

Numbers Game

This Day In Sports

1869 — The Cincinnati Red Stockings, the first pro baseball team, is organized by George Ellard and Harry Wright.

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Morning rush

Valley Press news services

Raiders make cuts to save cap room

ALAMEDA — The Raiders released 2018 leading wide receiver **Jordy Nelson** and backup quarterback **AJ McCarron** on Thursday to create salary cap space after going on a spending spree.

Planner

COMING UP IN THE VALLEY



ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE (Junior College Sports)

- **Softball:** Saturday vs. Bakersfield (DH), 11 a.m.
- **Baseball:** Saturday at Citrus, 1 p.m.
- **M. Volleyball:** Today at Santa Monica, 6 p.m.
- **M. Golf:** Monday at Antelope Valley Invite, 10 a.m.
- **W. Tennis:** Tuesday vs. Canyons, 2 p.m.
- **Track & Field:** Today at Moorpark Invite, 9 a.m.



UNIVERSITY OF ANTELOPE VALLEY (NAIA Sports)

- **Baseball:** Today at La Sierra, 11 a.m.
- **Softball:** Sunday at Saint Katherine (DH), noon

COMING UP IN SOCAL



USC (College Basketball)

- Postseason, TBA



UCLA (College Basketball)

- Postseason, TBA



DUCKS (National Hockey League)

- Today at Colorado, 6 p.m. (FSW)
- Sunday vs. Florida, 6 p.m. (FSW)
- Wednesday vs. Winnipeg, 7 p.m. (NBCSN)



KINGS (National Hockey League)

- Saturday vs. Florida, 1 p.m. (FSW)
- Monday vs. Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m. (FSW)
- Thursday vs. San Jose, 7:30 p.m. (FSW)



CLIPPERS (National Basketball Association)

- Today vs. Chicago, 7:30 p.m. (PRIME/NBA)
- Sunday vs. Brooklyn, 6 p.m. (PRIME)
- Tuesday vs. Indiana, 7:30 p.m. (PRIME/NBA)



LAKERS (National Basketball Association)

- Today at Detroit, 4 p.m. (SpectrumSN)
- Sunday at New York, 9 a.m. (SpectrumSN)
- Tuesday at Milwaukee, 5 p.m. (SpectrumSN/NBA)

ON TV TODAY

AUTO RACING

- NASCAR Xfinity Series: final practice, Fontana, 1:30 p.m., FS1
- NASCAR MONSTER Energy Series: qualifying, Fontana, 2:30 p.m., FS1
- Formula One: Australian Grand Prix, practice, Australia, 7:55 p.m., ESPN2
- qualifying, 10:55 p.m., ESPN2

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- American Athletic Tournament: quarterfinal, 9 a.m., ESPN2
- Atlantic 10 Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, 9 a.m., NBCSN
- Big Ten Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, 9:30 a.m., BTN
- SEC Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, 10 a.m., ESPN
- Conference USA Tournament: semifinal, 10:30 a.m., CBSSN
- American Athletic Tournament: quarterfinal, 11 a.m., ESPN2
- Atlantic 10 Tournament: quarterfinal, 11:30 a.m., NBCSN
- Big Ten Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, noon, BTN
- SEC Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, noon, ESPN
- SEC Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, 12:30 p.m., SEC
- Conference USA Tournament: semifinal, 1 p.m., CBSSN
- Atlantic 10 Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, 3 p.m., NBCSN
- MAC Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal, 3:30 p.m., CBSSN
- Big East Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal, 3:30 p.m., FS1
- Big Ten Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, 4 p.m., BTN
- ACC Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal, 4 p.m., ESPN
- Big 12 Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal, 4 p.m., ESPN2
- American Athletic Tournament: quarterfinal, 4 p.m., ESPNU
- SEC Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, 4 p.m., SEC
- Conference USA Tournament: semifinal, 1 p.m., CBSSN
- Atlantic 10 Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, 3 p.m., NBCSN
- MAC Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal, 3:30 p.m., CBSSN
- Big East Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal, 3:30 p.m., FS1
- Big Ten Tournament: Teams TBD, quarterfinal, 6:30 p.m., BTN
- MWC Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal, 8:30 p.m., CBSSN
- Pac 12 Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal, 8:30 p.m., ESPN
- Big West Tournament: Teams TBD, semifinal, 9 p.m., ESPNU

