SUNDAY

SOCCER	Time	TV
Premier League,		
Wolverhampton Wanderers vs. Leicester City	5:55 a.m.	NBCSN
FIFA Club World Cup, 5th place, Ulsan Hyundai FC vs. Al Duhail SC	6:55 a.m.	FS1
Premier League, Liverpool vs. Manchester City	8:25 a.m.	NBCSN
FIFA Club World Cup semifinal,	0.23 a.111.	NDCJIN
Sociedade Esportiva Palmeiras vs. Tigres UANL FA Women's Super League,	10 a.m.	FS2
Arsenal vs. Manchester City	11 a.m.	NBCSN
LACROSSE		
College, Denver at North Carolina	8 a.m.	ESPNU
WRESTLING		
College, Iowa at Purdue	8:30 a.m.	Big Ten
College, Iowa vs. Ohio St.	11 a.m.	Big Ten
BASKETBALL		
Men's college, Iowa at Indiana	9 a.m.	FOX
Women's college, Wake Forest at Georgia Tech	9 a.m.	Root
Women's college, DePaul at Marquette	9 a.m.	FS1
Women's college, Florida St. at Miami	10 a.m.	ESPNU
Women's college, Notre Dame at Louisville	11 a.m.	ESPN
Women's college, Indiana at Iowa	11 a.m.	ESPN2
Women's college, Syracuse at Pittsburgh	11 a.m.	Root
Men's college, Georgetown at Villanova	11:30 a.m.	FOX
Men's college, Temple at Wichita St.	noon	ESPNU
Women's college, Utah at Stanford	1 p.m.	Pac-12
Men's college, Boise St. at Nevada	1 p.m.	FS1
Men's college, California at Stanford	7 p.m.	FS1
HOCKEY		
NHL, Philadelphia at Washington	9 a.m.	NBC
GOLF		
PGA Tour, Phoenix Open	10 a.m.	Golf
PGA Tour, Phoenix Open GYMNASTICS	noon	NBC
Women's college, Michigan St. at Ohio St. TRACK AND FIELD	1 p.m.	Big Ten
American Track League FOOTBALL	1:30 p.m.	ESPN
Super Bowl LV, Kansas City vs. Tampa Bay TENNIS	3:30 p.m.	CBS
Australian Open	4 p.m.	ESPN
Australian Open	6:30 p.m.	ESPN2
Australian Open	midnight	ESPN2
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MONDAY HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD CUP ALPINE SKIING		
$World\ Championships, women's\ combined\ slalom$	5:30 a.m.	NBCSN
World Championships, men's super-G	4 a.m. (Tue)	NBCSN
BASKETBALL		
Men's college, SMU at East Carolina	2 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, UNC-Greensboro at Furman	2 p.m.	ESPNU
Men's college, Miami at North Carolina	4 p.m.	ESPN
Women's college, Arizona at Oregon	4 p.m.	ESPN2
Men's college, Coppin St. at Norfolk St.	4 p.m.	ESPNU
Women's college, South Carolina at Connecticut	4 p.m.	FS1
Men's college, Nebraska at Minnesota	5 p.m.	Big Ten
Men's college, Air Force at UNLV	6 p.m.	CBSSN
Men's college, Oklahoma St. at Kansas	6 p.m.	ESPN
Men's college, Ohio St. at Maryland	6 p.m.	FS1
Men's college, San Jose St. at San Diego St.	8 p.m.	FS1
HOCKEY		
NHL, N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers	4 p.m.	NBCSN
TENNIS		
Australian Open	4 p.m.	Tennis
Australian Open	6 p.m.	ESPN2
Australian Open	midnight	ESPN2
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SPORTS BRIEFING

FOOTBALL

UO inside LBs coach passes up head coaching gig to **remain with Ducks** — Oregon inside linebackers coach Ken Wilson is staying with the Ducks, passing on an opportunity to be head coach at Montana State. Wilson emerged as a candidate at the FCS program on Friday but a source confirmed he is staying at UO. Fox's Bruce Feldman first reported Wilson was remaining at Oregon, where he's coached inside linebackers the past two seasons and is in the final year of his contract. Wilson worked with new Oregon defensive coordinator Tim DeRuyter previously while at Nevada.

WINTER SPORTS

Americans win women's bobsled championship –

Kaillie Humphries made history Saturday. Humphries is the world women's bobsled champion for a record fourth time, teaming with Lolo Jones to win the title on a snowy day in Altenberg, Germany. Humphries and Jones finished their four runs over two days in 3 minutes, 48.26 seconds. Germany finished second, third and fourth. Jones is now a world champion in two different sports. She's a two-time indoor women's hurdles champion.

