

# Nadal Wins U.S. Open to Claim 16th Grand Slam Title

NEW YORK (Dispatches) - Rafael Nadal won his third U.S. Open and 16th Grand Slam title with a one-sided victory over South Africa's Kevin Anderson in New York.

The world number one powered to a 6-3 6-3, 6-4 victory in Sunday's final at Flushing Meadows.

The Spaniard, 31, has now won two Slams in the same year for the first time since 2013, having won the French Open in June.

"It's just unbelievable what happened this year," said Nadal.

The U.S. Open was the last Grand Slam where he was working alongside his uncle Toni, with Carlos Moya taking sole charge of coaching from 2018.

"I can't thank him enough for all the things he did for me," Nadal said of his uncle.

The result means this year's major titles are shared between Nadal, at the French and U.S. Opens, and Roger Federer, at the Australian



World Number 1 Rafael Nadal has bagged his 16th Grand Slam title after overwhelming a towering Kevin Anderson 6-3, 6-3 and 6-4 in the US Open Final.

Open and Wimbledon.

Federer remains at the top of the men's all-time Grand Slam list with 19 titles, three ahead of Nadal, who has now won 10 French titles,

three U.S., two Wimbledon and one Australian.

### Wu Warns World After First Chinese Boys Slam Title

Wu Yibing served notice to the world that Chinese men's tennis is on the rise Sunday after capturing a milestone Grand Slam boys singles title at the U.S. Open.

The 17-year-old second seed from Hangzhou became China's first boys Slam singles champion by defeating Argentina's top-seeded Axel Geller 6-4, 6-4.

"I think this is showing ourselves and showing the world Chinese boys can be good and better -- and Chinese men."

Wu made his best prior Grand Slam singles run into this year's Australian Open semi-finals and also reached the Wimbledon quarter-finals.

Wu squandered six championship points in the eighth game of the second set before taking the title on his seventh opportunity when Geller swatted a forehand wide after 80 minutes.

# Britain's Froome Completes Historic Victory in Madrid

MADRID (Dispatches) - Chris Froome has cemented his place among the greats of cycling by becoming the first British winner of the Vuelta a Espana in Madrid on Sunday.

The Team Sky rider's winning margin was two minutes and 15

seconds over Italy's Vincenzo Nibali. Russia's Ilnur Zakarin was 36 seconds further back in third.

Froome is the third man to complete the Tour de France-Vuelta double in the same year and first in that order.

Italy's Matteo Trentin won the

final stage to claim his fourth of the race.

He equals the feat of legendary riders Jacques Anquetil (1963) and Bernard Hinault (1978) in completing the Tour-Vuelta double - the previous doubles were done when the Spanish race was held in

the spring with the Tour following in July.

It is a fifth Grand Tour victory for the four-time Tour de France winner, putting him joint seventh on the all-time list, six behind Belgian legend Eddy Merckx, who leads with 11.

# Inter, Napoli Join Juventus Top of Serie A



Inter Milan's Mauro Icardi (R) celebrates after scoring in the Serie A match against SPAL at the San Siro stadium in Milan, on September 10, 2017.

MILAN (AFP) - Napoli and Inter Milan made it three wins out of three to keep pace with six-time title holders Juventus at the top of Serie A Sunday as AC Milan fell at Lazio.

Luciano Spalletti's Inter beat promoted SPAL 2-0 in the San Siro after Juventus eased past Chievo 3-0 in Turin on Saturday.

Napoli also remain unbeaten as they warmed up for a midweek Champions League trip to Shakhtar Donetsk, winning 3-0 at Bologna with late goals from Jose Callejon (66), Dries Mertens (83), and Piotr Zielinski (88).

Juventus -- who travel to Barcelona for Champions League duty on Tuesday -- are top of the standings on goal difference, equal on nine points

with Napoli and Inter Milan, with Lazio fourth on seven.

