

Sports

CLASS 4A/3A/2A/1A STATE TENNIS

Baker teams both place seventh

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Baker's boys and girls tennis teams each placed seventh Saturday at the Class 4A/3A/2A/1A state tennis tournament at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Zach Schwin, Baker's No. 1 boys singles, lost the consolation final 6-1, 6-2 to Marist Catholic's Andrew Hyslop.

Schwin, seeded fourth, lost his opener 6-2, 6-4 to Valley Catholic's Miguel Rodriguez.

In consolation play, Schwin defeated Lebraun Albert of Weston-McEwen 8-1, and Luke Villano of Marist Catholic 9-7 to reach the final.

In other boys singles play, Shane Cunningham lost 6-0, 6-0 to third seed Jackson Whitaker of Marist Catholic. Cunningham then lost 9-7 to Nate Weber of Sisters in consolation play.

In boys doubles, Baker's No. 1 team of Isaac Nemec and Luke Barnes won their opener 6-2, 6-7, 7-5 over Antony Giron and Estaban Gomez of Madras.

The Baker duo then lost 6-4, 6-0 to fourth seed Shilo Day and Tod To of Oregon Episcopal in the quarterfinals.



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Baker's doubles team of Kaylee Dalke and Emma Finley won one match at the state tournament.

In girls doubles, Baker's No. 1 team of Kaylee Dalke and Emma Finley won their first match 7-6, 6-4 over Ava Eklund and Whitney Kouth of Marist Catholic.

Dalke and Finley then lost 6-3, 6-4 to Layton Rosenfeld

and Ellie Nicholson of Catlin Gabel in the quarterfinals.

In girls singles, Hannah Johnson and Gabbie Trebilcock each dropped a pair of matches.

Johnson lost 6-1, 6-0 to Cascade's Jessica Wiebenga,

then fell 8-2 to Junction City's Theresa Braun in consolation.

Trebilcock lost her opener to No. 1 seed Courtlyn Lam of Klamath Union 6-1, 6-0. Trebilcock then lost 8-2 to Savannah Moe of Sherman in consolation play.

Koepka holds on to win 2nd straight PGA

By **Doug Ferguson**
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FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — His place in PGA Championship history finally secure, Brooks Koepka draped both arms around the top of the Wanamaker Trophy and let out a deep sigh.

The stress was more than he wanted. The satisfaction was more than he imagined.

Koepka lost all but one shot of his record seven-shot lead Sunday. Then he lost the brutal Long Island crowd, which began chants of “D.J.! D.J.!” as Koepka was on his way to a fourth straight bogey that allowed Dustin Johnson to pull within one shot.

“It’s New York,” Koepka said. “What do you expect when you’re half-choking it away?”

He responded like a player capable of piling up major championships faster than anyone since Tiger Woods.

Motivated by the crowd turning on him, Koepka delivered the key shots over the closing stretch as Johnson faded with two straight bogeys. He closed with a 4-over 74 for a two-shot victory and joined Woods as the only back-to-back winners of the PGA Championship since it went to stroke play in 1958.

That gives him four of the last eight majors he played and makes him the first player to hold two back-to-back majors at the same time. He won his second straight U.S. Open last summer 60 miles down the road at Shinnecock Hills before a far less rowdy crowd.

When his 6-foot par putt fell on the last hole, Koepka thrust his muscular right arm in the air and hugged his caddie hard.

“Today was definitely the most satis-

fying out of all of them for how stressful that round was — how stressful D.J. made that,” Koepka said. “I know for a fact that was the most excited I’ve ever been in my life there on 18.”

Koepka said at the start of the week that majors are sometimes the easiest to win.

This one should have been. It wasn’t.

And it didn’t help that a raging wind that gusted up to 25 mph turned Bethpage Black into a beast, with Johnson (69) the only player out of the last 12 groups to shoot par or better. Koepka’s 74 was the highest final round by a PGA champion since Vijay Singh (4-over 76) won in a playoff at Whistling Straits in 2004.

