

Jones gets 1st Cup win in crash-filled race at Daytona

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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Erik Jones survived several gnarly wrecks, defending Cup Series champion Martin Truex Jr. on his bumper late and the pressure of overtime at NASCAR’s most famous track. Maybe these so-called “Young Guns” do know how to find victory lane.

Jones won a crash-filled race at Daytona International Speedway, passing Truex on the final lap and then wildly celebrating the first victory of his Cup career. Jones created so much smoke during his burnout that he had trouble breathing afterward.

“How about that race boys and girls?” said Jones, who replaced 2004 series champion Matt Kenseth at Joe Gibbs Racing this year. “I thought we were out of it and all of a sudden we’re right back in it. My first Cup win. My first win at Daytona, My first superspeedway win. What an awesome day.”

It was huge for Jones, who clinched a spot in the play-offs. It may have been just as big for the up-and-coming generation of drivers who had gotten most of the promotion and none of the previous wins in 2018.

International Speedway Corp. President John Saunders pinned some of NASCAR’s woes on the fail-



AP Photo/Ron Sanders

Jimmie Johnson (48) goes low to avoid a multi-car crash involving, Alex Bowman (88), Denny Hamlin (11), Chase Elliott (9), Kurt Busch (41), Joey Logano (22), Daniel Suarez (19), Austin Dillon (3) and Kasey Kahne in the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Daytona International Speedway on Saturday in Daytona Beach, Fla.



AP Photo/John Raoux

Erik Jones celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series.

ure of the new crop of drivers, who have struggled to replace the sport’s retired crop of stars.

Saunders said this week the sport needed the young guys to come along and “start to win and build their brands.” Ryan Blaney and Darrell Wallace Jr. fired back at Saunders, saying the 20-somethings were trying their best to win.

Jones delivered the parting shot on the track.

Truex took a jab at the critics, saying “now maybe ISC and those guys can be happier about those things.”

Jones was involved in one of the many wrecks, but his No. 20 Toyota was still in good enough shape to get by Truex late. Truex blamed himself for failing to see Jones’ run coming in his rear-view mirror.

Truex finished second, followed by AJ Allmendinger, Kasey Kahne and Chris Buescher — another odd top 10 at Daytona. Ty Dillon was sixth, followed by Matt DiBenedetto, Ryan Newman and Daytona 500 champion Austin Dillon.

For Jones, a 22-year-old

Michigan native driving in his first season for Joe Gibbs Racing, the breakthrough victory came in his 57th career start.

Last year’s race winner, Ricky Stenhouse Jr., had the most memorable run of the night. He started two early accidents that wrecked more than half the field and was part of two more cautions late.

Stenhouse took out Kurt Busch, Kyle Busch, Brad Keselowski and others. Jones was one of the lucky ones who avoided major damage.

“I just think it’s cool for Erik,” said Truex, who had Jones as a teammate at Furniture Row Racing last year. “He’s a good kid. He’s worked hard. I don’t know the repercussions of him winning here, what they’re going to be. But I think for me, it’s a good story. So happy for him, happy for his family and his fans.

“Again, he’s put a lot of effort in to getting here and he’s in a good position and he’s got a lot of pressure on him, so to finally get that first one out of the way, I think it’ll help him a bunch. We’ll see where he takes it from here.”

CHEVY WOES CONTINUE

Chevrolet extended its winless streak to 18 races, its longest since a 31-race drought in 1981-82.

Nadal finally back in Wimbledon QFs

By MATTIAS KAREN
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LONDON — After seven years of struggles, Rafael Nadal is finally looking like a contender again at Wimbledon.

The top-ranked Spaniard is back in the quarter-finals at the All England Club for the first time since 2011 — and playing a lot like the man who reached his fifth final that year.

“It’s true it has been a while,” Nadal said about his return to the last eight. “But when I come here, I come here thinking that I can do a good result, no?”

Clearly, the King of Clay hasn’t forgotten how to play on grass.

The 11-time French Open champion beat Jiri Vesely 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 on Centre Court on Monday and has yet to drop a set in this tournament.

