

Golf

Spieth maintains lead in Travelers Championship

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CROMWELL, Conn. — Jordan Spieth played well enough in the second round of the Travelers Championship to stay in the lead. Rory McIlroy played just well enough to stay in the tournament.

Spieth shot a 1-under 69 on Friday morning, then watched as a windy afternoon kept anyone from overtaking him.

The conditions also kept fourth-ranked Jason Day from making the cut for a second straight week. He bogeyed the 18th for a 70 to finish at 2 over. No. 3 McIlroy shot a 73, also closing with a bogey, but managed to just sneak into the weekend at even par.

Spieth, who began the day one shot ahead after a first-round 63, started on the back nine. The 23-year-old Texan had to recover from a double bogey on the par-5 13th hole after hitting his tee shot left and out-of-bounds. He also had four birdies and a bogey to reach 8 under.

"We've been kind of far behind in a lot of the events in making comeback runs," said Spieth, the two-time major champion who tied for 35th last week in the U.S. Open. "But being able to be toward the front of the pack on a Saturday



John Woike/Hartford Courant via AP

Jordan Spieth watches his tee shot on the 12th hole during the first round of the Travelers Championship golf tournament Thursday, June 22, 2017, in Cromwell, Conn.

afternoon is a beautiful position to be in and one that we'll certainly embrace. I'm going to try to have a lot of fun this weekend."

Patrick Reed (66) and Troy Merritt (68) were tied for second. Both fought off wind gusts that exceeded 20 mph to hit 11 of 14 fairways and 14 of 18 greens.

"A golf course like this, even when the wind is blowing, if you're hitting your tee shots straight, you're going to have some wedges

into the greens," Reed said.

U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka isn't in Connecticut this week, but former Florida State teammate Chase Seiffert is in contention. The 25-year-old had to qualify Monday to get into the tournament. He made two eagles Friday and finished with a 66 to reach 6 under.

"I came into the week with no status on any tour, but I knew my game was really good," Seiffert

Leaderboard

Jordan Spieth	-8
Troy Merritt	-7
Patrick Reed	-7
Wesley Bryan	-6
Dan. Summerhays	-6
Chase Seiffert	-6
Boo Weekley	-6
Patrick Rodgers	-5
Daniel Berger	-5
Beau Hossler	-5

said. "I just had to get it done. To come out and play the first two rounds the way I did, it gives me a lot of confidence.

Wesley Bryan (67), Daniel Summerhays (68) and Boo Weekley (68) also were 5 under. Graham DeLaet led briefly during the afternoon, but had a double bogey on 18 for a 70 to drop into the group at 5 under.

Eighty-five players made the cut and 68 finished within seven shots of the lead.

The biggest drama of the afternoon was watching the world's third- and fourth-ranked players try to make it to the weekend.

Day was close, until he hit his second shot at 18 into a greenside bunker. He failed to get up and down, missing a 6-footer for par. McIlroy seemed to be in good

shape on 18. He was on the right edge of the fairway and looking at a second shot 105 yards from the hole. But he slipped during the swing and the ball went just 63 yards and farther right.

"My right foot completely came out from under me," he said. "Obviously, there was a tiny bit of drizzle. Maybe a little bit of surface water. Just, I don't know. It was weird. As soon as I started down, I just felt it and I couldn't stop."

McIlroy may have saved his tournament on the 13th. After hitting his first shot in the water and taking a drop, he hit his third shot to 17 feet and made par. He then putted in from off the green on 14. McIlroy, who didn't qualify for the weekend at Erin Hills, hasn't missed consecutive cuts since 2012.

Two-time Travelers champion Bubba Watson, who missed the cut at Erin Hills, will have another weekend off. He followed up a 75 in the first round with a 67 and finished at 2 over.

Weather could also affect the scoring Saturday. A forecast of rain led tournament officials to move the start of the third round back to 11 a.m., with the players going out in threesomes off the first and 10th tees.

NHL

Parade of forwards at top of NHL draft

By JAY COHEN
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CHICAGO — Cody Glass played in a youth hockey tournament in Las Vegas when he was 10. His Junior Steelers team finished a disappointing second.

He is looking forward to many more games in Sin City.

Glass was selected by the expansion Vegas Golden Knights with their first-ever pick Friday night, going No. 6 overall as part of a parade of forwards at the top of the NHL draft. The 18-year-old Canadian center had 32 goals and 62 assists in 69 games last season for the Portland Winterhawks of the Western Hockey League.