Austrian men finish 1-2 at last World Cup skiing race **before championships** — Vincent Kriechmayr extended his lead in the season's super-G standings on Saturday by

winning the last World Cup race before the world championships. Kriechmayr edged Matthias Mayer by 0.17 seconds for an Austrian 1-2 finish in Garmisch Partenkirchen, Germany. Swiss skier Marco Odermatt was 0.49 behind in third.

GOLF

Spieth joins Schauffele atop Phoenix Open leader-

board — Jordan Spieth shot a 10-under 61 on Saturday for a share of the lead in the Phoenix Open. Spieth was tied with Xander Schauffele (65) at 18-under 196. Scottie Scheffler and Kyoung-Hoon Lee each shot 66 to get to 15 under. Justin Thomas had a 64 to join Louis Oosthuizen (63) at 14 under.

— Bulletin wire reports



Lottery

lottery websites

The numbers drawn Saturday night are:

(1)(16)(48)(49)(65) 8

The estimated jackpot was not available at press time.

MEGABUCKS

POWERBALL

results The numbers drawn Saturday night are: As listed at (3)(4)(11)(18)(37)(41) oregonlottery.org and individual

The estimated jackpot is now \$1.6 million.

FOOTBALL

NFL playoffs SUPER BOWL **Sunday at Tampa, Fla.** Tampa Bay vs. Kansas City, 3:30 p.m. (CBS)

America's Line SUPER BOWL Open Current O/U 31/5 3 CHIFFS 561/2 Bucs

HOCKEY

NHL							
East	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	G/
Boston	11	8	1	2	18	36	24
Philadelphia	12	7	3	2	16	39	3
Washington	11	6	2	3	15	40	3
Pittsburgh	11	5	5	1	11	33	4
New Jersey	9	4	3	2	10	23	2
N.Y. Islanders	10	4	4	2	10	23	2
N.Y. Rangers	10	4	4	2	10	29	2
Buffalo	10	4	4	2	10	30	3
Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	G
Tampa Bay	9	7	1	1	15	32	1
Florida	8	6	0	2	14	29	2
Columbus	12	5	4	3	13	31	3
Carolina	8	6	2	0	12	26	1
Chicago	12	4	4	4	12	35	3
Dallas	8	5	2	1	11	32	2
Nashville	11	5	6	0	10	29	3
Detroit	12	2	8	2	6	22	4
West	GP	W	Ĺ	OT	Pts	GF	G/
Colorado	11	7	3	1	15	38	2
St. Louis	12	7	4	1	15	40	3
Vegas	8	6	1	1	13	28	1
Minnesota	11	6	5	0	12	30	3
Arizona	11	5	5	1	11	30	3
Anaheim	12	4	5	3	11	23	3
San Jose	9	4	5	0	8	27	3.
Los Angeles	10	3	5	2	8	28	3
North	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	G/
Toronto	12	9	2	1	19	45	3
Montreal	12	8	2	2	18	48	3
Winnipeg	11	7	3	1	15	39	3
Edmonton	12	6	6	0	12	42	4
Vancouver	15	6	9	0	12	49	6
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Calgary	10	4	5	1	9 5	27	2

Friday's Late Games Vegas 5, Los Angeles 2 San Jose 5, Anaheim 4, SO Saturday's Games

Montreal 2, Ottawa 1 Arizona 3, St. Louis 1 Toronto 5, Vancouver 1 N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3 N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, ppd. Arizona at Minnesota, ppd. Colorado at St. Louis, ppd. Buffalo at Boston, ppd. Edmonton at Calgary, late San Jose at Anaheim, late Sunday's Games

Philadelphia at Washington, 9 a.m. Arizona at Minnesota, ppd. Carolina at Columbus, noon Colorado at St. Louis, ppd Detroit at Florida, nooi Los Angeles at Vegas, noon

GOLF

PGA Tour Phoenix Open Scores Saturday at Scottsdale, Ariz. Yardage: 7,261; Par: 71 Third Round

