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NBA PLAYOFFS

After a week off, Curry, Warriors roll past Jazz

By **JANIE MCCAULEY**
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif — Stephen Curry pulled off a razzle-dazzle spin move right around big Rudy Gobert at the perimeter, went in for a layup and raised his hands, begging the sellout crowd to do its thing.

The Golden State Warriors sure did theirs, using that up-tempo, pass-happy style to run right by the Utah Jazz in Game 1 of the Western Conference semifinals.

Curry scored 22 points in three quarters of work and the top-seeded Warriors warmed up in a hurry after a weeklong layoff between playoff games, beating the Jazz 106-94 on Tuesday night.

"I'll keep enjoying it. I feel like I have one of the better seats in the house and I'm not even paying for it," fill-in Warriors head coach Mike Brown said when asked about Curry's slick moves.

Draymond Green scored Golden State's first six points of the fourth quarter and wound up with 17 points, eight rebounds, six assists and two more blocks to bring his remarkable five-game playoff swat total to 19.

Thomas scores 53, Celtics beat Wizards in OT

By **JIMMY GOLEN**
Associated Press

BOSTON — It was his sister's birthday.

She would have been 23. Isaiah Thomas spent four or five hours in the dentist's chair having work done on the tooth that was knocked out in Game 1, a day after he was in oral surgery for six hours having it repositioned in his mouth. His mouth was swollen, and he could barely talk. Still, he never considered not playing Tuesday night.

"The least I can do is go out there and play for her," Thomas said after scoring 53 points — the second-highest total in Celtics playoff history — to lead Boston to a 129-119 overtime victory over the Washington Wizards.

"I knew once game-time came, my guys would get me going, get me the energy to go out and win a game," Thomas said, ducking his face into his hands as he mentioned his sister, Chyna, who died in a car crash on the eve of the playoffs. "There was no way I was sitting out."

Fiddling with his new mouth guard throughout the game, Thomas scored 20 points in the fourth quarter and nine in overtime to help the Celtics take a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinals. The 53 points were the most in an NBA playoff game since Allen Iverson scored 55 in 2003, and just one shy of John Havlicek's franchise postseason record of 54.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Astoria at Scappoose, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 5 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 3 p.m.; Knappa at Pleasant Hill, 4:30 p.m.

Softball — Scappoose at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Rainier at Warrenton, 3 p.m.; Gaston at Knappa, 4:30 p.m.

Track — Scappoose at Astoria, 3:30 p.m.; Seaside at Valley Catholic, 3:30 p.m.; Warrenton at Rainier L&C Meet, TBA

THURSDAY

Baseball — Knappa at Clatskanie, 4 p.m.
Softball — Seaside at Astoria (2), 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS GOLF

Cowapa League Championships at Astoria G&CC

Team: Valley Catholic 419, Astoria 464, Scappoose 507; Seaside, Rainier, Tillamook, inc.

Medalist: Caroline Hobson, Valley Catholic, 92

Astoria (464)

Jenna Travers, 55-51—106
 Sam Hemsley, 61-52—113
 Kristen Travers, 63-59—122
 Sadie Woolldridge, 63-60—123
 Sarah Lertora, 76-63—139

Seaside

Caroline Kotson, 52-54—106
 Maddy Brown, 65-60—125
 Caitlin Hillman, 69-69—138



Submitted Photo

The Astoria girls golf team, from left to right: Kristen Travers, Sarah Lertora, Jenna Travers, Sadie Woolldridge, Sam Hemsley.

Lady Fishermen shoot season-best in tourney

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The Astoria girls golf team is peaking at the right time, as the Lady Fishermen shot their season-best score Tuesday on their home course.

Astoria's 464 team score was good enough for second place behind Valley Catholic in the Cowapa League (District 1) Championship Tournament at the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

Valley Catholic carded a 419 to win the team title, ahead of Astoria and Scappoose (507) as the three scoring teams. Golfers from Seaside, Rainier and Tillamook also competed.

The Valiants' Caroline Hobson earned medalist honors, as she was the only golfer to break 100 with a 92.

Morgan Hall took second with a 100, followed by Valley Catholic's Matti Thurman (102) and Annmarie Gallardo (104).

Seaside's Caroline Kotson and Astoria's Jenna Travers earned all-league honors, finishing tied for fifth with a 106.

Astoria golfers Samantha Hemsley (113)



Submitted Photo

The Cowapa All-League girls golf team, from left to right, Kristen Travers, Samantha Hemsley, Kaitlyn Bakkensen, Jenna Travers, Caroline Kotson, Annmarie Gallardo, Matti Thurman, Morgan Hall and Caroline Hobson.

and Kristen Travers (122) placed eighth and 10th, respectively, to earn honorable mention all-league.

Teammate Sadie Woolldridge finished one shot out of the top 10 with a 123, and Sarah Lertora rounded out the Astoria scoring with a

personal best 139.

