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AUSTRALIAN OPEN MEN'S FINAL

Djokovic wins 7th Australian Open

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MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic was so good, so relentless, so flawless, that Rafael Nadal never stood a chance.

Djokovic reduced one of the greats of the game to merely another out-classed opponent — just a guy, really — and one so out of sorts that Nadal even whiffed on one of his famous forehands entirely.

In a breathtakingly mistake-free performance that yielded a remarkably lopsided result, the No. 1-ranked Djokovic overwhelmed Nadal 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 on Sunday night to win a record seventh Australian Open championship and a third consecutive Grand Slam title, raising his count to 15 overall.

“Under the circumstances,” Djokovic said, “it was truly a perfect match.”

No one who saw it would disagree.

Djokovic’s coach, Marian Vajda, said: “I would describe it as dominance.”

Nadal’s take? “An amazing level of tennis.”

“Unbelievable,” said Nadal’s coach, Carlos Moya. “Novak probably could have won, no matter who the opponent was.”

That Djokovic would produce 34 winners and only nine unforced errors was impressive enough. That it came against Nadal — who is ranked No. 2, owns 17 major trophies himself and hadn’t dropped a set in the tournament — was hard to comprehend. Djokovic left Nadal

smirking or gritting his teeth or punching his racket strings, unable to compete at all.

Here’s how Nadal explained it: To have a chance when Djokovic plays that well, something extra is required. Given that he’s coming off a series of injuries, given that he hadn’t played since the U.S. Open last September, Nadal couldn’t raise his game.

Then again, Nadal conceded, “When the player did almost everything better than you, you can’t complain much.”

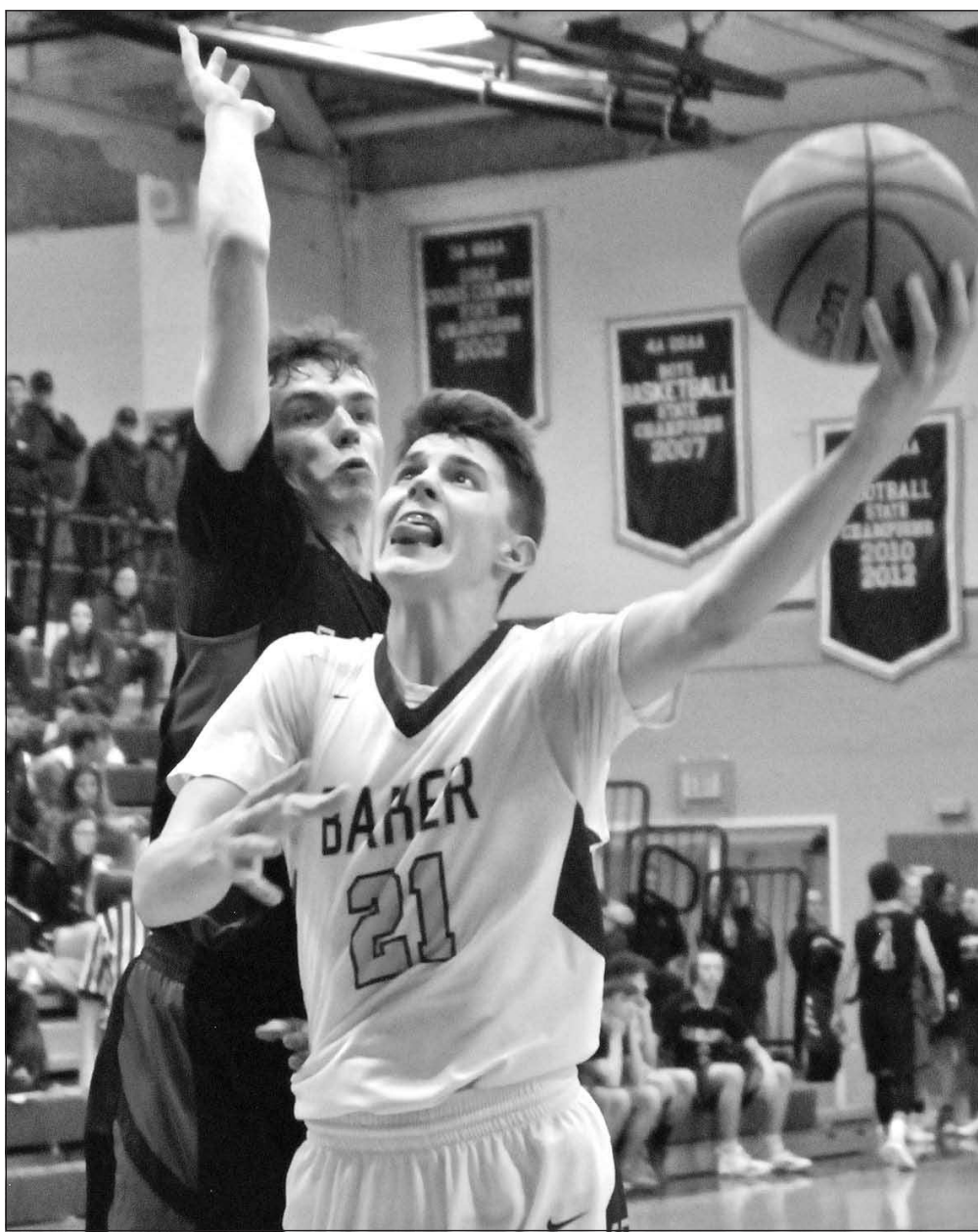
So Djokovic added to previous triumphs in Melbourne in 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016, along with four titles at Wimbledon, three at the U.S. Open and one at the French Open.

