

Gauff to face real underdog in French semis

PARIS (AP) — That No. 2 seed Coco Gauff reached today's French Open semifinals should surprise no one. Her 361st-ranked opponent for a berth in the title match? That's a whole other story.

Gauff made it to the final four at Roland-Garros for the third time, getting past No. 7 Madison Keys 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-1 on Wednesday in a quarterfinal between two Americans who both have won a major title.

Next up for 2023 U.S. Open champion Gauff? A matchup against French wild-card entry Loïs Boisson, who extended one of the most stunning runs in tennis history by beating No. 6 Mirra Andreeva 7-6 (6), 6-3.

"Unbelievable," Boisson said. "Incredible."

Those are a couple of good words for what's been happening. A year ago, Boisson was supposed to make her Grand Slam debut in Paris, but she tore a knee ligament and couldn't compete. Now 22, Boisson is the first woman to get to the semifinals

of her first major tournament since Monica Seles and Jennifer Capriati did it at the 1989 French Open and is the lowest-ranked to get that far at Roland-Garros in at least 40 years.

She's doing it with a game made for clay, anchored by heavy groundstrokes and buoyed by a rowdy, partisan crowd that rattled the 18-year-old Andreeva — she was warned for ball abuse for smacking one toward the upper deck after one bad volley — and was just as loud when Boisson upset No. 3 Jessica Pegula in the fourth round.

"I love to play with the crowd. I love to hear my name when I won a point and everything," Boisson said. "For me, it's just something plus. It's not pressure. But I think it's also really difficult for (a) player from (another) country."

Over and over again, the chair umpire tried to tell the 15,000 or so spectators to be quiet as their thunderous applause and shouts of Boisson's first name reverberated off the inside of the closed

roof at Court Philippe-Chatrier. They didn't heed those requests. They jeered and whistled when Andreeva complained about noise between her first and second serves or argued line calls.

"It's normal that they would support a French player, so I knew that it's going to be like this. I think that in the first set, I managed it pretty well (and) I didn't really pay attention to that," Andreeva said. "But obviously with nerves and with pressure, it became a little harder."

When the match ended, Boisson collapsed to her back, chest heaving and hands on her face. When she rose, there were flecks of rust-colored clay all over, including her forehead.

No matter what happens the rest of the way, Boisson certainly has left her mark on the 2025 French Open.

"I think every kid who plays tennis has the dream to win a Slam. More for a French player to win Roland Garros, for sure," she said. "So, yeah, it's a dream. For sure, I will go for the dream

— because my dream is to win it, not to be in the semifinal."

What else happened at the French Open on Wednesday?

No. 1 Jannik Sinner got back to the semifinals in Paris for the second year in a row with his latest overpowering performance, defeating unseeded Alexander Bublik 6-1, 7-5, 6-0 in under two hours. Sinner has dropped just 36 games through five matches in the tournament. His semifinal opponent will be 24-time major champion Novak Djokovic or No. 3 Alexander Zverev.

Who plays at Roland-Garros on Thursday?

The two women's semifinals are the only singles matches on the Day 12 schedule, with three-time defending champion Iga Swiatek facing No. 1-ranked Aryna Sabalenka in just their second matchup at a Grand Slam tournament, and Gauff meeting Boisson. The men's semifinals are Friday.

Muse

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While Pittsburgh should have a little more room under the salary cap to fill out the roster, Dubas is focused on trying to build something sustainable for the long haul rather than a quick fix.

Muse will inherit a team that has serious questions in net, where Tristan Jarry and Alex Nedeljkovic struggled last season, and is in urgent need of depth scoring to complement Crosby and linemates Bryan Rust and Rickard Rakell.

The last time the Penguins hired a coach without NHL head coaching experience, Mike Johnston was fired just over two months into his second season. He was replaced by Sullivan, whose fiery persona — along with significant help from heady moves made by then-general manager Jim Rutherford — made Pittsburgh the first team in nearly 20 years to win consecutive Cups.

