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## PGA TOUR



Stephen B. Morton via AP

Stewart Cink kisses the championship trophy after winning the RBC Heritage in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, on Sunday.

## Cink-cess! 47-year-old wins with family near

BY PETE IACOBELLI

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HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — The golf was exceptional for Stewart Cink. What made his third RBC Heritage title truly special was that his family was there to experience his age-defying success.

Cink hugged son Reagan, his caddie, after he closed out his four-shot victory at Harbour Town with a stress-free par on the lighthouse-framed 18th hole. Wife Lisa, their other son, Connor, and his fiancée, Jess Baker, were in the gallery cheering Cink's second win this season.

"To have a posse like that waiting at the end to celebrate with," Cink said, "it's just an experience you don't get to have in your life that often."

Maybe the Cink family has more such joyous moments ahead with Stewart's resurgence on the PGA Tour.

He shot a steady, stress-free 70 to cap off a dominant, record-breaking week at an age — 47 — when many players are looking ahead to the PGA Tour Champions.

Instead, it was Cink finishing four better than Emiliano Grillo and Harold Varner III. Grillo shot a 68 while Varner, who had the highest finish of his career, fired a 66.

The 30-year-old Varner took found plenty of encouragement in the man who beat him.

"He's old and he's kicking everyone's (butt)," Varner said. "Yeah, it inspires me. It inspires me to know that I can play golf for a long time."

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## NASCAR CUP SERIES

## Bowman wins with late move at Richmond

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RICHMOND, Va. — Another week, another agonizing loss for Denny Hamlin.

And this time it was to Alex Bowman, who came from nowhere with 10 laps to go at Richmond Raceway to put the No. 48 Chevrolet in victory lane for the first time in nearly four years.

Bowman won for the third time in his career Sunday and denied Hamlin a win in a race he had dominated to become the eighth winner in nine Cup races this season. He dedicated the victory to crew member William "Rowdy" Harrell and his wife, Blakley Harrell, who were killed in a November car crash in Florida while on their honeymoon. "This one is for Rowdy and his family. Miss him and Blakley every day," Bowman said.

Bowman's victory in the No. 48 Chevrolet for Hendrick Motorsports came on the same day the former driver of the car, seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson, made his debut in the IndyCar Series in Alabama. It was the first victory for the No. 48 since June 4, 2017.

Johnson was the only driver of the No. 48 when it was formed in 2001 and Bowman was hand-picked by sponsor Ally to replace him.

Bowman overcame a penalty on lap 247 for a loose tire on pit road to rally for the win.

For Hamlin, it was the third defeat in three races.

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## Non-fungible tokens

# DIGITAL MEMORABILIA



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This image created by Brazilian illustrator Andre Maciel, known as Black Madre, shows one of the nine non-fungible token cards of baseball Hall of Famer Ted Williams to go on auction April 19-24. Non-fungible tokens can be works of art, video clips or even tweets or news articles tied to a digital record — or blockchain — that allows the collector to prove ownership.

## Auction brings Hall of Famer Ted Williams to NFT market

BY JIMMY GOLEN • Associated Press

BOSTON — Teddy Ballgame is about to become Teddy Blockchain.

Hall of Famer Ted Williams is coming to the digital memorabilia market with a release of nine different cards that follow the No. 9's career from skinny rookie to Cooperstown inductee. The collectors' items offered by Williams' daughter are hand drawn by Brazilian illustrator Andre Maciel, known as Black Madre, who created the non-fungible tokens for football star Rob Gronkowski that sold out last month for \$1.6 million.

"I wrote to him. I told him who I was. I said, 'My dad is Ted Williams.' I said, 'Here's what I want to do,'" Claudia Williams said, adding that she didn't know whether Maciel would be familiar with the baseball star.

"For all he knows, I'm just some person reaching out saying, 'Hey, could you make me some NFTs?'" she said. "Just the respect that he showed the art, I know that he knows who Ted Williams is."

Eight cards come in limited editions numbered 1-9, with the ninth — titled "The Splendid Splinter" — a one-of-a-kind release that comes with an autographed bat, three autographed pictures and an Airbnb stay at a Vermont house Williams lived in. Each of the 73 cards include the digital autograph of the Red Sox slugger, who remains the last major leaguer to bat .400, hitting .406 in 1941.

