGRAD, Russia — Ahmed Musa gave Nigeria its first win at this year’s World Cup, and gave Argentina a gift. Musa scored two second-half goals to help the Nigerians beat Iceland 2-0 Friday and move into second place in the group behind already-qualified Croatia.

Nigeria will face Argentina in its final group match on Tuesday in St. Petersburg. If Nigeria wins, it will advance to the round of 16. But if Argentina claims all three points, it can still advance depending on the result of the other match between Croatia and Iceland.

Musa, Nigeria’s all-time leading World Cup scorer with four goals, gave his country the lead in the 49th minute after Victor Moses sprinted deep into the Iceland half and curled a cross to the near post. Musa deftly controlled the ball before slamming it past Iceland goalkeeper Hannes Halldorsson on the half-volley. Nigeria nearly doubled its lead on several occasions, but Musa made it happen in the 75th minute. He picked up the ball on the left side of the Iceland penalty area, mazed his way past Halldorsson and picked his spot in the Iceland goal.

“I have to thank my teammates and the coach who believed in me,” Musa said. “We have to focus on the last game because that’s more important than today’s win.”

Iceland had a chance to get one back but Gylfi Sigurdsson sent a penalty kick way over the Nigeria bar in the 83rd minute. The penalty was awarded after a video review showed that Alfred Finnbogason had been brought down by Tyrone Ebuehi.

Brazil leaves it late to beat Costa Rica 2-0 at World Cup

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Philippe Coutinho and Neymar scored injury-time goals to help Brazil beat Costa Rica 2-0 Friday at the World Cup.

Coutinho poked the ball past goalkeeper Keylor Navas in the first minute of injury time, and Neymar volleyed in another with virtually the last kick of the game six minutes later.

Neymar then broke down in tears and sobbed for several moments. His teammates helped him off the ground to celebrate. It had looked like Bra-

zil, after drawing its opening game 1-1 with Switzerland, was heading for another stalemate. Brazil attacked relentlessly in the second half and was awarded a penalty in the 78th when Neymar was impeded as he cut inside defender Giancarlo Gonzalez. But referee Bjorn Kuipers went over to look at the sideline monitor and reversed the decision. Brazil has four points heading into its final group game against Serbia on Wednesday.

Xhaka and Shaqiri score for Swiss, pull ahead of Serbia

KALININGRAD, Russia — Granit Xhaka and Xherdan Shaqiri scored in Switzerland’s 2-0 victory over Serbia on Friday at the World Cup, and both celebrated by making a nationalist symbol to their ethnic Albanian heritage. In the tournament’s first come-from-behind victory, Xhaka made it 1-1 in the 52nd minute with a powerful shot through a crowded penalty. Shaqiri added the other in injury time after running past the Serbian defense.

Both put their open hands together with their thumbs locked and fingers outstretched to make what looks like the double-headed eagle displayed on Albania’s national flag. The thumbs represent the heads of the two eagles, while the fingers look like the feathers.

The gesture is likely to inflame tensions among Serb nationalists and ethnic Albanians.

Shaqiri was born in Kosovo, the former Serbian province that declared independence in 2008. Serbia doesn’t recognize Kosovo’s independence and relations between the two countries remain tense. Xhaka’s parents are originally from Kosovo and they are of Albanian heritage.

Aleksandar Mitrovic scored for Serbia with a header in the fifth minute. The win puts Switzerland into second place in Group E with four points, the same as Brazil. The Swiss will advance to the round of 16 if they beat Costa Rica on Wednesday in Nizhny Novgorod. Serbia will face Brazil in Moscow at the same time.

Associated Press’ Jerome Pugmire and Mike Corder contributed with coverage from the Brazil-Costa Rica match and the Serbia-Switzerland game.

Cruz homers twice, but Seattle loses slugfest to Boston 14-10

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BOSTON — J.D. Martinez homered and drove in five, and the Boston Red Sox rallied from a five-run deficit to beat the Seattle Mariners 14-10 on Friday night despite a monster game from Nelson Cruz.

Cruz had a pair of three-run homers and drove in seven, but the Mariners still lost their season-worst fifth straight game, including three earlier this week at Yankee Stadium. Seattle led 4-0 and 10-5 before a wild Red Sox rally fueled by RBIs from eight different players.