Sullivan's mandate was clear: Wake the Penguins up. Muse's is, too: Help the franchise successfully navigate the bridge from one generation to the next.

Loeffert

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"What Greg has accomplished in running is an incredible feat, and this time he earned his Abbot Six Star medal, and there are only a small percentage of people in the world that have done what he's been able to do," Jeff Loeffert said. "He's been able to see the world through his passion and kept it going all these years. He's been able to have all these unique experiences, and as an older brother, I even smile a little bit greater knowing that he's truly found love in something that he really enjoys. I'm so happy he's gotten to have these experiences, and watching him grow through it all has been pretty cool to see from afar."

He also feels his brother's passion for competing in marathons has brought the family closer together.

"In a very unique way, Greg's brought our family together through his love of running. We live far away from each other, but in the last couple of years, we've been able to get together as a family to watch him compete. Last year it was Rome, and now this year it's in London, so we get to revisit the bond that a family has in so many unique ways that you don't normally get to do anymore," Jeff Loeffert said. "I don't know if he fully understands what we are able to experience as mother, father and brother, not just from seeing him compete, but also to be able to get together as a family. That's super special."

One of the two marathons Jeff Loeffert got to run in was in New York City, with his brother Greg running right alongside him.

"I wasn't in shape for the New York City race, so we had a quiet goal of what we wanted to do. We ran at my pace and at my speed because Greg just wanted me to experi-

ence running in New York City," Jeff Loeffert said. "To cover the five boroughs in a span of four hours and having so many people lining the streets cheering you on was such a rush. And, to be able to do it with my brother, it was awesome just to run with him. Our parents were also able to watch us run together as well."

"Greg thinks of ways to create happiness and joy in people through experiences, and he's got a special gift for that," Jeff continued. "Even though he lives super far away, he can still bring the family together and unlock these magical kind of ways of us bonding and sharing experiences together."

Greg Loeffert, who was a starter on the 2001 FHS state championship boys basketball team, has now competed in 39 marathons all over the world, while he also reached his goal of finishing one in under three hours.

As impressive as that is, it's even more so considering he's done it

without having the benefit of competing in distance running at the junior high, high school or college level.

"Greg running a marathon in under three hours is a whole other level of mental grind and dedication to his body, with nutrition and everything else that goes into it that has gotten him to this point," Jeff Loeffert said. "People in their 30s don't just say 'I'm going to start running marathons and try to do so in under three hours.' That's just not normal. And to think he's done all this while not having any previous training in cross country or track, that part has always just amazed me."

Greg Loeffert's passion for running marathons was greatly inspired by another great Franklin athlete from the past in Jack Fultz.

"Jack Fultz being from Franklin and winning the Boston marathon in 1976 is an unbelievable accomplishment, and it inspired me to train harder to achieve a qualifying time for the Boston marathon," Greg said.

"I have run the Boston marathon five times, however Jack's winning time of two hours and 20 minutes is mind blowing and well beyond my personal best time."

Even with all he's accomplished, Greg Loeffert isn't planning on slowing down anytime soon as he has two more races on his radar in the near future.

"I'll be running the New York City marathon in November for the 17th straight time, and for 2026, I'm hoping to run the marathon in Sydney, Australia, as well," he said.

Despite living in a foreign country, and his travels all over the world, Greg Loeffert hasn't forgotten the small town where he was born.

"I'm very grateful to have been raised in Franklin, with great parents, teachers, coaches and the overall community," he said. "No matter where I'm living or running in the world, I'll always consider myself a 'Knight.'"

