

Warriors reach 4th straight finals

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HOUSTON — Stephen Curry and Golden State turned all those Houston bricks into a road back to the NBA Finals.

Needing not only all their firepower but also 27 straight misses by the Rockets during an epic cold streak from 3-point range, the Warriors rallied to keep alive their hopes for a repeat.

Kevin Durant scored 34 points, Curry sparked another third-quarter turnaround, and the Warriors earned a fourth straight trip to the NBA Finals by beating the Rockets 101-92 in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals on Monday night.

The defending champions trailed by as many as 15 in the first half after falling behind 17 in Game 6.

Curry, who finished with 27 points, scored 14 of Golden State's 33 points in the third quarter as Houston's shooting didn't just go cold, it froze. The Rockets missed all 14 3-point attempts in that quarter as part of a 1-for-21 second half from long range.

The Warriors will host



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Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant (35) celebrates with teammate Draymond Green (23) during the second half in Game 7 of the NBA basketball Western Conference finals.

LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 on Thursday night in the fourth straight matchup between the teams.

James Harden had 32 points as the top-seeded Rockets' bid to return to the finals for the first time since 1995 fell short without Chris Paul, who was nursing a hamstring injury.

The Rockets fell apart in the second half again after doing so in Game 6. The Warriors outscored Houston 122-63 in the second half of the final two games.

"It's amazing how long the NBA game is," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "Forty-eight minutes, it lasts a long time and there's so many opportunities to get

Another huge challenge for LeBron

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BOSTON — LeBron James will get a couple days to catch his breath, then make his annual June journey to Golden State or down to Houston to face a team far better than his.

His eighth straight NBA Finals sets up as one of his most difficult, flanked by a largely unheralded set of teammates who force him to do much more at 33 than most other players are ever asked.

But James keeps showing he can do it, and he can't wait for his chance to win another ring.

Dare count him out? "At the end of the day, the game is won in between the lines, and we have an opportunity to play for a championship," he said after Sunday's 87-79 victory over Boston. "That's all that matters."

James dragged an injured and inconsistent Cavaliers team out of the Eastern Conference and back to the NBA Finals, where they will be an underdog against whichever team wins Game 7 in the West on Monday.

But after playing all 48



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Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, right, celebrates a basket during the second half in Game 7 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals.

minutes in his 100th game of the season, punctuating one of the greatest series a player has ever had with 35 points, 15 rebounds and nine assists, he sure looks capable of more.

And the Cavaliers will need every bit of it. They had to play seven games just to get out of the first round, and

seven more to finish a climb out of 2-0 deficit against a younger, more athletic Celtics team. They have to be tired, and that's no way to go into a series against Kevin Durant, Stephen Curry and the Warriors, who blew Cleveland away in five games last year, or James Harden and a Rock-

yourself going as a team. And with our team, there's just so much firepower, we're going to get going."

Golden State led by seven entering the fourth and pushed the lead to 10 on a 3-pointer by Klay Thompson with about 9 1/2 minutes left. Clint Capela made a hook shot for Houston but Durant hit a long 3 seconds later to make it 86-75.

The Rockets were behind by 13 after a 3 by Curry and had missed 27 straight 3-pointers when P.J. Tucker hit one from the corner to cut the lead to 89-79 midway through the quarter.

It was their first 3-pointer since one by Eric Gordon with about 6 1/2 minutes left in the second quarter that put the Rockets up 42-28.

Tucker's 3 was the first of seven straight points for Houston which cut the lead to 89-83.

But Durant scored six points in a 9-2 spurt after that which left the Warriors 97-85 with about three minutes to go.

Houston finally found a little offense after that, using a 7-2 run to cut it to 99-92, but their rally bid came up short.



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Oregon catcher Gwen Svelos, pitcher Miranda Elish, Lauren Lindvall and Jenna Lilley, from left, celebrate the team's win over Kentucky.

Top seed Oregon head WCWS field

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Two-time defending champion Oklahoma and No. 1 seed Oregon highlight the Women's College World Series field.

The top eight seeds qualified, including four teams from the Pac-12. The games begin Thursday at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City.

No. 4 seed Oklahoma (55-3) will face No. 5 Washington (49-8). Oklahoma features pitcher Paige Parker and power hitter Jocelyn Alo. Parker has been Oklahoma's ace the past two seasons. Alo, a freshman, leads the nation with 28 home runs.

Oregon (52-8) will play Pac-12 rival Arizona State (48-11). Oregon and Oklahoma could meet Friday.

In the other bracket, No. 2 Florida (55-9) will play No. 7 Georgia (48-11) and No. 3 UCLA (56-5) will face No. 6 Florida State (52-11). Georgia's Brittany Gray leads the nation with a 0.48 ERA.

Florida won national titles in 2014 and 2015 and is expected to be a threat again with pitcher Kelly Barnhill in the circle.

Oregon State baseball earns No. 2 seed

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Losses in six of its last seven games didn't diminish defending national champion Florida's overall body of work when it came to seeding the NCAA baseball tournament.

The Gators (42-17) are No. 1, and there never was much doubt, NCAA Division I Baseball Committee chairman Ray Tanner said Monday after the 64-team field was unveiled.