"I didn't really see that as a hockey place when I went there, but now, with the new team and the fans and season tickets sold out, I think hockey will be unbelievable," Glass said. "Just being there and walking down the Strip, it's something that's really nice. You don't see too much of that in Winnipeg."

The first NHL draft in Chicago began with another 18-year-old forward, with Swiss center Nico Hischier going No. 1 overall to the New Jersey Devils. The Philadelphia Flyers then grabbed Nolan Patrick at No. 2.

Ten of the top 13 picks were listed as centers. Defensemen

Heiskanen (No. 3 overall to Dallas) and Cale Makar (No. 4 to Colorado) and right wing Owen Tippett (No. 10 to Florida) were the lone exceptions. Vegas also opted for another forward prospect with its second of three picks in the first round, taking Nick Suzuki at No. 12 before selecting Swedish defenseman Erik Brannstrom with the 15th pick.

"The forward group is real strong," New Jersey general manager Ray Shero said.

The 18-year-old Hischier is the highest drafted Swiss player in the NHL history. He had 38 goals and 86 points in 57 games with the Halifax Mooseheads of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League this past season. He spent the previous two seasons in the Swiss pro league, where he was coached by current Ottawa Senators coach Guy Boucher.

Hischier fits in nicely with Shero's desire to put a faster team on the ice. New Jersey is coming off its worst season in nearly three decades, finishing with a 28-40-14 record.

But Hischier is just over 6-feet tall and listed at 179 pounds, and will need to put on more muscle to succeed in the NHL.

"I love hockey," he said. "It's my biggest goal to play in the NHL. I'm so happy."

NBA

Jordan Bell gets unique call on draft night

By JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jordan Bell knows he will most certainly get an earful from Draymond Green come training camp as a Golden State Warriors rookie.

Green came looking for him on draft night with a FaceTime attempt after acquiring his new teammate's digits from general manager Bob Myers. But Bell — out with friends celebrating — didn't answer because the number was unfamiliar.

Bell decided he would text back instead.

"I was like, 'Who is this?'" Bell recalled Friday, when he was formally introduced and given his new No. 2 Golden State jersey at team headquarters.

"He didn't reply so I called the number and said, 'Who is this?' Then he was like, 'Yo, I FaceTimed you, hang up right now and FaceTime me right back, don't call me,'" Bell said.



AP Photo/Jeff Chiu

Golden State Warriors NBA basketball draft pick Jordan Bell, right, and general manager Bob Myers pose for photos with a jersey at a news conference in Oakland, Calif., Friday, June 23, 2017.

"I FaceTimed him and he didn't answer. I was like, all right. I waited like five seconds and I called him back FaceTime and he answered ... and we started talking about it. He was like, 'Enjoy this night, celebrate, it only happens once, but after this time we have to get back to work, we're trying to get rings over here.'"

The NBA champions began the night Thursday without a draft pick but acquired Bell in a trade with the Bulls. The 6-foot-9 forward and Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year out of Oregon was the 38th overall selection by Chicago.

Bell had been upset he dropped so far in the draft, then everything changed

once the Warriors made a move for him. Green was drafted 35th overall out of Michigan State in 2012 and still has a chip on his shoulder about it. In fact, he can name every team in order and its selection above him that draft year.

"Draymond will be a fun challenge for you," Myers said. "Draymond texted me as I was driving home and he said, 'What the' and then expletive 'is your problem' to me? So you can fill in the blank. Then he said, 'I have to hear about this' expletive 'on the internet, you didn't' expletive 'tell me about it.' So I couldn't text and drive so I called him and I said, 'OK, all right, calm down.'"

Green demanded he be able to talk to Bell, so Myers obliged with the new rookie's contact info.

Green's teammates are accustomed to his intensity. He even yells at them from time to time.

"He's like our team mom in a way," joked Myers. "He's the one that you have to kind of get through him."

BRIEFLY

Raiders, QB Carr agree to record extension

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Derek Carr and general manager Reggie McKenzie never doubted the two sides could reach

a long-term contract agreement to keep the quarterback with the Raiders before Carr's self-imposed training camp deadline.

So the two sides were able to agree on a five-year, \$125 million extension that makes Carr

the NFL's richest player, at least temporarily.

The \$25 million per year in new money is the richest contract ever in the NFL, beating out the \$24.8 million a year Andrew Luck got from Indianapolis. That could be surpassed with Detroit's

Matthew Stafford and Washington's Kirk Cousins in line for new deals soon.

