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Results can be found in the scoreboard on Page B3.

Men's soccer

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No details were reported from the match.

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-head in the Children's Miracle Network Classic at Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

-Thatcher began the season-ending event Thursday when she hit a hole-in-one on the money list and needs to win or finish alone in second to vault into the top 125 — the cutoff for full status — to retain her card.Nos. 126-150 get partial status.

-Suzann Pettersen moved into position for her first LPGA Tour victory of the year, shooting a 3-under 69 to take a one-stroke lead in the Lorena Ochoa Invitational at Guadalajara, Mexico.

-Adam Scott shot a 2-under 68 to take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the Singapore Open. Phil Mickelson fell off the pace with a 72 that left him 12 strokes behind.

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