THE DAILY SCOREBOARD

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STANDINGS												
AMERICAN LEAGUE												
East Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF	
New York	37	23	.617	—	7-3	L-1	19-10	18-13	322	227	95	
Tampa Bay	32	29	.525	5½	1	7-3	W-2	20-19	12-10	261	216	45
Toronto	32	29	.525	5½	1	7-3	W-1	21-13	11-16	253	262	-9
Boston	30	34	.469	9	4½	3-7	W-1	17-16	13-18	303	290	13
Baltimore	23	36	.390	13½	9	7-3	W-4	12-17	11-19	227	316	-89
Central Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF	
Detroit	40	22	.645	—	7-3	L-1	21-8	19-14	310	219	91	
Cleveland	33	27	.550	6	+½	5-5	W-1	17-11	16-16	241	254	-13
Minnesota	33	27	.550	6	+½	5-5	W-2	18-8	15-19	253	210	43
Kansas City	32	29	.525	7½	1	4-6	W-1	19-13	13-16	204	208	-4
Chicago	19	42	.311	20½	14	3-7	W-1	13-16	6-26	210	267	-57
West Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF	
Seattle	32	27	.542	—	4-6	L-1	16-15	16-12	264	260	4	
Houston	33	28	.541	—	4-6	L-1	22-12	11-16	242	227	15	
Texas	29	33	.468	4½	4½	4-6	L-2	20-13	9-20	205	206	-1
Los Angeles	28	33	.459	5	5	3-7	W-1	10-15	18-18	255	312	-57
Athletics	23	39	.371	10½	10½	1-9	L-8	9-21	14-18	260	383	-123
NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF	
New York	38	23	.623	—	4-2	L-1	24-7	14-16	269	202	67	
Philadelphia	37	24	.607	1	+3½	4-6	L-1	19-12	18-12	290	264	26
Washington	29	32	.475	9	4½	4-6	W-1	14-15	15-17	270	310	-40
Atlanta	27	32	.458	10	5½	3-7	L-2	17-12	10-20	239	231	8
Miami	23	37	.383	14½	10	3-7	L-4	14-20	9-17	240	323	-83
Central Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF	
Chicago	38	23	.623	—	7-3	L-1	20-11	18-12	349	249	100	
St. Louis	33	27	.550	4½	—	6-4	L-2	19-9	14-18	280	253	27
Milwaukee	34	29	.540	5	½	9-1	W-1	18-10	16-19	288	263	25
Cincinnati	30	33	.476	9	4½	4-6	L-1	15-16	15-17	280	257	23
Pittsburgh	23	39	.371	15½	11	5-5	W-1	14-17	9-22	197	255	-58
West Division												
W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away	RS	RA	DIFF	
Los Angeles	37	24	.607	—	5-5	W-1	22-10	15-14	352	272	80	
San Diego	35	24	.593	1	+2½	7-3	W-3	20-10	15-14	246	228	18
San Francisco	33	28	.541	4	½	3-7	L-2	17-11	16-17	250	210	40
Arizona	29	31	.483	7½	4	3-7	W-2	15-17	14-14	304	309	-5
Colorado	12	50	.194	25½	22	3-7	W-3	6-22	6-28	196	377	-181

PIRATES BOXSCORE										
Pittsburgh 3, Houston 0					Pittsburgh 3, Houston 0					
Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Cruz	cf	ab	r	h	bi
Peña ss	4	0	2	0			4	0	2	0
Paredes 3b	4	0	0	0	McCutchen dh	3	0	0	1	0
Alvarez 2b	3	0	1	0	Reynolds rf	3	0	1	0	0
Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	Horwitz lb	3	1	2	0	0
Diaz c	4	0	0	0	Hayes 3b	3	0	1	0	0
Carantini dh	4	0	0	0	Frazier 2b	4	0	0	0	0
Meyers cf	4	0	0	0	Pham lf	3	1	1	0	0
Smith rf	3	0	0	0	Rodriguez c	3	1	1	0	0
Melton lf	3	0	0	0	Kiner-Falecia ss	3	0	0	1	0
Totals	33	0	0	0	Totals	29	3	8	2	0
Houston	021	000	000	000	Houston	021	000	000	000	000
Pittsburgh	021	000	000	00x	Pittsburgh	021	000	00x	00x	00x

