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MOTOR SPORTS	Time	τν
IndyCar, Detroit Grand Prix qualifying	8 a.m.	NBCSN
NASCAR Truck Series, Texas	10 a.m.	FS1
IndyCar, Detroit Grand Prix Race 1	11 a.m.	NBC
NASCAR Xfinity Series, Texas	1 p.m.	FS1
IMSA Sportscar Championship, Detroit Grand Prix	2 p.m.	NBCSN
Superstar Racing Experience Series, Stafford (CT)	5 p.m.	CBS
BASEBALL	o p	655
NCAA Tournament, Vanderbilt vs. East Carolina	9 a.m.	ESPN2
NCAA Tournament, Dallas Baptist vs. Virginia	9 a.m.	ESPNU
NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame vs. Mississippi St.	11 a.m.	ESPN
MLB, San Francisco at Washington (DH)	11 a.m.	MLB
NCAA Tournament, Arkansas vs. NC State	noon	ESPN2
NCAA Tournament, Texas Tech vs. Stanford	noon	ESPNU
MLB, regional coverage	1 p.m.	MLB
MLB, Seattle at Cleveland	1 p.m.	Root
MLB, San Francisco at Washington (DH)	4 p.m.	FOX
NCAA Tournament, LSU vs. Tennessee	4 p.m.	ESPN2
NCAA Tournament, South Florida vs. Texas	6 p.m.	ESPNU
NCAA Tournament, Arizona vs. Ole Miss	7 p.m.	ESPN2
MLB, Texas at L.A. Dodgers	7 p.m.	MLB
BASKETBALL	7 p.m.	IVILD
NBA playoffs, Utah at L.A. Clippers	5:30 p.m.	ABC
BOXING	5.50 p.m.	//DC
Shakur Stevenson vs. Jeremiah Nakathila	7 p.m.	ESPN
HORSE RACING	, p	Lorin
America's Day at the Races	2 p.m.	FS2
FOOTBALL	•	
The Spring League, Jousters vs. Sea Lions	9 a.m.	FOX
The Spring League, Generals vs. Blues	5 p.m.	FS2
AFL Premiership, North Melbourne vs. GWS Giants	10 p.m.	FS2
GOLF	·	
PGA Tour, Palmetto Championship at Congaree	10 a.m.	Golf
PGA Tour, Palmetto Championship at Congaree	noon	CBS
PGA Tour Champions,		
American Family Insurance Championship	noon	Golf
Korn Ferry Tour, BMW Charity Pro-Am	2 p.m.	Golf
LPGA Tour, MEDIHEAL Championship	4 p.m.	Golf
European Tour,		
Scandinavian Mixed Hosted by Henrik & Annika	4:30 a.m. (Sun)	Golf
LACROSSE		
Premier Lacrosse League, Whipsnakes vs. Cannons		NBC
Premier Lacrosse League, Redwoods vs. Atlas	noon	NBCSN
OLYMPICS		
U.S. Trials: Diving, Women's Springboard final	1 p.m.	NBC
U.S. Trials: Diving, Men's Platform final	5 p.m.	NBC
RODEO		
PBR Bull Riding, Las Vegas Invitational	6 p.m.	CBSSN
SOCCER		
UEFA European Championship, Wales vs. Switzerland	5:30 a.m.	ESPN
UEFA European Championship,	5.50 a.m.	LJIN
Denmark vs. Finland	8:30 a.m.	ESPN
UEFA European Championship, Belgium vs. Russia	11:30 a.m.	ABC
TENNIS		
French Open, women's finals	6 a.m.	NBC
WTA, Viking Open Nottingham semifinals	6 a.m.	Tennis
French Open, women's doubles championship	2:30 a.m. (Sun)	Tennis
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SOCCER		
UEFA European Championship, England vs. Croatia	5:30 a.m	n. ESPN
UEFA European Championship, Austria vs. FYROM	8:30 a.m	n. ESPN
UEFA European Championship,		
Netherlands vs. Ukraine	11:30 a.ı	m. ESPN
Copa America, Brazil vs. Venezuela	2 p.m.	FOX
Copa America, Colombia vs. Ecuador	4:50 p.m	n. FS2
Women's, Summer Series, Jamaica at U.S.	7 p.m.	FS1
MOTOR SPORTS		
IndyCar, Detroit Grand Prix qualifying	6 a.m.	NBCSN
IndyCar, Detroit Grand Prix Race 2	9:30 a.m	n. NBC
NHRA, New England Nationals	10:30 a.ı	m. FOX
NASCAR Cup Series, All-Star Open	3 p.m.	FS1
NASCAR Cup Series, All-Star Race	5 p.m.	FS1
TENNIS		
French Open, men's finals	6 a.m.	NBC
BASEBALL		
NCAA Tournament, Virginia vs. Dallas Baptist	9 a.m.	ESPN2
NCAA Tournament, Tennessee vs. LSU	9 a.m.	ESPNU
MLB, Seattle at Cleveland	10 a.m.	Root
NCAA Tournament, E. Caro. vs. Vanderbilt (if nec.)	noon	ESPN2
NCAA Tournament, Stanford vs. Texas Tech (if nec.)	noon	ESPNU
NCAA Tournament, NC State vs. Arkansas (if nec.)	3 p.m.	ESPN2, ESPNU
NCAA Tournament, Miss. St. vs. Notre Dame	3 p.m.	ESPN2, ESPNU
MLB, St. Louis at Chicago Cubs	4 p.m.	ESPN
NCAA Tournament, Ole Miss vs. Arizona (if nec.)	6 p.m.	ESPN2, ESPNU
NCAA Tournament, Texas vs. South Florida	6 p.m.	ESPN2, ESPNU
GOLF		
PGA Tour, Palmetto Championship at Congaree	10 a.m.	Golf
PGA Tour, Palmetto Championship at Congaree	noon	CBS
LPGA Tour, MEDIHEAL Championship	4 p.m.	Golf
BASKETBALL		
NBA playoffs, Brooklyn at Milwaukee	noon	ABC
NBA playoffs, Phoenix at Denver	5 p.m.	TNT
HOCKEY		
NHL playoffs, N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay	noon	NBC
Listings are the most accurate available.		