Martinez went 4 for 5, including a two-run homer in the sixth and two doubles. The Red Sox set a season high with 20 hits.

Reliever Matt Barnes (1-2) got the win with one scoreless inning, and Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth.

Juan Nicasio (1-4) took the loss, allowing five runs on four hits in one-third of a lousy seventh inning.

The only flaw to the second half of the game for Boston: shortstop Xander Bogaerts left in the seventh with a sprained index finger on his left hand.

Ryon Healy hit a solo homer during Seattle’s four-run first inning as the Mariners got to knuckleballer Steven Wright. Seattle added two more off Wright in the second after Boston’s five-run bottom of the first.

Seattle scored four in the fourth, including Cruz’s second three-run shot of the



Boston Red Sox’s Mookie Betts, left, gestures toward teammate J.D. Martinez after his single which drove in Betts and Blake Swihart, right, during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Seattle Mariners at Fenway Park.

game, but Boston’s bullpen shut down Seattle the rest of the way while the Mariners’ imploded.

Rafael Devers singled in a run in the fifth, and then Martinez homered off Nick Vincent to center in the sixth to pull Boston within 10-8. Mitch Moreland followed with a triple just beyond the reach of diving right fielder Mitch Haniger, and Bogaerts drove in Moreland with an infield single

Barnes struck out the side in the seventh, and then Boston got to Nicasio. Devers singled to lead off, Blake Swihart singled with one out and Nicasio walked Mookie Betts to load the bases.

Andrew Benintendi blooped a single into shallow center to bring in Devers and tie it at 10.

Swihart was nearly picked off third as Benintendi scored, but he slid under the tag after a strong throw by center fielder Guillermo Heredia. Seattle did not challenge the close play, and Martinez followed with a two-run single.

Nick Rumbelow later allowed Benintendi to score on a wild pitch, and Eduardo Nunez added a pinch-hit RBI single.

TRAINER’S ROOM
Mariners: Activated RHP Vincent (strained right groin) from the 10-day DL and

optioned RHP Ryan Cook to Triple-A Tacoma.

Red Sox: Benintendi needed a minute to collect himself after running hard into the Green Monster on a double by Denard Span.

UP NEXT
Mariners: RHP Mike Leake (7-4, 4.47 ERA) gets his second straight start against the Red Sox after taking the loss Sunday in Seattle, allowing five runs on eighth hits in six innings.

Red Sox: LHP Eduardo Rodriguez (9-1, 3.59) has won a career-high six straight starts, including Boston’s 9-3 victory over the Mariners in Seattle on Sunday.

Hodgen Distributing wins at Elk Horn

East Oregonian

Hodgen Distributing began the Elk Horn Classic Tournament in Baker City on Friday afternoon with a 4-3 victory over Homedale (ID).

Chris Large pitched a solid game for Hodgen (9-4), as the right-hander threw a complete-game with eight strikeouts while allowing three hits and one earned run. Homedale cut the deficit to 4-3 in the fifth inning, but Large shut them down after that, striking out the side in the sixth and then retiring Homedale with ease in the seventh.

Hodgen scored all of its four runs in the bottom of the first inning. Quinn Doherty started the run with a RBI single, and Matthew Demianew followed with a steal of home, Kyle Field scored on a Homedale error and then Rudy Esparza hit a RBI single to complete the scoring. Esparza was Hodgen’s

top hitter, going 2-for-3.

But Hodgen managed only three hits and five total baserunners over its final five innings against Homedale pitcher Clayton Wolfe, though Large did his job to secure the win.

Tournament play continues through the weekend.

Hermiston loses in walk-off fashion

The Hermiston Legion team fell to 3-12 on the summer on Friday as it dropped a 3-2 game to Elko (NV) in a seventh inning walk-off loss.

Elko scored two of its runs in the first inning, but then was kept in check by Hermiston’s pitchers Sergio Rosales and Chase Elliott. It allowed Hermiston to get back in the game, as it scored once in the third on a RBI single from Jordan Ramirez and then scored one more in the fifth on a RBI single

by Ethin Randolph to tie the game.

