

FIFA WORLD CUP 2018

RECAP



AP Photo/Frank Augstein
England's Harry Kane, left, celebrates his winning goal with England's Ashley Young during the group G match between Tunisia and England at the 2018 soccer World Cup in the Volgograd Arena in Volgograd, Russia, on Monday.

England “breaks Tunisia down”, wins 2-1

By ROB HARRIS
Associated Press

VOLGOGRAD, Russia — Twice wrestled to the ground during the match, England captain Harry Kane finally evaded the Tunisian defense just as time was running out.

Kane found an open area of space at the far post and used his head to meet Harry Maguire's flick-on, scoring the winning goal Monday in a 2-1 victory at the World Cup.

England shouldn't have found it so tough in its Group G opener against such opposition. Not after Kane got England off to a perfect start with an 11th-minute tap in. But after Kyle Walker softly conceded a penalty that Ferjani Sassi converted in the 35th, many of the fouls went against England.

Finally, Kane showcased

on the international stage the predatory instinct in front of goal that has served Tottenham so well.

At the last World Cup, England couldn't even win a game. Low expectations for this year's overhauled team were dispelled early in Russia when Kane reacted quickly to score after John Stones' header was saved. But England struggled to finish it off.

When Walker's flailing arm caught Fakhreddine Ben Youssef, a penalty was awarded and Sassi slotted it in to equalize.

England's players later thought they deserved the same verdict when Kane was grappled to the ground twice by Tunisians on either side of the halftime break. Both times, the referee decided against punishing the culprits.

Hodgen goes 1-2 over weekend at tournament in Yakima

East Oregonian

Following Friday's thrilling come-from-behind victory, Hodgen Distributing couldn't keep the momentum going through the rest of the weekend of the June Jam Wood Bat Tournament in Yakima, Washington as Hodgen lost twice on Saturday and won on Sunday.

Hodgen (8-3) started off Saturday with a 9-3 loss to the Hanford (WA) Flames, the same team that Hogen split a doubleheader with just three days prior in Pendleton. Hodgen managed only five hits in the game, and all five hits came from the bottom third of the order of Cooper Roberts (2-for-3, two runs), Logan Weinke (1-for-2, run), and Matthew Demianew (2-for-3, two RBI). The rest of the lineup went 0-for-18 with nine strikeouts.

Later in the day came a 6-3 loss at the hands of the Kennewick Phantoms. Chris Large started on the mound for Hodgen and struggled out of the gates, allowing six hits and five runs. But after that he settled in, throwing five innings with six strikeouts and only one run allowed. Tanner Sweek went 2-for-3 with an RBI for Hodgen, while Rudy Esparza, Quinn Doherty, Curtis Simons, Ty Beers, Roberts and Large each had a hit.

Hodgen and Hanford then faced each other again on Sunday, with Hodgen getting the 7-1 victory. The highlight was pitchers Sweek (three innings, 3K), Roberts (three innings, 2K) and Tucker Zander (one inning) combining to no-hit the Flames. The Flames' only run scored in the second inning when Sweek walked a batter, which advanced on an error and a fielder's choice and later stole home.

Beers hit his third home run of the summer in the

game, while Doherty hit his seventh double. Ryan Stahl had a team-best two hits.

Hodgen Distributing will play its last home games on Tuesday when it hosts Lewiston for a doubleheader at the BMCC Field at 3 p.m.

Diamondjaxx finish below .500

Much like the senior team, the Pepsi Diamondjaxx fell to a 1-2 record over the weekend, playing at the Walla Walla Grizz Tourney on Saturday and Sunday.

Pepsi started its Saturday with a close 3-1 loss to Lakeside Recovery and ended the day with a 11-5 loss to the host Walla Walla Grizz. Against Lakeside, the Diamondjaxx tallied nine hits and drew two walks, but stranded seven runners overall, leaving them with only one run on the board. Blake Swanson and Blaine Peal each went 2-for-3 at the plate, while Greyson Clark was 1-for-3 with a double and a RBI. Eric Rencken struck out five over six innings on the mound.