ON DECK Central Division W L Chicago Cleveland 38 24 27 Prep sports 33 30 Kansas City 31 SATURDAY Detroit 26 36 Girls basketball: North Medford at Bend, 2:30 p.m. Minnesota 37 Wrestling: Mountain View at Sprague, 2 p.m.; Crook County at Roseburg, 6 p.m.; Bend at McNary Duals, 10 West Division **W** 37 L a.m.; La Pine Invitational, TBD. Swimming: Bend, Mountain View at Bend City Oakland 27 Houston 35 27 Meet 2. Juniper Swim & Fitness Center, TBD. Los Angeles 30 32 31 Seattle 34 Texas 24 39 PREPS Thursday's Late Ga Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto 2 Boston 12, Houston 8 Minnesota 7, N.Y. Yankees 5 **Boys basketball** Thursday's Late Games Kansas City 6, Oakland 1 Summit 75, Mountain View 67 Crook County 69, Redmond 53 Friday's Games Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2 Cleveland 7, Seattle 0 Corbett 59, Madras 52 Boston 6, Toronto 5 Chicago White Sox at Detroit, late Houston at Minnesota, late La Pine 63, Creswell 53 Culver at Salem Academy 67, Culver 34 Friday's Games The Dalles at Crook County, late Kansas City at Oakland, late L.A. Angels at Arizona, late Texas at L.A. Dodgers, late Ridgeview at Pendleton, late Philomath at Sisters, late Santiam Christian at La Pine, late Chiloquin at Central Christian, late 1:05 p.m. **Girls basketball** Thursday's Late Games Summit 44, Mountain View 42 Crook County 53, Redmond 41 Madras 52, Corbett 44 Creswell 47, La Pine 15 Culver at Salem Academy 62, Culver 31 Friday's Games Pendleton at Ridgeview, late NATIONAL LEAGUE Crook County at The Dalles, late Sisters at Philomath, late Santiam Christian at La Pine, late East Division New York Chiloguin at Central Christian, late 31 24 Philadelphia 30 31 Atlanta 29 32 35 BASKETBALL Miami 28 Washingtor 25 34 **Central Division** NBA playoffs W Chicago Milwaukee St. Louis 36 35 32 SECOND ROUND 27 27 31 (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Thursday's Late Game Cincinnat 30 23 31 Utah 117, L.A. Clippers 111, Utah leads series 2-0 Pittsburgh 38 Friday's Games West Division Phila, at Atlanta, series tied 1-1 L **W** 39 Phoenix at Denver, late, Phoenix leads series 2-0 23 San Francisco Saturday's Game Los Angeles 37 37 25 28 Utah at L.A. Clippers, 5:30 p.m., Utah leads series 2-0 San Diego Colorado 25 39 **WNBA** Arizona 20 43 Friday's Games EASTERN CONFERENCE Chicago Cubs 8, St. Louis 5 GB Pct San Francisco 1, Washington 0 N.Y. Mets 3, San Diego 2 Cincinnati 11, Colorado 5 Miami 4, Atlanta 3 .800 2½ 3½ 4 .556 5 .444 Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, late L.A. Angels at Arizona, late .400 .300 5 10 .091 7½ Texas at L.A. Dodgers, late WESTERN CONFERENCE GB Pct W L .818 1½ .700 1:05 p.m. .556 .500 3 3½ Atlanta (Fried 3-3) at Miami (TBD), 1:10 p.m. Los Angeles 444 4 4½ .375 Friday's Games Seattle 86, Atlanta 75 1:10 p.m. Dallas at Phoenix, late Saturday's Games Chicago at Indiana, 10 a.m. Los Angeles at Minnesota, 5 p.m. 4:15 p.m BASEBALL **NCAA Division I** SUPER REGIONALS MLB (Best-of-3; x-if necessary) AMERICAN LEAGUE In Fayetteville, Ark. Friday: No. 1 Arkansas 21, N.C. State 2 **East Division** GB Saturday: N.C. State vs. No. 1 Arkansas, noon x-Sunday: N.C. State vs. No. 1 Arkansas, 3 p.m. W L Pct 40 24 625 39 25 .609