While tougher tests are still to come, it seems the old Nadal is back at Wimbledon.

That’s the Nadal who earned two titles and three runner-up finishes in a six-year span from 2006-11, despite missing the 2009 tournament with knee problems. Not the one who made it past the second round only once in the four years after that, or who was knocked out by Gilles Muller in the fourth round last year after missing 2016 with another injury.

While Nadal has found grass difficult of late, he insists some of those results were misleading.

“To be fair and honest, we have to think about the things that happened. In 2012, 2013, I was not

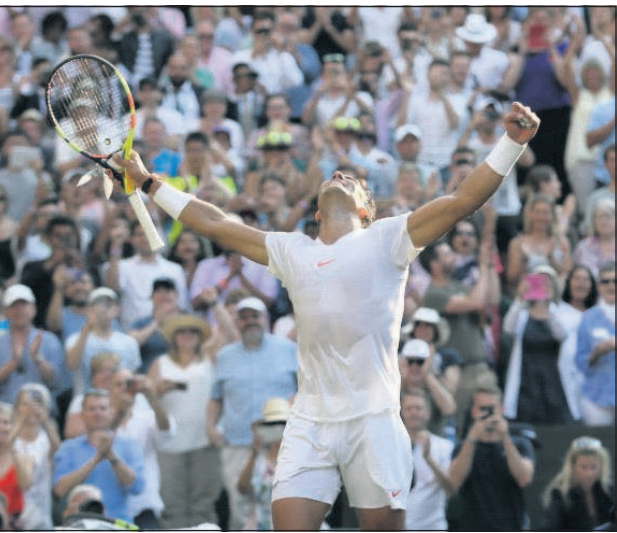
able to compete. Even if I played, I was not able to compete with the knees the way I had. (In) 2014, I played a good tournament. I lost in the fourth round against a player I can lose to (Nick Kyrgios), 2015 was a very bad year for me, not on grass, on most of the surfaces. It’s normal that I lost here, too. In 2016 I didn’t play because of my wrist. In 2017 I played well, 2018 I am playing well.”

Vesely can attest to that. Nadal hit 37 winners to only 12 unforced errors and erased the only break he allowed by breaking back immediately in the third set.

His play already has fans and commentators dreaming of another final between Nadal and Roger Federer — on the 10th anniversary of their five-set classic that the Spaniard won. Standing in the way yet could be fourth-seeded Juan Martin del Potro in the quarterfinals — the Argentine’s fourth-round match was suspended with him holding a 2-1 set lead — and then possibly three-time champion Djokovic in the semifinals.

The idea of another Nadal-Federer final seems to have most people quite excited — except Nadal himself. The Spaniard is hoping his old rival, and eight-time champion, gets knocked out before that.

“If he’s in the final, I am excited to play Roger,” he said. “Facing Roger again will be something fantastic. If you ask me if I prefer another (opponent), I say yes. That’s the point. It’s about being smart, no?”



AP Photo/Tim Ireland

Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates winning his men's singles match against Czech Republic's Jiri Vesely, on day seven of the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on Monday.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	63	29	.685	—
New York	59	30	.663	2½
Tampa Bay	46	44	.511	16
Toronto	41	48	.461	20½
Baltimore	25	66	.275	37½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	49	40	.551	—
Minnesota	40	48	.454	8½
Detroit	40	53	.430	11
Chicago	30	60	.333	19½
Kansas City	25	65	.278	24½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	61	32	.656	—
Seattle	57	34	.626	3
Oakland	51	40	.560	9
Los Angeles	46	45	.505	14
Texas	40	52	.435	20½

Monday's Games
Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 1st game
Boston 5, Texas 0
Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 5
Tampa Bay 10, Detroit 9, 10 innings
N.Y. Yankees 10, Baltimore 2, 2nd game
Oakland 2, Houston 0
Minnesota 3, Kansas City 1

Tuesday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-2) at Baltimore
Cashner 2-9), 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Romano 5-8) at Cleveland
(Bauer 8-6), 4:10 p.m.
Detroit (Boyd 4-7) at Tampa Bay (Andriese 1-3), 4:10 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 3-0) at Boston (Velazquez 6-0), 4:10 p.m.
Toronto (Stroman 1-6) at Atlanta (Teheran 6-6), 4:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 1-8) at Minnesota (Slegers 1-0), 5:10 p.m.
Oakland (Munoz 8-6) at Houston (Verlander 9-4), 5:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Mikolas 9-3) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 3-4), 5:10 p.m.
Seattle (Leake 8-5) at L.A. Angels (Richards 5-4), 7:07 p.m.

