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 riot Bethanie Mattek during their Women's Singles fourth round match Monday at
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Women tumbling



AP photo
 Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn reacts as she defeats Serbia's Jelena Jankovic, the No. 2 seed, in their Women's Singles fourth round match at Wimbledon.

The other two are the Williams sisters, and they posted back-to-back victories on Court 2 — nicknamed the "Graveyard of Champions" for its history of upsets. They questioned why they weren't put on Centre Court or Court 1.

Defending champion and seventh-

Wimbledon road

Women

- Serena Williams (6)**
 ■ First Round — def. Kaia Kanepi, 7-5, 6-3.
 ■ Second Round — def. Urszula Radwanska, 6-4, 6-4.
 ■ Third Round — def. Amelie Mauresmo (29), 7-6 (5), 6-1.
 ■ Fourth Round — def. Bethanie Mattek, 6-3, 6-3.
 ■ Quarterfinals — vs. Agnieszka Radwanska (14).

- Venus Williams (7)**
 ■ First Round — def. Naomi Camedav, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
 ■ Second Round — def. Anne Keothavong, 7-5, 6-2.
 ■ Third Round — def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, 6-1, 7-5.
 ■ Fourth Round — def. Alisa Kleybanova, 6-3, 6-4.
 ■ Quarterfinals — vs. Tamarine Tanasugarn.

Men

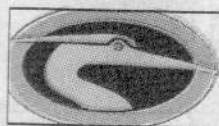
- Roger Federer (1)**
 ■ First Round — def. Dominik Hrbaty, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
 ■ Second Round — def. Robin Soderling, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
 ■ Third Round — def. Marc Gicquel, 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.
 ■ Fourth Round — def. Hlton

Pitcher, 20, finds success with 'Birds

By Anthony Spaulding
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SALISBURY — Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Tom Glavine has made an impact on many young hurlers' lives throughout his career, including Delmarva Shorebirds left-hander Zach Britton.

"I always used to look up to him because I thought we were similar," the 20-year-old said. "I looked up to him in the way he approached the game."



"He is the youngest guy on the team, but he does have a very good live arm and good off-speed (pitches) and command of the ball."

Sean Gleason
 pitcher

Britton first saw the 300-game winner's approach to baseball when he was growing up in Panorama, Calif., about 20 miles outside Los Angeles.

"As he got older, he turned into more of a finesse pitcher," he said. "When I was little when I didn't have an overpowering fastball or anything like that, I was more of a finesse pitcher. So, I looked up to him as 'hey you know you don't have to throw 95 miles an hour to be successful.'"

Ever since taking this approach, Britton has translated his minor league baseball career into a successful one so far, posting a 7-5 record and an Earned Run

Average of 2.85, good for second on the Shorebirds starting pitching staff. Despite his good pitching, the southpaw has faced some struggles in his two years in the minor league system.

"I struggled my first year so I wasn't able to come here last year," Britton said. "I had to go to Aberdeen to get some more experience and I did pretty well there. Those two levels have helped me prepare for this level."

In addition to his winning record, Britton leads the Shorebirds staff in games started (16) and innings pitched (82 1/3) and he is second in strikeouts (61) and walks and hits per innings pitched (1.19). Britton felt he could not have accomplished these feats by himself.

"Kennie Steenstra, the pitching coach, has helped me a lot with the mental process (of the game)," he said. "He has been really good at keeping me on a straight path."

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and could meet in the final Saturday. The Williams sisters faced each other in the 2002 and '03 finals, with Serena winning both.

"Both of us have an opportunity to live our dream, so for us it's a plus," Venus Williams said.

In men's play, Federer swept Lleyton Hewitt — the last man to win the title before his run of five straight titles — 7-6 (7), 6-2, 6-4 on Centre Court to extend his winning streak on grass to 63 matches and 38 in a row at the All England Club. Federer, who served 21 aces, has now beaten his Australian rival in 12 consecutive matches.

Federer will next face the last player to beat him on grass and at Wimbledon — Croatian Mario Ancic, who won in the first round in 2002. Ancic came from two sets down Monday to beat Fernando Verdasco 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 13-11. The final set alone lasted 1 hour, 35 minutes.

"I completely underestimated him back in 2002," Federer said. "I was a little shellshocked and didn't know what happened to me. What it taught me was not to underestimate any opponent."