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x-Monday: South Fla. vs. No. 2 Texas, 1 or 4 p.m.

Cowboys

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SCOREBOARD

In Knoxville, Tenn Saturday: LSU at No. 3 Tennessee, 4 p.m. GB Pct Sunday: LSU vs. No. 3 Tennessee, 4 p.m. Sunday: LSU vs. No. 3 Tennessee, 9 a.m. or noor x-Monday: LSU vs. No. 3 Tennessee, 1 or 4 p.m. 4 .550 7½ 12 13 .492 In Nashville, Tenn, Friday: No. 4 Vanderbilt 2, No. 13 E. Carolina 0 Saturday: No. 13 E. Carolina vs. No. 4 Vanderbilt, 9 a.m. .419 .403 x-Sunday: No. 13 E. Carolina vs. No. 4 Vanderbilt, noon In Tucson, Ariz. Friday: No. 12 Mississippi at No. 5 Arizona, late Pct GB .578 1 6 6½ 12½ Saturday: No. 12 Mississippi vs. No. 5 Arizona, 7 p.m. x-Sunday: No. 12 Mississippi vs. No. 5 Arizona, 6 p.m. In Columbia, S.C. .565 .484 .477 Saturday: DBU at Virginia, 9 a.m. Sunday: DBU vs. Virginia, 9 a.m. .381 x-Monday: DBU vs. Virginia, 10 a.m. In Starkville, Miss 11 a.m. St., 4 p.m. In Lubbock, Texas GOLF Saturday's Games N.Y. Yankees (Taillon 1-4) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-1), **PGA Tour** Kansas City (Kowar 0-1) at Oakland (Kaprielian 2-1), 1:07 p.m. Baltimore (López 2-6) at Tampa Bay (Hill 5-2), 1:10 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Cease 4-2) at Detroit (Ureña 2-5), 1:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (Cobb 4-2) at Arizona (TBD), 1:10 p.m. Second Round Chesson Hadley Dustin Johnson Seattle (Kikuchi 3-3) at Cleveland (McKenzie 1-3), 1:10 p.m. Toronto (Matz 6-3) at Boston (Pivetta 6-1), 1:10 p.m. Houston (Garcia 5-3) at Minnesota (Berríos 6-2), 4:15 p.m. Tain Lee Harris English Chez Reavie Texas (Allard 1-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Bauer 6-4), 7:10 p.m. Erik van Rooyen Pat Perez Seamus Power Wilco Nienaber Pct GB Garrick Higgo .564 4 .492 .475 .444 5 7 8 .424 Pct GB .571 .565 .508 .492 .377 Pct GB .629 2 3½ 15 .597 .569 19½ .317 Gellerman, 71-70-141. **TENNIS** San Francisco (Gausman 7-0) at Washington (Ross 2-6), **French Open** 11:05 a.m., 1st game N.Y. Yankees (Taillon 1-4) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-1), Friday in Paris (Seedings in parenth Colorado (Márquez 4-5) at Cincinnati (Miley 5-4), 1:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (Cobb 4-2) at Arizona (TBD), 1:10 p.m. Pittsburgh (Kuhl 0-3) at Milwaukee (Burnes 3-4), 1:10 p.m. 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-2. San Diego (Musgrove 4-5) at N.Y. Mets (Stroman 5-4) HOCKEY San Francisco (TBD) at Washington (TBD), 4:15 p.m. 2nd game St. Louis (Gant 4-3) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 7-4), Texas (Allard 1-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Bauer 6-4), 7:10 p.m. SECOND ROUND Thursday's Late Game Vegas 6, Colorado 3, Vegas wins series 4-2 CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary) Sunday's Game Monday's Game Montreal at Vegas, 6 p.m., Game 1 Tuesday's Game In Austin, Texas Saturday: South Fla. at No. 2 Texas, 6 p.m. Sunday: South Fla. vs. No. 2 Texas, 6 p.m.

