

## SOCCER

## Chelsea wins Champions League

PORTO, Portugal — As Chelsea captain Cesar Azpilicueta cradled the European Cup before thrusting it into the air to the backdrop of fireworks, Pep Guardiola and his distraught Manchester City players stood way behind the winner's rostrum and looked on in anguish.

Champions League glory once again for Chelsea, nine years after its first title and just 123 days after manager Thomas Tuchel's season-changing arrival at the club.

Germany forward Kai Havertz's 42nd-minute goal earned Chelsea a surprisingly comfortable 1-0 win in Porto in the Champions League's third all-English final on Saturday.

That the last match of a club season heavily impacted by the coronavirus pandemic was settled by a goal from Havertz felt apt, given he suffered badly after contracting the disease midway through his first year at the club having signed for nearly \$100 million.

As for his fellow German, Tuchel, he only had to wait one season to get over the disappointment of losing the 2020 final when in charge of Paris Saint-Germain. Fired by PSG in December, he was hired by Chelsea a month later to resuscitate a team that had lost its way and has delivered a Champions League title four months later.

Christian Pulisic, who came on as a second-half substitute for Chelsea to become the first American player to feature in a Champions League final, posed with the trophy in a USA sweatshirt.

In the second half, Pulisic ran onto Havertz's pass but slipped a shot just wide of the post.

That didn't stop Chelsea becoming the 13th multiple European champion, adding to its title from 2012.

— Associated Press

## NBA

## Former Jazz center Eaton dies at 64

Mark Eaton, the 7-foot-4 shot-blocking king who twice was the NBA's defensive player of the year during a career spent entirely with the Utah Jazz, has died. He was 64.

The team announced his death Saturday.

Eaton left his home for a bike ride Friday night in Summit County, Utah, and shortly thereafter someone called 911 to report after seeing him lying on a roadway and unconscious. Eaton was taken to a hospital where he later died. The team, citing county officials who investigated, said "there is no reason to believe a vehicle was involved in the incident."

The Jazz described him in a statement as an "enduring figure in our franchise history" who had a "significant impact in the community after his basketball career."

The center led the league in blocks per game four times and his average of 5.6 per contest in 1984-85 remains the highest average since the NBA started officially tracking that statistic.

Eaton's career blocks average of 3.51 per game is the best in NBA history.

Eaton was the defensive player of the year in 1984-85 and 1988-89, was a five-time All-Defensive team selection and was an All-Star in 1989.

— Associated Press

## PREP WRESTLING

## Grappling under the lights



Redmond High School's Kole Davis, left, wrestles against Sweet Home High School's Jesse Jamison during the 160-pound match at Redmond High School on Friday night.

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## Central Oregon wrestlers participate in special 'Friday Night Lights' showcase

BY BRIAN RATHBONE • The Bulletin

REDMOND —

Perhaps COVID-19 pushing the high school wrestling season from the winter into the late spring was not the worst thing in the world. It at least came with one benefit.

On a cloudless May evening Friday, with temperatures in the low 70s and a slight breeze, five wrestling mats were spread across the Redmond High School football field while eight wrestling teams grappled in a one-day, dual meet tournament aptly called "Friday Night Lights."

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Redmond High School's Junior Downing, top, wrestles against Sweet Home High School's Ryker Hartsook during the 145-pound match on Friday night.

## MOTOR SPORTS | INDY 500

## Race is biggest sporting event of the pandemic

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INDIANAPOLIS — The milk is on ice, celebrities are in the house and Indianapolis Motor Speedway is buzzing again both with the roar of engines and the largest crowd at a sporting event since the start of the pandemic.

The Indianapolis 500 will welcome a sold-out 135,000 spectators Sunday and drop the green flag on a packed house and a party not seen since early 2020.

"We're just excited to be opening up America," said Roger Penske, who bought Indianapolis in January 2020, roughly two months before the pandemic shut down the country.

The speedway has 240,000 permanent grandstand seats and space in the infield and suites to accommodate nearly 400,000 on race day. But Penske couldn't open the gates until October, when only 10,000 a day were permitted into the landmark facility over a three-day weekend for an IndyCar race.

Americans are eager to return to some sort of normalcy. They want their traditions and their sports back, none more so than "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing," which withstood world wars, the Great Depression and the now the pandemic.

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## NBA PLAYOFFS

## Blazers top Nuggets to tie the series 2-2

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PORTLAND — Usually the chants in Portland are for star Damian Lillard. On Saturday Norman Powell was treated to the crowd's adulation.

Powell matched his career playoff high with 29 points and the Trail Blazers beat the Denver Nuggets 115-95 on Saturday in Game 4 to even the first-round series.

"I love these types of games, these kinds of moments. It's the moment where nothing else matters," Powell said.

"You get caught up in the course of the season with stats sometimes, this-that-and-the-other, road trips, but when you get into the playoffs, the only thing that matters is winning."

Powell made four 3-pointers and was 11 of 15 from the floor. When he left the floor with the game well in hand, fans chanted "Nor-man Pow-ell! Nor-man Pow-ell!"

"I thought it was really dope," he said.

"At first I didn't know what they were saying when I was sitting there, and then the guys on the bench were chanting as well so that got a little smile out of me."

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## TENNIS | FRENCH OPEN PREVIEW

## Rafael Nadal's magic numbers are 14 and 21

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Go back, for a moment, to May 8, 2005, when Rafael Nadal was still just 18 and yet to appear in a French Open, let alone win one.

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After collecting his first trophy on the red clay of Rome — which had been preceded by his first trophy on the red clay of Barcelona, which in turn had been preceded by his first trophy on the red clay of Monte Carlo — Nadal was asked that day

whether he agreed with the notion that all of this success would make him a popular pick for his first trophy on the red clay of Paris soon thereafter.

In an answer brimming with a mix of humility and common sense, Nadal noted that, yes, it did seem he was deemed the favorite for Roland Garros every time he won a match on the surface, but "after two weeks, I don't know if I (will) play the same like now, no?" and, so, really, the favorite for the French Open should be whoever was playing the best during the French Open itself.

We all know how that turned out back then and, more often than not, ever since.

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