He broke his tie with Roger Federer and Roy Emerson for most Australian Open men’s titles. He also broke a tie with his idol, Pete Sampras, for third-most Grand Slam trophies; Djokovic now only trails Federer, with 20, and Nadal.

Then there’s this tidbit: Djokovic is the only man in tennis history to have a trio of three-straight-Slam streaks.

So let the talk begin about four majors in a row over two seasons, something Djokovic already managed to do from 2015-16. And, what’s more, about a true Grand Slam, winning all four majors in one calendar year, which only has been done by two men.

BAKER BOYS BASKETBALL



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Caden Long, goes up against La Grande earlier in the season. Long led Baker with 15 points against Mac-Hi Saturday.

Bulldogs shut down Mac-Hi

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Baker used a 10-0 run to end the third quarter and pulled away from Mac-Hi to win 47-31 in a Greater Oregon League boys basketball game Saturday at Milton-Freewater.

Leading 26-21, Baker ended the third quarter on a 10-0 spurt. Caden Long and Kaden Sand each scored

three points, and Riley Flanagan and Gabe Gambleton two each.

Baker led 36-21 after three quarters. The Bulldogs kept their advantage in double figures the entire fourth quarter.

Long led Baker with 15 points. Sand added 14.

Baker, 4-0 in the GOL, closes out its regular season home games Friday by host-

ing Ontario.

BAKER (47)

Sand 4 5-5 14, Gambleton 2 1-2 6, Flanagan 3 0-0 6, Nelson, Hill, Mastrude, Schwin, Long 5 3-3 15, Smith, Van Arsdall 3 0-0 6. Totals 17 9-10 47.

MAC-HI (31)

Stephens 5 1-2 14, Ruiz, H. Castillo 2 0-0 5, Gilmore, Chester, Pio 1 0-0 2, Hodgen 1 0-0 2, Brinkley, C. Castillo, Perez 4 0-1 8. Totals 13 1-3 31.

Baker 12 11 13 11 — 47

Mac-Hi 5 9 7 10 — 31

Three-point baskets — Sand, Gambleton, Long 2, Stephens 3, H. Castillo. **Fouled out** — Pio. **Total fouls** — Baker 12, Mac-Hi 13. **Technical** — none.

PINE-EAGLE WRESTLING

Spartans win 1A tourney

Pine-Eagle won the team title at the Class 1A state wrestling tournament Saturday at North Lake High School.

Five Spartans earned individual championships — Chase Butner (106 pounds), Cutter Huff (120), Cutter Tanaka (126), Seth Butler (160) and Brandon Roe (170).

