

FIFA WORLD CUP 2018

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AP Photo/Pavel Golovkin

France’s Antoine Griezmann celebrates at the end of the semifinal match between France and Belgium at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the St. Petersburg Stadium in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Vive la France: Les Bleus advance to final

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ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — They’re young, they’re brash and they’re collectively worth a billion dollars. The one thing missing for this French squad is an international title.

Kylian Mbappe, Paul Pogba and France are about to get that chance.

Les Bleus are headed to the World Cup final.

Samuel Umtiti clinched a 1-0 win over Belgium — and earned the approval of watching French President Emmanuel Macron in the VIP seats at St. Petersburg Stadium — by scoring on a header off a corner kick in the 51st minute on Tuesday. “Vive la France! Vive la Republique!” France forward Antoine Griezmann shouted during postgame celebrations.

Umtiti played his part in a strong defensive effort by the French, too, helping to shut out the highest-scoring team at the tournament and leaving Belgium’s golden generation of Eden Hazard, Kevin De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku to regret another missed opportunity at a major tournament. “It’s me that scored,” Umtiti said, “but we all delivered a big game.”

France’s players danced on the field after the final whistle and their fans sang in the stands long past the end of the match, surrounded by yellow-clad security. They certainly hope

to keep the party going on Sunday in the final in Moscow. France — with an average age of 26 — will face either Croatia or England, who play Wednesday at the Luzhniki Stadium in the Russian capital, and has a shot at redemption after losing its last two major finals — at the 2006 World Cup when Zinedine Zidane was sent off for a nasty head-butt and the 2016 European Championship on home soil.

“We’re immensely privileged to be in the World Cup final,” France coach Didier Deschamps said. “It was so painful two years ago we have to savor it.”

Deschamps now has the chance to become the third person to win the World Cup as a player and a coach, after German great Franz Beckenbauer and Brazil’s Mario Zagallo. As France captain, Deschamps raised soccer’s most prized trophy in 1998.

In a tournament dominated by goals from set pieces, France’s goal came off a corner when Griezmann curled in the ball from the right and Umtiti got in front of tall Belgium midfielder Marouane Fellaini to knock in his header at the near post.

After reaching the quarterfinals at both the 2014 World Cup and the European Championship in 2016, Belgium again missed the chance to get to an international final and has yet to fulfil its lofty expectations.

Ronaldo leaving Real Madrid to join Italian club Juventus

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Cristiano Ronaldo is leaving Real Madrid to join Italian club Juventus in a move expected to benefit the Portugal forward’s tax return.

Juventus said Tuesday it paid 112 million euros (\$131.5 million) for Ronaldo, who signed a four-year deal with the Serie A champions.

The move brings an end to a hugely successful nine-year spell in Spain, and takes him further away from a tax fraud case that may end up costing the Portugal forward more than \$20 million in fines.

“These years with Real Madrid and in this city of Madrid have been possibly the happiest of my life,” Ronaldo wrote in an open letter. “My only feeling is of an enormous gratitude for this club, for these fans and for this city. I can only thank them all for the love and affection I have received.

“But I think the time has come to start a new phase in my life and that is why I have asked the club to

accept my transfer. I feel that it is time, and I ask everyone, especially our fans, to please understand me.”

Ronaldo joined Real Madrid in 2009 from Manchester United and was the Spanish club’s all-time leading scorer with 451 goals in 438 matches. He helped the club win four Champions League titles — beating Juventus in the final in 2017 — and also won the league and cup twice each. He has scored a record 120 Champions League goals, 105 of them since moving to Madrid — 12 more than Juventus managed in that same period.

But he was unhappy with the way the tax authorities treated him in Spain. Ronaldo, along with several other top players in the country, has been accused of tax fraud, with authorities saying the government was defrauded of 14.7 million euros (\$17 million) from 2011-14. Unconfirmed media reports last month said Ronaldo had agreed to pay a fine of 18.8 million euros (\$22 million).

NFL players union files grievance over anthem policy

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NFL Players Association filed a grievance with the league on Tuesday challenging its national anthem policy.

