

Falcons

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holes. He rebounded with a 74 for the low score on the Glendale card on a colder, windier Tuesday.

"It was a mindset change," Christopher Obert said.

Obert relaxed on Monday night by watching the NBA Western Conference playoffs with his teammates. He showed up ready for his 8:10 a.m. tee time Tuesday morning wearing his winter golf gloves.

"I didn't really think a lot about my round," Christopher Obert said. "We watched the Thunder game last night, and all you can do is come out the next day and do your best. My best yesterday was 85 and today it was 74."

With medals around their necks and a state championship trophy in hand, Glendale coach Chris Obert gave his five players permission to openly discuss winning a state championship.

"They can talk about it

Missouri 2016 Class 4 high school golf state championship

Scores after final round (36 holes) At Silo Ridge Golf and Country Club, Bolivar (Par 72)

Team standings

1. Glendale 627
2. Rockhurst 633
3. Chaminade 638
4. Rock Bridge 642
5. DeSmet 649(84)
6. Marquette 649(91)
7. St. Louis University High 671
8. Liberty North 681

Individual top 15 and players of local interest

1. Noah Anderson, Battle 72, 76—148
2. Sam Parrott, Liberty 72, 78—150
3. James O'Connor, Lee's Summit West 76,

75—151

4. Frankie Thomas, Marquette 79, 73—152

T5. Robert Enright, Rockhurst 7, 76—153

T5. Sam Holmes, Glendale 74, 79—153

T5. Blake Porter, Francis Howell 80,

73—153

T8. Thomas Buffington, Ft. Zumwalt East

76, 78—154

T8. Kerry Maguire, Lee's Summit West 72,

82—154

T10. Maxwell Kreike-meier, Lafayette

(Wildwood) 78, 77—155

T10. Zachary Bohmer, Christian Brothers

College 79, 76—155

T10. Ross Steelman, Rock Bridge 82, 73—155

13. Colin Stolze, Chaminade 76, 80—156

14. Aaron Lang, Rockhurst 78, 79—157

T15. Hudson Dubinski, Rock Bridge 79, 79—158

T15. Christopher Ferris, Lindberg 80,

78—158

T15. Jameson Howard, Webster Groves

80, 78—158

T15. Tanner Owen, Park Hill South 82,

76—158

T15. Logan Smith, Kickapoo 75, 83—158

T15. Gabriel Trow-

bridge, Jefferson City 80, 78—158

T22. Chase Gafner, Glendale 79, 80—159

T22. Alex Locke, Glendale 79, 80—159

T22. Christopher Obert, Glendale 85,

74—159

33. Graham Sherard, Glendale 82, 80—162

53. Braden Demark, Camdenton 84, 83—167

T67. Michael Hake, Camdenton 87, 83—170

T67. Seth Kovak, Nixa 81, 89—170

T67. Lucas Turnbull, Nixa 82, 88—170

81. Reed Johnson, Nixa 85, 90—175

now," Chris Obert said. "It's awesome. For them, it's part of a journey that they're on as players."

Christopher Obert, the coach's son and also a Missouri State golf signee, knew he had good teammates at the start of the season, but the Falcons tried not to think about the end before it came.

"It really shows how hard we worked, and I think it's nice to finally be able to talk about what we've done, because we don't really focus on outcome. We're kind of in the process of what we're doing, and now that we're here we can finally celebrate the outcome," Christopher Obert said.

Holmes was happy to play on a card where any of the five players could hold the low score at the end of any round.

"It definitely gives you confidence knowing that your teammates are going to back you up with a good score, and it's a lot of fun playing with these guys," Holmes said.

NBA PLAYOFFS: CAVALIERS 115, RAPTORS 84



DAVID RICHARD-USA TODAY SPORTS
Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) dunks in the second quarter for two of his 24 points on Tuesday.

Cavaliers stay perfect in blow out of Raptors

TOM WITHERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND - LeBron James hardly missed and scored 24 points in three quarters, Kyrie Irving scored 27 and the Cleveland Cavaliers picked up where they left off before a long layoff by thumping the Toronto Raptors 115-84 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals on Tuesday night.

James made his first nine shots — one an arena-rattling powerhouse dunk — and the Cavs shot 67 percent from the field in the first half while improving to 9-0 this postseason. Cleveland is the first team to start the playoffs with nine straight wins since San Antonio reeled off 10 in a row in 2012.

But unlike their second-round series when they made 77 3-pointers and swept Atlanta, the Cavs did most of their damage from close range. Cleveland made

just 7 of 20 3-point attempts.

DeMar DeRozan scored 18 points and Bismack Biyombo added 12 for Toronto.

Kyle Lowry, who scored 35 points in the Raptors' Game 7 win over Miami, was held to just eight as he and the Raptors were roughed up in their first appearance in the conference finals.

Cleveland figured to have some rust following a nine-day break since ousting the Hawks. But not only did the Cavs look refreshed, they looked better than before, taking their game to another level.

