



Philadelphia 76ers' Matisse Thybulle, (right), blocks a shot by Atlanta Hawks' Trae Young during the second half of Game 7 in a second-round NBA basketball playoff series in Philadelphia. (AP)

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Booker gets first triple-double, Suns beat Clippers in Game 1

## Hawks head to East finals, top-seeded 76ers eliminated

PHILADELPHIA, June 21, (AP): Trae Young ripped off his jersey and bounded up the steps to toss his dad the souvenir from the first Game 7 road victory in Hawks history.

Young's going to need a new uniform. He shook off a cold shooting night and improbably helped Atlanta become road warriors one more time, and now the Hawks are taking their stunning turnaround to the Eastern Conference finals.

They busted the Process along the way.

Young made a late 3-pointer and scored 21 points to help Atlanta win for the third time in the series in Philadelphia, a 103-96 victory over the top-seeded 76ers on Sunday night in Game 7.

The Hawks will open their first East finals since 2015 against the Bucks on Wednesday night in Milwaukee.

Atlanta had been 0-9 in Games 7s on the road.

But the Hawks ignored their ignominious history and got one in Philly, where they already won in Game 1 and Game 5 and knocked out Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons and closed the book on the debated rebuilding plan known as the Process.

Not so deep down, not even the Hawks could have seen this coming, especially in March when they were 14-20, 11th in the Eastern Conference and fired coach Lloyd Pierce.

Embiid, the NBA MVP runner-up, Simmons and a high-priced cast of stars were supposed to put the upstart Hawks in their place. It never happened.

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Young shook off an otherwise off night from the floor - 5 for 23 - and kept shooting until he hit that 3 for a 93-87 lead with 2:31 left.

Kevin Huerter sealed the win with three free throws.

Sixers fans let the home team have it and booed them off the court and were reprimanded by the public address announcer for throwing trash on the court.

Embiid had 31 points, 11 rebounds and eight turnovers.

This marked only the second year since 1973 - when the NBA began seeding for the playoffs by conference - when neither No. 1 seed will make the conference finals.

Huerter led the Hawks with 27 points.

Young was a nonfactor in the first half. He had more pushups (three, after he was knocked to the court by Dwight Howard) than baskets (1 for 12). He even got T'd up for arguing over a rescinded foul call on the Sixers.

From New York to Philly, Young's been fearless and he refused to shrink down the stretch even when his shots didn't fall.

Atlanta went 20-47 last season and finished in a virtual tie for last in the Eastern Conference, percentage points ahead of Cleveland. The Hawks were one of eight teams excluded from the

## Rahm birdies last 2 holes to win US Open at Torrey Pines

Korda becomes first two-time winner on LPGA Tour this season



Jon Rahm, of Spain, holds the champions trophy for photographers after the final round of the U.S. Open Golf Championship at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego. (AP)

NBA's restart.

Now, they're one of the last four standing.

### Suns 120, Clippers 114

In Phoenix, Devin Booker had 40 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists for his first career triple-double and the Phoenix Suns overcame Chris Paul's absence to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 120-114 in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

Paul sat out because of COVID-19 health and safety protocols. Clippers star Kawhi Leonard missed his third straight game because of a sprained

right knee.

Tied at 93 to start the fourth, the Suns went on a 12-2 run and pulled ahead 105-95 on Cam Johnson's dunk with 8:08 remaining. The Clippers wouldn't go away, though, cutting a 10-point deficit in the final two minutes to 116-114 when Terance Mann hit a 3-pointer with 22 seconds left.

Booker scored on a dunk on the next possession to seal Phoenix's eighth straight victory, getting a free lane to the basket on the blown defensive coverage.

Game 2 is on Tuesday night in Phoenix.

Booker was productive and efficient in one of his best games of his career. He shot 15 of 29 from the field, carving apart a defense that had to play just 36 hours after closing out the Utah Jazz on Friday night.

The third quarter featured a stellar scoring duel between Booker and L.A.'s Paul George, who finished with 34 points. Booker scored 18 points in the quarter, and George had 15, including a 3-pointer that tied it at 93 heading to the fourth.