“I’m just glad I don’t have to play any more holes,” Koepka said. “That was a stressful round of golf. I’m glad to have this thing back in my hands.”

Koepka appeared to wrap it up with a gap wedge from 156 yards to 2 feet on the 10th hole for a birdie, as Johnson made his first bogey of the round up ahead on the 11th. That restored the lead to six shots, and the coronation was on.

And then it all changed in a New York minute.

Four holes later, Koepka walked off the 15th tee with a one-shot lead. He looked over to his left to see Johnson facing a 7-foot par putt on the 16th hole — the most difficult hole at Bethpage Black on Sunday because it was into the wind — to stay within one shot. The groan of the crowd told him Johnson had missed.

“I felt like as long as I had the lead, I was fine,” Koepka said. “As long as I put it in the fairway, I was going to be

all right.” Koepka, who finished at 8-under 272, returned to No. 1 in the world with a performance that defines his dominance in golf’s biggest events.

He was the first wire-to-wire winner in the PGA Championship since Hal Sutton at Riviera in 1983. It was his third straight year winning a major, a feat achieved by only seven others since the Masters began in 1934 — Woods, Phil Mickelson, Tom Watson, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Peter Thomson and Ralph Guldahl.

Winning four of his last eight majors is a stretch not seen since Woods won seven out of 11 when he captured the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black. Next up is the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, where Koepka already is the betting favorite as he defends his title for the second time. No one has won the U.S. Open three straight years since Willie Anderson in 1905.

No one will doubt whether Koepka is capable the way he is playing.

Johnson knew he was a long shot going into the final round — no one had ever lost a seven-shot lead in a major — and he still managed to make Koepka work for it.

He came undone with a shot he thought would be perfect — a 5-iron from 194 yards, dead into the wind on the 16. It one-hopped over the green into thick rough.

“Hit the shot I wanted to right at the flag,” Johnson said. “I don’t know how it flew 200 yards into the wind like that.”

Johnson now has runner-up finishes in all four of the majors, the wrong kind of career Grand Slam.

“I gave it a run,” he said. “That’s all you can ask for.”

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Twilight League Men's Golf Standings

First Half, Week 5

	W	L	T
Outpost Electric	4	2	18.5
Barley Browns	4.5	1	18.5
Superior Towing	5	1	18.5
Davis Computer	3.5	2.5	16
Windsfield Doctor	3.5	2.5	15
Baker Dairies	2	4	13.5
Rosie's Bordello	2.5	3.5	13.5
Tri County Equipment	2.5	3.5	13.5
Four Seasons	1.5	4.5	12.5
Blacker's Hackers	1	5	10.5

Front Nine

Low gross — Jim Ingram 35 Low net — Bobby Bowe 28.

Back Nine

Low gross — Dan Story 34 Low net — Barry Nichols, Mark Bunch 30.

MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division							
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	28	17	.622	—			
Tampa Bay	27	17	.614	½			
Boston	24	22	.522	4½			
Toronto	19	27	.413	9½			
Baltimore	15	31	.326	13½			
Central Division							
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	30	16	.652	—			
Cleveland	25	20	.556	4½			
Chicago	21	24	.467	8½			
Detroit	18	26	.409	11			
Kansas City	16	31	.340	14½			

West Division							
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	31	16	.660	—			
Los Angeles	22	24	.478	8½			
Texas	21	23	.477	8½			
Seattle	23	26	.469	9			
Oakland	22	25	.468	9			

Sunday's Games			
Oakland 5, Detroit 3, 7 innings, susp.			
Boston 4, Houston 7			
N.Y. Yankees 13, Tampa Bay 5			
Cleveland 10, Baltimore 0			
Toronto 5, Chicago White Sox 2			
Texas 5, St. Louis 4, 10 innings			
Kansas City 5, L.A. Angels 1			
Seattle 7, Minnesota 4			