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Jordan Spieth	67-67-61—195
Xander Schauffele	66-64-65—195
Scottie Scheffler	67-65-66—198
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	66-66-66—198
Louis Oosthuizen	69-67-63—199
Justin Thomas	70-65-64—199
James Hahn	67-67-66—200
Brooks Koepka	68-66-66—200
Steve Stricker	65-66-69-200
Will Zalatoris	71-66-64—201
J.T. Poston	68-66-67-201
Keegan Bradley	66-65-70-201
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Brendon Todd, 68-69-65—202. Matthew NeSmith, 63-71-68—202. Nate Lashley, 64-69-69—202. Jon Rahm, 68-69-66—203. Scott Stallings, 67-70-66—203. Andrew Putnam, 67-69-67—203. Russell Henley, 71-67-65—203. Harold Varner III, 68-68-67—203. Patton Kizzire, 69-65-69—203. Carlos Ortiz, 67-67-69—203. Kevin Streelman, 68-67-69—204. Cameron Tringale, 71-

64-69—204. Corey Conners, 69-68-68—205. Billy Horschel, 66-68-71—205. Sam Burns, 64-68-73—205. Matt Jones, 68-69-69—206. Russell Knox, 68-69-69—206. Grayson Murray, 70-68-68—206. Nick Hardy, 68-67-71—206. Max Homa, 69-69-68—206. Emiliano Grillo, 69-70-67—206. Henrik Nor-

SCOREBOARD

PRO PICKS: Tough to bet against either QB in SB 55

Tom Brady is not unbeatable in the big game. In addition to twice beating the Rams and wins over the Panthers, Eagles - and two gifts, from the Falcons and Seahawks - his Patriots fell twice to the Giants and once to Philadelphia. Poised in the big moment beyond his years, Patrick Mahomes isn't interested in history, just laser-focused on victory.

MATCHUP/PICK STORYLINE



CHIEFS 30



Only fools bet against Tom Brady.

that half a point.

Or against Patrick Mahomes. Brady is playing at home too, making the Bucs the first team to play a Super Bowl in its own building. Mahomes is not thinking about anything but a win. That's how elite pro athletes, particularly superstars of his caliber, are built The line is 3 1/2. Pro Picks loves

AVG. YARDS PER GAME (Postseason) OFFENSE -- BUCCANEERS Total yards: 438.5 Total yards: 391.3 Passing Rushing Passing Rushina 118.5 DEFENSE Yds. allowed: 335.5 Yds. allowed: 350.0 Rushing Passing Rushing Passing

Si Woo Kim, 71-66-70—207. Brendan Steele, 70-67 70—207. Rory McIlroy, 70-67-70—207. Mark Hubbard, 63-73-71—207. Webb Simpson, 73-65-69—207. Hideki Mat-suyama, 71-67-69—207. Bo Van Pelt, 69-67-71—207. Zach Johnson, 68-70-69—207. Luke List, 72-67-68—207. Sung-jae lm, 72-67-68—207. Satoshi Kodaira, 68-71-68—207.

Ted Potter, Jr., 66-71-71—208. Robby Shelton, 72-66-70—208. Byeong Hun An, 69-69-70—208. Kyle Stanley, 71-67-70—208. Matthew Wolff, 68-71-69—208. Bubba Watson, 71-68-69—208. Brian Harman, 71-68-69—208. Sam Ryder, 70-67-72—209. Matt Kuchar, 69-67-73—209. Lucas Glover, 72-63-74—209. Davis Riley, 72-66-71—209. Ryan Palmer, 70-68-71—209. Richy Werenski, 69-69-71—

209. Bo Hoag, 67-71-71—209. Adam Hadwin, 67-70-73—210. Brian Stuard, 70-68-72—210. Stewart Cink, 69-70-71—210. Michael Kim, 67-71-74—212. Aaron Wise, 74-65-73—212. Xinjun Zhang, 70-69-73—212.

BASKETBALL

Women's college PAC-12 CONFERENCE All Games Stanford .867 Oregon .750 .800 10 .769 .600 Washington St. Southern Cal .500 .545 .571 Oregon St. Arizona St. 6 .400 .400 Colorado .333 10 10 .286 Washington 9 .100 .000 12 California Saturday's Game No. 12 Oregon 63, UC Davis 57 Sunday's Games

Arizona St. at Oregon St., ppd. Southern Cal at Washington St., noon Colorado at California, 1 p.m. No. 5 UCLA at Washington, 2 p.m Monday's Games

Southern Utah at Arizona St., 3 p.m. No. 9 Arizona at No. 12 Oregon, 4 p.m. **TOP 25 SCORES**

Saturday's Games No. 21 West Virginia 81, Texas 75 No. 23 South Dakota St. 80, South Dakota 75