In the seventh, Elliott walked the first two batters of the inning and then gave up a double that scored the winning run for Elko. Elliott earned the loss but pitched four-plus solid innings while allowing only two hits and one run with five strikeouts.

Rustin Edmiston, Juul, Ramirez and Wagner each had two hits in the game, while Hermiston as a team stranded 10 runners.

LITTLE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Pendleton 10u, 12u All-Stars win district

PILOT ROCK — The Pendleton 10u All-Star softball team finished a dominant 4-0 week with a 17-0 shutout of La Grande in three innings to win the dis-

trict tournament on Friday in Pilot Rock. And immediately after, the Pendleton 12u softball All-Stars won their district tournament with a 13-7 win over La Grande.

For 10u, Kendall Murphy had a big game, pitching three innings with nine strikeouts and allowing no hits, while also going 2-for-3 batting with a double and two runs. Josey Jenness was a team-best 4-for-4 batting with a triple, four RBI and three runs scored. Avery Quaempts also had two hits.

For 12u, Bailey Moore went 3-for-4 with a triple, two RBI and two runs, Samantha Wilks went 2-for-4 with a home run and four RBI and Lanie Burke went 2-for-2 with two RBI. Melanie Boatman, Lilly Brooks and Madaline Schumacher all pitched in the game.

Both teams will now head to the state tournament.

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	23	.685	—
Boston	51	26	.662	1
Tampa Bay	35	40	.467	16
Toronto	34	41	.453	17
Baltimore	22	52	.278	28½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	41	33	.554	—
Detroit	36	40	.474	6
Minnesota	33	39	.458	7
Chicago	25	50	.333	16½
Kansas City	23	52	.307	18½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	50	27	.649	—
Seattle	46	30	.605	3½
Los Angeles	41	35	.539	8½
Oakland	39	37	.513	10½
Texas	33	44	.429	17

Friday’s Games				
Oakland 11, Chicago White Sox 2, 1st game				
Boston 14, Seattle 10				
Cleveland 10, Detroit 0				
Kansas City 1, Houston 0				
Texas 8, Minnesota 1				
L.A. Angels 2, Toronto 1				
Baltimore 10, Atlanta 7, 15 inn.				
Saturday’s Games				
Oakland (Mendgen 6-6) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 3-2), 11:10 a.m.				
Texas (Gallardo 0-0) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 3-4), 11:10 a.m.				
Baltimore (Bundy 5-7) at Atlanta (Teheran 5-4), 1:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Gray 5-4) at Tampa Bay (Font 0-3), 1:10 p.m.				
Detroit (Liriano 3-2) at Cleveland (Bauer 6-5), 3:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Kennedy 1-7) at Houston (McCullers 8-3), 4:15 p.m.				
Seattle (Leake 7-4) at Boston (Rodriguez 9-1), 4:15 p.m.				
Toronto (Stroman 0-5) at L.A. Angels (Barria 5-3), 6:07 p.m.				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	43	31	.581	—
Philadelphia	40	33	.548	2½
Washington	40	34	.541	3
New York	31	42	.425	11½
Miami	29	47	.382	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	45	30	.600	—



The Ukiah High School/Pilot Rock High School Trap-shooting team qualified for the Oregon High School Clay Target League state tournament on Saturday in Hillsboro. Making the trip are students Cadnury Bacon, Justin Wells, Austin Makin, Lokey Breeding, JD Bartlett, JT Nelson, Gauge Hill, Johnathan Hascall. They are coached by Dave Durfey and Audrey Durfey of Ukiah and Mike Nelson of Pilot Rock.