The union says that the new policy, which the league imposed without consultation with the NFLPA, is inconsistent with the collective bargaining agreement and infringes on players’ rights. The filing met a statute of limitations deadline and will be heard by an independent arbitrator, an NFLPA spokesman said.

In May, the NFL approved its national anthem policy at its owners meetings in Atlanta. The policy allows players to protest during the national anthem by staying in the locker room, but forbids them from sitting or taking a knee if they’re on the field or the sidelines.

Teams will be subject to fines if players don’t comply and will have the option of punishing players.

When the league announced the policy, Commissioner Roger Goodell called it a compromise aimed at putting the focus back on football after a tumultuous year in which television ratings dipped nearly 10 percent; some blamed the protests for such a drop. The union said at that time that it would file a grievance against any change in the collective bargaining agreement.

The union said Tuesday it has proposed having its executive committee talking to the NFL instead of proceeding with litigation. The union said the NFL has agreed to those discussions.

The NFL declined to comment about the union’s action.



AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, File

San Francisco 49ers outside linebacker Eli Harold, from bottom left, kneels with safety Eric Reid, wide receiver Marquise Goodwin and wide receiver Louis Murphy during the national anthem before an NFL football game against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Santa Clara, Calif. The NFL Players Association filed a grievance with the league challenging its national anthem policy. The union says that the new policy is inconsistent with the collective bargaining agreement, infringing on player rights.

In 2016, then-49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began protesting police brutality and social injustice by kneeling during the national anthem, and the demonstration spread to other players and teams. It became one of the most controversial and sensitive issues in the NFL, with players saying their messages last year were being misconstrued, while others — including President Donald Trump — called them unpatriotic. Trump even said NFL owners should fire any player who refused to stand during the anthem.

Following those comments, more than 200 players protested during the anthem that weekend before the number of protesters dwindled as the season progressed.

“We’re here for a bigger platform,” Raiders tight

end Jared Cook said during the spring. “We’re not just athletes. We’re people that live this. It’s people in our neighborhood, it’s people that we grew up with, it’s people that we know who are actually living through these circumstances. So when we speak on it, it’s not like we’re just speaking out of the side of our neck. It’s things that actually touch home and things that we can actually relate to.

“All I have to say is, I just think it’s sad that it’s veered from something that stood for good and the whole narrative has changed into something that’s negative when that was not what it was initially about in the first place.”

The NFL started requiring players to be on the field for the anthem in 2009 — the year it signed a market-ing deal with the military.

“We want people to be respectful of the national anthem. We want people to stand,” Goodell said at the May meetings, when he dismissed concerns about the lack of union involvement by contending the league met with countless players over the past year.

“We’ve been very sensitive on making sure that we give players choices,” the commissioner added, “but we do believe that moment is an important moment and one that we are going to focus on.”

The league and the Players Coalition have been working in tandem on efforts to support player initiatives in the community and for a variety of social issues. The NFL is committing \$90 million over the next seven years to social justice causes in a three-segment plan that involves league players.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE					MLB
East Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Boston	64	29	.688	—	
New York	59	31	.656	3½	
Tampa Bay	47	44	.516	16	
Toronto	42	48	.467	20½	
Baltimore	26	66	.283	37½	
Central Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	49	41	.544	—	
Minnesota	40	49	.449	8½	
Detroit	40	54	.426	11	
Chicago	30	61	.330	19½	
Kansas City	26	65	.286	23½	
West Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	62	32	.660	—	
Seattle	57	35	.619	4	
Oakland	51	41	.554	10	
Los Angeles	47	45	.511	14	
Texas	40	53	.430	21½	