Then against Walla Walla, Jordan DeGeer tallied two hits with a double, a run scored and a RBI and Swanson doubled and scored twice. Walla Walla tagged pitchers Parker Persinger, Karson Lani and Clark for 11 runs and 11 hits and drew nine walks.

Finally on Sunday, the Diamondjaxx scored three times in the first inning and three times in the fourth inning to pull out the win. Rencken was a perfect 3-for-3 hitting with a double, a run scored and a RBI, while Tyler Browning was 2-for-3 with two RBI. Peal threw a complete game on the mound allowing six hits and three runs.

The Diamondjaxx now have a week off before their next game, a doubleheader with Hanford on June 26 at Bob White Field.

Koepka defends US Open title

By BARRY WILNER
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SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — For a guy who has won all of three PGA Tour events, Brooks Koepka has a golf legacy that already is secure.

That's how it should be for winning back-to-back U.S. Opens.

Koepka became the first man to turn that impressive trick in nearly three decades by handling a Shinnecock Hills course that varied from beastly to benign. His one-stroke victory Sunday over Tommy Fleetwood even topped Koepka's first major victory a year ago at Erin Hills.

"I don't want to say I didn't think I could do it, but I knew that it was going to be that much more difficult," Koepka said after closing with a 2-under 68 and a 1-over 281 total. "And to finally do it, it's much more gratifying the second time. I can really appreciate how hard it is to win a major, and to win back-to-back is special, and my second major is cool."

Even better is that he won on two different style courses. Erin Hills had spacious fairways. Shinnecock Hills had tighter landing areas and tougher greens. They look nothing alike. Koepka, however, said he felt they played similar.

"Shinnecock plays incredibly tough, and you knew that going in even par was going to be a really good score," he said. "And it turned out it was almost impossible to shoot even."

Not in the final round it wasn't, one day after the USGA conceded it lost a handle on the golf course. While Koepka's 68 separated him from a four-way tie to start the final round, there were 14 other subpar rounds — including Fleetwood tying the U.S. Open record with a 63 after he missed an 8-foot birdie putt



AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster

Brooks Koepka holds up the Golf Champion Trophy after winning the U.S. Open Golf Championship on Sunday in Southampton, N.Y.

on the final hole.

The easier conditions Sunday allowed a bunch of players to challenge: Koepka's buddy and playing partner Dustin Johnson, who led or shared the lead in each of the first three rounds; Masters champion Patrick Reed; Saturday co-leaders Tony Finau and Daniel Berger; and Fleetwood.

But the prize went to Koepka, whose composure, confidence and competitiveness served him well. All of those traits came together a year ago, and defined his victory this time.

"This one's a lot sweeter," he said.

Lots will be written and said about Koepka, 28, when the U.S. Open heads to Pebble Beach in 2019 and he tries to match Willie Anderson (1903-05) as the only golfer to win three in a row. Koepka has played there once, finishing eighth in the PGA Tour event that uses three courses.

First, though, he'll travel to Carnoustie for the British Open, where he should feel at home. Koepka spent much of his early pro career

in Europe before becoming a PGA Tour regular in 2015.

The final major of the year is the PGA Championship at Bellerive in St. Louis.

Still, questions about the future for Koepka focused on the U.S. Open, in which Curtis Strange was the last to successfully defend in 1989. Strange, who walked the course with Koepka and Johnson as a broadcaster for Fox Sports, believes Koepka can lengthen his streak.

"He's proven he can win on a classic" course, Strange said. "Hell, I came close, and he'd beat me like a yard dog."

The pressure the third time is even more extreme, said the only person alive who would know.

"For me, it was," Strange said. "He looks like water off a duck's back, both times. I look like I'm wound a little differently. He seems to move right on through life, which is a good thing."

Koepka is especially appreciative of this good thing because he was sidelined for four months by a wrist injury, only returning in May and missing the cut

in a team event in New Orleans. He had a second-place showing at the Colonial in his preparation for Shinnecock Hills.

While not playing or practicing every day wasn't a big deal to him as he recovered from the wrist injury, not having those competitive juices flowing on the course was.

"I didn't miss it until I knew I wasn't going to be at Augusta," he said. "I missed the preparation. I missed the competitiveness."

