

Shelton wins late thriller

NEW YORK (AP) The late-night action at the U.S. Open has now reached an extreme.

Ben Shelton’s five-set thriller to beat reigning champion Carlos Alcaraz in the quarterfinals ended at 3:33 a.m. Wednesday, leaving few people awake to see the 4 1/2-hour marathon reach its finale on one of the sport’s biggest stages. That only added to the list of early-morning finishes that had already stirred frustration and concerns about how organizers were managing the schedule at the Grand Slam event with numerous matches straying well past night-owl hours.

Players have long loved the electricity of playing night matches under the lights in the nation’s biggest city. But the tournament had already set a record with three post-2 a.m. finishes over the first six days, as well as having two other matches go past 1 a.m.

That had included Venus Williams being subjected to the latest start in U.S. Open history at 12:13 a.m., after it took 4 hours, 36 minutes for Novak Djokovic to get knocked out in the first



AP PHOTO
Ben Shelton celebrates after winning against Carlos Alcaraz in the quarterfinal round of the U.S. Open early Wednesday morning.

round.

“It’s not ideal,” Williams said at the time.

Shelton himself had a four-set second-round win against Denis Shapovalov that ended at 2:07 a.m.

Then came Tuesday night — well, Wednesday morning.

Shelton, a 23-year-old from Atlanta seeded No. 8, earned a massive win in his young career to reach his third major semifinal by taking down the second-seeded Alcaraz 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (10-7). He closed the fifth-set tiebreak with a 146-mph ace and ended the reigning champion’s 18-match winning streak in Grand Slam tournaments.

It ended with Arthur Ashe Stadium perhaps one-third full at what became the latest-finishing match in U.S. Open history.

SPORTS ON THE AIR

TODAY	
COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
8 p.m. — Florida A&M at Miami	ACCN
WOMEN’S COLLEGE SOCCER	
7 p.m. — Penn St. at Ohio St.	BTN
7 p.m. — Vanderbilt at Georgia	SECN
9 p.m. — Michigan St. at Southern Cal.....	BTN
9 p.m. — Texas at Arkansas.....	SECN
11 p.m. — Maryland at Washington	BTN
MLB	
1 p.m. — Houston at Philadelphia.....	MLBN
7 p.m. — Colorado at N.Y. Yankees.....	MLBN
NFL	
8:35 p.m. — San Francisco vs. L.A. Rams, Melbourne, Australia.....	NETFLIX
WOMEN’S SOCCER	
3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League Group Stage: RB Leipzig at Como.....	CBSSN
TENNIS	
7 p.m. — WTA: U.S. Open, Semifinals, New York	
ESPN	

SPARKS

Yes, I do need a vacation.

Week 4 Picks

Lewis County over Berea: The Pirates have “Modern Problems” with personnel. Berea forfeited last week against Fairview and may do it again. Otherwise, the Lions cruise to go 3-1.

Boyd County over Mason County: The Cannonsburg “Community” gets to see the Lions for the third time in the first four weeks of the season. Will they see the same Lions who have won their first three games? The Royals come in with an identical 3-0 record. Boyd County’s defense needs to rise to the occasion.

Greenup County over East Carter: Musketeers quarterback Jasper Davis can pen the “Memoirs of an Invisible Man” because of his elusiveness. He also gets multiple teammates involved, and it may be a little too much for the Raiders to withstand.

Ashland over East Jessamine: Linemen do the “Dirty Work” in the trenches, and it’s a key for their team every week. The Tomcats’ unit did their job last week in a tough win against Lawrence County. The task will not be as tough on the road against the Jags.

Fairview over Morgan County: There has been no “Foul Play” in this matchup over the years. The games have been competitive and entertaining. The Eagles are antsy after not playing last week and defeat the Cougars in the Wood.

Raceland over Mercer County: The mention of the “Three Amigos!” takes me back to *The Daily Independent’s* 2016 football cover with Raceland coach Michael Salmons, Russell coach TJ Maynard and then Greenup County coach Scott Grizzle donning sombreros. The Rams’ top three friends—Jake Waller, Landen Stiltner and Jonah Arnett—also have plenty of weapons around them to take care of a team they defeated by 50 last year.