The collection also recognizes Williams' achievements as a fishing hall of famer and a fighter pilot who missed parts of five seasons to serve in WWII and the Korean War. Claudia Williams wrote the text on the back of each card.

The auction begins Monday and runs through Saturday.

"My life's goal is to keep my dad as relevant and inspirational as ever," Claudia Williams said last week in a telephone interview from her Florida home. "I want to leave his legacy behind when his

last surviving child is gone."

Non-fungible tokens can be works of art, video clips or even tweets or news articles tied to a digital record — or blockchain — that allows the collector to prove ownership. The NBA has gotten into NFTs by creating a market called Top Shot, which has more than 800,000 users and at least \$500 million in sales.

Williams said if the auction is successful, she will donate some of the proceeds to the Jimmy Fund, a children's cancer charity that has been a favorite of the Red Sox since her father's playing days.

"It's all about inspiration and honoring my dad," she said. "I am very much my father's daughter: I do not do squat if I don't feel passionate about it."

Williams played 19 years — all for the Red Sox — missing time for the two wars before retiring at the age of 41 in 1960 with a .344 average, 521 home runs and 1,839 RBIs. He was a 19-time All-Star, two-time AL MVP and two-time triple crown winner.

Williams was also a notorious curmudgeon who derided reporters as "Knights of the Keyboard" and refused to tip his cap to the fans. But he was one of the few white players to argue for Negro Leagues players to be included in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Claudia Williams said her father might not have been an early adopter on NFTs, but he encouraged his children to keep up on the latest technology. His book "The Science of Hitting" was ahead of its time. (Williams, who died in 2002, has been frozen in liquid nitrogen at an Arizona cryonics facility in the hopes that medical advances will someday allow him to be brought back to life.)

"Daddy was so about cutting edge," she said. "When he learned about something new, he embraced it. He might say, '... I don't know the first thing about this NFT, but I think it's great.' But he would learn about it, and he would love it."

## NBA

### Rozier, Hornets snap 4-game skid

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

— Terry Rozier had 34 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds, and the Charlotte Hornets rode a strong first quarter to a 109-101 win over the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday night, snapping a four-game losing streak.

P.J. Washington had 23 points and eight rebounds after missing three games with an ankle injury, and Miles Bridges added 19 points, including two high-light-reel dunks for the Hornets (28-28).

Rozier, Washington and Bridges were a combined 15 of 31 from 3-point range as Charlotte snapped a seven-game losing streak against Portland.

Carmelo Anthony had six 3-pointers and 24 points for the Trail Blazers (32-24), who played without star Damian Lillard for the second straight game due to a hamstring injury. CJ McCollum scored 22 points.

The Hornets charged to an early lead, building a 43-18 lead in the first quarter behind 17 points on 7-of-8 shooting from Rozier. Charlotte shot 77.3% in the opening quarter with Rozier and Bridges combining to go 6 of 6 from 3-point range.

Rozier, who was 7 of 13 from 3-point range in the game, helped Charlotte push its lead to 27 points in the third quarter.

But the Blazers battled back and cut the lead to nine with 3½ minutes remaining behind four fourth-quarter 3-pointers from Anthony. But after back-to-back Anthony misses, the Hornets got an open dunk from P.J. Washington to push the lead to 12 that all but sealed the win.

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## MLB

### Haniger, France lead Mariners

SEATTLE — Ty France hit a two-run home run, six Seattle pitchers combined on a one-hitter and the Mariners beat the depleted Houston Astros 7-2 on Sunday.

France followed Mitch Haniger's two-run triple with a two-run home run to left field in the decisive fourth-inning to give the Mariners the series. Seattle has won four of five and has come from behind in six of 10 victories.

Haniger and France, who bat first and second in the lineup, also had back-to-back RBI doubles in the seventh inning. France has reached base safely in 14 of 16 games and said having Haniger batting before him has made his life easier.

"Guys don't want to pitch to Mitch, so hopefully they'll pitch to me," France said. "We're feeding off each other well right now."

The loss was Houston's seventh in its last eight games and comes with five players — including four starters — still on the injured list due to COVID-19 concerns.

"We made some mistakes in the heart of the plate and they didn't miss them," Houston manager Dusty Baker said.

Seattle starter Nick Marguevich left in the top of the fifth with a 3-1 count to Chas McCormick due to fatigue.

The Mariners bullpen is 6-1 with five saves in the last 11 games, giving up just six earned runs in 35 2/3 innings.

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