

NFL

49ers WR Samuel asks for trade

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — All-Pro receiver Deebo Samuel told ESPN on Wednesday that he has requested a trade from the San Francisco 49ers as the two sides have been unable to negotiate a long-term deal for one of the league's top play-makers.

Samuel is entering the final year of the rookie deal he signed after being drafted in the second round in 2019 and is looking to take advantage of the exploding market of receiver contracts.

Samuel is set to be paid nearly \$4 million this season after being a first-team All-Pro in 2021. Eight receivers have gotten new contracts this offseason worth at least \$18 million a year, including Tyreek Hill and Davante Adams after trades from their old teams.

If the Niners give in to Samuel's demand he would be the latest star receiver to switch teams this offseason. Green Bay got a first- and second-round pick from the Raiders for Adams, while Kansas City got a first-, a second- and three lower-round picks from Miami for Hill.

Samuel didn't give a reason to ESPN for his demand and the Niners and his agent didn't immediately comment on the request.

The NFL draft starts next Thursday and San Francisco could look to add a first-round pick after trading theirs away last season to move up for quarterback Trey Lance.

— Associated Press

Haskins ran out of gas before killed

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The wife of Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Dwayne Haskins called Florida 911 dispatchers shortly after he was fatally struck by a dump truck earlier this month, saying his car had run out of gas and she was worried because he wasn't answering the phone, according to recordings released Wednesday.

Kalabrya Haskins, who was calling from Pittsburgh and unaware of the accident, told a Florida Highway Patrol dispatcher on April 9 that her 24-year-old husband had called from near Fort Lauderdale to say he was walking to get gas and would call her back. When the former Ohio State star didn't, she told the dispatcher she tried to call him but he wasn't answering.

"I just want somebody to go in the area and see if his car is there and if he's OK and if anything happened to him," she said, her voice breaking. "It's not like him" to not call back, she said.

The highway patrol had already received numerous panicked calls about the accident that happened about dawn on Interstate 595 near Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport. But the dispatcher did not appear to know yet that paramedics had arrived and found Haskins dead. He had been in South Florida training with Steelers teammates.

The accident report released Wednesday says witnesses told investigators Haskins was trying to cross the highway when he went into the path of the dump truck. The truck knocked him into the path of a car, which also struck him.

— Associated Press



Russia's Daniil Medvedev plays a return to Spain's Carlos Alcaraz during a second-round match at Wimbledon in London July 1, 2021. Kirsty Wigglesworth/AP file

BY CHRIS LEHOURITES
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LONDON — Tennis players from Russia and Belarus will not be allowed to play at Wimbledon this year because of the war in Ukraine, the All England Club announced Wednesday.

Among the prominent men's players affected by the ban are reigning U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev, who recently reached No. 1 in the ATP rankings and is currently No. 2, and No. 8 Andrey Rublev. The women's players affected include No. 4 Aryna Sabalenka, who was a Wimbledon semi-finalist last year; Victoria Azarenka, a former No. 1 who has won the Australian Open twice; and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, the French Open runner-up last year.

Medvedev, Rublev and Pavlyuchenkova are from Russia; Sabalenka and Azarenka are from

Belarus.

Wimbledon begins on June 27. The All England Club confirmed in March that it was having discussions with the British government about whether Russians should be able to play in the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

"It is our responsibility to play our part in the widespread efforts ... to limit Russia's global influence through the strongest means possible," the All England Club said in a statement first posted on Twitter.

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NBA PLAYOFFS



Miami Heat's Jimmy Butler walks off the court during the second half of Game 2 of a first-round playoff series against the Atlanta Hawks Tuesday night in Miami. The Heat won 115-105. Lynne Sladky/AP

Bubble Jimmy, or a new version, back at right time for Miami Heat

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP Basketball Writer

MIAMI — These are Jimmy Butler's three highest-scoring games in a Miami uniform: 40 points against Milwaukee, 40 points against the Los Angeles Lakers, 45 points against Atlanta. And those efforts have quite a bit in common.

He had at least 20 shot attempts and 12 free throws in each of those games.

The Heat won all three contests.

And all three happened in the playoffs.

Butler's best Miami mo-

ments tend to come when it matters most — the post-season. His 45-point effort against the Hawks on Tuesday night gave top-seeded Miami a 2-0 series lead in their Eastern Conference first-round matchup that resumes on Friday in Atlanta. He said afterward that he simply took what the defense gave him. His teammates and coaches said it was far more impressive than that.

"Jimmy is a max guy, a go-guy, a killer," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

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GOLF

Pebble Beach is now a USGA anchor site with 4 men's and women's Opens



Daniel Berger putts on the seventh green of the Pebble Beach Golf Links during the Pebble Beach Pro-Am in 2021. Pebble Beach is the third course to become an anchor site for the U.S. Open. Eric Risberg/AP file

BY DOUG FERGUSON
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Pebble Beach is the third course to become an anchor site for the U.S. Open, with the USGA announcing Wednesday four U.S. Opens and four U.S. Women's Opens over the next 26 years.

Pebble Beach joins Pinehurst No. 2 and Oakmont Country Club as anchor sites, a strategy that allows the USGA to return to its most famous U.S. Open courses more frequently.

The USGA made sure the women were not left behind.

The U.S. Women's Open will be held on America's most famous seaside course for the

first time next year, and then it will return three more times in 2035, 2040 and 2048.

Pebble Beach, which opened in 1919 and first hosted a USGA event in 1929 with the U.S. Amateur, was the first public course to host the U.S. Open in 1972. That Open was famous for Jack Nicklaus hitting the pin with a 1-iron on the par-3 17th on his way to victory.

John Bodenhamer, the USGA's chief championships officer, recalled a conversation with three-time major champion Nick Price who told him it matters where a player wins a U.S. Open.

"There are certain places

you go and stand out on them, they're meant for a U.S. Open or a U.S. Women's Open. You play Pebble Beach, it is a bit of a religious experience," Bodenhamer said at a news conference overlooking the 18th hole.

"We're going where players want to win."

Other big moments at Pebble Beach include Tom Watson chipping in on the 17th to beat Nicklaus in 1982, and Tiger Woods delivering his greatest performance when he won the 2000 U.S. Open by 15 shots, the widest margin in major championship history.

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