Saturday: No. 10 Notre Dame at No. 7 Mississippi St., Sunday: No. 10 Notre Dame vs. No. 7 Mississippi St., 3 p.m. x-Monday: No. 10 Notre Dame vs. No. 7 Mississippi Friday: No. 9 Stanford 15, No. 8 Texas Tech 3 Saturday: No. 9 Stanford vs. No. 8 Texas Tech, noon x-Sunday: No. 9 Stanford vs. No. 8 Texas Tech, noon Palmetto Championship Score Friday at Ridgeland, S.C.; Yardage: 7,655; Par: 71 65-66—131 65-68—133 67-68-135 67-69-136

67-69-136 65-71-136 70-66-136 70-66-136 68-68-136 68-69-137 Rob Oppenheim 69-68—137 Doc Redman 65-72—137 Patrick Rodgers 67-70—137 Henrik Norlander, 70-68—138. Hudson Swafford, 68 70–138. Jhonattan Vegas, 66-72–138. Tyrrell Hatton, 71-68–139. Austin Cook, 70-69–139. Vaughn Taylor, 67-72–139. Nick Taylor, 67-73–140. Ian Poulter, 68-72–140. Luke Donald, 71-69—140. Byeong Hun An, 67-73—140. Davis Thompson, 71-69—140. Bo Van Pelt, 69-71—140. Danny Lee, 67-73—140. Kevin Chappell, 68-72—140. Ryan Armour, 71-69—140. Sam Ryder, 67-74—141. Matt Fitzpatrick, 71-70—141. Satoshi Kodaira, 69-72—141. Scott Piercy, 71-70—141. Scott Harrington, 70-71—141. Wes Roach, 64-77—141. Broc Everett, 69-72—141. Rhein Gibson, 70-71—141. Chase Seiffert, 70-71—141. Bill Haas, 71-70—141. Jon-athan Byrd, 68-73—141. C.T. Pan, 69-72—141. Matthew NeSmith, 72-69—141. David Lipsky, 71-70—141. Michael Mark Hubbard, 71-70—141. Mark Hubbard, 71-71—142. Anirban Lahiri, 69-73— 142. Roger Sloan, 67-75—142. Ben Taylor, 72-70—142. Hank Lebioda, 68-74—142. Beau Hossler, 71-71—142. Brandt Snedeker, 72-70—142. Tyler Duncan, 70-72—142. Russell Knox, 71-71—142. Men's Singles Semifinals — Stefanos Tsitsipas (5), Greece, def. Alexander Zverev (6), Germany, 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3. Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Rafael Nadal (3), Spain, **NHL playoffs** (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, noon, Game N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m. Wednesday's Game Montreal at Vegas, 6 p.m.