PRO GOLF GLANCE										
PGA TOUR										
RBC CANADIAN OPEN										
Site: Caledon, Ontario.										
Course: TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley (North). Yardage: 7,389. Par: 70.										
Prize money: \$9.8 million. Winner's share: \$1.764 million.										
Television: Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 1-3 p.m. (Golf Channel), 3-6 p.m. (CBS).										
Defending champion: Robert MacIntyre.										
FedEx Cup leader: Scottie Scheffler.										
Last week: Scottie Scheffler won the Memorial.										
Notes: Rory McIlroy highlights the field a week after drawing attention for skipping the Jack Nicklaus-hosted Memorial. McIlroy is a two-time winner of the Canadian Open. This will be his fourth straight appearance. ... Florida State junior Luke Clanton makes his professional debut after earning a card through the accelerated program of PGA Tour University. Also making his pro debut is Gordon Sargent of Vanderbilt, who earned his card the same way a year ago, returned to college and had a poor season. ... Among the Canadians in the field is former Masters champion Mike Weir. ... Ludvig Aberg and Wyndham Clark are among 18 players who played in the Memorial and are exempt for the U.S. Open at Oakland next week. ... The Canadian Open is the fourth-oldest national open in golf behind the British, U.S. and South African. It dates to 1904. ... The North course opened in 2001, two years before Weir won the Masters.										
Next week: U.S. Open.										
Online: https://www.pgatour.com/										
LPGA TOUR										
SHOPRITE LPGA CLASSIC										
Site: Galloway, New Jersey.										
Course: Seaview GC (Par). Yardage: 6,263. Par: 71. Prize money: \$1.75 million. Winner's share: \$262,500.										
Television: Friday, noon to 3 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday, 3-5 p.m. (Golf Channel), 5-6 p.m. (NBC Sports app); Sunday, 2-3 p.m. (NBC Sports app), 3-5 p.m. (Golf Channel).										
Defending champion: Lineea Strom.										
Race to CME Globe leader: Jeeno Thitikul.										
Last week: Maja Stark won the U.S. Women's Open.										
Notes: Maja Stark goes from winning the U.S. Women's Open to the next tournament on the LPGA schedule. ... This is one of only two 54-hole tournaments left on the LPGA Tour schedule. The other is the Walmart NW Arkansas Open. ... Nelly Korda and Jeeno Thitikul give the ShopRite LPGA Classic the Nos. 1 and 2 players in the women's world ranking. ... The tournament dates to 1986. Juli Inkster won the first year and won \$33,750. ... The last four editions have been decided either by one shot or in a playoff. ... Lexi Thompson has not won on the LPGA since the ShopRite LPGA Classic six years ago. She is not in the field this week, having retired from a full schedule (she has played five tournaments this year). ... Stark was the only player in the U.S. Women's Open to shoot par or better all four days. ... Korda now has three runner-up finishes in the majors to go along with two victories.										
Next week: Meijer LPGA Classic.										
Online: https://www.lpga.com/										

