

FIFA WORLD CUP 2018

RECAP



AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell
Belgium's Jan Vertonghen, second left, heads the ball to score his side's first goal during the round of 16 match between Belgium and Japan.

World Cup headed

goal like never before

sparks Belgium win

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Associated Press

MOSCOW — A crazy header turned Belgium's night around.

Trailing 2-0 against Japan in the 69th minute, Belgium looked just like another heavily favored team heading out of this remarkable World Cup.

But defender Jan Vertonghen produced a goal that looked like almost nothing seen before on soccer's biggest stage. It sparked Belgium's 3-2 comeback win in Rostov-on-Don on Monday.

Standing at a tight angle 14 yards out, Vertonghen sent a slow, looping header high over goalkeeper Eiji Kawashima into the far corner of the Japan net.

The weird trajectory of the ball recalled one of soccer's all-time great goals from 30 years ago: a volleyed shot by Marco van Basten to help the Netherlands win the 1988 European Championship final against the Soviet Union.

The sequence of play was a corner on the right wing, an aimless header into the goalmouth, a goalkeeper's punch, and a wild clearance of the bouncing loose ball booted high into the air.

Vertonghen had been waiting at the back post for the corner to be delivered, and watched as the ball arced around the penalty area.

When Japan's attempted clearance soared into the night sky, Vertonghen looked up and took stutter steps backward to its expected landing zone.

Vertonghen set his feet, then turned his left shoulder toward the goal and flexed his neck muscles.

Standing perfectly still, the Tottenham defender met the ball with his forehead and sent it toward goal. It might have been aimed at a teammate closer

to goal, but it landed into the netting inside Kawashima's left post, beyond his flailing hands.

Marouane Fellaini scored five minutes later with a close-range header, then another substitute Nacer Chadli finished off a rapid-fire counterattack in the last minute of stoppage time.

Neymar leads

Brazil into

quarterfinals

SAMARA, Russia (AP) — Neymar flaunted his flair and his theatrics with a goal and an assist Monday to lead Brazil into the quarterfinals at the World Cup with a 2-0 victory over Mexico.

The world's most expensive player put Brazil in the lead after his back-heel released Willian, who then sent the ball into the penalty area. Neymar slid in to tap in the opener in the 51st minute.

Neymar then showed his unselfish side, crossing for Robert Firmino to score in the 88th minute. Neymar has 11 goals and nine assists in his last 19 games for Brazil.

It looked like Neymar's game or even his World Cup could be over with 20 minutes to go. It turned out to be pure histrionics. Writhing in agony after his right ankle was stepped on by Miguel Layun, Neymar managed to get back on his feet. But not before trying a stamp on Layun himself. Both escaped punishment.

The five-time World Cup champions will next face either Japan or Belgium in their seventh straight quarterfinal match, the stage they have reached at every World Cup since 1994.

Not so for the Mexicans, who have lost in the round of 16 seven straight times.

Seahawks' Chancellor

steps away from football

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Seattle Seahawks strong safety Kam Chancellor said scans on his injured neck have shown no improvement and declared it was "time for the next chapter."

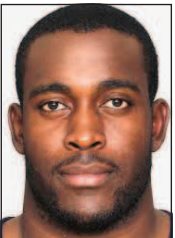
Chancellor had been awaiting further clarity on his neck, which he injured in a game against the Arizona Cardinals in November. In a posting on his Twitter account Sunday night, Chancellor said his latest scans "showed no healing."

"I've played through all types of bruises and injuries at a high level. But this one, I just can't ignore," he wrote.

Chancellor never used the word "retirement" in

his statement, which may have been deliberate. Chancellor signed an extension through the 2020 season last August, which contained guaranteed money in case of injury. An official retirement could open up the possibility of forfeiting some of that money. Chancellor's extension was signed before the start of last season and included a total of \$25 million in guaranteed money.

Chancellor was named to four Pro Bowl teams (2011, 2013-15) and was twice a second-team All-Pro selection (2013, 2014). He appeared in 109 career games for Seattle with 93 starts after being selected in the fifth-round of the 2010 NFL draft.



Chancellor

SPORTS

LeBron agrees to join Lakers

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James is leaving home for Hollywood and an iconic team.