Coy Butner was second at 106. Will Seggerman (113) and Dusty Melchior (120) finished third.

Fourth-place winners were Kyle Roe (132), Matthew Fults (138) and Sven Rasmussen (152).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Powder sweeps

Powder Valley swept a pair of Old Oregon League girls basketball games last weekend.

Powder stopped Imbler 54-10 Friday and defeated Cove 61-25 Saturday.

Against Imbler, Autumn Davis led Powder with 16 points. Logan Nedrow added 11.

Against Cove, Bingham led the way with 16 points. Belle Blair added 10 points and Sonora Blair eight. Powder Valley hosts La Grande Thursday.

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

All Times PST	North	W	L
Monday, Jan. 28	Joseph	6	0
Philadelphia at Philadelphia, 4 p.m. (NBCSN)	Wallowa	6	2
Tuesday, Jan. 29	Elgin	4	4
Philadelphia at NY Rangers, 4:30 p.m. (NBCSN)	Nixyaawii	2	5
Wednesday, Jan. 30	Griswold	1	7
Indiana at Washington, 5 p.m. (ESPN)	Friday games		
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 5 p.m. (NBCSN)	Wallowa 45, Elgin 37		
Utah at Portland, 7:30 p.m. (CSN, ESPN)	Joseph 65, Griswold 20		
Thursday, Jan. 31	Powder Valley 54, Imbler 10		
Milwaukee at Toronto, 5 p.m. (TNT)	Cove 47, Pine-Eagle 37		
Philadelphia at Golden State, 7:30 p.m. (TNT)	Saturday games		
Friday, Feb. 1	Wallowa 47, Nixyaawii 41		
Boston at New York, 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)	Elgin 48, Griswold 39		
Houston at Denver, 7 p.m. (ESPN)	Powder Valley 61, Cove 25		
Saturday, Feb. 2	Imbler 33, Pine-Eagle 25		
Tampa Bay at NY Rangers or Minnesota at Chicago, 5 p.m. (NBC)	PREP BASKETBALL		
LA Lakers at Golden State, 5:30 p.m. (IBC)	Friday's Scores		
Sunday, Feb. 3	Boys		
Boston at Washington, 9:30 a.m. (NBC)	Amity 100, Yamhill-Carlton 52		
Oklahoma City at Boston, 11 a.m. (ABC)	Barlow 75, Sandhi 64		
Super Bowl, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)	Benson 51, Lincoln 41		
	Blanchet Catholic 54, Scio 41		
	Cascade Christian 57, Brookings-Harbor 56		
	Central Catholic 85, Centennial 42		
	Central Christian 57, Chiloquin 55		
	Central Linn 70, Lowell 42		
	Churchill 75, North Bend 45		
	Clackamas 69, Reynolds 43		
	Cleveland 59, Roosevelt 55		
	Columbia Christian 65, Portland Christian 37		
	Coquille 78, Myrtle Point 55		
	Corbett 65, Estacada 46		
	Corvallis 59, Lebanon 45		
	Country Christian 58, Southwest Christian 31		
	Crane 64, Jordan Valley 56		
	Crescent Valley 56, North Salem 55		
	Crook County 60, Ridgeview 35		
	Crosshill Christian 84, Willamette Valley Christian 27		
	Crow 43, Mapleton 41, OT		
	David Douglas 61, Gresham 56		
	Dayton 66, Salem Academy 55		
	Dufur 72, Ione 4		
	Elkton 51, Pacific 27		
	Enterprise 70, Weston-McEwen 55		
	Faith Bible 53, Vernonia 43		
	Forest Grove 61, Liberty 49		
	Franklin 68, Madison 49		
	Gaston 38, Nestucca 34		
	Gladstone 67, North Marion 52		
	Gold Beach 62, Reedsport 51		
	Grant 97, Wilson 45		
	Grant Union 54, Pilot Rock 45		
	Hanford, Wash. 58, Hermiston 52		
	Henley 55, Mazama 52		
	Heppner 63, Stanfield 55		
	Hidden Valley 64, North Valley 46		
	Hood River 56, Redmond 50		
	Horizon Christian Hood River 64, Echo 32		
	Hosanna Christian 61, Paisley 47		
	Illinois Valley 79, Canyonville Christian 39		
	Jefferson 68, Monroe 59		
	Junction City 54, Siuslaw 39		
	Kennedy 85, Gervais 27		
	Klamath 67, Phoenix 60		
	Knappa 64, Mesh-Kah-Nie 44		
	La Salle 50, Hillsboro 49		
	Lake Oswego 68, Canby 49		
	Lakeview 75, Glide 44		
	Lost River 69, Rogue River 55		
	Madras 70, Molalla 47		
	Marist 62, Cottage Grove 49		
	Marshfield 63, Elmira 39		
	McMinnville 52, Newberg 46		
	Milwaukie 68, St. Helens 56		
	Mitchell/Spray 56, South Wasco County 47		
	Monument/Dayville 57, Adrian 55		
	N. Clackamas Christian 53, Life Christian 44		
	Newport 64, Sweet Home 45		
	North Douglas 71, New Hope Christian 34		
	North Medford 67, South Eugene 58		
	Oakland 46, East Linn Christian 22		
	Oregon City 57, Lakeview 44		
	Parkrose 66, Scappoose 40		