Russell over Paintsville: The Tigers need to be “Spies Like Us” and put a defensive spy on No. 28 in maroon. Paintsville can be tough to defeat at Memorial Field, but the Russell run game comes out on top.

Ironton over Somerset: The Fighting Tigers have been “Nothing But Trouble” to opposing defenses. They spring into action in the Bluegrass state and the purple environment with the Briar Jumpers. Expect the colors, black and blue, to play a part too.

West Carter over Magoffin County: The Comets are hoping the sequel will be better than “Caddyshack II.” The Hornets won last year in Salyersville, but West Carter plans to turn it around and provide the sting.

PUBLIC NOTICES	
PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF ASHLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT	
The City of Ashland is a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipient through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) summarizes the activities and accomplishments of the program year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.	
The draft CAPER is available for review at the following locations: 1. Ashland City Building, 1700 Greenup Avenue, Room 208, Ashland, KY 41101; 2. Ashland Transportation Center, 99 15th Street, Ashland, KY 41101; 3. Boyd County Public Library, 1740 Central Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101; 4. Online at www.ashlandky.gov .	
The Department of Community and Economic Development will receive comments concerning the CAPER for fifteen (15) days beginning September 11, 2026 and ending September 25, 2026. Please submit any written or oral comments to Jacob Risner, Program and Grant Administrator, at (606) 268-0541, jrisner@ashlandky.gov , or in person during regular business hours at 1700 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, KY 41101. Copies of the CAPER will be provided free of charge upon request. Copies may also be converted to electronic media, Spanish, and large print for the visually impaired and be delivered to homebound persons upon request. Published: September 10, 2026	

PUBLIC NOTICE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY ASHLAND DIVISION IN RE: AW FARMS, LLC CASE NO. 26-10215-dll CHAPTER 11 — SUBCHAPTER V NOTICE OF SALE	
Pursuant to an Order of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, AW Farms, LLC is soliciting bids for the sale of substantially all of its assets pursuant to § 363 of the Bankruptcy Code.	
The assets include the Debtor’s real estate, the Meat House, equipment, machinery, inventory, customer lists, intellectual property, goodwill, and other business assets. The sale is subject to Court-approved Bidding Procedures and final approval by the Bankruptcy Court.	
BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 AT 5:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME.	
If more than one Qualified Bid is received, an Auction will be held September 25, 2026. The Sale Hearing is scheduled for October 14, 2026.	
Interested parties may obtain additional information, bidding procedures, related court orders, sale documents, and access to due diligence materials by contacting: J. Christian Dennery, Esq. Dennery, PLLC 7310 Turfway Road, Suite 550 Florence, Kentucky 41042 jc@dennerypllc.com	
All bids and participation in the sale process are subject to the Court-approved Bidding Procedures. Published: August 29 and September 1, 5, 10, 12, 15, 2026	

<i>The Daily Independent</i> <i>Pick 'Em</i> WEEK FOUR 2026 RECORD	 AARON SNYDER X @DINDEPENDENTQB 25-5	 MATTHEW SPARKS X @SPARKSWILLFLY35 27-3	 MATT JONES X @THATPHOTOGUY82 27-3	 BRAYLEIGH BOGGS X @BRAYLEIGHBOGGS 25-5	 JAMES COLLIER X @COLLIERSZLIVE 26-4
Lewis Co. at Berea	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis	Lewis
Mason County at Boyd County	Mason	Boyd	Boyd	Mason	Boyd
Greenup Co. at East Carter	Greenup	Greenup	Greenup	Greenup	Greenup
Ashland at East Jessamine	Ashland	Ashland	Ashland	Ashland	Ashland
Morgan County at Fairview	Fairview	Fairview	Fairview	Fairview	Fairview
Raceland at Mercer County	Raceland	Raceland	Raceland	Raceland	Raceland
Russell at Paintsville	Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell	Russell
Ironton at Somerset	Ironton	Ironton	Ironton	Ironton	Ironton
Magoffin Co. at West Carter	W. Carter	W. Carter	W. Carter	W. Carter	Magoffin
Villanova at Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville	Louisville
Alabama at Kentucky	Alabama	Alabama	Kentucky	Alabama	Alabama
Middle Tenn. at Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall	Marshall
Ohio State at Texas	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Texas	Texas
Bucaneers at Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals
Browns at Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Browns	Jaguars	Jaguars