The Los Angeles Lakers have a new superstar — L.A.-Bron.

The four-time NBA MVP announced Sunday night that he has agreed to a four-year, \$154 million contract with the Lakers, joining one of the league's most storied franchises and switching conferences to try and dethrone the Golden State Warriors and grow his legacy.

For the second time in his career, James is saying goodbye to the Cleveland Cavaliers, who drafted the teenage sensation from Akron in 2003 and have to be satisfied with winning just one title in the 11 years they had him.

Unlike his two previous forays in free agency, James did not drag out his decision and made the announcement less than 24 hours after NBA free agency opened.

His management agency, Klutch Sports Group, announced his agreement with the Lakers with a simple, short release. It was a stark contrast from eight years ago, when a poorly conceived TV special to announce his departure from Cleveland backfired and damaged James' image.

The game's biggest star will now lead a young Lakers team — run by Lakers Hall of Famer Magic Johnson — that has been

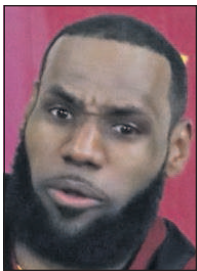
overmatched in recent years while rebuilding. But the Lakers will instantly rise with James, a three-time champion who after being swept by the Warriors in this year's NBA Finals said he is still driven and very much in "championship mode."

The Lakers' rich legacy is something that has always appealed to James and it wasn't long after his announcement that he heard from Kobe Bryant, who won five titles during 20 seasons with Los Angeles.

"Welcome to the family @KingJames," Bryant said on Twitter. "#lakers4life #striveforgreatness."

The massive Los Angeles market will also provide James with a grander platform for his philanthropy and social activism. He already owns two homes in Southern California and has a film production company.

This is the third time in eight years James has changed teams. After bolting from Cleveland in 2010, he returned in an emotional homecoming four years later, determined to make the Cavs champions. The 33-year-old had previously said he wanted to finish his career in Ohio, and although he's leaving again, Cavs fans are more forgiving after he ended the city's 52-year sport title drought in 2016.



James

And unlike eight years ago when he ripped James for leaving, Cavs owner Dan Gilbert thanked him. Gilbert opened his comments by referring to Cleveland's 2016 title as "a championship that united generations of Clevelanders, both living and passed."

"LeBron, you came home and delivered the ultimate goal," Gilbert said in a statement. "Nothing but appreciation and gratitude for everything you put into every moment you spent in a Cavaliers uniform. We look forward to the retirement of the famous #23 Cavs jersey one day down the line..."

Durant, George,

Paul, stay put

Kevin Durant has decided to sign a two-year deal with the Golden State Warriors, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Saturday because the deal cannot become official until the league's offseason moratorium ends on Friday. The deal comes with a player option for 2019-20, so Durant can and likely will become a free agent again next summer.

Paul George took the stage at a party in Oklahoma City on Saturday night and announced that he will

be staying with the Thunder, a move that might have been unexpected a year ago when he was traded away by the Indiana Pacers presumably because of the belief that he was already focused on joining his hometown Los Angeles Lakers in free agency. George agreed to a four-year deal that will be worth roughly \$135 million, though he can opt out of the final season, according to a person familiar with the terms.

Chris Paul averaged 18.6 points and 7.9 assists last season with the Houston Rockets, who went 65-17 led by Paul and newly minted NBA MVP James Harden. ESPN reported he is signing a four-year deal that will be worth \$160 million.

Cousins signs with

Warriors

DeMarcus Cousins is heading to the Golden State Warriors, looking for a title.

Cousins agreed Monday to accept a one-year deal to join the two-time defending NBA champions for \$5.3 million. It's a low-risk, high-reward move for the Warriors, with Cousins set to return at some point this season once he completes his recovery from tearing his Achilles tendon in January.

Cousins averaged 25.2 points last season for New Orleans, and for his career the six-time All-Star averages 21.5 points and 11 rebounds.

