

Federer rallies into Wimbledon semifinals

SPORTS XCHANGE

Seven-time champion Roger Federer rallied from two sets down and fought off three match points in the fourth set to advance to the Wimbledon semifinals on Wednesday.

The third-seeded Swiss made it to the semifinals at Wimbledon for the 11th time, beating No. 9 Marin Cilic of Croatia 6-7 (4), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (9), 6-3 in a 3-hour, 17-minute quarterfinal battle on Centre Court.

"The dream continues. I couldn't be happier," Federer told BBC Television after the match. "I fought well and played super great at the end."

No. 2 Andy Murray of Great Britain, the 2013 champion, held on to beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France 7-6 (10), 6-1, 3-6, 4-6, 6-1 to reach the Wimbledon semifinals for the seventh time.

Federer, who turns 35 next month, is the oldest man to reach the semifinals at the All England Club in London since 39-year-old Ken Rosewall was runner-up in 1974.

"I fought, I tried, I believed," Federer said. "At the end, I got it done."



Roger Federer returns a shot against Marin Cilic at Wimbledon on Wednesday. Federer defeated Cilic 6-7 (4), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (9), 6-3 in a 3-hour, 17-minute quarterfinal battle on Centre Court.

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In the fourth set, the 6-foot-6 Cilic had three match points but failed to convert any of them. On two of the match points, Cilic saw a Federer second serve but couldn't put either ball in play.

The two played a tie-break

that saw Federer erase one of those match points and Cilic save four set points. Federer evened the match on his serve after 20 points.

In the fifth set, Federer broke Cilic at 4-3 and served out the set and the match, ending the memorable con-

test with two of his seven aces.

"To test the body, to be out there again fighting, being in a physical battle — and winning it — is an unbelievable feeling," Federer said. "Yeah, I mean, it was an emotional win."

Cilic was 51-0 at Grand Slam championships when taking the first two sets. Coming back from two sets down is familiar to Federer, who has done it nine times in his career.

"Well, a lot happened out there," Federer said. "I knew I was in so much trouble in the third, and then again in the fourth. I'm really, really pleased and just ecstatic I was able to come through somehow."

Federer is now two wins away from the all-time record for Wimbledon men's titles. He is currently tied with Pete Sampras and 1880s player William Renshaw with seven.

Federer will next play Canadian Milos Raonic in the semifinals on Friday. Federer will be in his 40th Grand Slam semifinal.

The sixth-seeded Raonic lost serve only once to defeat American Sam Querrey, the 28th seed, 6-4, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4. The 6-foot-5 Raonic broke Querrey three times, including in the final game to end the match.

Querrey had knocked out No. 1 Novak Djokovic in the third round last Saturday. Querrey was trying to become the first American to reach the semifinals

of a Grand Slam since Andy Roddick in 2009 at Wimbledon.

Raonic previously reached the semifinals at the All England Club in 2014, losing to Federer in straight sets.

The other semifinal on Friday will feature Murray against No. 10 seed Tomas Berdych of Czech Republic, who beat No. 32 Lucas Pouille of France 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-2.

Murray, who in 2013 became the first British man to win the title at Wimbledon in 77 years, reached his 20th semifinal at any major tournament with his win against the 12th-seeded Tsonga.

"Tsonga's one of the best grass-court players in the world," Murray told the BBC after the match. "He came up with some unbelievable passing shots on the run in big moments, started returning better. He mixed it up well, so credit to him for fighting his way back into the match."

"He played extremely well. That first set was a tough one for him to lose, and I ran away with the second but he fought right until the end and it was a great match."



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Dwyane Wade (left) of the Miami Heat, pictured during a game in May, continues to test the free-agent market looking for a big contract.

Dwyane Wade talks heating up

THE SPORTS XCHANGE

Dwyane Wade is hosting several meetings Wednesday in New York, including a one-on-one with Miami Heat owner Micky Arison, as his dramatic foray into free agency nears a final turn.

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Acrimony between the 34-year-old pillar of the franchise and Heat management simmered to the surface when Miami offered a contract not to the liking of Wade, who has never been the highest-paid player on the roster.

Wade, a 12-time All-Star, had made over \$300 million in total salary since he was drafted in the first round out of Marquette in 2003, but always played second fiddle on Arison's books to help build the roster around him.

Wade reportedly asked

for at least two years, \$50 million. Miami's most recent known offer was two years, \$40 million. The Denver Nuggets, Chicago Bulls, Milwaukee Bucks are potentially the Cleveland Cavaliers are courting Wade, but the Heat want to prevent a divorce. No doubt Arison wants to keep Wade away from a reunion with LeBron James and the NBA champion Cavaliers.

