



U.S., Portugal Play To Draw

MANAUS, Brazil (AP) — They were less than 30 seconds away. The Americans were about to romp into the round of 16 at the World Cup, about to walk off with their first come-from-behind win at soccer's showcase. About to advance with a game to spare. About to win consecutive World Cup games for the first time since 1930. But they wilted in the Amazon heat and humidity. Varela's goal on a diving header

off Cristiano Ronaldo's cross 4 1/2 minutes into five minutes of stoppage time gave Portugal a 2-2 tie Sunday on an exhausting night in the rainforest capital. "It's tough, but it's just the way it goes," U.S. captain Clint Dempsey said. "We're Americans. I think we like to do things the hard way." Now the U.S. may need at least a point Thursday against three-time

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LIU DAWEI/XINHUA/ZUMA PRESS/MCT
Jermaine Jones of the U.S. celebrates scoring a goal against Portugal during the FIFA World Cup at the Arena Amazonia Stadium in Manaus, Brazil, on Sunday.

Summer Splash



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Ryan Trail of Yankton compete in the 200-meter freestyle at the 51st annual Yankton Charity Invitational swim meet on Saturday at Yankton's Memorial Park Pool. Photos from the meet appear on Page 10, as well as online at spotted.yankton.net.

Edwards Earns First Career Road Course Win

SONOMA, Calif. (AP) — Carl Edwards has never been known for his road racing skills — to the point team owner Jack Roush had to send him testing in a two-seater so Boris Said could teach him the basics.

A decade later, Edwards finally has a win to show for his hard work.

And, he beat road racing ace Jeff Gordon to get to Victory Lane on Sunday at Sonoma Raceway, where Gordon leads all drivers with five wins.

"My road racing progression, it's been a pretty long climb," Edwards said. "The real special part to me was to stand in Victory Lane at Sonoma and have Jeff Gordon come and give me a handshake as the second-place finisher. I grew up watching Jeff Gordon, and specifically watching how he drove this race track and all the successes he had here, so I mean, that's really super. It's something I'll never forget."

Edwards' win made Roush Fenway Racing the unlikely organization to end Hendrick Motorsports' five-race winning streak. And, the win came a week after Roush was shut out at Michigan, where the organization failed to put a car in the top 10 for the first time since 2000.

Edwards took the lead on a restart with 25 laps remaining and seemed to have the win wrapped up until Gordon nearly chased him down on the final lap. Gordon had one good look at Edwards and couldn't pull off the pass.

"That last lap was ugly," Edwards said of trying to hold off Gordon.

It wasn't a terrible day for the Hendrick organization, which had won every Sprint Cup Series race since Gordon's victory at Kansas on May 10. Instead, HMS settled for all four of its drivers finishing in the top seven.

Gordon, the Sprint Cup Series points leader, wound up second. He said he made one mistake in overdriving a turn with about five laps to go that allowed Edwards to build a healthy lead.

"I just couldn't put enough pressure on him," Gordon said. "I think had I put some more pressure on him, I saw him really struggling with the (tire) grip level, but he did everything he needed to do. That last lap, I gave it my best effort and closed up on him and he didn't overdrive it. I was hoping he might slide up and I'd get a run on him."

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was third after rallying from an incident that wrecked Matt Kenseth, and was apologetic on the radio and after the race.

"I tried to screw it up a couple times in the race, but I calmed down and was able to get a good finish," Earnhardt said after his career-best finish on a road course. "I got into Matt, I jumped a curb and jumped into the air and

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Soccer Tourney A Success



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Yankton Phitens' Payton Wolfram, near, breaks loose for a goal against Mitchell on Saturday afternoon. The Phitens won the match and the U-12 girls' title.

Annual Event Draws 500 Kids To Yankton

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About 500 participating soccer players had a ball at this weekend's Yankton Soccer Invitational hosted by Yankton Youth Soccer Association (YYSA). The tournament at Lewis and Clark Soccer Park drew in many new teams this year.

"We have brand new tournament directors and they have just done an awesome job of bringing in some new teams that we have never had in the Yankton tournament before so that's really nice and exciting," said YYSA President Deb Lillie. "There's Springfield, Wessington Springs, some new teams from Iowa and Bellevue, Nebraska came up this year. It's smaller than it has been in past years, but it filled the brackets. So that is really good."

With so many kids participating, a ton of volunteer work is a must to make the tournament a success.

"There is about 100 Yankton volunteers out today. It takes a lot of people to make the tournament work," said Lillie.

Omaha Football Club was one of the new teams that participated in the tournament.

"We were looking for a tournament. We always go to the Springfield Tournament because that is where a lot of our girls live. We have been going to the Kearney tournament for quite a few years but it didn't work out this year because it was scheduled too close. So we just looked for another tournament," said Rick Sedral, Coach of Omaha Football Club. "Yankton just looked like the perfect fit for us. We are having a ton of fun. We are really pleased to be up here."

