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FIRST BLOW

The San Antonio Spurs dominated the opening game of the Western Conference Finals, beating the Memphis Grizzlies 105-83 behind 20 points and nine assists from guard Tony Parker. **C5**

CYCLING

Tejay van Garderen wins Tour of California

By Antonio Gonzalez Associated Press

SANTA ROSA — Always close to the front but never first at the end, Tejay van Garderen would often wear him-

> self out wondering if he could swap the white jersey that goes to



Garderen

the best young rider for the yel-low one that goes to the winner. Eight days through all of California's climates erased

those doubts. Van Garderen guided the BMC Racing Team with a command that suggests he could be American cycling's next big star, winning the Tour of California on Sunday for his first professional stage race title.

"It's actually a big relief," he said. "I've been close on a number of occasions. I was actually starting to get worried that maybe I just didn't have what it took to win a stage race."

Van Garderen stayed out of trouble and cruised through the smooth and scenic final stage from San Francisco to Santa Rosa without incident to lead the team to a victory in front of its home fans, edging Australia's Michael Rogers for the overall title by 1:47.

Colombian Janier Acevedo was third, 3:26 behind van Gar-

Van Garderen completed the eight-day, 727.8-mile race that has evolved into North America's most prominent cycling event in 29 hours, 43 minutes. He held the overall lead the final three days.

"I've known for years that I'm capable of a ride like that," he said. "Finally for it all to fall in place, it's really special."

With a formidable field and a taxing terrain, van Garderen showed an all-around style that will make him a strong contender in this summer's Tour de France.

He stayed within striking distance in the desert heat, powered through coastal crosswinds to grab the yellow jersey in a grueling fifth stage from Santa Barbara to Avila Beach, and dominated the hilly and technical time trial that followed in San Jose.

Finally, he maneuvered up Mount Diablo behind his teammates to maintain the overall lead that set the stage for a mostly ceremonial and celebratory finale in this cycling-loving city where the BMC Racing Team is headquartered.

"I think it just showed that I was able to deliver under pressure," van Garderen said.

Peter Sagan sprinted out of the tunnel in the final half-mile to win the 80.7-mile final stage in 3 hours, 4 minutes, 7 seconds.

Daniel Schorn was second and Tyler Farrar third.

Sagan dedicated his win his second this year and record 10th in the event — to Alex Shepherd, an 11-year-old from Oregon with a brain tumor who

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GOLF » MOBILE BAY LPGA CLASSIC



Jennifer Johnson watches her drive from the first tee during the final round of the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic. DAVE MARTIN/AP

DESERT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GRAD WINS FIRST TOUR TITLE

WHAT IT MEANS

Rankings: Johnson is projected to move from 78th to 50th on the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings

Money: With the \$180,000 check, Johnson moves to 249th on the career money list with \$626,966. This season, Johnson's \$251,993 ranks her 11th on the money

Solheim Cup: Johnson earned 60 points and currently stands at 10th in the points race to earn a spot on the U.S. team. Johnson has 140 points.

Player of the Year: Johnson earned 30 points and sits in eighth place in the Player of the Year race

Wins: This is Johnson's first LPGA victory. Her previous best was a tie for eight at the Navistar LPGA Classic in Prattville, Ala.

By John Zenor Associated Press

MOBILE, Ala. — Desert Christian Academy graduate Jennifer Johnson got a hug and congratulations from the defending Mobile Bay LPGA Classic champion before it even sunk in Sunday that she had won her first tour title.

"It was fun there at the end, because Jennifer was making putts and I don't think she realized what she was doing," said Stacy Lewis, her playing partner. "I told her when I hugged her, 'I think you just won yourself a golf tournament.' And she's kind of like, 'What?' It was really cute."

Johnson's game was better than cute. The 21-year-old Californian closed with her

second straight 7-under 65 for a tournamentrecord 21-under 267 total on The Crossings course at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Magnolia Grove complex.

She birdied four of the final six holes for a one-stroke victory over Jessica Korda and Pornanong Phatlum.

A 15-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole secured the win, and not long after Lewis passed the torch from her 2012 victory.

"Before I hit my birdie putt on 17, I saw that

Pornanong was tied with me at 20 and I didn't want a playoff so I was like, 'I'm going to make this thing," Johnson said.

The former Arizona State star two-putted for par on the final hole, tipped her cap and headed toward the practice range to hit a few balls in case of a playoff.

But Phatlum was already done and the lead was safe even with Korda's closing birdie. Phatlum, a 23-year-old from Thailand, closed with a 63. Her previous best finish was third at the Kia Classic.

Johnson had only one previous top-10 finish, an eighth-place tie at the 2011 Navistar LPGA Classic in Prattville, Ala. This time she got a win along with a hug and a "Good job, champ" from her father, Mike.

"I'm a little shocked," Johnson said. "I didn't even realize I shot 65. The whole back nine, I

don't know what was happening.
"The birdie putt on 17, that's when I started thinking a little more about winning the tournament. A little bit on the front nine, but you can't afford to think about that."