Play begins Friday in 16 regionals. Winners advance to eight best-of-three super regionals. Those winners move on to the College World Series in Omaha.

The NCAA seeded 16 teams for the first time. There had been eight seeds previously.

Stanford (44-10) is the No. 2 seed, followed by Oregon State (44-10-1), Mississippi (46-15), Arkansas (39-18), North Carolina (38-18), Florida State (43-17) and Georgia (37-19).

Seeds nine through 16 are Texas Tech (39-17), Clemson (45-14), Stetson (45-11), East Carolina (43-16), Texas (37-20), Minnesota (41-13), Coastal Carolina (42-17) and North Carolina State (40-16).

Florida, the regular-season champion in the Southeastern Conference, is the only team to earn a national seed in each of the last five seasons.

Florida State, at 41 appearances in a row, has the longest active streak, but no national championships to show for them.

The last four teams to make the field were Dallas Baptist (40-19), Northeastern (36-19), Oklahoma State (29-24-1) and Troy (41-19). The first four out were Arizona (34-22), Illinois (33-20), Kentucky (34-22) and Central Florida (35-21).

At No. 30, Kentucky had the highest RPI of any team not selected. The Wildcats went 3-0 in a March tournament in Houston, including a win over the host and American Athletic Conference regular-season champion Cougars.

BRIEFLY

George Fox coach leading Heppner basketball camp

HEPPNER — The Heppner High School girls basketball program is hosting a basketball camp on June 11-12 for all girls going into grades 5-12.

The camp will be led by George Fox University head coach Michael Meek, now in his eighth season coaching the Bruins with a record of 180-27 (.870) through his first seven seasons. Meek was named the 2011-12 NCAA Division III Coach of the Year by D3Hoops.com, and he had a prior stop at Southridge High School where he was the 2006 MaxPreps National Girls Basketball Coach of the Year, Oregon Athletic Coaches Association Coach of the Year (2005-2007, 2010), and the state Coach of the Year by *The Oregonian* twice (2005, 2010).

There is no cost for all Heppner students and all girls interested in playing basketball next season are encouraged to attend. The camp is split up into three sessions: 9-11 a.m. for grades 5-8 that will focus

on fundamentals, 1-3 p.m. for grades 5-12 to focus on shooting, and 5-8 p.m. is a team camp for the high schoolers.

Blue Mountain holds select basketball tryouts

PENDLETON — On Saturday and Sunday, Blue Mountain Community College will be holding select basketball tryouts in Pendleton. Any high school-aged boy with a minimum of one year of eligibility is welcome to register.

Select Basketball will host traveling basketball teams in July. The teams are made up of from players entering their freshman year through their senior year of high school. Each summer, 12-15 teams will travel to various NCAA certified tournaments in Washington, Oregon and Nevada.

To learn more about the program, the summer schedule and to register for the tryouts, visit www.selectbasketballusa.com for details.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL
Tuesday
No. 3 Pilot Rock vs. No. 7 Bandon (2A/1A semifinals), 4:45 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL
Tuesday
No. 1 Pendleton vs. No. 4 Marist Catholic (5A semifinals), 4 p.m.
No. 4 Pilot Rock at No. 1 Toledo (2A/1A semifinals), 4:30 p.m.

Basketball

NBA
CONFERENCE FINALS
Sunday's Game
Cleveland 87, Boston 79 (CLE wins series, 4-3)
Monday's Game
Golden State 101, Houston 92 (GSW wins series, 4-3)

NBA FINALS
Cleveland vs. Golden State
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Thursday: Cleveland at Golden State, 6 p.m.
Sunday: Cleveland at Golden State, 5 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Friday, June 8: Golden State at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Cleveland at Golden State winner, 6 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 14: Golden State winner at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 17: Cleveland at Golden State winner, 5 p.m.

WNBA
Monday's Games
No games scheduled.
Tuesday's Games
Minnesota at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Dallas at New York, 4 p.m.
Washington at Seattle, 7 p.m.

Hockey

NHL
STANLEY CUP
Vegas 1, Washington 0
Monday: Vegas 6, Washington 4
Wednesday: Washington at Vegas, 5 p.m.
Saturday: Vegas at Washington, 5 p.m.
Monday, June 4: Vegas at Washington, 5 p.m.

Baseball

MLB
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	37	17	.685	—
New York	33	17	.660	2
Tampa Bay	26	26	.500	10
Toronto	25	29	.463	12

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	27	25	.519	—
Detroit	24	29	.453	3½
Minnesota	22	27	.449	3½
Kansas City	18	36	.333	10
Chicago	16	35	.314	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	35	20	.636	—
Seattle	33	20	.623	1
Los Angeles	29	25	.537	5½
Oakland	28	26	.519	6½
Texas	22	34	.393	13½