Today's Games All Times PDT			
Boston at Toronto, 10:07 a.m.			
Oakland at Cleveland, 3:10 p.m.			
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.			
Seattle at Texas, 5:05 p.m.			
Chicago White Sox at Houston, 5:10 p.m.			
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 7:07 p.m.			
Tuesday's Games			
Oakland (Bassitt 2-1) at Cleveland (Bauer 4-2), 3:10 p.m.			
N.Y. Yankees (German 8-1) at Baltimore (Cashner 4-2), 7:05 p.m.			
Boston (Rodriguez 4-2) at Toronto (Stroman 1-6), 4:07 p.m.			
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 3-0) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 4:10 p.m.			
Miami (Smith 3-1) at Detroit (Turnbull 2-3), 4:10 p.m.			
Seattle (TBD) at Texas (Lynn 5-3), 5:05 p.m.			
Chicago White Sox (Covey 0-2) at Houston			

(Verlander 7-1), 5:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Bailey 4-4) at St. Louis (Wacha 3-1), 8:15 p.m.

Minnesota (Pineda 3-3) at L.A. Angels (Cahill 2-4), 7:07 p.m.

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Oakland at Cleveland, 10:10 a.m.			
Seattle at St. Louis, 10:15 a.m.			
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.			
Boston at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.			
L.A. Dodgers at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.			
Miami at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.			
Chicago White Sox at Houston, 5:10 p.m.			
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 6:07 p.m.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division							
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	27	19	.587	—			
Atlanta	25	22	.532	2½			
New York	20	25	.444	6½			
Washington	19	27	.413	8			
Miami	13	31	.295	13			
Central Division							
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	27	17	.614	—			
Milwaukee	28	21	.571	1½			
Pittsburgh	24	20	.545	3			
St. Louis	24	23	.511	4½			
Cincinnati	21	26	.447	7½			
West Division							
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	31	17	.646	—			
Arizona	25	22	.532	5½			
San Diego	23	24	.489	7½			
Colorado	20	25	.444	9½			
San Francisco	20	25	.444	9½			

Sunday's Games			
Philadelphia 7, Colorado 5			
L.A. Dodgers 8, Cincinnati 3			
Miami 3, N.Y. Mets 0			
Milwaukee 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings			
Texas 5, St. Louis 4, 10 innings			
Pittsburgh 6, San Diego 4			
San Francisco 3, Arizona 2, 10 innings			
Chicago Cubs 6, Washington 5			

Today's Games

All Times PDT			
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 5:05 p.m.			
Atlanta at San Francisco, 6:45 p.m.			
Arizona at San Diego, 7:10 p.m.			

Tuesday's Games			
Colorado (Marquez 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Archer 1-3), 4:05 p.m.			
Philadelphia (Elli 5-4) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 4-3), 4:05 p.m.			
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 3-0) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 4:10 p.m.			
Miami (Smith 3-1) at Detroit (Turnbull 2-3), 4:10 p.m.			
Washington (Fedde 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 3-3), 4:10 p.m.			
Cincinnati (Gray 0-4) at Milwaukee (Gonzalez 2-0), 4:40 p.m.			
Kansas City (Bailey 4-4) at St. Louis (Wacha 3-1), 5:15 p.m.			
Atlanta (Teheran 3-4) at San Francisco (Anderson 0-0), 6:45 p.m.			
Arizona (Greinke 6-1) at San Diego (Strahm 1-3), 7:10 p.m.			

Wednesday's Games			
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 10:10 a.m.			
Kansas City at St. Louis, 10:15 a.m.			

Arizona at San Diego, 12:40 p.m.			
Colorado at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.			
L.A. Dodgers at Tampa Bay, 4:10 p.m.			
Miami at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.			
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m.			
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 5:05 p.m.			
Atlanta at San Francisco, 6:45 p.m.			

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

All Times PDT	
Eastern Conference	
Milwaukee 2, Toronto 1	
Wednesday, May 15: Milwaukee 108, Toronto 100	

Friday, May 17: Milwaukee 125, Toronto 103	
Sunday, May 19: Toronto 118, Milwaukee 112, 2OT	
Tuesday, May 21: Milwaukee at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.	
Thursday, May 23: Toronto at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.	
x-Saturday, May 25: Milwaukee at Toronto, 5:30 p.m.	