Unless James sacrifices his own salary — as James did when the Big 3 formed in Miami five years ago along with Chris Bosh — it's going to be up to Wade to take the deepest cut for a "Big 4" to form in Cleveland.

Even so, that looks to be a longshot, given the salary-cap limits the Cavaliers to a \$3.47 million mid-level exception, could turn into reality if Wade is willing to take less money or Cleveland figures out a way to part with payroll.

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out eight in completing his first game since he shut out Arizona on June 16, 2012, when he played for the Los Angeles Angels.

Phillies 4, Braves 3

PHILADELPHIA — Freddy Galvis belted a two-run homer over the right-field fence in the eighth inning to lift Philadelphia to a 4-3 win over visiting Atlanta.

Galvis finished the day 2-for-4 and hit his first home run since June 23.

Jeanmar Gomez tossed a 1-2-3 ninth to record his 23rd save of the season. Hector Neris (3-3) picked up the win despite allowing a run in the eighth.

Reds 5, Cubs 3

CHICAGO — Tucker Barnhart belted a go-ahead three-run homer to power Cincinnati to a victory and a rare series triumph over Chicago.

Barnhart's seventh-inning blast lifted the Reds to a 4-3 lead and helped make a winner of starter Anthony DeSclafani (3-0), who worked six innings for the win.

Closer Tony Cingrani picked up his 10th save by pitching a perfect ninth inning.

Nationals 7, Brewers 4

WASHINGTON — Milwaukee starter Matt Garza gave up three home runs to his nemesis, the Washington Nationals, who salvaged the finale of the three-game series.

Bryce Harper had a three-run homer in the first, Jose Lobaton added a solo shot in the second and Ryan Zimmerman went deep for a two-run blast in the fifth off Garza (1-2), who allowed seven earned runs on eight hits in 4 1/3 innings. Garza, who came off the disabled list on June 14, had a 7.01 ERA in nine previous starts against Washington.

Grant pitches Seabastcook Valley 9-10 LL stars past Millinocket 16-0

BREWER — Alex Grant struck out 10 in four innings and helped his own cause with a single and three runs scored as Seabastcook Valley registered a 16-0 Little League all-star ages 9-10 baseball victory over Millinocket on Wednesday.

Connor Sides (RBI) and Tom Nyce each singled and scored two runs for the winners.

C.J. Lyons, Bradley Nice and Cayden Raymond hit singles for Millinocket. Millinocket 00 0 0 — 0 Seabastcook 22(12)x — 16

Bronco LL 20, Orono/Veazie 0
Kayson Wildman, Garrett McLeod and Andrew Lyons combined on a no-hitter to spark Bronco Little League to victory over Orono/Veazie.

Lyons collected four singles and three runs scored, while T.J. Llerena tripled, doubled and singled and scored three times. Collin Peckham contributed a double, a single and three runs scored.

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Little League District 3 Ages 11-12, Baseball Bangor East 15, Bronco LL 5

At Taylor Field in Bangor, Keegan Cyr belted a home run and two singles with three RBIs to propel the Bangor to a 15-5 victory over Bronco Little League in the District 3 ages 11-12 tournament.

Andrew Brook and Aiden Giles also homered for Bangor East (1-1) to support winning pitcher Luke Missbrenner. The winners rallied from a 4-2 deficit with an eight-run third inning.

Jaycob Wildman hit a home run for Bronco (1-2), which was eliminated.

Trailing 3-2 in the third inning, BELL exploded for eight runs on seven hits to break the game open.

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Junior League Old Town 13, Seabastcook 0
At Mansfield Stadium in Bangor, Chris Albert pitched a one-hit shutout, striking out five, to lead Old Town to a District 3 win over Seabastcook.

Tyler McCannell paced the offense with three singles and two RBIs, Ethan Hayes provided two singles and two RBIs and Brian Barnaby added a two-run double for Old Town.

Gabe Gilley singled for 1-1 Seabastcook. **Old Town 800 50 — 13 9 1 Seabastcook 000 00 — 0 1 6**
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American Legion Hampden 7, Acadians 1
At Hampden, the R.H. Foster Riverdogs received

seven strong innings from Nick Guerrette en route to their win over Trenton. The run off him was unearned.

Guerrette also had a hit and scored twice to help his own cause. Casey Sudbeck, Andrew Gendreau and Jackson Gilmore each had two hits for the winners while Tyler Beaton knocked in two runs.