Many kids who participated in the tournament had a very positive experience.

"The tournament has always been really

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Michelle Wie Holds On To Win U.S. Women's Open



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Michelle Wie wins the U.S. Women's Open at Pinehurst No. 2 in Pinehurst, N.C., on Sunday.

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) — The road Michelle Wie took to a U.S. Women's Open title was unlike any other, and suddenly insignificant.

Whether this was a long time coming was the least of her cares.

The biggest star in women's golf had her name on the biggest trophy.

She never looked happier. "Oh my God, I can't even think straight," Wie said Sunday after a two-shot victory over Stacy Lewis to claim her first major.

The final three holes at Pinehurst No. 2 were filled with ups and downs that Wie knows as well as anyone in golf. She responded with a performance worthy of the hype that had been heaped on her since she was a teenager.

With a three-shot lead on the 16th hole, Wie nearly threw it all away with one poor decision, only keeping the lead by making a nervy 5-foot putt for double bogey. And right when it looked as though this would end badly, the 24-year-old from Hawaii responded with the putt of her life that made her a Women's Open champion. Facing a 25-foot birdie

putt on 17 that was fast and dangerous, Wie pumped her fist when it fell, then pounded her fist twice to celebrate the moment.

"That kind of emotion, that kind of pressure ... I'll think of that putt as one of the best putts I've ever hit in my life," she said.

A par on the 18th gave her an even-par 70 to beat Lewis, the No. 1 player in women's golf who made Wie earn it. Lewis made eight birdies — the most in a final round by a male for female in the U.S. Open — and closed with a 66.

Lewis was on the range preparing for a playoff when her caddie told her Wie made birdie on the 17th. Moments later, Lewis was on the 18th green to hug Wie. Like most players, she was perplexed why Wie would spend so much time trying to compete against the men when she still didn't have an LPGA Tour card.

They are friends now and practice frequently. Lewis said she wasn't the last bit surprised that Wie delivered such a clutch moment.

"I think that scene on 18, being on network TV, as many people as we had around there at Pinehurst No.

2 and Michelle Wie winning the golf tournament, I don't think you can script it any better," Lewis said. "I think it's great for the game of golf. I think it's even better for women's golf. I'm so happy for Michelle Wie. I mean this has been such a long time coming for her."

Wie had chance to win this title when she was a 15-year-old amateur at Cherry Hills, and a 16-year-old pro at Newport. The last time she was in this area, she opened with an 82 at Pine Needles in 2007 and walked off the course the next day because of injuries.

She had been one of the biggest stars in women's golf since she was 13 and played in the final group of a major. Her popularity soared along with criticism when she competed against the men on the PGA Tour while still in high school and talked about wanting to play in the Masters.

That seems like a lifetime ago.

The 6-foot Wie is all grown up. She is a Stanford graduate, popular among pros of both genders, and now a major champion.

Baseball: Yankton Post 12 Sweeps First Dakota Classic

Yankton Post 12 improved to 19-3 with a sweep of the Daryl Bernard First Dakota Classic on Saturday. Post 12 finished 4-0 in the event.

Yankton beat South Central 14-1 in five innings and Crofton 1-0. Crofton beat South Central 8-6 in Saturday's other game.

Yankton hosts Sioux Falls West on Tuesday, a 5 p.m. doubleheader. The first game will count in region play.

YANKTON 14, SOUTH CENTRAL 1: Lane Sawatzke helped his own cause with a double, a single, three runs scored and three RBI as Yankton rolled past South Central. Landon Withrow had

three hits and three runs scored, and Will Steward had two hits, two runs scored and a RBI for Yankton. Colin Muth had two hits, a run scored and a RBI. Mitch Gullikson and Tanner Termansen each had a hit, a run scored and a RBI in the victory.

Sawatzke struck out 10 batters in the five-inning game for the victory.

YANKTON 1, CROFTON 0: Landon Withrow tossed a complete game six-hit shutout for Yankton.

Tanner Termansen had a hit and drove in the game's lone run. Adam Walter had a hit and a run scored. Brad Ulmer doubled and Colin

Muth singled in the victory.

VFW Teener

Renner Tour.

SIoux FALLS & BAL TIC — The Yankton Lakers went 2-1 in the Renner VFW Teener baseball tournament, held Saturday and Sunday in Sioux Falls, Baltic and Renner.

The Lakers, now 11-10 on the season, travels to Brookings on Tuesday.

WATERTOWN 8, LAKERS 4: Kellen Franzen and Caid Koletzky each had two hits to lead Yankton on Sunday at Ronken Field. Jack Schoen-



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Yankton first baseman Colin Muth ranges to his right to knock down a ground ball during Post 12's matchup with South Central in the Daryl Bernard First Dakota Classic on Saturday at Riverside Field.

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