Men's college PAC-12 CONFERENCE						
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
UCLA	9	1	.900	13	3	.813
Southern Cal	8	2	.800	14	3	.824
Colorado	8	4	.667	14	5	.737
Oregon	5	3	.625	10	4	.714
Stanford	7	5	.583	11	7	.611
Oregon St.	6	5	.545	10	7	.588
Arizona	7	6	.538	13	6	.684
Utah	5	6	.455	8	7	.533
Arizona St.	3	5	.375	6	8	.429
Washington St.	4	8	.333	11	8	.579
Washington	2	10	.167	3	14	.176
California	2	11	154	7	13	350

Saturday's Games Oregon 86, Washington 74 Oregon St. 68, Washington St. 66 Colorado 82, Arizona 79 No. 21 UCLA at Southern Cal. late Sunday's Games California at Stanford, 7 p.m.

California at Stainiota, , , , .
Arizona St. at Utah, ppd.

Monday's Game lander, 68-71-67—206. Wyndham Clark, 72-67-67—206. Oregon St. at Colorado, ppd.

Saturday's Box Scores

WASHINGTON (3-13)

OREGON (10-4) Lawson 2-4 0-0 4, Omoruyi 8-12 6-6 25, Hardy 3-7 2-3 8, Richardson 5-13 6-8 19, Figueroa 3-14 0-0 7, Terry 5-7 0-0 15, Kepnang 3-3 2-3 8. **Totals 29-60 16-20 86.** Halftime—Oregon 42-31. 3-Point Goals—Washington 9-19 (Bey 2-3, Wright 2-3, Green 2-4, Tsohonis 2-6, Stevenson 1-3), Oregon 12-25 (Terry 5-7, Omoruyi 3-4 Richardson 3-6, Figueroa 1-7, Hardy 0-1). Rebounds-Washington 19 (Green 4), Oregon 28 (Figueroa 9). **Assists—**Washington 11 (Green 4), Oregon 18 (Lawson, Richardson 5). **Total Fouls**—Washington 18, Oregon 18

WASHINGTON ST. (11-8) 6, Bonton 2-14 2-3 7, Williams 5-13 2-2 12, Rapp 5-7 2-2 15, Jakimovski 0-3 0-0 0, Markovetskyy 0-0 0-0 0, Bamba

TOP 25 SCORES Saturday's Games

No. 1 Gonzaga vs. Santa Clara, ppd. No. 2 Baylor vs. TCU, ppd. No. 5 Houston 112, Our Lady of the Lake 46 Oklahoma St. 75, No. 6 Texas 67, 20T No. 9 Oklahoma 79, Iowa St. 72 No. 18 Missouri 68, No. 10 Alabama 65 No. 11 Tennessee 82, Kentucky 71 No. 12 Illinois 75, No. 19 Wisconsin 60 No. 13 Texas Tech 73, Kansas St. 62 No. 14 Virginia 73, Pittsburgh 66 No. 15 Creighton 71, Marquette 68 No. 16 Virginia Tech 80, Miami 76, OT No. 17 West Virginia 91, No. 23 Kansas 79 No. 22 Florida at LSU, ppd. No. 24 Purdue 75, Northwestern 70

No. 25 Drake 80, Valparaiso 77

NBA

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Phila.	17	7	.708	_
Milwaukee	15	8	.652	11/2
Boston	12	9	.571	31/2
Brooklyn	14	11	.560	31/2
Indiana	12	11	.522	41/2
Atlanta	11	12	.478	51/2
New York	11	13	.458	6
Toronto	10	13	.435	61/2
Charlotte	10	13	.435	61/2
Cleveland	10	14	.417	7
Chicago	9	13	.409	7
Orlando	9	15	.375	8
Miami	8	14	.364	8
Washington	5	14	.263	91/2
Detroit	5	17	.227	11

Oregon 86, Washington 74

Roberts 0-3 2-4 2, Wright 2-3 1-2 7, Bey 5-8 1-1 13, Green 7-14 7-8 23, Stevenson 2-8 2-2 7, Tsohonis 6-10 -2 15, Bajema 0-0 0-0 0, Pryor 0-0 0-0 0, Sorn 3-3 1-2 7, Battle 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-49 15-21 74.