ALL-STAR ROSTER
(p-player ballot elected; m-choice of MLB; s-Sunday starter, inactive)
STARTERS
Catcher — Wilson Contreras, Chicago (1)
First Base — Freddie Freeman, Atlanta (3)
Second Base — Javier Baez, Chicago (1)
Third Base — Nolan Arenado, Colorado (4)
Shortstop — Brandon Crawford, San Francisco (2)
Outfield — Nick Markakis, Atlanta (1); Matt Kemp, Los Angeles (3); Bryce Harper, Washington (6)
Pitchers
RHPs — p-Jacob deGrom, New York (2); p-Mike Foltynewicz, Atlanta (1); m-Kenley Jansen, Los Angeles (3); m-Miles Mikolas, St. Louis (1); p-Aaron Nola, Philadelphia (1); p-Max Scherzer, Washington (6)
LHPs — m-Patrick Corbin, Arizona (2); p-Sean Doolittle, Washington (2); p-Josh Hader, Milwaukee (1); p-Brad Hand, San Diego (2); p-Jon Lester, Chicago (5); m-Felipe Vazquez, Pittsburgh (1)

RESERVES
Catchers — p-Buster Posey, Giants (6); m-T.J. Realmuto, Miami (1)
First Base — m-Paul Goldschmidt, Arizona (6); p-Joeey Votto, Cincinnati (6)
Second Base — p-Ozzie Albies, Atlanta (1); m-Scooter Gennett, Cincinnati (1)
Third Base — p-Eugenio Suarez, Cincinnati (1)
Shortstop — p-Trevor Story, Colorado (1)
Outfield — p-Charlie Blackmon, Colorado (3); p-Lorenzo Cain, Milwaukee (2); p-Christian Yelich, Milwaukee (1)
All-Star Final Vote
First Base — Jesus Aguilar, Milwaukee; Brandon Belt, San Francisco
Infielder — Matt Carpenter, St. Louis
Infielder-Outfielder — Max Muncy, Los Angeles
Shortstop — Trea Turner, Washington

MLB NORTHWEST LEAGUE North Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tri-City (Padres)	13	12	.520	—
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	12	12	.500	½
Spokane (Mariners)	12	13	.480	1
Spokane (Rangers)	8	16	.333	4½

South Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Hillsboro (D-Backs)	17	8	.680	—
Boise (Rockies)	14	11	.560	3
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	14	11	.560	3
Eugene (Cubs)	9	16	.360	8

Monday's Games
Boise 7, Salem-Keizer 6
Hillsboro 4, Eugene 2
Tri-City 5, Everett 1
Spokane at Vancouver, late finish
Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
Vancouver at Boise, 6:15 p.m.
Eugene at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.
Salem-Keizer at Everett, 7:05 p.m.
Tri-City at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.

Soccer

FIFA WORLD CUP QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 7
At Samara, Russia
England 2, Sweden 0
At Sochi, Russia
Croatia 2, Russia 2, Croatia advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks
SEMIFINALS
Tuesday, July 10
At St. Petersburg, Russia
France vs. Belgium, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, July 11
At Moscow
England vs. Croatia, 11 a.m.

MLS EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	12	4	4	40	42	23



AP Photo/Steve Helber

Kevin Na, left, smiles as he hugs his caddie as he wins the Military Tribute PGA Tour Golf Tournament at the Greenbrier on Sunday in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. Na breaks a nearly seven-year winless drought on tour, as he shoots 6-under 64 for a five-stroke victory.