SOCCER

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EASTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	Т	Pts	GF	GA
New England	5	1	2	17	11	7
Phila.	4	2	2	14	9	5
Orlando City	3	1	3	12	8	4
NY City FC	3	2	2	11	13	7
CF Montréal	3	3	2	11	10	9
Columbus	3 3	2	2	11	7	6
Nashville	2 2 3	0	5	11	9	6
Atlanta	2	1	4	10	9	7
New York	3	4	0	9	10	10
D.C. United	3	5	0	9	8	11
Inter Miami CF	2	4	2	8	8	13
Toronto FC	1	4	2	5	8	12
Chicago	1	5	1	4	4	11
Cincinnati	1	4	1	4	6	15
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Seattle	5	0	3	18	14	3
Sporting KC	5	2	1	16	15	10
LA Galaxy	5	2	0	15	11	11
Colorado	4	2	1	13	12	8
Houston	3	3	2	11	11	12
San Jose	3 3	5	0	9	11	12
Portland	3 2 2	4	0	9	9	11
Real SL	2	1	3	9	9	7
LA FC	2	3	2	8	8	9
Vancouver	2	4	1	7	6	9
Austin FC	2	4	1	7	5	8
Minnesota United	2	4	1	7	6	11
FC Dallas	1	3	3	6	8	11
NOTE: Three point	s for v	/ictory	one	point fo	or tie.	
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Portland	3	2	2	9	11	4
Washington	2 2	2	2	9 0	5	4 5

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Orlando	3	0	2	11	7	4
Portland	3	2	0	9	11	4
Washington	2	1	2	8	5	5
Gotham FC	2	1	1	7	2	1
Houston	2	2	1	7	6	6
Chicago	2	2	1	7	4	7
North Carolina	1	2	1	4	6	3
Reign FC	1	2	1	4	2	3
Louisville	1	2	1	4	2	8
Kansas City	0	3	2	2	2	6
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.						

DEALS

Transactions BASEBALL Major League Baseball

American League SEATTLE MARINERS — Reinstated RHP Justin Dunn and RHP Kendall Graveman fom the 10-day IL. Optioned RHP Kenyan Middleton to Tacoma (Triple-A West). Designated RHP Yacksel Rios for assignment.

National League SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Acquired LHP Michael Plassmeyer from Tampa Bay in exchange for RHP Matt Wisler and cash considerations then optioned him to Richmond (Double-A Northeast), Purchased the contract of RHP Akeel Morris from Long Island (Atlantic League). Reinstated LHP Caleb Baragar from the 10-day IL and

rehab assignment. Optioned INF Thairo Estrada to Sacra-mento (Triple-A West). Ourighted LHP Scott Kazmir after clearing waivers to Sacramento

FOOTBALL National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed LB Odafe Oweh to a four-year contract. CHICAGO BEARS — Signed QB Justin Fields.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed WR Reggie Davis to a contract. Signed DT Osa Odighizuwa to a rookie contract. Waived OL Justin Skule.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed S Andre Cisco. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Placed QB Drew Brees on

the reserve/retired list. NEW YORK JETS — Signed S Sharrod Neasman. Placed OL Parker Ferguson on injured reserve.PHILADELPHIA EA-GLES — Resigned TE Richard Rodgers. Agreed to terms with WR Michael Walker. SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed G Senio Kelemente.

Waived OL Justin Skule with an injury designation. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Waived DB LaDarius Wiley.

SOCCER Major League Soccer

LOS ANGELES FC — Loaned G Tomas Romero, Ds Mo-hamed Traore and Tony Leone, Fs Mamadou Fall, Bryce Duke, Alvaro Quezada, Christian Torres and Cal Jennings to Las Vegas (USL Championship)

But it was Sanchez's twin brother, Jesse, who stood out to his coach in the winning effort.

"If you ask me who the best player to

SPORTS BRIEFING

FOOTBALL

Former Oregon prep QB transferring from Colorado

to Oregon State — Former Beaverton High School star and Colorado graduate transfer Sam Noyer is headed home. On Friday, the 6-foot-4, 220-pound quarterback announced that he will spend his final season of college eligibility with the Oregon State Beavers. Nover started all six games at Colorado last season, leading the Buffaloes to a 4-2 record and earning second-team all-Pac-12 honors. He threw for 1,101 yards and six touchdowns with seven interceptions, while rushing for 208 yards and five scores. Nover's addition indicates he will immediately compete for the starting quarterback job.

-Bulletin wire report



MEGA MILLIONS The numbers drawn Friday night are:

(4)(43)(56)(63)(68)(13)(4)

The estimated jackpot was not available as of press time. As listed at www.oregonlottery.org and individual lottery websites

Lottery results

Oregon

Rvan Brennecke/The Bulletin

Crook County's Cayden Lowenbach (33) attempts a shot during the first quarter against **Redmond on Thursday night at Redmond** High School.