Monday's Games
Boston 8, Toronto 3
Houston 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
Washington 6, Baltimore 0
Detroit 9, L.A. Angels 3
Tampa Bay 1, Oakland 0, 13 innings
Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 6
Seattle 2, Texas 1
Minnesota 8, Kansas City 5
Tuesday's Games
Chicago White Sox (Giolito 3-5) at Cleveland (Clevinger 3-2), 3:10 p.m.
Houston (Morton 7-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Washington (Hellickson 1-0) at Baltimore (Bundy 3-6), 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Tropiano 2-3) at Detroit (Fulmer 2-3), 4:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 2-5) at Boston (Porcello 6-2), 4:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 1-3) at Kansas City (Duffy 2-6), 5:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 6-3) at Oakland (Gossett 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Bibens-Dirix 0-1) at Seattle (Hernandez 5-4), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	31	21	.596	—
Washington	30	22	.577	1
Philadelphia	29	22	.569	1½
New York	25	25	.500	5
Miami	20	33	.377	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	20	.636	—
Chicago	33	22	.560	4½
St. Louis	28	23	.549	5
Pittsburgh	28	25	.528	6
Cincinnati	19	36	.345	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	29	25	.537	—
Arizona	27	26	.509	1½
Los Angeles	25	28	.472	3½
San Francisco	25	29	.463	4
San Diego	22	33	.400	7½

Monday's Games
Washington 6, Baltimore 0
Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 3, 1st game
Chicago Cubs 7, Pittsburgh 0
Milwaukee 8, St. Louis 3
Arizona 12, Cincinnati 5

Miami 7, San Diego 2
Colorado 6, San Francisco 5, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 5, Philadelphia 4
N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 2nd game, late finish
Tuesday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Lester 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Kingham 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Washington (Hellickson 1-0) at Baltimore (Bundy 3-6), 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Matz 2-3) at Atlanta (Sanchez 1-0), 4:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 5-1) at Milwaukee (Davies 2-4), 4:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Samardzija 1-3) at Colorado (Freeland 4-5), 5:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Castillo 4-4) at Arizona (Godley 4-4), 6:40 p.m.
Miami (Straily 2-0) at San Diego (Ross 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Arrieta 4-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 4-3), 7:10 p.m.

Soccer

MLS
EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	8	3	1	25	26	16
Columbus	7	3	2	20	18	10
New York City FC	7	3	3	24	26	19
New York	7	3	1	22	26	12
Orlando City	6	5	1	19	22	20
New England	5	4	3	18	21	18
Philadelphia	4	5	3	15	12	15
Chicago	4	6	2	14	17	21
LA Galaxy	5	6	1	16	16	19
Minnesota United	7	1	16	16	18	22
Real Salt Lake	5	6	1	16	15	25
San Jose	2	7	3	9	18	23
Seattle	2	6	2	8	7	12
Columbus	2	7	2	8	13	20

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Monday-Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled.
Wednesday's Games
Atlanta United FC at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Real Salt Lake, 9:30 p.m.
FC Dallas at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.

Golf

PGA Tour
FORT WORTH INVITATIONAL
Sunday
At Colonial Country Club

Fort Worth, Texas
Purse: \$7.1 million
Yardage: 7,209; Par: 70
Final
Justin Rose (500), \$1,278,00066-64-66-64—260 -20
Brooks Koepka (300), \$766,80070-63-67-63—263 -17
Emiliano Grillo (190), \$482,80064-67-69-64—264 -16
Kevin Na (135), \$340,80062-73-70-61—266 -14
Louis Oosthuizen (100), \$259,150 67-71-64-68—270-10
Jon Rahm (100), \$259,15068-70-64-68—270 -10
Kevin Tway (100), \$259,15066-69-68-67—270 -10
Corey Connors (80), \$205,90071-68-63-69—271 -9
Ben Crane (80), \$205,90066-69-68-69—271 -9
Joaquin Niemann, \$205,90068-72-65-66—271 -9
Notables
Jordan Spieth (20), \$36,06869-68-70-68—275 -5
Adam Scott (6), \$16,47269-73-71-64—277 -3
Jim Furyk (3), \$14,48470-70-71-69—280 E

Auto Racing

NASCAR
COCA COLA CUP 600
Sunday
At Charlotte Motor Speedway
Concord, N.C.
Lap length: 1.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)
Top-25
1. (1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 400 laps, 70 points.
2. (15) Martin Truex Jr, Toyota, 400, 54.
3. (3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 400, 49.
4. (5) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 400, 41.
5. (23) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 400, 41.
6. (7) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 400, 37.
7. (11) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 400, 46.
8. (16) Kurt Busch, Ford, 400, 36.
9. (27) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 400, 28.
10. (13) Ricky Stenhouse Jr, Ford, 399, 31.
11. (22) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 399, 30.
12. (28) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 399, 35.
13. (9) Aric Almirola, Ford, 399, 34.
14. (14) Paul Menard, Ford, 399, 23.
15. (10) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 399, 22.
16. (24) Darrell Wallace Jr, Chevrolet, 399, 21.
17. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 399, 20.
18. (29) Michael McDowell, Ford, 399, 19.
19. (4) Erik Jones, Toyota, 399, 29.
20. (26) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 399, 21.
21. (20) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 399, 16.
22. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 399, 15.
23. (30) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 399, 14.
24. (25) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 398, 0.
25. (19) David Ragan, Ford, 396, 12.