"I miss competing. That's really what it is. I've got to be competing at something, it doesn't matter what it is. I just feel like I need to be back out grinding. I felt like I was missing so much."

He looked at the shiny U.S. Open trophy sitting on a table next to him.

"I looked at all these names a million times, it felt like, last year, just looking at everybody," Koepka said. "To have my name on there twice is pretty incredible, and to go back to back is even more extraordinary. It feels so special."

BRIEFLY

Hegarty, Greb start play at Oregon Golf Amateur Championship

BEND — Former Pendleton High School standouts Reilly Hegarty and Haley Greb played their first 18 holes at the 109th Oregon Amateur Championship, playing in stroke play qualifying at Bend Golf Club on Monday afternoon.

In the men's division, Hegarty, who now plays collegiately at Whitworth University, finished in a eight-way tie for second place after shooting a three-under-par 69 to easily qualify for the tournament. Hegarty nailed five birdies on the course, including on the 401-yard par-4 first hole and the 578-yard par-5 18th hole. Portland's David Ganz took the top spot by one stroke with a four-under 68.

In the women's division, Greb,

who just wrapped up her freshman season competing for Colorado State University, finished the qualifying round tied for 12th with a six-over-par 78. She sank one birdie on the 483-yard par-5 sixth hole, hit three bogeys and two double-bogeys, but still easily qualified for the tournament. Tigard's Gigi Stoll ran away with the top spot with a six-under 66.

Tournament play will now begin on Tuesday.

Ex-NHL coach joins Seattle expansion group as advisor

Former NHL coach Dave Tippett is expanding his responsibilities with the group looking to put an expansion team in Seattle.

The former coach of the Arizona Coyotes and Dallas Stars has signed

on as senior adviser for Seattle Hockey Partners LLC. Tippett was already working under President and CEO Tod Leiweke on infrastructure projects two-plus years before a franchise could begin play. It's his first job since mutually parting ways with the Coyotes a year ago and taking last season off.

Tippett knew Tim Leiweke during his time as a Los Angeles Kings assistant from 1999-2002. He coached the Stars for six seasons and then the Coyotes for eight, taking each team to the Western Conference final.

Seattle is in the middle of the expansion process with the goal of renovating KeyArena and starting up for the 2020-21 season. NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman says the league's board of governors could vote to approve a 32nd franchise as soon as this fall but has emphasized there is no specific timetable.