As eighth-graders, the now senior class squared off in the Central Oregon Bas-ketball Organization championship game against Mountain View, and the Cowboys beat the Cougars for the first time that season in the title game.

"That was the biggest win of our ca-reers," Sanchez recalled. "That was our first championship and after that we never looked back."

The Cowboys (11-0) cleared perhaps their toughest hurdle to complete an undefeated season Thursday night at Redmond High School. In a matchup between teams with a combined record of 18-1, the Cowboys used a 23-5 run in the first half to cruise to a 69-53 win.

Trailing 19 going into halftime, the Panthers (8-2) clawed back to cut the lead to 12 in the third quarter behind 19 points from Garrett Osborne and 16 from Skyler Jones. But not enough shots were falling for the Panthers to climb all the way back.

Lowenbach led the Cowboys with 22 points, and Sanchez, on an admittedly off night, pitched in 14 points.

night for us was, it was Jesse Sanchez," Mumm said. "When the ball is in his hands, everyone is calm. He ran the show for us."

Crook County has been willing to put in the work needed to put the program on the map. In a year during which basketball gyms were closed, the work did not stop for the Cowboys.

Much of the offseason was spent on an outdoor court that was built in January. Hours were spent on that court to ensure the previous season was not a fluke.

'We weren't satisfied with what we did last year," Lowenbach said.

With two games left in the regular season and two of the school's best basketball seasons under their belt, the Cowboys are soaking in the final weeks of their historic two-year run.

"I am proud of my guys for sticking together," Kevin Sanchez said. "It's a big commitment to get to this point. I am proud of my guys for taking care of business."

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French Open

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"Definitely the best match that I was part of ever in Roland Garros, for me, and (one of the) top-three matches that I ever played in my entire career — considering quality of tennis, playing my biggest rival on the court where he has had so much success and has been the dominant force in the last 15-plus years," Djokovic said, "and the atmosphere, which was completely electric."

It was Nadal's third loss in 108 matches at a tournament he won each of the last four years, including by beating Djokovic in the 2020 final.

Nadal's first defeat at the French Open came against Robin Soderling in 2009; the next against Djokovic in 2015.

"Each time you step on the court with him," Djoković said, "you know that you have to kind of climb Mt. Everest to win against this guy here."

And to think: There wasn't even a trophy at stake in this one. That will happen Sunday, when Djokovic, a 34-year-old from Serbia, faces Stefanos Tsitsipas, a 22-year-old from Greece.

The fifth-seeded Tsitsipas edged sixthseeded Alexander Zverev 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3 earlier Friday to reach his first Grand Slam final. It's Djokovic's 29th as he seeks a second title at the French Open and 19th major championship overall to pull within one of the men's Slam mark shared by Nadal and Roger Federer.

Tsitsipas already had given away all of a two-set lead in his semifinal Friday when he double-faulted to trail love-40 in the opening game of the fifth. But Tsitsipas steeled himself to win five consecutive points, then broke to go up 3-1.

"I'm someone who fights. I was not willing to give up yet. I think I did a few things right that worked in my favor," said Tsitsipas, who entered the day 0-3 in major semifinals.

His semifinal offered a measure of drama. But in truth, Tsitsipas-Zverev was merely an opening act before the headliners.

Nadal and Djokovic really riled up the raucous crowd at Court Philippe Chatrier.

Midway through the third set, Djokovic won a 23-stroke point with a forehand winner and windmilled his arms a half-dozen times, earning a standing ovation and

chants of "No-vak! No-vak!" On the very next point, Nadal produced a forehand winner and screamed, prompting chants of "Ra-fa! Ra-fa!" and a wave in the stands.

Nadal acknowledged fatigue might have been a factor during his poor play in the tiebreaker, including a double-fault and a flubbed volley.

"Mistakes can happen," the 35-year-old from Spain said. "But if you want to win, you can't make these mistakes."

The intensity was palpable from the outset of the evening, and Nadal zoomed to a 5-0 lead, reminiscent of last year's final, which he won 6-0, 6-2, 7-5.

No two men in the professional era, which dates to 1968, have played each other more than this duo (Djokovic now leads 30-28). They know each other, and each other's strengths and weaknesses and patterns, so well.

Djokovic shrugged off his early hole. He saved a set point while down 6-5 in the third. Nadal recovered from the dropped tiebreaker to steal a break at the beginning of the fourth.

But Djokovic broke back to 2-all and was on his way.

"Something clicked," Djokovic said.