

Swiatek, Murray exit Indian Wells

Zverev, Ruud survive onslaught of upsets

INDIAN WELLS, Calif., Oct. 13, (AP): Upsets dominated the fourth round at the BNP Paribas Open, with four top-five seeds getting dismissed in straight sets. Andy Murray and U.S. Open runner-up Leylah Fernandez were knocked out, too.

No. 2 Iga Swiatek, the highest remaining women's seed, lost to No. 24 Jelena Ostapenko 6-4, 6-3. Ostapenko rallied from a break down in both sets on a day when the weather calmed down from the rain and wind that affected some of Monday's matches.

Top-seeded Karolina Pliskova was upset a day earlier, when she lost to Beatriz Haddad Maia 6-3, 7-5. Haddad Maia wasn't able to follow up her big win, offering little resistance in losing to Anett Kontaveit 6-0, 6-2.

No. 3 Barbora Krejčíková was beaten by 21st-seeded Paula Badosa 6-1, 7-5.

American Jessica Pegula routed No. 5 Eli-



Jessica Pegula returns a shot to Elina Svitolina of Ukraine at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, on Oct. 12, in Indian Wells, Calif. (AP)

na Svitolina 6-1, 6-1 to reach the quarterfinals for the first time at Indian Wells. Pegula connected on 70% of her serves and won 22 of 26 first-serve points in the 68-minute match. She didn't face a break point.

"Really solid win. Didn't make a lot of errors and was still aggressive. Played the big points well," Pegula said. "I've just been

really mentally tough this week. I've been fighting for every single point."

Fernandez had five double faults in losing to Shelby Rogers 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4). Rogers stunned world No. 1 Ash Barty in the third round at last month's Open before falling to eventual champion Emma Raducanu in the fourth round.

"It was an incredible battle," Rogers said. "We both played really well at times and it was a sort of tug-of-war kind of match and one that's really fun to play. The crowd was into it on both sides."

TENNIS

Fernandez and partner Coco Gauff later lost 7-5, 6-4 to Su-Wei Hsieh and Elise Mertens in the doubles quarterfinals.

Former top-ranked Victoria Azarenka ended the run of Aliaksandra Sanovich 6-3 6-4. Sanovich had defeated major winners Raducanu and Simona Halep in back-to-back matches to reach the fourth round.

On the men's side, American Taylor Fritz beat No. 5 Matteo Berrettini 6-4, 6-3. Karen Khachanov defeated No. 12 Pablo Carreno Busta 6-0, 6-4.

No. 3 Alexander Zverev and No. 6 Casper Ruud survived the onslaught of upsets.

Zverev defeated Murray 6-4, 7-6 (4), with each man firing eight aces. Ruud outlasted Lloyd Harris 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4.

A frustrated Murray tossed his racket at the end of the tiebreaker. He was seeking his first win over a Top-5 player since 2016. But Zverev, the gold medalist at the Tokyo Olympics, had won 18 of his last 19 matches.

"There was no sort of consistency," Murray said. "It was either good or bad."

Murray received a wild-card into the event as he continues on the comeback trail. He had hip surgery in 2018 and injured his groin in March.

Fritz earned his seventh career win against a Top-10 player, winning not far from where he grew up in the Los Angeles area.

"I've been looking for some better results in these big events for a bit. I've let more than a couple slip away from me," Fritz said. "I'm pretty comfortable here. I feel if anything more confident here because it's close to home and the crowd is always great for me here."

Jannik Sinner advanced via walkover against American John Isner.



Taylor Fritz celebrates after winning a game against Matteo Berrettini, of Italy, at the BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament, on Oct. 12, in Indian Wells, California. (AP)

Lewis throws 3 TDs

Lafayette 'routs' App State 41-13

LAFAYETTE, La., Oct. 13, (AP): Levi Lewis threw for one touchdown and ran for another, Chris Smith added two rushing scores and Louisiana-Lafayette eased by Appalachian State 41-13.

Louisiana-Lafayette (5-1, 3-0 Sun Belt Conference) scored a touchdown on its first three drives and led 20-6 at the break. Eric Garror intercepted a pass on Appalachian State's opening possession of the second half, leading to Smith's 21-yard run.

The Louisiana-Lafayette defense entered with just three takeaways on the season, but came up with four against Appalachian State.