No. 2-ranked Nadal, runner-up to Federer the last two years, overcame an injury scare in the second game of the match and beat Mikhail Youzhny 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

Nadal slipped on the worn turf behind the baseline on Court 1 while stretching to hit a forehand with his right leg

Nadal's quarterfinal opponent will be Britain's Andy Murray, who came from two sets down to beat No. 8 Richard Gasquet 5-7, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2, 6-4 in a Centre Court match that ended in near-darkness at 9:30 p.m.

After hitting a service winner on his second match point to reach his first Grand Slam quarterfinal, Murray flexed his biceps to the capacity crowd of 15,000.

"It was the best moment I've ever had on a tennis court," said Murray, bidding to become the first British man to win Wimbledon since Fred Perry in 1936. "It looked like I was down and out. The crowd got behind me when I really needed."

No. 10-seeded Marcos Baghdatis, a semifinalist in 2006 and quarterfinalist last year, squandered three match points in the fifth set. The Cypriot lost 5-7, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 8-6 to Feliciano Lopez. The Spaniard, down 0-40 at 4-5, came up with big serves on all three points to avoid defeat.

"He just went for it with guts, and he took the game," Baghdatis said. "Good for him."

Also advancing among the men were former No. 1 Marat Safin, who beat No. 13 Stanislas Wawrinka in four sets; Rainer Schuettler, the oldest remaining player in the draw at age 32, who downed Janko Tipsarevic in four sets; and 145th-ranked Arnaud Clement, who beat 19-year-old Marin Cilic in straight sets to

Shorebirds

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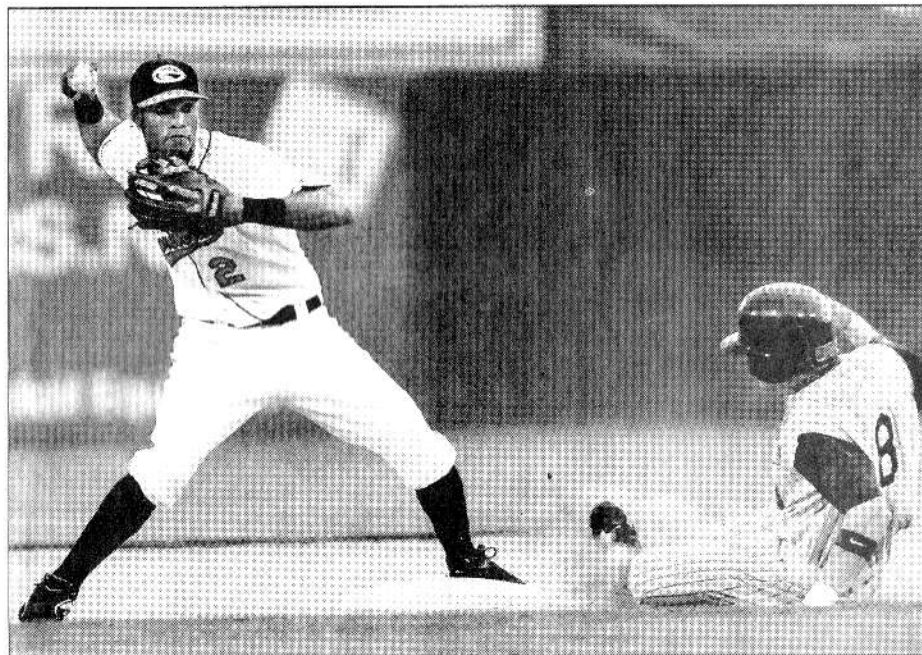
Britton has also earned the trust of his fellow teammates.

"He is a good teammate," right-handed pitcher Sean Gleason said. "He works hard and he is always being positive of everybody and he is always working hard to go out and put up good numbers."

Gleason thought Britton was performing well for his age.

"He is the youngest guy on the team, but he does have a very good live arm and good off-speed (pitches) and command of the ball," Gleason said. "He has definitely proven to himself that he is one of the top pitchers not only on our team, but in the league."

Shorebirds manager Ramon Sambo likes the way Britton has performed throughout the season.



Laura Emmons photo

Second baseman Pedro Florimon Jr. gets an out against the Lake County Captains' Adam White during Monday night's game.

"He is a talented kid," Sambo said. "He has some good stuff, he's young, and he works hard. I think if he gets it together in a couple years, he's one of those guys who is going to be

really far."

Britton believes his success will earn him a future spot in the major leagues.

"Everyone's goal is to get to the big leagues,"

Britton said. "It is my ultimate goal and its going to depend on how I pitch, but you can't really worry about that. You got to go out each start and do the best that you can."


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