But Carr is not worried about that and the Raiders are pleased to have the face of their franchise under contract through 2022 as they prepare to move to Las Vegas in 2020.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

MLB				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	40	31	.563	—
Boston	41	32	.562	—
Tampa Bay	40	36	.526	2½
Toronto	35	38	.479	6
Baltimore	35	38	.479	6
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	39	33	.542	—
Minnesota	37	34	.521	1½
Kansas City	36	36	.500	3
Chicago	32	40	.444	7
Detroit	32	41	.438	7½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	50	25	.667	—
Seattle	39	37	.513	11½
Los Angeles	38	39	.494	13
Texas	36	37	.493	13
Oakland	32	42	.432	17½
Friday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees 2, Texas 1, 10 innings				
Tampa Bay 15, Baltimore 5				
Boston 9, L.A. Angels 4				
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 0				
Oakland 3, Chicago White Sox 0				
Kansas City 5, Toronto 4				
San Diego 1, Detroit 0				
Seattle 13, Houston 3				
Saturday's Games				
Texas (Bibens-Dirix 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Cessa 0-1), 10:05 a.m.				
Oakland (Gossett 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 1-0), 11:10 a.m.				
Toronto (Estrada 4-5) at Kansas City (Vargas 10-3), 11:15 p.m.				
Baltimore (Bundy 7-6) at Tampa Bay (Faria 3-0), 1:10 p.m.				
Minnesota (Gibson 4-5) at Cleveland (Kluber 6-2), 1:10 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Ramirez 6-5) at Boston (Price 2-1), 4:15 p.m.				
Detroit (Sanchez 0-0) at San Diego (Lamett 2-2), 7:10 p.m.				
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	44	29	.603	—
Atlanta	35	38	.479	9
Miami	33	39	.458	10½
New York	32	41	.438	12
Philadelphia	24	48	.333	19½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	40	36	.526	—

NCAA BASEBALL				
College World Series				
Thursday				
Game 10 — TCU 4, Louisville 3 (Louisville eliminated)				
Friday				
Game 11 — Oregon State (56-4) vs. LSU (50-18), Noon				
Game 12 — Florida (49-18) vs. TCU (49-17), 5 p.m.				
Saturday				
Oregon State (56-5) vs. LSU (51-18), Noon (ESPN)				
Florida (49-19) vs. TCU (50-17), 5 p.m. (ESPN)				
Friday's Games				
Washington 6, Cincinnati 5, 10 innings				
Miami 2, Chicago Cubs 0				
Atlanta 5, Milwaukee 4				
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3				
Philadelphia 6, Arizona 1				
San Diego 1, Detroit 0				
L.A. Dodgers 6, Colorado 1				
N.Y. Mets 11, San Francisco 4				
Saturday's Games				
Cincinnati (Bailey 0-0) at Washington (Ross 3-3), 1:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Lester 4-4) at Miami (Nicolino 0-1), 1:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Garza 3-3) at Atlanta (Dickey 5-5), 1:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 6-3) at San Francisco (Cueto 5-7), 4:15 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Cole 5-6) at St. Louis (Lynn 5-4), 4:15 p.m.				
Colorado (Chatwood 6-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-2), 7:10 p.m.				
Detroit (Sanchez 0-0) at San Diego (Lamett 2-2), 7:10 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Lively 1-1) at Arizona (Ray 7-3), 7:10 p.m.				
MilB				
Northwest League				
North				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Tri-City	8	1	.889	—
Vancouver	6	3	.667	2
Everett	3	6	.333	5
Spokane	3	6	.333	5
South				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boise	5	4	.555	—
Hillsboro	4	5	.444	1
Eugene	4	5	.444	1
Salem-Keizer	3	6	.333	2
Friday's Games				
Boise 5, Hillsboro 1				
Tri-City 5, Everett 4				
Vancouver 8, Spokane 5				
Eugene 15, Salem-Keizer 5				
Saturday's Games				
Eugene at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.				
Boise at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.				
Spokane at Vancouver, 7:05 p.m.				
Everett at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.				