MLB LEADERS										
AMERICAN LEAGUE										
BATTING Judge, New York, .339; Ja.Wilson, Athletics, .355; O'Heare, Baltimore, .335; Ramirez, Cleveland, .327; Aranda, Tampa Bay, .324; Goldschmidt, New York, .323; M.Garcia, Kansas City, .313; Kwan, Cleveland, .312; Peña, Houston, .312; Bregman, Boston, .299.										
RUNS Judge, New York, 55; Devers, Boston, 39; Raleigh, Seattle, 39; Goldschmidt, New York, 38; Ramirez, Cleveland, 38; Ju.Rodriguez, Seattle, 38; Buxton, Minnesota, 37; Rooker, Athletics, 37; V.Guerrier, Toronto, 36; Carpenter, Detroit, 35; Rafaela, Boston, 35; Torkelson, Detroit, 35; Ward, Los Angeles, 35; RBI: Devers, Boston, 54; Judge, New York, 50; Raleigh, Seattle, 45; Torkelson, Detroit, 42; Ward, Los Angeles, 42; Greene, Detroit, 40; Caminer, Tampa Bay, 38; Buxton, Minnesota, 37; Soderstrom, Athletics, 36; Bregman, Boston, 35; Witt, Kansas City, 35; Ja.Duran, Boston, 35.										
HITS Judge, New York, 88; Ja.Wilson, Athletics, 81; Ja.Duran, Boston, 75; Goldschmidt, New York, 72; Kwan, Cleveland, 72; Peña, Houston, 72; Ramirez, Cleveland, 72; Bichette, Toronto, 71; Devers, Boston, 68; Witt, Kansas City, 68.										
DOUBLES Witt, Kansas City, 22; Butler, Athletics, 19; Bichette, Toronto, 17; Bregman, Boston, 17; Devers, Boston, 17; Ja.Duran, Boston, 17; Volpe, New York, 17; Judge, New York, 15; Perez, Kansas City, 15; M.Vargas, Chicago, 15.										
TRIPLES Ja.Duran, Boston, 6; McKinstry, Detroit, 4; Buxton, Minnesota, 3; Isbel, Kansas City, 3; Waters, Kansas City, 3; Witt, Kansas City, 3; 12 tied at 2.										
HOME RUNS Raleigh, Seattle, 23; Judge, New York, 21; Ward, Los Angeles, 17; O'Hoppe, Los Angeles, 14; Torkelson, Detroit, 14; Caminer, Tampa Bay, 14; Grisham, New York, 13; W.Abreu, Boston, 13; Carpenter, Detroit, 13; Greene, Detroit, 13; Rooker, Athletics, 13.										
NATIONAL LEAGUE										
BATTING Freeman, Los Angeles, .369; W.Machado, Los Angeles, .323; Donovan, St. Louis, .321; Smith, San Diego, .315; Friedl, Cincinnati, .300; T.Turner, Philadelphia, .300; Hoerner, Chicago, .296; Ramos, San Francisco, .293; Naylor, Arizona, .292; Frelick, Milwaukee, .291.										
RUNS Ohtani, Los Angeles, 64; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 48; Carroll, Arizona, 47; E.De La Cruz, Cincinnati, 47; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 44; Tucker, Chicago, 44; Betts, Los Angeles, 43; Turang, Milwaukee, 43; Lindor, New York, 41; Tatis, San Diego, 41; T.Turner, Philadelphia, 41.										
RBI: Suzuki, Chicago, 53; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 51; Alonso, New York, 48; Flores, San Francisco, 47; Wood, Washington, 45; E.Suarez, Arizona, 44; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 44; E.De La Cruz, Cincinnati, 43; T.Hernandez, Los Angeles, 42; Perdomo, Arizona, 41; Yelich, Milwaukee, 41.										
HITS T.Turner, Philadelphia, 43; Donovan, St. Louis, 41; Chourio, Milwaukee, 40; F.Freeman, Los Angeles, 69; Lindor, New York, 69; Machado, San Diego, 69; Friedl, Cincinnati, 68; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 68; Ramos, San Francisco, 67; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 66; Hoerner, Chicago, 66; Naylor, Arizona, 66; Riley, Atlanta, 66.										
DOUBLES Alonso, New York, 19; Donovan, St. Louis, 19; F.Freeman, Los Angeles, 19; Chourio, Milwaukee, 18; Suzuki, Chicago, 18; Machado, San Diego, 17; Wood, Washington, 16; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 15; Hoerner, Chicago, 15; 6 tied at 14.										
TRIPLES Carroll, Arizona, 6; J.Beck, Colorado, 4; Moniak, Colorado, 4; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 4; Tucker, Chicago, 4; Arraez, San Diego, 3; Busch, Chicago, 3; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago, 3; Frelick, Milwaukee, 3; Hays, Cincinnati, 3; McNeil, New York, 3; T.Taylor, New York, 3; White, Atlanta, 3.										
HOME RUNS Ohtani, Los Angeles										