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## Tiger Woods is in everyone's head

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The lead was only one stroke when Hal Sutton stepped to the first tee, sweat stains already forming on his shirt, determination in his eyes. A victory would mean a huge confidence boost with a major event just two weeks away.

Competition would be stiff. He was paired with a guy who had two majors on his resume, but Sutton was loose. He didn't feel like the world was against him, that he was the only guy on the course who actually thought he could win. No, this was not The Players Championship.

This was the Canadian Open last September, two weeks before the Ryder Cup. And Sutton was not paired with Tiger Woods on the last day, but Lee Janzen.

What a difference.

Sutton breezed to a three-stroke victory at Glen Abbey as Janzen faded. He had a point to prove against Woods on the TPC at Sawgrass.

The diabolical course that penalizes the slightest mistakes found little wrong with Sutton, who saw only

the short grass of fairways and greens, made par or better on 44 of the last 45 holes and held off another late charge by Woods to win by a stroke. The way Sutton kept his focus for 18 holes over two days, the way he shouted "Yes!" when his 6-iron into the 18th green snuggled 10 feet below the hole to essentially clinch the victory, the way he slapped hands with caddie Freddie Burns, made it clear The Players Championship meant more than the oversized check worth \$1,080,000.

Any victory against anyone in The Players Championship is worthy of such intensity. It is not a major, but proves to be a better test on a stronger course than the PGA Championship year after year.

Clearly, Sutton was proud of how he battled his nerves and stuck to his plan. But there was more. "For Tiger to be the one that I was playing in the last group and having to beat, that makes it very special," he said.

But Sutton also had another message Monday for those who have put Woods on a pedestal during a stretch in which he has finished first or second in 10 of his last 11 events on the PGA

Tour.

Enough, already.

"Tiger Woods is not bigger than the game," Sutton said. "And you all do a damn good job of making him bigger than the game. That's what makes it tough."

Truth is, Tiger is making it tough on everybody.

In one corner are players like Sutton, Tom Lehman and David Duval, who have become exasperated by the weekly coronation of Woods and relish a chance to show him up. Woods is causing them to raise their games.

In another corner are players like Davis Love III and Colin Montgomerie, who seem willing to concede to Woods either by word or deed. "If anybody starts beating you like that, you start thinking, 'Can I beat him?' And he thrives on that," Love said after the third round at Bay Hill. Love said he might be better off a few groups behind Woods to "get away from a little bit of the intimidation." Not surprisingly, Woods doubled his two-stroke lead and cruised to his 18th career victory.

## Grant's performance gives Blazers hope for final 13 games

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Brian Grant is back, and so is his confident attitude. And that's about the only good news the Portland Trail Blazers have had lately.

Grant, who missed 11 of 12 games with a sore right foot, played 24 minutes and scored eight of his 12 points in Sunday night's 93-89 loss to the New York Knicks.

"I was sore this morning when I got up — both feet, as a matter of fact," Grant said after practice at the Rose Garden on Monday. "When I'm in good shape, I'm able to give the team 100 percent and more. But when I'm not, I'm just average."

Grant has nowhere near the conditioning level or leaping ability he had during the Blazers' playoff run last season, before knee surgery and fasciitis on the bottom of his right foot slowed him down. But he held his own against Patrick Ewing and got six rebounds in his first

significant playing time since Feb. 27.

"Brian's energy brought us back," Dunleavy said. "To see him play against the level of competition he played against and do as well as he did, and to come out of it unscathed, is a real positive for us. Now we just need to build on that."

Grant played more than he expected after Jermaine O'Neal, starting at center for the injured Arvydas Sabonis, injured his lower back on a collision in the third quarter.

The Blazers came back from a 17-point deficit and got within one in the fourth, but the Knicks settled down, hit their free throws and won their third straight game in Portland.

It was the third straight home loss and fifth in seven games for the Blazers, whose loss to the Lakers on Feb. 29 began a 6-7 slide.

"When you've been accustomed to winning, you almost forget how to be a good loser," Grant said. "We don't want to get accustomed to losing, but

at the same time, when we've lost we've gotten a little bit better after each loss. And hopefully this last one is the last one."

Portland has 13 games remaining and eight at home, beginning with tonight's game against defending champion San Antonio. The Blazers are out of the race for homecourt advantage in the Western Conference, seven games behind the Lakers. But they're only four games up on the Utah Jazz, which could be important for the homecourt in the second round.

"Anybody that wants to panic can panic, as long as it's not the guys in my locker room," Dunleavy said. "And I don't think that's going to happen." Sabonis is on the injured list and won't be able to come back until April 2, a home game against Seattle. O'Neal is expected to play tonight, but that will put more pressure on Grant, Rasheed Wallace and veteran center Joe Kleine.

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is to raise money for the symphony, he says. His wife has taken on the fund-raising role. He calls her "the diplomat", entertaining contributors from both Oregon and abroad. The two make numerous public appearances.

When DePriest took over as music director, the Oregon Symphony was a group of part-time players. Although the musician-ship was excellent, the wages were so low, everyone had other jobs during the day and could concentrate on the music only at night, he said.

Through intensive fundraising by both DePriests, and other contributors who believe that a symphony is essential to the

community, the orchestra has become internationally known as having the highest per-capita subscriber base in the U.S.

Both DePriests advocate educational programs as tool to generate public interest and awareness, Ginette DePriest said. She's been an advocate of music and education since her days in Quebec.

Each year, the symphony performs in various smaller communities throughout Oregon and in the schools locally and elsewhere.

The goal is to inspire, to educate future conductors and musicians and to make it possible for the general public to appreciate this art form, Ginette DePriest said.

"I think it's important to demystify the symphony which used to be considered this kind of fashionable, high society club-ish atmosphere,"

Ginette DePriest said. "It is not a fashion statement but a cleansing of the soul. It's comfort food for people. It isn't how you look or what you can afford that is important. It's how you feel inside, when you get in there, and what you feel when you get out."

Volunteers of America is a 104-year-old national human service organization, developing social services at the local level. The Oregon affiliate is comprised of three divisions: Children & Families, Community Corrections and Senior Services.

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Holland wanted to add Beech School and some park land.

This last prompted Lenny Anderson of Swan Island to protest inclusion of public facilities to spend the funds on without private properties to increase them. "If you want to play, you have to pay," he said. In fact some committee members, especially Kentonites, are unhappy with the district's expansion, which they feel will dilute the chance to make a difference in the Interstate

corridor itself.

The Arbor Lodge neighborhood asked not to be included, and Eliot only as far east as Williams Avenue. In both cases the reason is, as Eliot's Gary Hampton put it, "The C word" - condemnation.

The specter of displacement, of property taken against the owner's will, is a major concern to all involved. Some think PDC should not have the power to condemn. The agency says condemnation would be used very

sparingly, but that it is a "useful tool" that should be available. A possible compromise would prohibit the condemnation of single family homes. The committee will meet again at 7 p.m. April 3 at OAME exclusively to discuss condemnation. There will be public workshops on all issues from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. April 8 at Ockley Green Middle School. Beginning at 6 p.m. April 17 at OAME the committee hopes to finalize the district's boundaries.

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Give your input on the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area  
District Boundaries  
District Guiding Principles

### WHERE:

Ockley Green Middle School  
6031 N. Montana

### WHEN:

Thursday, April 6, 2000  
7:00-9:00 PM

OR

Saturday, April 8, 2000  
10:00 AM-12:00 Noon  
1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Childcare and light refreshments will be provided

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