Baseball

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	57	29	.663	—
New York	54	28	.659	1
Tampa Bay	42	42	.500	14
Toronto	39	45	.464	17
Baltimore	24	59	.289	31½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	46	37	.554	—
Detroit	39	48	.442	9½
Minnesota	35	46	.432	10
Chicago	29	55	.345	17½
Kansas City	25	59	.298	21½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	55	31	.640	—
Seattle	54	31	.635	½
Oakland	46	39	.541	8½
Los Angeles	43	42	.506	11½
Texas	38	47	.447	16½

Monday's Games	
Detroit 3, Toronto 2, 10 innings	
Atlanta 5, N.Y. Yankees 3, 11 innings	
Boston 4, Washington 3	
Cincinnati 5, Chicago White Sox 3	
Miami 3, Tampa Bay 2, 10 innings	
Milwaukee 6, Minnesota 5, 10 innings	
Cleveland 9, Kansas City 3	
Tuesday's Games	
Detroit (Fulmer 3-7) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 5-8), 11:20 a.m.	
Minnesota (Odoziri 3-5) at Milwaukee (Guerra 4-5), 1:10 p.m.	
Boston (Johnson 1-2) at Washington (Roark 3-9), 3:05 p.m.	
Atlanta (Newcomb 8-2) at N.Y. Yankees (German 2-4), 4:05 p.m.	
Baltimore (Cobb 2-9) at Philadelphia (Eflin 6-2), 4:05 p.m.	
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-6) at Toronto (Estrada 4-7), 4:07 p.m.	
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 5-7) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 3-1), 4:10 p.m.	
Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 7-4) at Miami (Richards 2-5), 4:10 p.m.	
Houston (Keuchel 4-8) at Texas (Bibens-Dirix 1-1), 1:10 p.m.	
Cleveland (Bieber 3-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 4-7), 5:15 p.m.	
San Diego (Richard 7-7) at Oakland (Bassitt 1-3), 6:05 p.m.	
L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-5) at Seattle (LeBlanc 3-0), 7:10 p.m.	

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	49	34	.590	—
Philadelphia	45	37	.549	3
Washington	42	41	.506	7
New York	33	48	.407	15
Miami	35	51	.407	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	47	35	.563	—
Chicago	40	45	.468	1
Pittsburgh	40	44	.476	8½
Cincinnati	37	48	.435	12
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	47	38	.553	—
Los Angeles	45	39	.536	1½
San Francisco	45	41	.523	2
Colorado	42	43	.494	5
San Diego	37	49	.430	10

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St. Louis 6, Arizona 3	
L.A. Dodgers 17, Pittsburgh 1	
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Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 7-4) at Miami (Richards 2-5), 4:10 p.m.	
San Francisco (Stratton 8-5) at Colorado (Senzatella 2-1), 5:10 p.m.	
San Diego (Richard 7-7) at Oakland (Bassitt 1-3), 6:05 p.m.	
St. Louis (Flaherty 3-3) at Arizona (Greinke 8-5), 6:40 p.m.	
Pittsburgh (Nova 4-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 1-4), 7:10 p.m.	

MLB NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
North Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Everett (Mariners)	9	8	.529	—
Tri-City (Padres)	9	9	.500	½
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	8	10	.444	1½
Spokane (Rangers)	6	11	.353	3
South Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Hillsboro (Diamondbacks)	11	6	.647	—
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	11	7	.611	½
Boise (Rockies)	9	9	.500	2½
Eugene (Cubs)	7	10	.412	4

Monday's Games	
Vancouver 5, Salem-Keizer 0	



Photo courtesy of John Bradt

The 16U Oregon Lightning softball team, comprised of girls from La Grande and Pendleton, won the City of Roses 18u tournament in Portland over the weekend, its third consecutive tournament championship after previously winning the Boise Blast 16u Summer Shootout and the 64-team Valley Invite. Pictured, left to right: (BACK) Coach Mike Brock, Jayde Wiggins, Bailey LeBreton, Katie Bradt, Ellie Lankford, Allie Brock, Jaiden Hafter, Coach Trent Hafter, Manager Lin Casciato. (FRONT) Kara Gooderham, Jayce Seavert, Carissa Cooley, Sami Spriet, Chelsea Farrow.

Boise 4, Tri-City 2	
Spokane at Hillsboro, late finish	
Everett at Eugene, late finish	
Tuesday's Games	
Everett at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.	
Salem-Keizer at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.	
Spokane at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.	
Boise at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.	