Oregon St. 68, Wash. St. 66

Rodman 5-10 0-0 14, Abogidi 5-10 2-2 12, Jackson 2-3 2-2

0-1 0-0 0, Chatfield 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-61 10-11 66. OREGON ST. (10-7) Alatishe 3-4 0-0 6, Silva 3-6 0-0 6, Lucas 4-7 3-4 12, Reichle 3-4 3-4 11, Thompson 3-10 6-7 12, Hunt 1-2 3-4 6, Cal-

loo 2-7 1-2 6. Andela 1-2 4-6 6. Franklin 0-0 2-2 2. Tucke 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 0-1 1-2 1. **Totals 20-43 23-31 68. Halftime**—Wash. St. 34-32. **3-Point Goals**—Wash. St 8-24 (Rodman 4-7, Rapp 3-5, Bonton 1-4, Abogidi 0-2, Jakimovski 0-3, Williams 0-3), Oregon St. 5-13 (Reichle 2-3, Calloo 1-2, Hunt 1-2, Lucas 1-3, Thompson 0-3) Fouled Out—Abogidi, Rebounds—Wash, St. 32 (Rodman, Abogidi 7), Oregon St. 26 (Alatishe 7). Assists-Wash, St. 14 (Bonton 8), Oregon St. 14 (Hunt 4), Total Fouls—Wash. St. 26, Oregon St. 15.

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Phila.	17	7	.708	_		
Milwaukee	15	8	.652	11/2		
Boston	12	9	.571	31/2		
Brooklyn	14	11	.560	31/2		
Indiana	12	11	.522	41/2		
Atlanta	11	12	.478	51/2		
New York	11	13	.458	6		
Toronto	10	13	.435	61/2		
Charlotte	10	13	.435	61/2		
Cleveland	10	14	.417	7		
Chicago	9	13	.409	7		
Orlando	9	15	.375	8		
Miami	8	14	.364	8		
Washington	5	14	.263	91/2		
Dotroit		17	227	11		

L.A. Lakers .739 .708 .571 L.A. Clippers Phoenix San Antonio Denver Portland .545 .529 Memphis Golden State

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Oklahoma City New Orleans Minnesota Friday's Late Phoenix 109, Detroit 92

Houston

Sacramento

Boston 119, L.A. Clippers 115 Saturday's Games New York 110. Portland 99 Sacramento 119, Denver 114 Chicago 118, Orlando 92 Phila. 124, Brooklyn 108 Milwaukee 124, Cleveland 99 Oklahoma City 120, Minnesota 118 Atlanta 132, Toronto 121 San Antonio 111, Houston 106 Dallas 134, Golden State 132

Saturday's Box Score

Knicks 110, Trail Blazers 99

Memphis at New Orleans, late

Detroit at L.A. Lakers, late

PORTLAND (99) Covington 4-10 2-2 13, Hood 3-10 0-2 7, Kanter 6-10 1-2 13, Lillard 10-20 3-5 29, Trent Jr. 8-20 0-2 19, Anthony 1-8 0-0 2, Jones Jr. 1-3 0-0 3, Giles III 0-0 1-2 1, Simons 4-8 1-1 12. Totals 37-89 8-16 99.

NEW YORK (110)Bullock 4-6 0-0 10, Randle 7-16 6-8 22, Robinson 3-4 0-0 6, Barrett 8-14 0-0 18, Payton 10-19 1-3 22, Toppin 1-2 0-0 2, Gibson 1-1 0-0 2, Burks 6-16 0-0 16, Quickley 4-8 2-2 12, Rivers 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 44-88 9-13 110.

31 20 25 23 — 99 Portland 26 31 27 26 — 110 New York 3-Point Goals—Portland 17-47 (Lillard 6-12, Simons 3-6, Covington 3-9, Trent Jr. 3-11, Jones Jr. 1-2, Hood 1-6), New York 13-30 (Burks 4-9, Barrett 2-2, Bullock 2-4, Randle 2-4, Quickley 2-5, Payton 1-4). Fouled Out-None, Rebounds-Portland 41 (Kanter 11), New York 51 (Randle 11). Assists—Portland 15 (Lillard 9), New York 20 (Payton, Randle 4). **Total Fouls**—Portland 15, New York 19.

Sunday's Games Miami at New York, 10 a.m. Portland at Charlotte, ppd Utah at Indiana, 10 a.m. Washington at Charlotte, 10 a.m.