The Suns led 76-68 midway through the third but George scored eight

straight points - including six points on two long 3-pointers - to tie it up. It was the start of a 16-2 run that helped Los Angeles take an 84-78 lead.

Booker and the Suns responded quickly. Booker scored 12 points - mostly on mid-range jumpers - in the final 3:09 of the third to get Phoenix back on track.

Deandre Ayton had 20 points and nine rebounds for the Suns. Cameron Payne started for Paul and had 11 points and nine assists.

Reggie Jackson added 24 points for the Clippers.

SAN DIEGO, June 21, (AP): Two career-changing putts for Jon Rahm brought two trophies Sunday.

He cradled his 3-month-old son, Kepa, as he walked off the 18th green at Torrey Pines on Father's Day. And then he collected the silver U.S. Open trophy after a performance filled with passion and absent of blunders that wiped out everyone else.

Rahm made a bending 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to catch Louis Oosthuizen. He buried another curling, left-to-right birdie putt from 18 feet on the final hole for a 4-under 67 and a one-shot victory.

The 26-year-old Rahm became the first Spaniard to win the U.S. Open, finally getting the major prize to go along with his enormous talent. His victory also returned him to No. 1 in the world.

On a back nine filled with double bogeys by so many contenders and a shocking meltdown by defending champion Bryson DeChambeau, Oosthuizen was the last to fall.



Korda

Trailing by one shot, Oosthuizen drove into the canyon left of the 17th fairway for a bogey that left him two shots behind, and then he missed the fairway on the par-5 18th that kept him from going for the green for a look at eagle to force a playoff.

He settled for a birdie and a 71. It was his second straight runner-up in a major, and his sixth silver medal since he won the British Open in 2010 at St. Andrews.

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Only two weeks ago, Rahm was on the cusp of another big win. He had a six-shot lead at the Memorial after 54 holes, only to be notified as he walked off the 18th green at Muirfield Village that he had a positive COVID-19 test and had to withdraw.

Worse yet, his parents had flown in from Spain to see their new grandson, and Rahm was in self-isolation and couldn't be there for a special moment.

Sunday made up for it. His parents were at Torrey Pines to witness a world-class performance capped off by one of the great finishes in U.S. Open history.

Rahm finished at 5-under 278 for his 12th victory worldwide. The first one was at Torrey Pines four years ago when he holed a 50-foot eagle putt on the 18th.

In Grand Rapids, Mich., Nelly Korda became the first two-time winner on the LPGA Tour this season, closing with a 5-under 67 for a two-stroke victory in the Meijer LPGA Classic.

The Gainbridge LPGA winner in February, Korda finished at 25-under 263 to break the tournament record at Blythefield Country Club. She shot a career-best 62 on Saturday to take a three-stroke lead into the final round.

The 22-year-old American, ranked No. 4 in the world, won her fifth tour title. She rebounded after missing the cut two weeks ago in the U.S. Women's Open.

She won the Gainbridge LPGA in Florida in the second event of the year after sister Jessica took the season-opening tournament. Younger brother Sebastian won tennis' Emilia-Romagna Open in Italy in May for his first ATP Tour victory.

Leona Maguire of Ireland was second after a 66.

The major KPMG Women's PGA Championship is next week at Atlanta Athletic Club.

In Wichita, Kan., Harry Hall won the Wichita Open for his first Korn Ferry Tour title, closing with a 3-under 67 for a one-stroke victory over Curtis Thompson.

Hall finished at 20-under 260 at Crestview Country Club. The 23-year-old former UNLV player from England jump from 83rd to 36th in the season standings, with the final top 25 earning PGA Tour cards.

Thompson shot a 65. He's LPGA Tour star Lexi Thompson's sister.

Netherlands win 3rd straight

## Austria advance for 1st time at Euros

BUCHAREST, Romania, June 21, (AP): Christoph Baumgartner put Austria into the knockout stage at the European Championship for the first time by scoring the only goal in his team's 1-0 victory over Ukraine on Monday.

Baumgartner knocked in a corner from Austria captain David Alaba in the 21st minute, only four minutes after colliding head-to-head with Illia Zabarnyi on the other end of the field.

Baumgartner was then substituted in the 32nd minute, holding his head while leaving the field.

