

Sports

NBA FINALS: GAME THREE

Raptors top injury-depleted Warriors to take 2-1 series lead

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OAKLAND, Calif. — For every amazing shot in a career night by Stephen Curry on his home court, Kawhi Leonard, Kyle Lowry and Danny Green kept finding dazzling answers of their own.

The Toronto Raptors decided to “let it rip,” and now they have the momentum again in these back-and-forth NBA Finals.

Leonard scored 30 points on a night Curry went off for a playoff-best 47, and the Raptors beat the banged-up Golden State Warriors 123-109 on Wednesday for a 2-1 series lead.

Curry also had eight rebounds and seven assists but couldn't do it all for the two-time defending champions, down starters Kevin Durant and Klay Thompson and key backup big man Kevon Looney because of injuries.

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deserved it,” Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. “I'm very proud of our effort, and now we've just got to bounce back and hopefully get back in here Friday night and hopefully get a little healthier and get some guys back.”

Splash Brother Thompson missed his first career playoff game after straining his left hamstring late in Game 2, while Looney is out the rest of the series after a cartilage fracture on his right side near the collarbone that also happened Sunday. Durant, a two-time reigning NBA Fi-

nals MVP, has been sidelined nearly a month because of a strained right calf.

Game 4 is Friday at Oracle Arena, where Warriors fans will be rooting for the returns of Durant and Thompson.

Before the game, one of the Raptors wrote “let it rip” on the locker room board.

Lowry contributed 23 with five 3-pointers and Green had 18 points with six 3s after Pascal Siakam got the Raptors rolling early. Toronto shot 52.4% and made 17 from deep.

“I give our guys a lot of credit. I thought we answered a lot of runs,” Raptors coach Nick Nurse said. “Each time they chipped, we kind of answered back. And that's kind of what you got to do if you're going to keep your lead.”

The Warriors trailed 96-83 going into the final quarter. Curry's three free throws at 10:37 made it a seven-point game before back-to-back baskets by Serge Ibaka.

Siakam scored 18 points and established the momentum for Toronto from the tip, hitting his first three shots and setting a tone for a defensive effort that stayed solid without the foul problems that plagued the Raptors in Game 2.

“Every time we made a run or got the crowd into it they either made a tough 3

or there was a tough foul call and they slowed the tempo down or something went their way,” Curry said. “You have to tip your cap to all the guys who made pivotal plays in the right times.”

Golden State greatly missed not only Thompson's touch from outside but also his stifling defense.

Nurse challenged his team to produce more defensive stops in order to get out in transition — “make them miss more,” he said.

The Raptors re-watched the costly 18-0 run by Golden State in Game 2, then got six blocked shots from Ibaka.

“We know that they're going to make good runs and make shots but we watched that third quarter in Game 2 and we've just got to continue to play with pace,” Lowry said. “That was the one thing about it, we played with pace, half-court, full-court, and that was a big thing for us.”

Curry shot 14 for 31 including 6 of 14 on 3s while making 13 of 14 free throws in his sixth career 40-point playoff performance.

Nurse pulled out a box-and-one to try to stymie Curry in Golden State's 109-104 Game 2 win, then the Raptors made Curry's short-handed supporting cast try to beat them this time — and it sure worked.



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Graffiti on the inside of a door at the Baker High School auditorium.

GRAFFITI

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At Thursday's hearing, the girl, who already is on probation, was held at the detention center. She will return to court for a detention review on June 19. The boy was released on house arrest with an ankle monitor. His next court date is July 1.

Erickson said the students apparently entered the auditorium between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesday and found gray, black and blue spray paint that they used to damage the stage and equipment.

Greg Mitchell, BHS principal, said he assumed the students found the paint in storage. It is used by the theater department.

He said they entered the auditorium either through an unlocked door or a door that was left ajar during the school day.

“It was not a forced break-in,” he said. “We had groups going in and out doing some performance work in there.”

The most expensive item damaged in the vandalism spree was a cyclorama, which has an estimated replacement cost ranging

from \$4,000 to \$17,000, Erickson said.

Mitchell said a cyclorama is a curtain placed in the very back of a stage that is used for background light, such as sunsets and clouds, during theater productions.

A mechanically operated projection screen valued at \$5,000 also was damaged.

The cost of repainting the stage floor and walls is estimated to cost about \$2,000, Erickson said.

A company in Portland is working with the school to determine the exact cost of replacing the vandalized items, Mitchell said.

“The damage is extensive,” he said.

The repair work got underway Thursday.

Because of the damage to the stage, the Baker Web Academy was forced to move tonight's graduation ceremony from the auditorium to North Baker School, 2725 Seventh St., where the Web Academy has its Baker City office and classrooms.

Principal Roland Hobson said he and his staff spent the last couple of days sprucing up the gymnasium and its stage for the special event, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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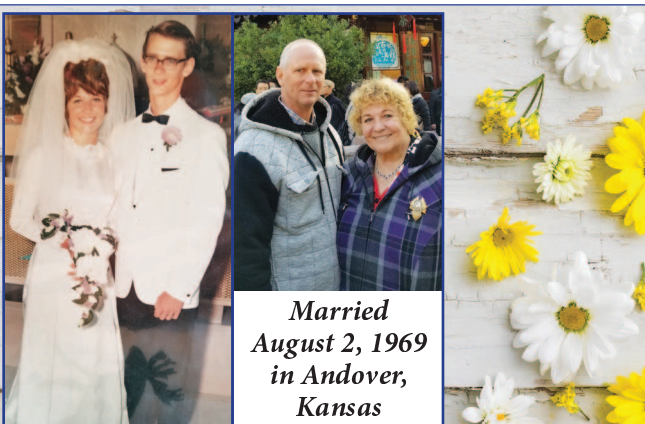
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Capital funds from the Saint Alphonsus Health System in the amount of \$600,000 is allocated to two projects — the emergency room remodel and a concurrent project for the physical therapy/occupational therapy department.

The new physical therapy/occupational therapy area will be located in what was formerly the long-term care dining room and nurses station. This remodel is expected to be finished by mid-August.

During this remodel, the sleep center and medical records office will be blocked off from the rest of the hospital. The only access is through the exterior door, located off Midway Drive.

Signs are posted throughout the hospital to help visitors navigate during the construction.

Other changes

A redeveloped space at Saint Alphonsus is now available for use by law enforcement.

The new officer's lounge is a former office. It provides office space for officers to conduct interviews or write reports.

“When we'd have an incident at the hospital, they'd sit in their car to do reports,” Huggins said.

POT

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Opponents say the proposed law will drive grow-

ers, who are denied licenses, into the illegal market, if they're not there already.

“This current track seems like a giant step backwards toward prohibition, which has always been a disaster,” Blake Runckel, of Portland, told lawmakers in written testimony.

As of January, Oregon's recreational pot market had an estimated 6½ years' worth of supply, according to an OLCC study.

To prevent excess pot that is still in leaf form from spoiling, processors are converting some into concentrates and edible products, which have longer shelf life, OLCC spokesman Mark Pettinger said.

U.S. Justice Department officials have said they won't interfere in states' legal marijuana businesses as long as the pot isn't smuggled into other states.