Boston at Phoenix, 11 a.m. Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, noon **DEALS**

Transactions FOOTBALL

National Football League
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed DTTyler Clark, DB Rodney Clemons and RB Derrick Gore to futures contracts. Placed OT Eric Fisher and LB Willie Gay on injured reserve.
Promoted QB Matt Moore, LB Chris Lammons and WR Marcus Kemp from the practice squad. Activated TE Deon

Yelder from injured reserve. Activated C Daniel Kilgore from reserve/COVID-19 list. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Promoted QB Drew Stan ton and G Ted Larson to active roster.

PAC-12 MEN'S BASKETBALL | DUCKS & BEAVERS

UO has season-high 3-point shooting, handles Washington

Bulletin wire reports

EUGENE — A matchup with the worst defensive team in the conference is what Oregon, particularly while shorthanded, needed to put forth its best 3-point shooting performance of the season.

Eugene Omoruyi (25 points), Will Richardson (19) and Jalen Terry (15) combined for 11 of Oregon's 12

three-pointers in an 86-74 rout of Washington at Matthew Knight Arena Saturday afternoon.

The Ducks (10-4, 5-3 Pac-12) earned a season sweep of the Huskies (3-14, 2-10) by dominating the glass (32-20), good ball movement and strong shooting from both the paint (32-24) and behind the arc (12 of 25).

It was a season-high in scoring for Terry, who was 5 of 7 from the field, all from three. The freshman made four straight midway through the second half to blow the game open to a 20-point lead multiple times.

Also Saturday: Oregon St. 68, Washington **St. 66:** CORVALLIS — Ethan Thompson scored all 12 of his points in the final 8:37 to help Oregon State hang on for a win over Washington State. Thompson scored on a

driving layup with a minute left and passed Dave Gambee (1,468 points, 1955-58) for 10th place in career points at Oregon State. Jarod Lucas added 12 points and Zach Reichle had 11 for the Beavers (10-7, 6-5 Pac-12).

Tennis

Continued from B1

A full day of competition at the half-dozen tuneups in Melbourne was postponed because of a positive test for a worker at a hotel that housed 160 players in January.

The draw for the Australian Open was pushed back a day, too.

Before the 24-hour break was announced, Australian player Nick Kyrgios captured a common sentiment, tweeting: "Am I playing tomorrow?"

"It was a bit of uncertainty," he said later. "I had no idea what was going on."

Those sorts of doubt could linger at a major tournament that already was pushed back three weeks from its original start date to allow for all of the entrants and their entourages to quarantine upon arrival on the continent.

"From a tennis point of view, you cannot prepare 100%," 2019 U.S. Open runner-up Daniil Medvedev said. "You try to do what you can."

Williams, a seven-time champion in Melbourne, said that the Achilles tendon issue that hampered her last year in a loss at the U.S. Open and forced her to withdraw from the French Open might have prevented her from competing at all in Australia if not for that extra bit of rest.

Most participants were limited to leaving their hotels for five hours of training per day. More than 70 players were banned from leaving their rooms at all during that period because they potentially were exposed to the virus during the chartered flights that carried them from various spots in the globe to Melbourne.

"Everyone experienced different challenges when it came to that period," three-time major semifinalist Johanna Konta said. "Some had it a lot more difficult than others, that's for sure."

The mental and physical tolls of that kind of lockdown certainly would be liable to affect anyone, athlete or other-

"The players are just getting thrown off-guard a lot. I think it's going to demand a lot of patience and a lot of flexibility and who is going to really adjust and adapt the best," said Chris Evert, whose 18 major championships include the 1982 and 1984 Australian

Opens. "Players are so used to routines. They like to be in control. They're not in control," said Evert, now an ESPN analyst. "I mean, even Djokovic, who is like a control freak just, you've got to throw everything to the wind and wake up every morning and just be ready to go with whatever is going to happen. It's not easy."

Because of that one positive COVID-19 test, more than 500 people associated with the Australian Open and its warmup tournaments were told to isolate until they tested negative.

One day later, action resumed.

Australian Open tournament director Craig Tiley chalked it up as "just one of those additional challenges" and stated unequivocally: "We are starting on Monday."

"The players, from the feedback we're getting from them ... have come to accept the fact that now, with their travel around the world, the environment's different. And anything can happen," Tiley said. "Every day you wake up, it can be different. And I think they have gotten used to that."

The plan is to let in 30,000 spectators per day, about 50% of the usual crowds — and a big departure from the last Grand Slam tournament of 2020, the French Open, which had about 1,000 fans per day, and the U.S. Open, which did not allow any.

"There's no such thing as no risk," Tiley said, offering what he called a paraphrasing of a government official. "There's always going to be risk. And the objective is to minimize that as best as possible."