And James, as is almost always the case, led the charge. He finished 11 of 13 from the field and added six rebounds and four assists in just 28 minutes. James spent the final quarter on the bench cheering on Cleveland's reserves, who finished off the club's most lopsided postseason victory.



GETTY IMAGES
Blues forward Jaden Schwartz loses the puck and falls to the ice in the second period Tuesday in St. Louis. San Jose Sharks goalie Martin Jones stopped 26 shots in Game Two for his second shutout of the postseason.

Blues

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Brian Elliott made 20 saves for St. Louis, which is 4-5 at home and 5-2 on the road in the postseason. Elliott wasn't as sharp as he's been throughout the Blues' run to their first conference final since 2001, nor were players who leaned on him heavily in Game 1.

"(The Sharks) have got their 'A' game going right now and it's our job to catch up," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We have played two 'B' games. We'll take 1-1 right now with the way we've played."

Burns' fifth and sixth goals of the postseason both came on one-timers with Troy Brouwer in the penalty box, and were his only shots of the game. The 6-foot-5, 230-pound defenseman made it 2-0 in the second off a nice setup from Pavelski just 16 seconds after Brouwer went off for slashing, and made it a three-goal gap about 12 minutes into the third off a feed from Patrick Marleau 24 seconds after Brouwer was whistled for high sticking.

Coach Peter DeBoer said Burns' shot is the "best I've ever seen."

"I think just how he can get it off from every angle, how he can get it to the net off balance, in bad spots. He finds a way to get it there," DeBoer added. "If it's in the right spot, it's going in."

Jones also blanked Nashville in San Jose's second-round clinching victory.

Zubrus assisted on Wingels' goal early in the first and added an empty-netter in the final minute.

Vladimir Tarasenko led



BILLY HURST-USA TODAY SPORTS
Sharks defenseman Brent Burns (88) scores a power play goal against Blues goalie Brian Elliott during the second period.

all players with six shots at the end of a long day — his wife, Yana, gave birth to a son earlier Tuesday. The Blues' star was looking at the video board when the team announced the arrival to a standing room crowd of 19,586.

For a change this postseason, the stands were emptying ahead of the final horn.

"They played well. We didn't," captain David Backes said. "We've got to park this one like we've parked every other one in the playoffs and come into San Jose and win a road game."

Forward Alexander Steen said the Blues were too emotional after falling behind and lacked discipline.

"I thought we let frustration creep in at certain times in the game," Steen said. "That can't happen at this time of the year."

The Sharks entered the series clicking at 31 percent on the power play, best in the postseason. They were 0 for 3 in the opener and DeBoer complained about the lack of calls during the day between games.

San Jose also killed off a four-minute high-sticking call against Marleau early in the third period without too much trouble.

"We did a great job," Couture said. "We kept our shifts short, we were clearing pucks well and Jonesie was making saves when we had breakdowns."

Wingels scored his second goal 2:07 in, seconds after Jones thwarted Tarasenko on the other end. Tarasenko had pickpocketed Paul Martin in the San Jose slot.

Burns is the lone Sharks player with a hat trick against the Blues, doing it on Nov. 13, 2013, in San Jose.

NOTES

The Blues were shut out at home in a playoff game for the first time since April 14, 2001, in a 1-0 to the Sharks in Game 2 of the first round. The Blues flew in a blind father and his 12-year-old son that calls play by play to keep him in the game. Gerry and Wyatt Nelson of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, appeared on a "Discover Card Day with the Cup" video and the pair

were invited to the radio broadcast booth and some of Wyatt's play-by-play was aired during a break in the second period. Neither team made any lineup changes. Sharks F Matt Nieto (undisclosed injury) missed his third straight game.

NBA DRAFT

76ers win lottery, Lakers keep No. 2

BRIAN MAHONEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - The Philadelphia 76ers won the NBA draft lottery Tuesday night and will have the No. 1 pick in June.

The Los Angeles Lakers finished second but also felt like winners, as they would have dealt their pick to Philadelphia had they fallen out of the top three.

The Boston Celtics, with a pick dealt to them by the Brooklyn Nets, remained in the No. 3 slot.

Nobody moved up in the lottery, which sets the top three picks. The remainder of the 14 teams are slotted in the inverse order of their won-loss record.

The 76ers finished 10-72, just off the worst rec-

ord in the history of the 82-game schedule, and had a 26.9 percent chance of landing the No. 1 pick (their own 25 percent chance, and Sacramento's 1.9 percent chance, since the 76ers had the right to swap picks with the Kings from a previous trade.)

They also would have garnered another top-five selection had the Lakers tumbled a couple of spots, since they would have been entitled to the pick the Lakers originally dealt to Phoenix for Steve Nash that the 76ers later acquired in another trade.

Phoenix will pick fourth, followed by Minnesota, New Orleans and Denver. The Suns picked up another lottery pick when Washington fell out of the top 10 to No. 13.

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