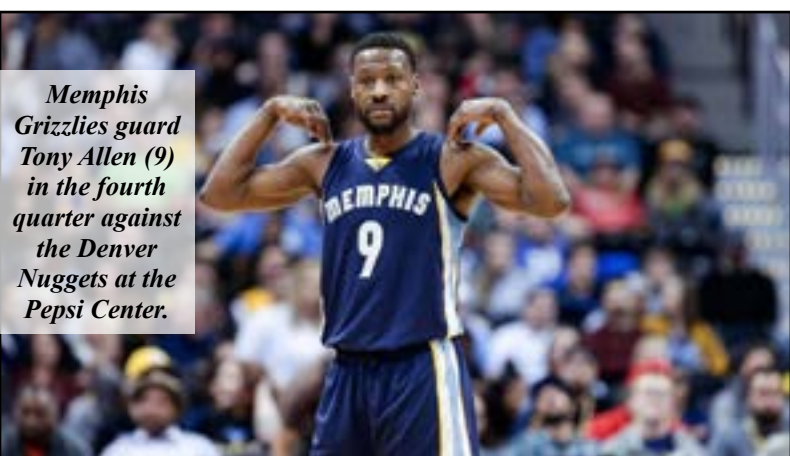
AC Milan dropped to seventh after suffering their first defeat of the season as a Ciro Immobile hat-trick lifted Lazio 4-1 at home.

Simone Inzaghi's side ran riot over the Chinese-owned Milan with an on-fire Immobile scoring three in 10 minutes, including a penalty, in a match delayed for an hour due to torrential rain in the capital.

Riccardo Montolivo pulled one back for the visitors off a deflected Hakan Calhanoglu free-kick, but Vincenzo Montella's side fell to their first defeat in three games.

After two easy matches against Crotona and Cagliari, Milan got a reality check against Lazio.

# Tony Allen Wants to Return to Grizzlies



Memphis Grizzlies guard Tony Allen (9) in the fourth quarter against the Denver Nuggets at the Pepsi Center.

WASHINGTON (Dispatches) - Tony Allen will be a free agent this summer, but he is looking forward to a return to the Memphis Grizzlies.

The Grizzlies guard has said at his exit interview that he is "confident" he will return to Memphis.

"I can't see myself being nowhere else," Allen told reporters during his exit interview. "This is where my heart is. This is pretty much where I laid the foundation

down. I want it to continue. ... I'm pretty sure we'll come to an agreement. I'm confident."

Allen also indicated he might be willing to give a hometown discount to Memphis.

Allen has been with the Grizzlies since 2010 and has made a good home there.

He has been named to five All-NBA defensive teams, and his Grizzlies have made the playoffs each season he has been there.

# Paris Lauds Chance to Renew Trust in Olympics as Likely 2024 Host

LIMA (Reuters) - Three days ahead of a vote expected to make Paris the host of the Olympics for the first time in 100 years, officials leading the city's 2024 bid has celebrated the opportunity to try to restore the Games' credibility amid a growing graft scandal.

Paris mayor Anne Hidalgo and the co-chair for the city's bid, Tony Estanguet, said transparency has been core to their team's campaign from the start two years ago, before allegations of vote-buying in the surprise 2009 decision to award the 2016 Summer Games to Rio de Janeiro.

"We have the responsibility to be as transparent as possible because we know that there are criticisms with the population," Estanguet told reporters in Lima where the International Olympic Committee (IOC) will formally announce the hosts of the 2024 and 2028 Summer Games on Wednesday.

Estanguet, a canoe champion, praised the Olympics as an inclusive event that should bring positive change to the world.

In July, Paris moved within a hair's breadth of formally being chosen to host the 2024 Summer Olympics when rival candidate Los Angeles agreed to accept the 2028 Games in a rare two-way contest after four other cities pulled out amid cost concerns.

# Iran Must Invest to Avoid World Cup Disappointment - Queiroz



Iran coach Carlos Queiroz

HONG KONG (Reuters) - Iran coach Carlos Queiroz has urged the country's football officials to commit more funding to the preparations for next year's World Cup finals or risk elimination in the group stages yet again.