GOLF

- PGA Tour Golf: The Players Championship, second round, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., 10 a.m., GOLF

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

- Lakers at Detroit, 4 p.m., SpectrumSN
- Milwaukee at Miami, 5 p.m., NBA
- Chicago at Clippers, 7:30 p.m., PRIME/NBA

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

- Vegas at Dallas, 5 p.m., NHL
- Ducks at Colorado, 6 p.m., FSW

SOCCER (MEN'S)

- Bundesliga: SC Freiburg vs. Borussia Mönchengl., 12:20 p.m., FS2

TENNIS

- BNP Paribas Open: men's and women's quarterfinals, Indian Wells, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2; men's and women's semifinals, 9 p.m., ESPN2

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- America East Tourn. Hartford at Maine, championship, 2 p.m., ESPNU

Prep calendar

TODAY IN THE VALLEY

SOFTBALL

- Palmdale at Eastside, 3:15 p.m.
- Lancaster at Knight, 3:15 p.m.
- Quartz Hill at Littlerock, 3:15 p.m.
- Antelope Valley at Highland, 3:15 p.m.
- Boron vs. Desert Christian at Rawley Duntley Park, 3:15 p.m.
- California City at Frazier Mountain, 3:15 p.m.
- Rosamond at Bishop, 3:15 p.m.
- Kern Valley at Desert, 3:15 p.m.
- Lancaster Baptist at Hesperia Christian, 3:30 p.m.
- Paraclete at Sierra Canyon, 3:45 p.m.

SOFTBALL

- California City at Frazier Mountain, 3:15 p.m.
- Boron vs. Desert Christian at Sgt. Steve Owen Memorial Park, 3:15 p.m.
- Rosamond at Bishop, 3:15 p.m.
- Kern Valley at Desert, 3:15 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

- Quartz Hill at Palmdale, 6 p.m.
- Eastside at Lancaster, 6 p.m.
- Knight at Highland, 6 p.m.

Fleetwood, Bradley tied for Players lead

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — March or May, there is no shortage of excitement at The Players Championship.

Tiger Woods made only one par on the back nine Thursday, revving up the crowd with five birdies, only to slow his charge with three mistakes.

Emiliano Grillo hit the pin on the island-green 17th and the ball nearly bounced into the water. One group later, Ryan Moore heard the “clink” of ball hitting pin on the fly and heard only cheers for the ninth hole-in-one on the 17th at TPC Sawgrass.

Harris English had an albatross 2. Kiradech Aphibarnrat had an 84.

There were 23 eagles. Fifty players had a double bogey or worse.

When the day ended, Keegan Bradley and Tommy Fleetwood went different routes to reach the same score and share the lead at 7-under 65.

Bradley got off to a fast start and had three putts for eagle, making one of them. Fleetwood had a big finish with three straight birdie putts of 15 feet or longer.

“If you like golf, you should



like this golf course, really,” Fleetwood said. “It’s just about as fast as you’re going to get a test. If you hit it well like I did today, you’re going to have chances and you can shoot a score, and people are shooting scores. But you can also get it the other way, as soon as you start struggling and start going the other way, it can easily go against you. It’s an amazing course for that.”

Woods hit a shot off a spectator’s ankle on the first hole, clipped a tree off the tee on the second hole, managed to get through the front nine, and then thought he might be able to take advantage late in the afternoon as the wind began to die.

TIED

Keegan Bradley hits from the 18th fairway during the first round of The Players Championship golf tournament on Thursday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Associated Press

He did, and then he didn’t.

A birdie was followed by a ball in the water on the par-5 11th for a bogey. Two birdies were followed by a shot in the rough-covered mounds. Two more birdies were followed by a missed par putt from 4 feet. It added to a 70, the 17th time in 18 starts at The Players he failed to break 70. The exception was 2013, when he last won.

“I felt like I could have got something in the 60s today and got off to not actually the best of starts today,” Woods said. “I hit some bad shots early, rectified that, made a few adjustments, and then went about my business. And then the back nine, there’s nine holes on the back

nine, made one par. So that was interesting.”