She went home after missing her second cut of the year at the Kingsmill Championship and

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ANGELS 6, WHITE SOX 2



Angels pitcher Jason Vargas delivers against the White Sox in the second inning. USA TODAY SPORTS

Vargas comes up big in Angels' victory

By Joe Resnick **Associated Press**

ANAHEIM — Jason Vargas kept throwing strikes and catcher Chris Iannetta kept taking his walks — a winning formula for the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

Vargas scattered four hits through seven scoreless innings, Erick Aybar and Howie Kendrick each hit two-run doubles, and the Los Angeles Angels coaxed a pair of bases-load-

ANGELS NEXT UP

Opponent: Seattle Mariners When: 7 p.m., Tuesday Where: Angel Stadium **Television: FSN**

Pitching: Mariners, Aaron Harang (1-4); Angels, Jerome Williams (2-1)

ed walks out of Jake Peavy in the fourth inning of a 6-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox. Vargas (3-3) struck out six

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Sang-Moon Bae runs as golfer D.H. Lee sprays a bottle of water on him on Sunday. AP

Bae wins first PGA title at Byron Nelson

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Sang-Moon Bae watched anxiously after hitting his tee shot at the par-3 17th hole Sunday in the Byron Nelson Championship.

When the ball landed on the front edge of the green fronted by water, he bent his knees and leaned backward obviously relieved. He was only a few shots away from his first PGA Tour victory and a congratulatory hug from the widow of the tournament's namesake.

After squandering a four-stroke lead in the final round, the 26-year-old South Korean beat Keegan Bradley by two stokes for a win in the United States to go with his 11 international victories on the Korea, Japan and Asian tours

"It's something I've always dreamed of, winning on the PGA Tour," Bae said. "It was surreal to have Mrs. (Peggy) Nelson there and with all the history ... I was in awe, actually, so almost I didn't know how to react."

Bae finished at 13-under 267 with a closing 1under 69 on a day with wind gusting to near 40 mph at times, similar to conditions two years ago when Bradley got his first PGA Tour win at TPC Four Seasons. Bradley shot 72 this time.

Four birdies in a fivehole stretch on the front nine gave Bae a fourstroke advantage in the final group. But he made double bogey at No. 9 and a bogey at the next hole.

After some nice par saves, Bradley finally got even with a birdie at the 15th hole, a 17-footer that had just enough to get into the cup. But he missed a short birdie putt at the next hole to fall behind for good.

"When my iron play came back in the latter part of the round, I had confidence," Bae said. "On that shot on 17, I knew it was short, and the wind pushed it over to the right, and I was happy and relieved that it turned out OK."

Bradley was trying to become the Nelson's first wire-to-wire winner since Tom Watson in 1980. Bradley set the course record with an opening 60 even with two bogeys.

"I'm pretty disappointed but Moon played very well," Bradley said. 'I just didn't play great today, but I hung in there. I chipped away. ... When I made that putt on 15, I was pretty confident that I was going to

win."

VOLVO WORLD MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP: At Kavarna, Bulgaria, Northern Ireland's Graeme McDowell won the Volvo World Match Play Championship, beating Thailand's Thongchai Jaidee 2 and 1 in the final at Thracian Cliffs.

Cliffs.

McDowell won a year after losing the final to Belgium's Nicolas Colsaerts at Finca Cortesin in Spain. The 2010 U.S. Open champion fought back from 2 down after four holes, pulled ahead of his 43-year-old opponent on the 14th hole and secured the victory at

the 17th. **EUROPEAN PGA:** At Santo Antonio Da Serra, Portugal, American Peter Uihlein won the Madeira Islands Open in his 16th European Tour start for his professional title, closing with a 4-under 68 for a two-stroke victory.

Uihlein birdied four of his last eight holes to finish at 15-under 273 at Santo da Serra.

WEB.COM: At Greer, S.C., Mark Anderson ran away with the BMW Charity Pro-Am for his first Web.com Tour title, closing with a 6-under 65 for a five-stroke victory.

The 27-year-old Anderson had a tournament-record 27-under 259 total, the third-lowest score in relation to par in tour history.

LPGA

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switched to what she calls her "spaceship putter" because of its appearance. Johnson said that part of her game had been her Achilles heel.

"I hit the ball really well. It was like when I missed the cut I felt like I should be playing," she said. "And I went and saw my coach right away in Florida and worked some things out, I put the space-ship putter in the bag and now the putts are going in."

Johnson made the winning point in the 2010 Curtis Cup and was 3-0-1. She improved 19 strokes from her 45th-place tie in Mobile last year.

Between this win and Prattville, she's thinking maybe the cuisine deserves some credit.

"I think the barbecue has something to do with it because I'm a real foodie and like when I eat good, I'm happy," Johnson said. "And in both these locations I've been eating barbecue and good tea and pudding and that has a lot to do with my mindset more than I think."

Phatlum three-putted the opening hole for bogey for the third straight day, but rebounded nicely.

"I just concentrate on my game and do what I have to do and try my best," Phatlum said. "Put-



Jennifer Johnson poses with the trophy after winning the Mobile Bay LPGA Classic at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail on Sunday. DAVE MARTIN/AP

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Korda finished with a 68 that included three bogevs and seven birdies.

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Five players finished

two strokes back, including Hall of Famer Karrie Webb and third-round leader Chella Choi, a South Korean who was seeking her first win. Swede Anna Nordqvist

followed up a course-record 61 with a 69. South Korea's Jiyai Shin shot a 63 and birdied the final three holes, while Thailand's Ariya Jutanugarn had a 65 to finish at 19 under.

Golf Leader Board

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PGA-BYRON NELSON SCORES

Sunday At TPC Four Seasons Resort Irving, Texas Purse: \$6.7 million Yardage: 7,166; Par: 70 Final

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MADEIRA ISLANDS OPEN LEADING SCORES

At Clube de Golf do Santo da Serra Santo Antonio da Serra, Portugal Purse: \$780,600

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