NHL Draft				
First Round Selections				
1. New Jersey, Nico Hischier, c, Halifax (OJMJHL).	2. Philadelphia, Nolan Patrick, c, Brandon (WHL).	3. Dallas, Miro Heiskanen, d, HIFK (Finland).	4. Colorado, Cale Makar, d, Brooks (AJHL).	5. Vancouver, Elias Pettersson, c, Timra (Sweden-2).
6. Las Vegas, Cody Glass, c, Portland (WHL).	7. N.Y. Rangers (from Arizona), Lias Andersson, c, HV 71 (Sweden).	8. Buffalo, Casey Middlestadt, c, Eden Prairie (Minn.) HS.	9. Detroit, Michael Rasmussen, c, Tri-City (WHL).	10. Florida, Owen Tippett, rw, Mississauga (OHL).
11. Los Angeles, Gabriel Vilardi, c, Windsor (OHL).	12. Carolina, Martin Necas, c, Brno (Czech Republic).	13. Las Vegas (from Winnipeg), Nick Suzuki, c, Owen Sound (OHL).	14. Tampa Bay, Cal Foote, d, Kelowna (WHL).	15. Las Vegas (from N.Y. Islanders), Erik Brannstrom, d, HV 71 (Sweden).
16. Calgary, Juuso Valimaki, d, Tri-City (WHL).	17. Toronto, Timothy Liljegren, d, Rogle (Sweden).	18. Boston, Urho Vaakanainen, d, JYP (Finland).	19. San Jose, Josh Norris, c, USA Under-18 (USHL).	20. St. Louis, Robert Thomas, c, London (OHL).
21. N.Y. Rangers, Filip Chytil, c, Zlin (Czech Republic).	22. Edmonton, Kailer Yamamoto, rw, Spokane (WHL).	23. Arizona (from Minnesota), Pierre-Olivier Joseph, d, Charlotte (OJMJHL).	24. Winnipeg (from Columbus through Las Vegas), Kristian Vesalainen, lw-rw, Frolunda (Sweden).	25. Montreal, Ryan Poehling, c, St. Cloud State (NCHC).
26. Dallas (from Chicago), Jake Oettinger, g, Boston U. (Hockey East).	27. Philadelphia (from Washington through St. Louis), Morgan Frost, c, Sault Ste. Marie (OHL).	28. Ottawa, Shane Bowers, c, Waterloo (USHL).	29. Chicago (from Anaheim through Dallas), Henri Jokiharju, d, Portland (WHL).	30. Nashville, Eeli Tolvanen, rw, Sioux City (USHL).
31. St. Louis (from Pittsburgh), Klim Kostin, rw, Dynamo Moscow (Russia).	Purse: \$2 million	Yardage: 6,331; Par 71 (36-35)	First Round Scores	
Sung Hyun Park 31-32—63	-8	So Yeon Ryu 34-31—65	-6	Mel Reid 31-34—65
Ally McDonald 34-31—65	-6	Felicity Johnson 31-35—66	-5	Moriya Jutanugarn 33-33—66
Juli Inkster 33-33—66	-5	Stacy Lewis 32-34—66	-5	Katherine Kirk 33-33—66
Celine Herbin 34-33—67	-4	Jeong Eun Lee 34-33—67	-4	Miriam Lee 34-33—67
Megan Khang 33-34—67	-4	Pornanong Phatlum 36-31—67	-4	Austin Ernst 33-34—67
Mi Hyang Lee 33-34—67	-4	Gerina Pillar 34-33—67	-4	Lee-Anne Pace 33-34—67
-4				

Golf

PGA Tour				
Travelers Championship				
Friday	At TPC River Highlands	Cromwell, Conn.	Purse: \$6.8 million	Yardage: 6,841; Par: 70
Second Round				
Jordan Spieth	63-69—132	-8	Troy Merritt	65-68—133
Patrick Reed	67-66—133	-7	Wesley Bryan	67-67—134
Daniel Summerhays	66-68—134	-6	Chase Seiffert	68-68—134
Boo Weekley	68-68—134	-6	Patrick Rodgers	70-65—135
Daniel Berger	68-67—135	-5	Beau Hossler	66-69—135
Graham DeLaet	65-70—135	-5	Chester Reavie	68-68—135
Smylie Kaufman	69-67—135	-5	Padraig Harrington	66-69—135
Jim Furyk	67-68—135	-5	Danny Lee	68-67—135
Anirban Lahiri	73-63—136	-4	Brendan Steele	68-68—136
Ryan Brehm	68-68—136	-4	Johnson Wagner	64-72—136
Xander Schauffele	66-70—136	-4	Fabian Gomez	66-70—136
Paul Casey	68-68—136	-4	Brian Harman	66-70—136
Charley Hoffman	69-67—136	-4	Brett Stegmaier	64-72—136
-4				

Basketball

WNBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	7	5	.583	—
Washington	7	5	.583	—
Connecticut	6	5	.545	½
Indiana	6	6	.500	1
Atlanta	5	6	.454	1½
Chicago	3	9	.250	4
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	10	1	.909	—
Los Angeles	8	3	.727	2
Phoenix	7	5	.583	3½
Seattle	6	6	.500	4
Dallas	7	8	.467	5½
San Antonio	0	13	.000	11</