Tuesday’s Games	
Baltimore 6, N.Y. Yankees 5	
Boston 8, Texas 4	
Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 4	
Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 2	
Toronto 6, Atlanta 2	
St. Louis 14, Chicago White Sox 2	
Kansas City 9, Minnesota 4	
Houston 6, Oakland 5, 11 innings	
L.A. Angels 9, Seattle 3	
Wednesday’s Games	
Detroit (Zimmermann 4-0) at Tampa Bay (Wood 0-0), 9:10 a.m.	
Kansas City (Smith 0-0) at Minnesota (Lynn 6-7), 10:10 a.m.	
N.Y. Yankees (Gray 5-7) at Baltimore (Bundy 6-9), 4:05 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Mahle 7-6) at Cleveland (Carasco 9-5), 4:10 p.m.	
Texas (Colon 5-6) at Boston (Sale 9-4), 4:10 p.m.	
Toronto (Gaviglio 2-2) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 6-5), 4:35 p.m.	
Oakland (Bassitt 1-3) at Houston (McCullers 10-3), 5:10 p.m.	
St. Louis (Weaver 5-7) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-3), 5:10 p.m.	
Seattle (Gonzalez 9-5) at L.A. Angels (Barria 5-5), 7:07 p.m.	

All-Star Final Vote	
Tuesday Update	
(Voting done on MLB.com through 1 p.m. on Wednesday)	
1. Jean Segura, SS, Seattle; 2. Andrew Benintendi, OF, Boston; 3. Giancarlo Stanton, OF, New York; 4. Eddie Rosario, OF, Minnesota; 5. Andrelton Simmons, SS, Los Angeles.	

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	51	39	.567	—
Atlanta	50	40	.556	1
Washington	46	45	.505	5½
New York	36	53	.404	14½
Miami	38	56	.404	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	55	37	.598	—
Chicago	52	37	.584	1½
St. Louis	47	43	.522	7
Pittsburgh	42	49	.462	12½
Cincinnati	41	51	.446	14
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	51	41	.554	—
Los Angeles	49	42	.538	1½
San Francisco	48	46	.511	4
Colorado	46	45	.505	4½
San Diego	40	54	.425	12

Tuesday’s Games	
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 1	
Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 4	
Milwaukee 8, Miami 4	
Philadelphia 7, N.Y. Mets 3	
Toronto 6, Atlanta 2	
St. Louis 14, Chicago White Sox 2	
Arizona 5, Colorado 3	
San Diego 4, L.A. Dodgers 1	
Chicago Cubs 2, San Francisco 0	
Wednesday’s Games	
Washington (Gonzalez 6-5) at Pittsburgh (Williams 6-7), 9:35 a.m.	
Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 3-3) at San Francisco (Cueto 3-1), 12:45 p.m.	
Cincinnati (Mahle 7-6) at Cleveland (Carasco 9-5), 4:10 p.m.	
Milwaukee (Peralta 4-1) at Miami (Straily 3-4), 4:10 p.m.	
Philadelphia (Velasquez 5-8) at N.Y. Mets	

deGrom 5-4), 4:10 p.m.	
Toronto (Gaviglio 2-2) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 6-5), 4:35 p.m.	
St. Louis (Weaver 5-7) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-3), 5:10 p.m.	
Arizona (Miller 0-3) at Colorado (Marquez 7-8), 5:40 p.m.	
L.A. Dodgers (Maeza 5-5) at San Diego (Lucchesi 4-4), 7:10 p.m.	

All-Star Final Vote	
Tuesday Update	
(Voting done on MLB.com through 1 p.m. on Wednesday)	
1. Jesus Aguilar, 1B, Milwaukee; 2. Brandon Belt, 1B, San Francisco; 3. Max Muncy, IF, Los Angeles; 4. Trea Turner, SS, Washington; 5. Matt Carpenter, IF, St. Louis.	

MLB				
NORTHWEST LEAGUE				
North Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Vancouver (Blue Jays)	13	12	.520	—
Tri-City (Padres)	13	12	.520	—
Everett (Mariners)	12	13	.480	1
Spokane (Rangers)	8	17	.320	5
South Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hillsboro (D-Backs)	17	8	.680	—
Salem-Keizer (Giants)	14	11	.560	3
Boise (Rockies)	14	11	.560	3
Eugene (Cubs)	9	16	.360	8

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	
SEMIFINALS	
Tuesday, July 10	
At St. Petersburg, Russia	
France 1, Belgium 0	
Wednesday, July 11	
At Moscow	
England vs. Croatia, 11 a.m.	