Lewis threw for 209 yards, moving into second in program history for career passing yards, and Smith rushed for 82 yards on 13 carries. Montrell Johnson added 103 yards rushing, including a 2-yard touchdown to cap a 98-yard drive in the fourth.

On the second play of the game, Lewis threw a deep pass down the middle to Kyren Lacy for a 55-yard completion. Lewis scored six plays later on a 3-yard run.

Chase Brice was 15-of-26 passing with two interceptions for Appalachian State (4-2, 1-1 Sun Belt). He ran for a 5-yard TD to pull within 27-13 midway through the third.

Meanwhile, Arizona quarterback Jordan McCloud is out for the rest of the season after suffering right knee and ankle injuries against UCLA.

Wildcats coach Jedd Fisch said McCloud is expected to have surgery this week.



Lewis

FOOTBALL

McCloud was injured in the fourth quarter of Arizona's 34-16 loss to UCLA Saturday night when his leg got twisted up while he was getting sacked.

A transfer from South Florida, McCloud started two games after beginning the season as the backup to Gunner Cruz and Will Plummer. The sophomore threw for 481 yards and two touchdowns in three games this season.

Fisch said Cruz, who started the first two games of the season, will start against Colorado on Saturday.

Also:

MESQUITE, Texas: Utah football player Aaron Lowe was remembered as an optimist, role model and friend at his funeral, and coach Kyle Whittingham announced the school would retire Lowe's number and establish a scholarship in his name.

Lowe's coaches and teammates, Utah athletic staff and the university president traveled from Salt Lake City to attend the service at Family Cathedral of Praise in Lowe's hometown east of Dallas. Inside the casket, Lowe's body was adorned in a white football uniform, including cleats, and a football was placed in his hands.

Lowe, 21, was fatally shot Sept. 26 in Salt Lake City, hours after a win over Washington State and nine months after Utes running back Ty Jordan died in an accidental shooting on Christmas night 2020.

The Phenomenal Tournament Seeks to Discover Kuwait's 2021 Champion

Red Bull Neymar Jr's Five Returns to Kuwait



Red Bull Neymar Jr's Five, the global sensation, has returned to cities worldwide in 2021. Several major countries have recently concluded their finals, and this month Kuwait will undergo its qualifiers and finals as well.

Red Bull Neymar Jr's Five is a cross-continent five-a-side football tournament. Participating countries conclude with a country final, where the winners qualify for the Red Bull Neymar Jr's World Final appearance. This is their chance to win the tournament proper and bring back the championship trophy to their home country.

The global tournament will return to Kuwait in October 2021. Both fans and players have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to show the world what they have to offer.

The Red Bull Neymar Jr's Five 2021 Kuwait Qualifiers will take place over two sets of three-day events.

The first will be on October 18, and 19. The Kuwait qualifiers second round will be the following week of October, on 25, 26.

These will lead up to the Red Bull Neymar Jr's Five Kuwait Country

Final, which will be on November 4, 2021. The best of Kuwait will go on to the World Final. This year, and for the first time ever, the Red Bull Neymar Jr's Final will be hosted by the Gulf country of Qatar. More information regarding the World Finals will arrive at a later date.

The event in Kuwait is held in partnership with Puma Middle East, and Acqua Eva.

Registration is currency open for all teams looking to sign up in Kuwait. Interested athletes are kindly directed to the official country website below:



redbull.com/mea-en/events/red-bull-neymar-jrs-five-kuwait-2021

The rules of the game are unchanged from previous years. They are as follows:

- Players must be aged 16 and over at the time of the tournament
- Seven player teams
- Five players per team on the pitch
- No goalkeepers
- Stepping inside the box results in a penalty for the other team
- When you score a goal, the other side loses a player for the duration of the match
- The match lasts 10 minutes or until a

team runs out of players

- Any games ending in a draw will result in a 1-on-1 battle

The simplicity of the rules belies the intensity of the matches. At 10 minutes, they are extremely satisfying to watch and play. There is no time to waste, and teams must go into their matchups with a strategy that's been practiced to achieve any success. Every goal scored places the other team in a precarious position, which further fuels their team to take chances to score and even out the playing field.

More than 30 countries are participating in this year's tournament, and as previously stated, many have concluded their country finals, like the United Kingdom, and the United Arab Emirates.

This month, the focus will be on the Kuwait tournament, which has always proven to be competitive and memorable. All interested teams are encouraged to sign up today and look forward to a superb return of Red Bull Neymar Jr's Five.

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