Austria finished second in Group C with six points and will next face Italy in London on Saturday. Ukraine is third with three points and could still qualify for the round of 16 as one of the four best third-place teams.

Alaba played in the middle of a back three in the previous games, but he was at left back in a four-man defensive line on Monday, supporting the attack with well executed crosses and corner kicks from both sides.

Memphis Depay scored a goal and was involved in two more from Georginio Wijnaldum in the Netherlands' 3-0 victory over North Macedonia at the European Championship.

The Netherlands had already won the group before the



Denzel Dumfries of the Netherlands, (right), and North Macedonia's Goran Pandev go for the ball during the Euro 2020 soccer championship Group F match between North Macedonia and Netherlands, at the Johan Cruyff Arena in Amsterdam, Netherlands. (AP)

match and North Macedonia were already eliminated after losing their first two matches at their first major tournament.

The match at the Johan Cruyff Arena was the 122nd and last international for North Macedonia captain Goran Pandev.

North Macedonia players formed a guard of honor for captain Goran Pandev at the European Championship as he was substituted in his 122nd and last international match.

The 37-year-old Pandev announced before the team's final Group C match that he would retire after Euro 2020.

The team's players, substitutes and coach lined up to hug him as he came off in the 68th minute of the match against the Netherlands.

Dutch and North Macedonian fans at the Johan Cruyff Arena in Amsterdam gave Pandev a standing ovation as he left the field.

Pandev started his international career in 2001. He has scored 38 goals for his country.

Netherlands captain Georginio Wijnaldum presented Pandev with an orange Netherlands shirt with the number 122 on the back before the match started.

England says players Ben Chilwell and Mason Mount are isolating after coming into contact with Scotland midfielder Billy Gilmour during Friday's match at the European Championship.

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The Scottish national team says Gilmour tested positive for COVID-19.

The English Football Association says Chilwell and Mount "will be kept away from the rest of the England players and wider support team."

The England squad all tested negative on Monday. Meanwhile, Spain's national soccer team has faced criticism for its performances at the European Championship, and now the players have to defend themselves from accusations that they snubbed their own fans.

A video of players ignoring supporters in Seville has put the squad in a tough spot ahead of its final group match against Slovakia on Wednesday. Only a victory will be enough to secure the team a spot in the next round at Euro 2020.

## Peru edge Colombia to keep Copa hopes alive

SAO PAULO, June 21, (AP): Peru beat Colombia 2-1 on Sunday to keep alive their chances of advancing to the knockout stage of Copa America.

Sergio Peña opened the scoring for the Peruvians in the 17th minute. Miguel Borja equalized from the spot in the 53rd but an own goal 11 minutes later by Colombian defender Yerry Mina decided the match at the Olimpico stadium in Goiania.

Peru are in third position in Group B with three points after two matches. Colombia remain with four points in second spot, but

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with only two games remaining. Leaders Brazil have six points. The top four teams will qualify for the quarterfinals.

"This gives us a lot of hope in what is to come at this Copa America," Peru defender Renato Tapia said. "We are in a good position, but we have to keep rowing to go farther."

Peru lost 4-0 to Brazil in their tournament opener, which raised doubts about coach Ricardo Gareca's team. The 2019 Copa America finalists are also struggling in South American World Cup qualifiers. Only weeks ago they lost 3-0 to Colombia in Lima.

Peru opened the scoring with Peña burying the ball in the back of the net from the edge of the box. Borja's equalizer, after he was



Ecuador's Pervis Estupinan (left) and Venezuela's Junior Moreno battle for the ball during a Copa America soccer match at the Nilton Santos stadium in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (AP)

brought down in the area, gave the impression Colombia had momentum.

But a set-piece from the right flank ended on Mina's chest and then accidentally past Colombian goalkeeper David Ospina. The Peruvians then managed to defend until the final whistle.

After an opening 0-0 draw with Venezuela and the loss to Peru, coach Reinaldo Rueda agreed.

"We are still lacking that pass in the last 20 meters so we can leave our forwards one-on-one, and then have the ease to finish," said Rueda, who is under criticism at home for not bringing midfielder James Rodriguez to the South American championship.