Iran became the first team from Asia to book their ticket for Russia in June and next summer's tournament will be the fifth time Iran have appeared at the World Cup finals.

In 1978, 1998, 2006 and 2014, the three-times Asian champions failed to advance to the knockout phase of the competition and Queiroz fears a similar outcome next year if funding issues are not addressed immediately.

"The situation basically is the same as in the past," Queiroz told Reuters.

"We have the federation trying to do their best. But unfortunately in Iran, and I think all over the world, when you struggle with financial support it's always very difficult to implement a program.

"We qualified three months ago and at this moment there is no reason for us not to have a clear plan and a consistent budget in order to make decisions.

"If you copy the preparations of the last four World Cups, you don't go anywhere."

It's a simple conclusion," he added.

The Portuguese coach presented his preparation plans to the Iran's football federation soon after they qualified but only two friendlies have been arranged so far.

Iran will play Togo on Sept 29 before taking on World Cup hosts Russia six days later.

"Based on my personal connections I was able to bring this friendly game against Russia," said Queiroz.

"Russia are the host nation and have accepted to play against Iran and this is huge in terms of international impact and reputation, but we cannot rely on my personal contacts and relationships.

"If you want to play good friendly games, money talks in football. You cannot ignore this situation."

Queiroz has stressed the Iranians need to take a more professional approach to their preparations or risk more disappointment on the game's biggest stage and a widening of the gap with the top footballing nations.

"My short term target is to be sure we have an outstanding, unique and challenging World Cup preparation and I will try my best to be different," said Queiroz.

"How many World Cups have Iran participated in? Four. This is the fifth World Cup. What did the four World Cups teach us?"

"If you want to be in the second stage you must be different. Different in your preparation, ambitious, creative, use your imagination to see how you can in 10 months make this team improve.

"In order to be different I need to put all of my energy into this first goal.

"How can we convince the federation and the people who have the responsibility to support us that we must be different? We cannot be like Portugal because they started 45 years ago.

"We cannot be like Germany, they started 55 years ago, France 55 years ago. How can we in 10 months reduce this gap? That's my first job."

# Marquez Wins San Marino Grand Prix



Repsol Honda Team's Spanish rider Marc Marquez (L) and Ducati Team's Spanish rider Jorge Lorenzo compete during the San Marino Moto GP Grand Prix at the Marco Simoncelli Circuit in Misano, on September 10, 2017.

Italian Valentino Rossi, who is fourth in the championship on 157 points, broke his leg in training last week.

However it was fellow-Spaniard and triple MotoGP champion Jorge Lorenzo who made a lightning start to take the lead on the opening lap for Ducati.

Lorenzo pulled away but crashed on the seventh of 28 laps, flipping off the bike at turn six and handing the lead to Petrucci.

The Italian, who has yet to win a race in the top category, then led the next 20 on his Pramac Ducati with Marquez closing in and biding his time before making the move at the start of the last lap.

ROME (Dispatches) - Marc Marquez has seized the lead on the last lap to win a soaking San Marino Grand Prix for Honda and pull level at the top of the overall standings with works Ducati rider Andrea Dovizioso.

Italian Danilo Petrucci, who led for much of the race at Misano's Marco Simoncelli circuit on Italy's Adriatic coast, had to settle for second on a non-works Ducati with compatriot Dovizioso a distant third.

Marquez and Dovizioso are now tied on 199 points with Spaniard Maverick Vinales, who finished fourth for Yamaha, third on 183.

The top two have both won four races but Marquez has more second places.

Vinales had started on pole position and was the sole works Yamaha rider in the race after

# Crystal Palace Sack Manager Frank de Boer

LONDON (AFP) - Crystal Palace on Monday sacked manager Frank de Boer after a dismal start to the Premier League season.

"Crystal Palace Football Club have this morning parted company with Frank de Boer," said a statement on the club's website.

"We would like to thank Frank for his dedication and hard work during his time at the club."