Western Conference

Golden State 3, Portland 0

Tuesday, May 14: Golden State 116, Portland 94	
Thursday, May 16: Golden State 114, Portland 111	
Saturday, May 18: Golden State 110 Portland 99	
Monday, May 20: Golden State at Portland, 6 p.m.	
x-Wednesday, May 22: Portland at Golden State, 6 p.m.	

NBA WESTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Warriors up 3-0 against Blazers

By **Anne M. Peterson**
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PORTLAND — With Kevin Durant out, Draymond Green has taken it upon himself to boost Golden State.

And boy, has he.

Green had 20 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists, and the Warriors beat the Portland Trail Blazers 110-99 on Saturday night for a 3-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

Green had his seventh career postseason triple-double and Stephen Curry scored 36 points for Golden State, which moved a win away from a fifth straight trip to the NBA finals with Game 4 set for Monday.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr said it was one of the best games he's seen Green play.

“I don’t even know what to say about Draymond,” Kerr said. “He was a wrecking ball, destroying everything in his path.”

Durant, the two-time NBA Finals MVP who was averaging more than 34 points during the playoffs, remains out with a sore right calf and his return is uncertain.

“When Kevin is not on the floor, I know I have to be more aggressive. So whether that’s attacking the basket, putting more pressure on the defense, I understand that,” said Green, who has had a triple double in each of the rounds during the playoffs — all on the road.

CJ McCollum had 23 points for the Trail Blazers, who led by 18 during the second quarter. Damian Lillard added 19 points, but Portland was hurt at the line, making just 20 of 33 attempts.

Golden State’s Andre Iguodala left in the third quarter with a sore lower leg. Kerr said he will have an MRI on Sunday. Iguodala played 17 minutes and had nine points.

After trailing 66-53 at the half, the Warriors mounted a third-quarter comeback to lead 82-79 going into the fourth. Jonas Jerebko’s jumper pushed the lead to 90-82 with 7:26 left.

Curry’s 3-pointer made it 98-87 with just under five minutes to go, and Portland struggled to catch up — similar to their fourth-quarter fade in Game 2.

Game 3 was the first conference finals game in Portland since 2000. The Blazers lost that series to the eventual champion Los Angeles Lakers in seven games.

No team has ever come back from an 0-3 deficit to win in the playoffs. Only three series have gone to

Lillard suffered rib injury in Game 2

PORTLAND — Portland’s Damian Lillard sustained separated ribs in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals against the Golden State Warriors.

Lillard confirmed the injury on Sunday, a day after the Trail Blazers lost 110-99 in Game 3. Lillard was 5 of 18 from the floor and finished with 19 points in Portland’s third straight loss in the series.

The injury was originally reported by The Athletic. Lillard said the separation is on the left side, and he wore protective padding in Game 3.

“I don’t think it’s something that’s affecting my game. It’s there but it’s not something that’s affecting anything that I’m doing. Obviously you feel it, but that’s it,” he said.

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a seventh game after one team opened with a 3-0 lead.

“We’re going to give it our best effort on Monday. That’s all that matters,” Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. “We’re going to give it our best effort and whatever happen, happens.”

On Thursday, the Blazers were up 15 at halftime and led by eight with 4½ minutes left before the Warriors rallied — boosted by Kevon Looney’s dunk with less than a minute left, and a game-sealing steal from Iguodala — for a 114-111 Game 2 victory.

Both teams switched up their lineups for Game 3, with Portland’s Meyers Leonard making his first start of the playoffs at center. Enes Kanter, despite sustaining a separated shoulder in the first-round series against the Oklahoma City Thunder, started in all the previous games. Leonard provided a spark and finished with a career playoff-high 16 points.

Portland was boosted by the home crowd at the start, going up by 10 points in the first quarter. Seth Curry’s jumper made it 60-42 with 2:28 left until halftime.

The Warriors roared back, closing within 76-75 on Alfonso McKinnie’s basket and pulling ahead on Looney’s layup to cap a 10-0 run.

SCOREBOARD