PREP BASKETBALL

Friday's Scores

Boys

Amity 100, Yamhill-Carlton 52
Barlow 75, Sandhi 64
Benson 51, Lincoln 41
Blanchet Catholic 54, Scio 41
Cascade Christian 57, Brookings-Harbor 56
Central Catholic 85, Centennial 42
Central Christian 57, Chiloquin 55
Central Linn 70, Lowell 42
Churchill 75, North Bend 45
Clackamas 69, Reynolds 43
Cleveland 59, Roosevelt 55
Columbia Christian 65, Portland Christian 37
Coquille 78, Myrtle Point 55
Corbett 65, Estacada 46
Corvallis 59, Lebanon 45
Country Christian 58, Southwest Christian 31
Crane 64, Jordan Valley 56
Crescent Valley 56, North Salem 55
Crook County 60, Ridgeview 35
Crosshill Christian 84, Willamette Valley Christian 27
Crow 43, Mapleton 41, OT
David Douglas 61, Gresham 56
Dayton 66, Salem Academy 55
Dufur 72, Ione 4
Elkton 51, Pacific 27
Enterprise 70, Weston-McEwen 55
Faith Bible 53, Vernonia 43
Forest Grove 61, Liberty 49
Franklin 68, Madison 49
Gaston 38, Nestucca 34
Gladstone 67, North Marion 52
Gold Beach 62, Reedsport 51
Grant 97, Wilson 45
Grant Union 54, Pilot Rock 45
Hanford, Wash. 58, Hermiston 52
Henley 55, Mazama 52
Heppner 63, Stanfield 55
Hidden Valley 64, North Valley 46
Hood River 56, Redmond 50
Horizon Christian Hood River 64, Echo 32
Hosanna Christian 61, Paisley 47
Illinois Valley 79, Canyonville Christian 39
Jefferson 68, Monroe 59
Junction City 54, Siuslaw 39
Kennedy 85, Gervais 27
Klamath 67, Phoenix 60
Knappa 64, Mesh-Kah-Nie 44
La Salle 50, Hillsboro 49
Lake Oswego 68, Canby 49
Lakeview 75, Glide 44
Lost River 69, Rogue River 55
Madras 70, Molalla 47
Marist 62, Cottage Grove 49
Marshfield 63, Elmira 39
McMinnville 52, Newberg 46
Milwaukie 68, St. Helens 56
Mitchell/Spray 56, South Wasco County 47
Monument/Dayville 57, Adrian 55
N. Clackamas Christian 53, Life Christian 44
Newport 64, Sweet Home 45
North Douglas 71, New Hope Christian 34
North Medford 67, South Eugene 58
Oakland 46, East Linn Christian 22
Oregon City 57, Lakeview 44
Parkrose 66, Scappoose 40