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

MLB AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	47	22	.681	—
Boston	49	24	.671	—
Toronto	33	38	.465	15
Tampa Bay	33	39	.458	15½
Baltimore	20	50	.286	27½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	38	33	.535	—
Detroit	36	37	.493	3
Minnesota	31	37	.456	5½
Chicago	24	47	.338	14
Kansas City	22	50	.306	16½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	49	25	.662	—
Seattle	46	26	.639	2
Los Angeles	38	35	.521	10½
Oakland	36	36	.500	12
Texas	30	44	.405	19
Monday's Games				
Washington 5, N.Y. Yankees 3, 1st game				
N.Y. Yankees 4, Washington 2, 2nd game				
Cleveland 6, Chicago White Sox 2				
Houston 5, Tampa Bay 4				
Texas 6, Kansas City 3				
Arizona 7, L.A. Angels 4				
Tuesday's Games				
Baltimore (Hess 2-3) at Washington				
(Rodriguez 0-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Seattle (Gonzales 7-3) at N.Y. Yankees				
(German 1-4), 4:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Soroka 2-1) at Toronto (Garcia 2-5), 4:07 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Rodon 0-1) at Cleveland (Clevinger 5-2), 4:10 p.m.				
Detroit (Boyd 4-4) at Cincinnati (Romano 3-7), 4:10 p.m.				
Boston (Sale 6-4) at Minnesota (Berrios 7-5), 5:10 p.m.				
Tampa Bay (Snell 8-4) at Houston (Verlander 9-2), 5:10 p.m.				
Texas (Hamels 3-6) at Kansas City (Hammer 2-7), 5:15 p.m.				
Arizona (Koch 5-3) at L.A. Angels (Pena 0-0), 7:07 p.m.				
Oakland (Blackburn 1-1) at San Diego (Lauer 3-4), 7:10 p.m.				
NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	42	29	.592	—
Philadelphia	38	32	.543	3½
Washington	38	32	.543	3½
New York	31	38	.449	10
Miami	29	44	.397	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	40	28	.588	—
Milwaukee	42	30	.583	—
St. Louis	37	33	.529	4
Pittsburgh	36	36	.500	6
Cincinnati	26	45	.366	15½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	40	32	.555	—
Los Angeles	37	33	.529	2
San Francisco	35	38	.479	5½
Colorado	34	38	.472	6
San Diego	34	40	.459	7
Monday's Games				
L.A. Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, ppd.				
Washington 5, N.Y. Yankees 3, 1st game				
N.Y. Yankees 4, Washington 2, 2nd game				
Philadelphia 6, St. Louis 5, 10 innings				
Pittsburgh 1, Milwaukee 0				
N.Y. Mets 12, Colorado 2				
Arizona 7, L.A. Angels 4				
Miami 5, San Francisco 4				
Tuesday's Games				
L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 4-4) at Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 3-5), 10:05 a.m., 1st game				
Baltimore (Hess 2-3) at Washington (Rodriguez 0-0), 4:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Peralta 1-0) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 4-5), 4:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Weaver 3-6) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 5-7), 4:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Soroka 2-1) at Toronto (Garcia 2-5), 4:07 p.m.				
Detroit (Boyd 4-4) at Cincinnati (Romano 3-7), 4:10 p.m.				
L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 2-2), 5:05 p.m., 2nd game				
N.Y. Mets (Vargas 2-5) at Colorado (Marquez 4-7), 5:40 p.m.				
Arizona (Koch 5-3) at L.A. Angels (Pena 0-0), 7:07 p.m.				
Oakland (Blackburn 1-1) at San Diego (Lauer 3-4), 7:10 p.m.				
Miami (Straily 2-2) at San Francisco (Rodriguez 1-1), 7:15 p.m.				
MLB Northwest League Monday's Games				
Boise 3, Spokane 2				
Tri-City 8, Salem-Keizer 2				
Eugene 2, Vancouver 0				
Everett 7, Hillsboro 1				
Tuesday's Games				
Boise at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.				
Tri-City at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.				
Vancouver at Eugene, 7:05 p.m.				
Hillsboro at Everett, 7:05 p.m.				
NCAA College World Series				
At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha				

Omaha, Neb.
All games on ESPN Networks
(Double Elimination)
Saturday's Games
North Carolina 8, Oregon State 6
Mississippi State 1, Washington 0
Sunday's Games
Arkansas 11, Texas 5
Texas Tech 6, Florida 3
Monday's Games
Game 5 — Oregon State 14, Washington 5, UW eliminated
Tuesday's Games
Game 6 — North Carolina (44-18) vs. Mississippi State (38-27), 8 a.m.
Game 7 — Texas (42-22), vs. Florida (47-20), Noon
Game 8 — Arkansas (45-19) vs. Texas Tech (45-18), 4 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Game 9 — Oregon State (50-11) vs. Game 6 loser, 7 p.m.

Soccer

FIFA WORLD CUP

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Russia	1	0	0	5	0	3
Uruguay	1	0	0	1	0	3
Egypt	0	0	1	0	1	0
Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	0	5	0

Tuesday, June 19

At St. Petersburg, Russia

Russia vs. Egypt, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, June 20

At Rostov-on-Don, Russia

Uruguay vs. Saudi Arabia, 11 a.m.

GROUP B	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Iran	1	0	0	1	0	3
Portugal	0	1	0	3	3	1
Spain	0	1	0	3	3	1
Morocco	0	0	1	0	1	0

Wednesday, June 20

At Moscow

Portugal vs. Morocco, 5 a.m.

At Kazan, Russia

Iran vs. Spain, 11 a.m.

GROUP C	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
France	1	0	0	2	1	3
Denmark	1	0	0	1	0	3
Australia	0	0	1	1	2	0
Peru	0	0	1	0	1	0

Tuesday, June 16

At Kazan, Russia

France 2, Australia 1

At Saransk, Russia

Denmark 1, Peru 0

GROUP D	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Croatia	1	0	0	2	0	3