The Acadians received four innings of scoreless ball from Dan Isaac. **Trenton 010 000 000 — 1 5 4 Hampden 043 000 00x — 7 11 3**

Motor City 12, Penquis 3

At Orono, Ethan Stoddard pitched seven innings allowing five hits, one run and striking out 12 to lead Motor City to victory over Rowell's Penquis Travelers.

All 12 Motor City runs were scored in the bottom half of the seventh inning. D.J. Monteith started the rally with a line-drive single to left field, Cameron Graham reached safely on a bunt down the third-base line and seven players followed up with RBI hits to build the Motor City advantage.

For Motor City, Stoddard singled, doubled and scored twice and Monteith collected two singles.

Penquis was led by Nate Church who singled three times and pitched six innings of scoreless ball.

Skowhegan 6, Brewer 5

At Skowhegan, Adam Turcotte's three-run double in the seventh inning erased

a two-run deficit and supplied Post 16 with its victory over Brewer.

Turcotte's double chased home Evan Bess, Dustin Crawford and Cody Laweryson. Turcotte had another hit for Skowhegan.

Ryan Emery recorded the win, allowing one run over three innings. He struck out one, walked none and gave up three hits.

Alex Maxsimic doubled and singled for Brewer. **Brewer 020 002 100 — 5 9 5 Skowhegan 000 300 30x — 6 6 5**

Hampden 3, Brewer 2
At Heddericg Field in Brewer on Tuesday, Andrew Gendreau struck out two in 1 1/3 innings of relief to help R.H. Foster of Hampden prevail in eight innings.

Casey Sudbeck and Connor Farmer each singled twice for the winners and Ben Huston posted an RBI single. Emery Dinsmore pitched 6 2/3 innings, allowing only one earned run while striking out eight.

Logan Rogerson paced the Falcons with three singles. Greg Warmuth and Alex Maxsimic singled twice and Matt Pushard stroked an RBI single. Alex Brooks spaced eight hits and one earned run with three strikeouts while going the distance.

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Dinsmore, Gendreau (7) and Farmer; Brooks and Maxsimic

Ronaldo delivers as Portugal ends Wales' run

BY KAROLOS GROHMANN REUTERS

LYON, France — Cristiano Ronaldo scored one goal and inadvertently set up the other as Portugal ground out a 2-0 win over Wales on Wednesday to march into the Euro 2016 final.

The Portuguese superstar, who has had to soak up a lot of criticism for a lackluster tournament by his high standards, majestically powered in a 50th-minute header to put his side in front.

Ronaldo then saw his shot turned in by Nani for a second goal three minutes later, ending Wales' remarkable run at their first major finals since 1958.

The Portuguese, who had not won a single game in the tournament over 90 minutes, next meet hosts France or Germany who play their semifinal on Thursday.

"We've been dreaming about this from the start," Ronaldo told reporters. "We knew it would be a long way



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Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates at the end of the match. Portugal defeated Wales 2-0 to advance to the Euro final.

but we've fought all the way."

Wales kept its opponent quiet in the first half but could not recover the two-goal deficit, ending a scintillating run that has captivated millions at home and turned their players into heroes.

The Welsh, with midfielder Aaron Ramsey suspended and replaced by Leicester City's Premier League winner Andy King, had an early spell of possession but a tight Portugal defence kept them at bay.

Portugal, bidding for their first Euro final since losing on home soil to Greece in 2004, had its first chance in the 16th minute, a low drive by Joao Mario after a clever flick from Ronaldo.

Wales responded as Joe Ledley found Gareth Bale with a low corner and the forward fired over the bar.

The Welsh, playing their first major tournament semifinal, did not suffer from stage fright with their back line, supported by midfielders Ledley and Joe Allen, remaining disci-

plined and compact.

In a cagey first half Portugal struggled to find Ronaldo, opting for long crosses into the box that were easy pickings for central defender James Collins.

Portugal injected some urgency after the break, pressing high up the field.

It paid off instantly with a corner in the 50th minute that Raphael Guerreiro floated in toward the far post where Ronaldo climbed high above two defenders to power his third goal of the competition.

They doubled their lead with Nani sliding into the box to connect with Ronaldo's mishit shot and claim his third goal of the tournament.

Wales was then lucky not to concede more goals as Portugal, now unbeaten in 13 competitive matches, continued to dream of a maiden international trophy.

"We are massively disappointed obviously but we have given everything on and off the pitch," said Welsh talisman Bale. "We tried our hardest to get back in the game."