Also scoring for the Gulls were Maddy Brown (125) and Caitlin Hillman (138).

Golf regionals will take place next week at Quail Valley on Monday and Forest Hills on Tuesday.

Matt Mariota makes a move with Oregon

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
Associated Press

Oregon tight end Matt Mariota has a most impressive mentor.

Older brother Marcus is just a phone call or text away, and in some cases this offseason, he was just a short walk away at the Ducks' athletic facilities.

"He's actually really helpful. He and I, we'll text each other after every practice. He wants to see some film; he'll criticize me on certain stuff," Matt said. "But it's a blessing to have him, because, especially at tight end, they're really, really, really in tune with quarterbacks. So having a brother as a quarterback makes it a lot easier."

While Matt was busy learning a new position during spring practices over the past several weeks, his older brother was busy working on his return to the Tennessee Titans.

Marcus broke his right leg at the end of the last season and he rehabbed both back home in Hawaii and in Eugene. The 2014 Heisman Trophy winner worked out — appropriately enough — at the Marcus Mariota Sports Performance Center in the Casanova Center on campus.

In his second pro season, Marcus ranked 10th in the NFL with a 95.6 passer rating, third-best in franchise history. He threw 26 touchdowns with only nine interceptions, and his 3,426 yards passing were the most for this team since 2011.

"I hung out with my brother at Oregon," he told reporters in Tennessee a couple of weeks ago. "I'd go in every day to get some treatment and do little things that hopefully would help me through my process. But for the most part I kind of just took some time away from the game, reflected a bit and enjoyed some family time."

The most decorated player in Oregon's history, Marcus set school records with more than 10,700 passing yards and 135 total touchdowns,



Thomas Boyd/The Oregonian

Former Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota, right, poses for a picture with his family at the Saint Louis Alumni Clubhouse on NFL Draft Day in Honolulu in 2015. His brother Matt Mariota, left, Toa Mariota, his father, left center, and his mother Alana Deppe-Mariota, center right. Matt Mariota has an impressive mentor. As he navigates his career at Oregon, he's got older brother Marcus to consult.

including 105 passing, 29 rushing and two receiving. He rushed for more than 2,200 yards over his Oregon career, which ended early when he decided to go pro. He was the second-overall pick in the 2015 NFL draft.

Matt followed his older brother's footsteps to Eugene and in the upcoming season he'll be a redshirt sophomore shifting from linebacker to tight end. He'll help shore up a position that saw the departure of Pharaoh Brown, Johnny Mundt and Evan Baylis.

So, no, he's not a quarterback. Marcus' records at Oregon are safe.

"Obviously, my brother, it's a huge offensive influence," Matt said about the switch. "Watching him throughout the years, I kind of pick up on the offense, I pick up on different stuff. I think it was just easy for me to come over. And it was something I wanted to do."

Matt has just wrapped up spring practices. He had a reception for 11 yards in the annual spring game on

Saturday, which earned him a loud ovation from the nearly 37,000 fans at Autzen Stadium.

"To be honest, I didn't even hear it," Matt said. "I was just locked in and when I get off the field my teammates and everybody was like, 'Everybody's cheering for you' and I was like, 'Well, I didn't really hear it.' I guess I'll have to go and watch it on TV because my parents recorded it."

Like his older brother, Matt Mariota hails from Hawaii and was a walk-on for the Ducks when he arrived in 2015.

Matt and the Ducks are embarking on their first season under coach Willie Taggart, who replaced Mark Helfrich after Oregon finished 4-8 overall last season and 2-7 in the Pac-12.

"I think we're all bonding a lot more. It's like a family atmosphere" Matt said. "We never used to really hang out but now it's like all the kids want to hang out, they want to do stuff together. It's really, really nice."

No fun in Utah? Jazz fans turn tables on Warriors' razz

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Salt Lake City leaders and tourism officials playfully jabbed back at Golden State Warriors players who bemoaned the lack of nightlife in Utah, hoping to combat the predominantly Mormon state's reputation as a boring place where it's tough to get a drink.

The tourism agency in the state capital launched a new website and video Monday titled, "There's nothing to do in Salt Lake" that features people enjoying drinks and food at popular breweries, bars, restaurants and sporting venues. The words "no fun" and "no drinking" sarcastically flash across images in the video.

Scott Beck, president of Visit Salt Lake, sent a letter to the Warriors to accompany the video, saying the city can't wait to host the 2015 NBA champions as they face the Utah Jazz in the Western Conference semifinals this weekend.

"In case you do stumble across something to do while here in Salt Lake, all of our bartenders and servers are on notice to keep you up late!" Beck wrote.

Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski tweeted at the Warriors Monday that they seem "concerned about where to cry in your beer. Plenty of places. 1st drink's on me."

The campaign comes after some of the Warriors players talked about wishing they were playing the Clippers instead of the Jazz, mostly for the chance to have some time off in Los Angeles rather than Salt Lake City.