MLS				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pts
Atlanta United FC	12	4	4	40
New York City FC	10	4	4	34
New York	10	5	2	32
Columbus	8	6	30	24
New England	7	4	7	28
Montreal	8	11	0	24
Chicago	6	8	5	23
Philadelphia	6	9	3	21
Orlando City	7	6	4	25
Toronto FC	4	10	4	16
D.C. United	2	7	5	11

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	T	Pts
FC Dallas	10	3	5	35
Los Angeles FC	10	4	4	34
Sporting K.C.	9	4	6	33
Real Salt Lake	9	8	2	29
Portland	8	5	29	26
Vancouver	7	7	5	26
Houston	6	11	1	19
L.A. Galaxy	7	4	25	31
Minnesota United	6	11	1	19
Seattle	4	9	13	15
Colorado	4	11	3	15
San Jose	2	10	6	12

Wednesday’s Games	
Montreal at New York City FC, 8 p.m.	
Philadelphia at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.	
Saturday’s Games	
Columbus at New York City FC, 7 p.m.	
Sporting Kansas City at New York, 7 p.m.	
LA Galaxy at New England, 7:30 p.m.	
San Jose at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.	
Chicago at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.	
Real Salt Lake at Minnesota United, 8 p.m.	
Toronto at Orlando City, 8 p.m.	
Vancouver at D.C. United, 8 p.m.	
Houston at Colorado, 9 p.m.	
Sunday’s Games	
Seattle at Atlanta United FC, 2 p.m.	
Portland at Los Angeles FC, 6 p.m.	

Tennis

WIMBLEDON	
Tuesday’s Results	
Men’s Singles	
Fourth Round	
Huan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, def.	

Gilles Simon, France, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 7-7, 7-6 (5).

Women’s Singles	
Quarterfinal	
Jelena Ostapenko (12), Latvia, def. Dominika Cibulkova, Slovakia, 7-5, 6-4.	
Angelique Kerber (11), Germany, def. Daria Kasatkina (14), Russia, 6-3, 7-5.	
Julia Goerges (13), Germany, def. Kiki Bertens (20), Netherlands, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.	
Serena Williams (25), United States, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.	

Men’s Doubles	
Quarterfinal	
Frederik Nielsen, Denmark and Joe Salisbury, Britain, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany and Ben McLachlan (14), Japan, 7-6 (6), 4-6, 7-6 (2), 7-6 (4).	
Franko Skugor, Croatia and Dominic Inglot (15), Britain, def. Robert Lindstedt, Sweden and Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 7-6 (1), 6-4.	
Mike Bryan, United States and Jack Sock (7), United States, def. Artem Sitak, New Zealand and Divij Sharan, India, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 6-7 (3), 6-4.	

Mixed Doubles	
Third Round	
Harriet Dart, Britain and Jay Clarke, Britain, def. Gabriela Dabrowsky, Canada and Mate Pavic (1), Croatia, 6-3, 6-4.	
Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands and Demi Schuurs (17), Netherlands, def. Eri Hozumi, Japan and Ben McLachlan (14), Japan, 6-4, 6-1.	
Ivan Dodig, Croatia and Latisha Chan (3), Taiwan, def. Henri Kontinen, Finland and Heather Watson (16), Britain, 6-2, 7-6 (4).	
Alexander Peya, Austria and Nicole Pietrangeli (11), United States, def. Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France and Andrea Sestini Hlavackova (6), Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 9-7.	

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	12	7	.632	—
Connecticut	10	9	.526	2
Atlanta	9	9	.500	2½
Chicago	7	13	.350	5½
New York	5	14	.263	7
Indiana	2	17	.105	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	15	6	.714	—
Phoenix	14	7	.667	1
Los Angeles	13	8	.619	2
Dallas	11	8	.579	3
Minnesota	11	8	.579	3
Las Vegas	9	12	.429	6

Tuesday’s Games	
Los Angeles 77, Seattle 75, OT	
Dallas 101, Phoenix 72	
Las Vegas 98, Chicago 74	
Wednesday’s Games	
Atlanta at Washington, 8:30 a.m.	
New York at Connecticut, 8:30 a.m.	
Minnesota at Indiana, 9 a.m.	
Thursday’s Games	
Dallas at Los Angeles, 12:30 p.m.	