The move from May after 11 years to its traditional March spot on the calendar brought green, softer conditions and more wind than usual, though it was out of the typical May direction. With the rye overseed making the moderate rough more predictable, players took aim.

Fleetwood had only one birdie on the slightly easier back nine, and finished with birdie putts from 15 feet, 30 feet and 18 feet.

“You get on a run like 7, 8, 9, and it feels great after that,” Fleetwood said. “Just one of them would feel like a great round, so three of them ... I’ll take it.”

Byeong Hun An and Brian Harman were at 66, while Rory McIlroy also played bogey-free for a 67. He was in a group with Moore, who used a 54-degree wedge for his ace on the 17th.

“The group right before me, we were walking up 16 ... I think it was Grillo hit the pin about 2 inches above the cup and almost went back in the water,” Moore said. “I heard mine clink and I was just waiting to go see where the ball went. And then no ball showed up.”

AUTO RACING

NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Schedule

- Sunday, Feb. 10 — x-Advance Auto Parts Clash (Jimmie Johnson)
- Thursday, Feb. 14 — x-Duel 1 at Daytona (Kevin Harvick)
- Thursday, Feb. 14 — x-Duel 2 at Daytona (Joey Logano)
- Sunday, Feb. 17 — Daytona 500 (Denny Hamlin)
- Sunday, Feb. 24 — Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 (Brad Keselowski)
- Sunday, March 3 — Pennzoil 400 (Joey Logano)
- Sunday, March 10 — TicketGuardian 500 (Kyle Busch)
- Sunday, March 17 — Auto Club 400, Fontana, Calif.
- Sunday, March 24 — STP 500, Martinsville, Va.
- Sunday, March 31 — O’Reilly Auto Parts 500, Fort Worth, Texas
- Sunday, April 7 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.
- Saturday, April 13 — Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va.
- Sunday, April 28 — Geico 500, Talladega, Ala.
- Sunday, May 5 — MENCOS race, Dover, Del.
- Saturday, May 11 — MENCOS race, Kansas City, Kan.
- Saturday, May 18 — x-Monster Energy Open, Concord, N.C.
- Saturday, May 18 — x-Monster Energy All-Star Race, Concord, N.C.
- Sunday, May 26 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
- Sunday, June 2 — Pocono 400, Long Pond, Pa.
- Sunday, June 9 — FireKeepers Casino 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
- Sunday, June 23 — Toyota/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
- Sunday, June 30 — Camping World 400, Joliet, Ill.
- Saturday, July 6 — Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- x-non-points race

Points Leaders Through March 10

1. Kyle Busch, 177
2. Joey Logano, 171
3. Kevin Harvick, 168
4. Denny Hamlin, 165
5. Martin Truex Jr., 140
6. Kyle Larson, 138
7. Aric Almirola, 134
8. Brad Keselowski, 133
9. Kurt Busch, 126
10. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 123
11. Clint Bowyer, 118
12. Ryan Blaney, 113
13. Chase Elliott, 108
14. Erik Jones, 106
15. Jimmie Johnson, 98
16. Alex Bowman, 94
17. Ryan Newman, 92
18. William Byron, 82
19. Paul Menard, 81
20. Daniel Suarez, 77