St. Louis (Mikolas 9-3) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 3-4), 5:10 p.m.									
Arizona (Corbin 6-3) at Colorado (Anderson 6-3), 5:40 p.m.									
L.A. Dodgers (Hill 2-3) at San Diego (Lauer 4-5), 7:10 p.m.									
Chicago Cubs (Quintana 7-6) at San Francisco (Cueto 3-1), 7:15 p.m.									
NEW YORK CITY FC 10 4 4 34 35 24									
New York 10 5 2 32 34 17									
Columbus 8 6 6 30 24 23									
New England 7 4 7 28 30 25									
Montreal 8 11 0 24 24 32									
Chicago 6 8 5 23 29 34									
Philadelphia 6 9 3 21 21 27									
Orlando City 6 11 1 19 25 41									
Toronto FC 4 10 4 16 29 36									
D.C. United 2 7 5 11 23 29									
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
FC Dallas	10	3	5	35	28	21			
Los Angeles	10	4	4	34	41	28			
Sporting K.C.	9	4	6	33	35	24			
Real Salt Lake	9	8	2	29	27	34			
Portland	8	3	5	29	26	22			
Vancouver	7	7	5	26	29	37			
Houston	7	6	4	25	36	26			
LA Galaxy	7	7	4	25	31	28			
Minnesota United	6	11	1	19	23	36			
Seattle	4	9	4	16	15	22			
Colorado	4	11	3	15	22	32			
San Jose	2	10	6	12	29	37			

Saturday, July 7
Atlanta United FC 2, Philadelphia 0
Montreal 2, Colorado 0
Seattle 0, New England 0, tie
Toronto FC 2, Sporting Kansas City 2, tie
Houston 3, Minnesota United 0
Real Salt Lake 2, FC Dallas 0
LA Galaxy 4, Columbus 0
Vancouver 3, Chicago 2
Los Angeles FC 4, Orlando City 1
Portland 2, San Jose 1
Sunday, July 8
New York City FC 1, New York 0
Wednesday, July 11
Montreal at New York City FC, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.

Tennis

WIMBLEDON
Monday Men's Singles Fourth Round
Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Adrian Panarino (22), France, 6-0, 7-5, 6-4.
Kevin Anderson (8), South Africa, def. Gael Monfils, France, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2), 5-7, 7-6 (4).
Milos Raonic (13), Canada, def. Mackenzie Mcdonald, United States, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 6-2.
John Isner (9), United States, def. Stefanos Tsitsipas (31), Greece, 6-4, 7-6 (8), 7-6 (4).
Novak Djokovic (12), Serbia, def. Karen Khachanov, Russia, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.
Kei Nishikori (24), Japan, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (10), 6-1.
Rafael Nadal (2), Spain, def. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
Juan Martin del Potro, (5), Argentina, vs. Gilles Simon, France, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 5-7, susp., darkness
Women's Singles Fourth Round
Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-1.
Jelena Ostapenko (12), Latvia, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 7-6 (4), 6-0.
Daria Kasatkina (14), Russia, def. Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-2.
Angelique Kerber (11), Germany, def. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Kiki Bertens (20), Netherlands, def. Karolina Pliskova (7), Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-6 (1).
Julia Goerges (13), Germany, def. Donna Vekic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-2.
Serena Williams (65), United States, def. Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.
Camila Giorgi, Italy, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.

Basketball

WNBA EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	7	.632	—
Connecticut	10	9	.526	2
Atlanta	9	9	.500	2½
Chicago	7	12	.368	5
New York	5	14	.263	7
Indiana	2	17	.105	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	15	5	.750	—
Phoenix	14	6	.700	1

Los Angeles	12	8	.600	3
Minnesota	11	8	.579	3½
Dallas	10	8	.556	4
Las Vegas	8	12	.400	7

Sunday's Games
Dallas 97, New York 87
Atlanta 76, Phoenix 70
Seattle 97, Washington 91
Monday's Games
No games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Los Angeles at Seattle, Noon
Phoenix at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Las Vegas at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.