Soccer

FIFA WORLD CUP SECOND ROUND	
Saturday, June 30	
At Kazan, Russia	
France 4, Argentina 3	
At Sochi, Russia	
Uruguay 2, Portugal 1	
Sunday, July 1	
At Moscow	
Russia 1, Spain 1, Russia advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks	
At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia	
Croatia 1, Denmark 1, Croatia advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks	
Monday, July 2	
At Samara, Russia	
Brazil 2, Mexico 0	
At Rostov-on-Don, Russia	
Belgium 3, Japan 2	
Tuesday, July 3	
At St. Petersburg, Russia	
Sweden vs. Switzerland, 7 a.m.	
At Moscow	
Poland vs. England, 11 a.m.	

MLS EASTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC11	3	4	37	38	20	
FC Dallas	9	2	5	32	25	17
Los Angeles FC	9	4	3	30	35	25
Portland	7	3	5	26	24	21
Real Salt Lake	8	2	23	21	32	
Vancouver	6	7	5	23	26	35
Houston	6	6	3	21	31	24
L.A. Galaxy	6	7	3	21	25	26
Minnesota United5	10	1	16	19	30	
Colorado	4	9	3	15	20	28
Seattle	3	9	3	12	13	21
San Jose	2	9	6	12	28	35
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						

Sunday's Games	
New York 1, Toronto FC 0	
Colorado 1, Vancouver 0	
Monday's Games	
No games scheduled.	
Tuesday's Games	
Los Angeles FC at Houston, 9 p.m.	

Tennis

THE CHAMPIONSHIP, WIMBLEDON	
Men's Singles	
First Round	
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.	
Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, def. Leonardo Mayer (32), Argentina, 3-6, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-1.	

Adrian Mannarino (22), France, def. Christian Garin, Chile, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2.	
Daniil Medvedev, Russia, def. Borna Coric (16), Croatia, 7-6 (6), 6-2, 6-2.	
Sam Querrey (11), United States, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.	
Gael Monfils, France, def. Richard Gasquet (23), France, 7-6 (6), 7-5, 6-4.	
Philipp Kohlschreiber (25), Germany, def. Evgeny Donskov, Russia, 6-2, 6-4, 7-5.	
Kevin Anderson (8), South Africa, def. Norbert Gombos, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.	
Marin Cilic (3), Croatia, def. Yoshihito Nishioka, Japan, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.	
Nicolas Jarry, Chile, def. Filip Krajinovic (28), Serbia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.	
Lucas Pouille (17), France, def. Denis Kudla, United States, 6-3, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.	
Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. Liam Broady, Britain, 7-5, 6-0, 6-1.	
John Isner (9), United States, def. Yannick Maden, Germany, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 7-5.	
Stefanos Tsitsipas (31), Greece, def. Gregoire Barrere, France, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 7-5.	
Stan Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Grigor Dimitrov (6), Bulgaria, 1-6, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5), 6-4.	
Women's Singles	
First Round	
Karolina Pliskova (7), Czech Republic, def. Harriet Dart, Britain, 7-6 (2), 2-6, 6-1.	
Kiki Bertens (20), Netherlands, def. Barbora Stefkova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.	
Venus Williams (9), United States, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-7 (3), 6-2, 6-1.	
Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Shuai Zhang (31), China, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.	
Donna Vekic, Croatia, def. Sloane Stephens (4), United States, 6-1, 6-3.	
Serena Williams (25), United States, def. Arantxa Rus, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-3.	
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Magdalena Rybakova (19), Slovakia, 7-5, 6-3.	
Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Antonia Lottner, Germany, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.	
Madison Keys (10), United States, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, 6-4, 6-2.	
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Anastasija Sevastova (21), Latvia, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.	
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, 7-6 (0), 2-6, 6-3.	
Caroline Wozniacki (2), Denmark, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-0, 6-3.	

Basketball

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WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	10	6	.625	—
Connecticut	9	7	.563	1
Atlanta	8	8	.500	2
Chicago	6	10	.375	4
New York	5	11	.313	5
Indiana	1	16	.059	9½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	13	5	.722	—
Los Angeles	12	5	.706	½
Seattle	12	5	.706	½
Minnesota	10	6	.625	2
Dallas	7	8	.467	4½
Las Vegas	6	12	.333	7