NASCAR Xfinity Series Schedule

- Saturday, Feb. 16 — Daytona 300 (Michael Annett)
- Saturday, Feb. 23 — Rinnai 250 (Christopher Bell)
- Saturday, March 2 — Boyd Gaming 300 (Kyle Busch)
- Saturday, March 9 — NXS race (Kyle Busch)
- Saturday, March 16 — NXS race, Fontana, Calif.
- Saturday, March 30 — My Bariatric Solutions 300, Fort Worth, Texas
- Saturday, April 6 — NXS race, Bristol, Tenn.
- Friday, April 12 — ToyotaCare 250, Richmond, Va.
- Saturday, April 27 — Talladega 300, Talladega, Ala.
- Saturday, May 4 — NXS race, Dover, Del.
- Saturday, May 25 — Alco 300, Concord, N.C.
- Saturday, June 1 — Pocono Green 250, Long Pond, Pa.
- Saturday, June 8 — LTI Printing 250, Brooklyn, Mich.
- Sunday, June 16 — NXS race, Newton, Iowa
- Saturday, June 29 — Camping World 300, Joliet, Ill.
- Friday, July 5 — Coca-Cola Firecracker 250, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- Friday, July 12 — Also 300, Sparta, Ky.
- Saturday, July 20 — Lake Region 200, Loudon, N.H.
- Saturday, July 27 — U.S. Cellular 250, Newton, Iowa
- Saturday, Aug. 3 — Zippo 200 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
- Saturday, Aug. 10 — Mid-Ohio 170, Lexington, Ohio
- Friday, Aug. 16 — Food City 300, Bristol, Tenn.
- Saturday, Aug. 24 — NXS race, Elkhart Lake, Wis.
- Saturday, Aug. 31 — Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200, Darlington, S.C.
- Saturday, Sept. 7 — Indiana 250, Indianapolis
- Saturday, Sept. 14 — D.C. Solar 300, Las Vegas
- Friday, Sept. 20 — GoBowling 250, Richmond, Va.
- Saturday, Sept. 28 — Drive for the Cure 200, Concord, N.C.
- Saturday, Oct. 5 — NXS race, Dover, Del.
- Saturday, Oct. 19 — Kansas Lottery 300, Kansas City, Kan.
- Saturday, Nov. 2 — O’Reilly Auto Parts 300, Fort Worth, Texas
- Saturday, Nov. 9 — NXS race, Avondale, Ariz.
- Saturday, Nov. 16 — Ford EcoBoost 300, Homestead, Fla.

Points Leaders Through March 9

1. Tyler Reddick, 169
2. Christopher Bell, 165
3. Cole Custer, 158
4. Michael Annett, 147

GOLF

PGA Tour-Players Championship Par Scores

- Thursday
- At TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium Course)
- Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
- Purse: \$12.5 million
- Yardage: 7,189; Par: 72 (36-36)
- First Round
- Tommy Fleetwood.....30-35—65 -7
- Keegan Bradley.....34-31—65 -7
- Byeong Hun An.....33-33—66 -6
- Brian Harman.....34-32—66 -6
- Rory McIlroy.....34-33—67 -5
- Vaughn Taylor.....35-32—67 -5
- Ryan Moore.....35-32—67 -5
- Brendan Steele.....35-33—68 -4
- Rory Sabbatini.....34-34—68 -4
- J.T. Poston.....36-32—68 -4
- Kyle Stanley.....34-34—68 -4
- Kevin Kisner.....34-34—68 -4
- Michael Thompson.....35-34—69 -3
- Matt Wallace.....35-34—69 -3
- Trey Mullinax.....33-36—69 -3
- Charles Howell II.....34-35—69 -3
- Ben Poulter.....34-35—69 -3
- Ilan Horschel.....37-32—69 -3
- Dustin Johnson.....37-32—69 -3
- Jon Rahm.....36-33—69 -3
- Sergio Garcia.....36-33—69 -3
- Matt Kuchar.....35-34—69 -3
- Abraham Anor.....36-33—69 -3
- Haotong Li.....36-33—69 -3
- Tom Hoge.....35-34—69 -3
- Brandon Harkins.....37-32—69 -3
- Jojo Dahmen.....34-35—69 -3
- Luke List.....34-35—69 -3
- Scott Langley.....35-34—69 -3
- Brandt Snedeker.....39-30—69 -3
- Patrick Reed.....36-33—69 -3
- Tony Friauf.....35-34—69 -3
- Bud Cauley.....34-35—69 -3
- Denny McCarthy.....34-35—69 -3
- Thorbjorn Olesen.....37-33—70 -2
- Beau Hossler.....35-35—70 -2
- Xander Schauffele.....36-34—70 -2
- Bryson DeChambeau.....35-35—70 -2
- Harris English.....37-33—70 -2
- Nick Walney.....35-35—70 -2
- Alex Noren.....37-33—70 -2
- Justin Dufer.....36-34—70 -2
- Russell Knox.....37-33—70 -2
- Tiger Woods.....36-34—70 -2
- Webb Simpson.....34-36—70 -2

PGA Tour schedule

- Feb. 7-10 — AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am (Phil Mickelson)
- Feb. 14-17 — Genesis Open, Riviera CC, Los Angeles
- Feb. 21-24 — WGC-Mexico Championship (Dustin Johnson)
- Feb. 21-24 — Puerto Rico Open (Martin Trainer)
- Feb. 28-March 3 — Honda Classic, PGA National (Champions) (Kevin Mitchell)
- March 7-10 — Arnold Palmer Invitational (Francesco Molinari)
- March 14-17 — The Players Championship, TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium Course), Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
- March 21-24 — Valspar Championship, Innisbrook Resort & Spa, Phoenix Harbor, Fla.