Golf

PGA TOUR A Military Tribute at the Greenbrier
Sunday
At The Greenbrier (The Old White TPC)
White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
Purse: \$7.3 million
Yardage: 7,286; Par: 70
Final Leaderboard
Kevin Na 69-63-65-64—261 -19
Kelly Kraft 64-63-69-70—266 -14
Jason Kokrak 65-64-71-67—267 -13
Brandt Snedeker 66-67-70-64—267 -13
Austin Cook 66-66-70-66—268 -12
Joel Dahmen 67-65-67-69—268 -12
Joachim Niemann 63-69-72-64—268 -12
Sam Saunders 68-63-67-70—268 -12
Harold Varner III 64-66-66-72—268 -12
Russell Henley 68-69-69-63—269 -11
David Lingmerth 66-68-68-68—270 -10
Robert Streb 66-69-71-64—270 -10
Keegan Bradley 65-69-67-70—271 -9
Alex Cejka 68-68-68-66—271 -9
Bubba Watson 68-66-65-72—271 -9

LPGA TOUR Thornberry Creek Classic
Sunday
At Thornberry Creek at Oneida
Oneida, Wis.
Purse: \$2 million
Yardage: 6,646; Par: 72
Final Leaderboard
Sei Young Kim 63-65-64-65—257 -31
Carla Ciganda 65-70-67-64—266 -22
Anna Norqvist 67-67-67-67—268 -20
Emma Talley 65-68-68-67—268 -20
Amy Yang 67-66-67-68—268 -20
Bronte Law 67-68-68-67—270 -18
Peiyun Chien 65-75-67-64—271 -17
Maria Torres 67-69-69-66—271 -17
Georgia Hall 67-70-67-66—271 -17
Dani Holmquist 66-69-70-68—271 -17
Jin Young Ko 68-67-69-67—271 -17
Chella Choi 68-66-69-68—271 -17
Brittany Marchand 64-72-66-69—271 -17
Jodi Ewart Shadoff 66-69-67-69—271 -17
Mariah Stackhouse 66-67-71-68—272 -16

Auto Racing

NASCAR CUP SERIES Coke Zero Sugar 400 Results
Saturday
At Daytona International Speedway
Daytona Beach, Fla.
Lap length: 2.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
1. (29) Erik Jones, Toyota, 168 laps.
2. (34) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 168.
3. (24) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 168.
5. (25) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 168.
6. (19) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 168.
7. (31) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 168.
8. (7) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 168.
9. (10) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 168.
10. (2) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 168.
11. (34) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Toyota, 168.
12. (16) Brendan Gaughan, Chevrolet, 168.
13. (35) D.J. Kennington, Toyota, 168.
14. (22) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 167.
15. (21) David Ragan, Ford, 167.
16. (39) Ray Black Jr., Chevrolet, 167.
17. (6) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 167.
18. (40) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 166.
19. (5) Kevin Harvick, Ford, accident, 162.
20. (20) Trevor Bayne, Ford, accident, 162.
21. (30) Ross Chastain, Chevy, accident, 162.
22. (9) Clint Bowyer, Ford, accident, 162.
23. (4) Jimmie Johnson, Chevy, accident, 162.
24. (37) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 162.
25. (36) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, accident, 155.
26. (8) Michael McDowell, Ford, accident, 161.
27. (26) Aric Almirola, Ford, accident, 155.
28. (30) Paul Menard, Ford, 152.
29. (14) Kyle Larson, Chevy, accident, 123.
30. (27) Jamie McMurray, Chevy, accident, 68.
31. (38) Corey Lajtha, Chevy, accident, 65.
32. (18) William Byron, Chevy, accident, 64.
33. (15) Kyle Busch, Toyota, accident, 64.
34. (1) Chase Elliott, Chevy, accident, 54.
35. (32) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, accident, 54.
36. (3) Brad Keselowski, Ford, accident, 53.
37. (23) Kurt Busch, Ford, accident, 53.
38. (17) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, accident, 53.
39. (11) Joey Logano, Ford, accident, 53.
40. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 53.

Race Statistics
Margin of Race: 3 hours, 13 minutes.
Time of Victory: 0.125 seconds.
Caution Flags: 10 for 46 laps.
Lead Changes: 2