Girls

Astoria 60, Valley Catholic 31
Barlow 55, Estacada 46
Beaverton 58, Westview 46
Benson 77, Lincoln 40
Blanchet Catholic 69, Scio 39
Bonanza 46, Butte Falls/Crater Lake Charter 32
Brookings-Harbor 57, Cascade Christian 39
Burns 44, Nyssa 26
Camas Valley 27, Umpqua Valley Christian 22
Canby 77, Lake Oswego 75, 3OT
Central Catholic 62, Centennial 37
Central Linn 49, Lowell 19
Chiloquin 46, Central Christian 31
Churchill 64, North Bend 34
Clackamas 63, Reynolds 18
Clatskanie 70, Rainier 26
Cleveland 64, Roosevelt 62
Condon/Wheeler 49, Sherman 31
Coquille 61, Myrtle Point 32
Cottage Grove 52, Marist 47
Country Christian 48, Southwest Christian 29
Crater 48, Thurston 27
Crow 36, Mapleton 21
David Douglas 60, Gresham 25
Dufur 32, Ione 30
Elkton 51, Pacific 27
Enterprise 53, Weston-McEwen 42
Estacada 52, Corbett 49
Franklin 60, Madison 47
Glencoe 33, Sherwood 31
Gold Beach 30, Reedsport 26
Grant 47, Wilson 33
Grant Union 60, Pilot Rock 30
Henley 45, Mazama 41
Heppner 62, Stanfield 50
Hermiston 52, Hanford, Wash. 43
Hidden Valley 64, North Valley 46
Hosanna Christian 28, Paisley 26
Illinois Valley 52, Canyonville Christian 13
John Day Valley 43, Crane 40
Junction City 65, Siuslaw 27
Kennedy 53, Gervais 40
Klamath 49, Phoenix 47, OT
La Pine 31, Santiam Christian 25
La Salle 69, Hillsboro 36
Lakeview 38, Glide 31
Lebanon 55, Corvallis 36
Liberty 45, Forest Grove 32
Lost River 50, Rogue River 42
Madras 69, Molalla 46
Marshfield 72, Elmira 25
McMinnville 52, Newberg 46

Pendleton 81, The Dalles 60
Pleasant Hill 64, Harrisburg 37
Rainier 57, Clatskanie 37
Regis 71, Oakridge 61
Riddle 72, Yoncalla 50
Santiam Christian 59, La Pine 45
Seaside 72, Tillamook 54
Sheldon 73, Grants Pass 47
Sherman 67, Condon/Wheeler 62
Sherwood 69, Glencoe 32
Silverton 92, West Albany 49
South Medford 60, Roseburg 46
South Umpqua 59, Douglas 56
Southridge 64, Aloha 40
Springfield 59, Eagle Point 43
St. Paul 75, Jewell 19
St. Stephens Academy 36, Valor Christian 33
Stayton 62, Cascade 38
Sunset 72, Mountsinside 67
Sutherlin 44, St. Mary's 27
Thurston 63, Crater 43
Tigard 75, Tualatin 72
Toledo 98, Bendan 45
Triad School 42, Prospect 24
Umatilla 61, Riverside 49
Umpqua Valley Christian 67, Camas Valley 35
Valley Catholic 60, Astoria 23
Westview 65, Beaverton 51
Willamette 68, Ashland 37
Williamina 42, Taft 29
Wilsonville 70, Putnam 50
Woodburn 52, Philomath 47

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Burns 55, Vale 51
Burnt River 32, Harper 31
Camas Valley 55, New Hope Christian 44
Condon/Wheeler 75, South Wasco County 55
Crane 60, Huntington 29
Damascus Christian 50, Open Door 45
Dufur 80, Mitchell/Spray 33
Elgin 56, Griswold 55
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Grant Union 47, Heppner 46
Horizon Christian Hood River 49, Arlington 34
Horizon Christian Tualatin 73, Westside Christian 40
Jordan Valley 57, Monument/Dayville 41
Long Creek 78, Four Rivers Community School 43
McNary 74, Mountain View