2019 LPGA Tour Schedule

- Feb. 14-17 — ISPS Handa Women’s Australian Open (Nelly Korda)
- Feb. 21-24 — Honda LPGA Thailand (Amy Yang)
- Feb. 28-March 3 — HSBC Women’s World Championship (Sung Hyun Park)
- March 21-24 — Bank of Hope Founders Cup, Wildfire GC at JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa, Phoenix

MLS

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	2	0	0	6	6	1
LAFC	2	0	0	6	6	2
Minnesota U.	2	0	0	6	6	2
FC Dallas	1	0	1	4	3	1
Houston	1	0	1	4	3	2
Real Salt Lake	1	0	1	4	2	1
Sporting KC	1	1	0	3	3	2
LA Galaxy	1	1	0	3	2	3
Colorado	0	1	1	1	3	5
Portland	0	1	1	1	4	7
Vancouver	0	2	0	0	2	4
San Jose	0	2	0	0	1	5

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	1	0	1	4	3	0
D.C. United	1	0	1	4	2	1
Toronto FC	1	0	0	3	3	1
Montreal	1	1	0	3	3	3
Orlando City	0	0	2	2	3	3
NYC FC	0	0	2	2	2	2
New York	0	0	1	1	1	1
Chicago	0	1	1	2	3	3
New England	0	1	1	1	1	3
Atlanta	0	1	1	1	1	3
Cincinnati	0	1	1	1	2	5
Philadelphia	0	2	0	0	1	5

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

- Saturday, March 9**
- Orlando City 1, Chicago 1, tie
- Columbus 2, New England 0
- FC Dallas 2, LA Galaxy 0**
- Houston 2, Montreal 1
- Real Salt Lake 1, Vancouver 0
- Minnesota United 3, San Jose 0
- Seattle 2, Colorado 0
- Sunday, March 10**
- D.C. United 0, New York City FC 0, tie
- Sporting Kansas City 2, Philadelphia 0
- Cincinnati 1, Atlanta 1, tie
- Los Angeles FC 4, Portland 1**
- Saturday, March 16**
- Seattle at Chicago, 10 a.m.
- FC Dallas at Columbus, 11 a.m.
- Vancouver at Houston, noon.
- San Jose at New York, 12:30 p.m.
- Montreal at Orlando City 1 p.m.
- Real Salt Lake at D.C. United, 5 p.m.
- Minnesota United at LA Galaxy, 7:30 p.m.**

SPORTS ODDS

NBA Today			
FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at DETROIT	OFF	(OFF)	LA Lakers
at PHILADELPHIA	OFF	(OFF)	Sacramento
at WASHINGTON	3½	(232)	Charlotte
at HOUSTON	13	(225)	Phoenix
Portland	8	(235½)	at NEW ORL.
Milwaukee	4½	(220)	at MIAMI
at SAN ANTONIO	13	(216½)	New York
at LA CLIPPERS	8½	(229)	Chicago

COLLEGE BASKETBALL Today			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
Houston	10	UCONN	+118
Va Commonwealth	7½	Rhode Island	+118
St Bonaventur	2½	George Mason	+118
Michigan St	10½	Ohio State	+118
LSU	2	Florida	+118
Villanova	7	Xavier	+118
Buffalo	11½	Cent. Michigan	+118

National Hockey League

Today			
FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at TORONTO	-182	Philadelphia	+167
at COLUMBUS	-128	Carolina	+118
Las Vegas	-126	at DALLAS	+118
at CALGARY	-285	N.Y.Rangers	+255
at COLORADO	-165	Ducks	+155
at VANCOUVER	-147	New Jersey	+137