Chicago	42	31	.575	2
St. Louis	38	36	.514	6½
Pittsburgh	36	39	.480	9
Cincinnati	30	45	.400	15

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	42	33	.560	—
Los Angeles	39	35	.527	2½
Colorado	38	38	.500	4½
San Francisco	38	40	.494	5
San Diego	36	43	.449	8½

Friday’s Games				
Arizona 2, Pittsburgh 1, 13 innings				
Philadelphia 12, Washington 2				
Cincinnati 6, Chicago Cubs 3				
L.A. Dodgers 5, N.Y. Mets 2				
Baltimore 10, Atlanta 7, 15 innings				
Milwaukee 2, St. Louis 1				
Colorado 11, Miami 3				
San Diego 6, San Francisco 2				
Saturday’s Games				
Miami (Richards 1-4) at Colorado (Anderson 4-2), 12:10 p.m.				
Arizona (Greinke 6-5) at Pittsburgh (Munro 2-2), 1:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Nola 8-2) at Washington (Fedde 0-2), 1:05 p.m.				
San Diego (Lyles 2-4) at San Francisco (Suarez 2-4), 1:05 p.m.				
Baltimore (Bundy 5-7) at Atlanta (Teheran 5-4), 1:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Farrell 2-2) at Cincinnati				

(DeSclafani 2-1), 1:10 p.m.				
St. Louis (Mikolas 7-2) at Milwaukee (Anderson 5-6), 1:10 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 1-4) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 5-2), 4:15 p.m.				

Northwest League				
Friday’s Games				
Everett 4, Vancouver 2				
Salem-Keizer 7, Boise 1				
Eugene 6, Hillsboro 2				
Tri-City 5, Spokane 3				
Saturday’s Games				
Vancouver at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.				
Boise at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.				
Salem-Keizer at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.				
Tri-City at Everett, 7:05 p.m.				

NCAA				
College World Series				
At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, Neb.				
All games televised on ESPN (Double Elimination)				
Friday’s Games				
Oregon State 12, Mississippi State 2				
Arkansas 5, Florida 2, FLA eliminated				
Saturday’s Games				
Mississippi State (39-28) vs. Oregon State (52-11-1), 5 p.m.				
CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES				
(Best-of-3)				

Monday: Arkansas (47-19) vs. Mississippi St.-Oregon St. winner, 4 p.m.

Golf

PGA TOUR				
TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP				
Friday				
At TPC River Highlands				
Cromwell, Conn.				
Purse: \$7 million				
Yardage: 6,841; Par: 70				
Second Round Leaderboard				
Brian Harman	64-66	—130	-10	
Matt Jones	65-66	—131	-9	
Russell Henley	66-65	—131	-9	
Zach Johnson	63-68	—131	-9	
Bryson DeChambeau	66-66	—132	-8	
Paul Casey	65-67	—132	-8	
Beau Hossler	65-67	—132	-8	
Bubba Watson	70-63	—133	-7	
Rory McIlroy	64-69	—133	-7	
Lanto Griffin	70-63	—133	-7	
Notables				
Jason Day	66-68	—134	-6	
Justin Thomas	66-69	—135	-5	
Jordan Spieth	63-73	—136	-4	
Brooks Koepka	68-69	—137	-3	
Keegan Bradley	68-70	—138	-2	

LPGA				
WALMART NW ARKANSAS CHAMPIONSHIP				
Friday				
At Pinnacle Country Club, Rogers, Ark.				
Purse: \$2 million				
Yardage: 6,331; Par 71				
First Round Leaderboard				
Gaby Lopez	30-33	—63	-8	
Minjee Lee	32-32	—64	-7	
Catriona Matthew	34-30	—64	-7	
Nasa Hataoka	33-31	—64	-7	
Moriya Jutanugarn	32-32	—64	-7	
Lizette Salas	32-32	—64	-7	
Mirim Lee	31-33	—64	-7	
Aditi Ashok	32-32	—64	-7	
Hyo Joo Kim	33-32	—65	-6	
Austin Ernst	34-31	—65	-6	
Notables				
Lydia Ko	32-34	—66	-5	
Lexi Thompson	36-31	—67	-4	
Michelle Wie	37-31	—68	-3	

Auto Racing

NASCAR
TOYOTA/SAVE MART 350
Site: Sonoma, California.
Schedule: Friday, practice, 2:40 & 5:40 p.m. (FS1); Saturday, qualifying, 2:45 p.m. (FS1); Sunday, race, 3 p.m., FS1
Track: Sonoma Raceway (road, 1.98 miles).
Race distance: 218.9 miles, 110 laps.
Last year: Kevin Harvick won at Sonoma, becoming one of just four active drivers with a victory at the track.