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SANTA BARBARA GOLF CLASSIC

SUMMER STAPLE

Locals and players from afar rave about SB Classic conditions as Heltons take 18-hole lead



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Adam Carter hits a nice shot out of the bunker behind the 18th green. Carter and partner Ryan Today are four shots off the lead. Below, Mark Pavletich hits a pitch shot on the 18th, with the team narrowly missing a birdie during a 7-under 63, one shot behind leaders Scott Helton and Brian Helton.

By **NICK MASUDA**
DIRECTOR OF NEWS

Adam Carter gave up the game of golf after one season at UCSB in 2013.

He came to the self-realization that he didn't have the game to make it on the PGA Tour — but the game of golf seemingly always woos one back into competition.

The St. Bonaventure product has found a way to keep golf in his life, one that features selling insurance in Santa Monica.

"The joke is I'm on the Scramble Tour, a card-carrying member," Carter joked. "I play in a lot of those."

Carter returned to Santa Barbara on Saturday morning, teeing it up alongside longtime friend Ryan Today to fire a 4-under 66 in the opening round of the 2019 Santa Barbara Classic at the Santa Barbara Golf Club.

The duo trails clubhouse leaders Scott Helton and Brian Helton by four shots in the Championship Flight, with the final round slated to being at 9:40 a.m. today. The leaders will tee off at 11:08 a.m.

Carter couldn't stop gushing about the playing conditions, a common theme as players exited the course.

"The course is in great shape, I hadn't been here in a couple of years, I'm really impressed," Carter said. "I can't believe the

greens are this good."

Many familiar names are near the top of the leaderboard, including Brandon Gama, who alongside partner John Gillis fired a 7-under 63, despite two team bogeys.

Gama never turned pro despite having a stellar amateur career, and has been keeping himself busy with a new job at Raytheon, where he has taken on an engineering job for the past six months.

But Gama has become a unofficial spokesperson for the Classic, having played in for more than a decade.

"We want good players to play in this tournament, and I love being able to tell guys to come play in the Classic," Gama said. "The level of play has always been strong. Guys who are top amateurs, guys trying to make it on Tour. It elevates everyone's game."

While a ways down the leaderboard, local staple George Downing also is an ambassador for the tournament, having played in it nearly ever year since he was 18 — he's now 39.

Downing, who helped his team fire a 2-under 68, has seen his own game change, particularly his putter. Before being banned, Downing relied on an anchored putter, now switching to a sidesaddle approach that helped drain a nice 18-foot putt on No. 18.

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Injury to sideline Hauschild at Pan Am

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U.S. water polo player and Santa Barbara native Paige Hauschild will be replaced on the Pan American Games roster due to an injury she suffered last week in the deadly balcony collapse in South Korea, the team announced Saturday.

Hauschild was among those injured in the collapse, which left two South Koreans dead. She suffered a laceration to her right arm that required stitches. Hauschild will be replaced by Stephania Haralabidis as the team looks to claim its fifth straight Pan American Games title next week in Lima.

"I'm obviously disappointed as I was looking forward to taking part in my first Pan American Games," Hauschild said in a statement. "That said it is best to follow doctors orders and lets this wound heal properly. I'm excited I can still be here in Peru to cheer on my team mates and I know Steph is going to do an awesome job."

Kaleigh Gilchrist and USA men's team members Johnny Hooper and Ben Hallock, of Santa Barbara, also suffered injuries in the incident. Gilchrist suffered a leg injury that required surgery.

The USA Women will open the competition at 9 a.m. PDT Sunday against Puerto Rico.

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Buehler hurls gem as Dodgers top Padres, 4-1

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LOS ANGELES — The pitches came fast and furiously, mid-90 mph fastballs that set up three straight devastating two-strike sliders. In consecutive at-bats to begin Saturday's game, Fernando Tatis Jr., Wil Myers and Manny Machado each struck out.

A week after getting roughed up in Washington, Walker Buehler was locked in from the start.

"Right then, I thought his delivery was so clean," manager Dave Roberts said. "That first inning really set the tone."

Buehler dominated against the San Diego Padres, tossing his second career complete game in a dazzling 15-strikeout display. After recording the final out in the Dodgers' 4-1 win — a two-strike 94 mph cutter Eric Hosmer couldn't catch up to — the 54,010 crowd at Dodger Stadium gave him a raucous standing ovation.

"It's hard to imagine having more command than he did tonight, just being ahead," Roberts said. "He was as dominant as you can be."

Please see **DODGERS** on **B3**

Ravens' Reed takes special place in NFL history

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The legend of Ed Reed continues to grow off the field as much as it grew on it.

That's important in the state of Maryland, and maybe why it seemed more fans from Baltimore attended Saturday's Pro Football Fame enshrinement ceremony than fans from other cities. The status of an iconic figure doesn't die when he or she quits playing but elevates to a new level for years before leveling off.

Reed won't be the best Raven to ever play. That title belongs to offensive tackle Jonathan Ogden, and line-backer Ray Lewis remains the team's most complete player. But as his legacy continues to unfold, Baltimore fans might identify with Reed as much as the other two Ravens Hall of Famers.

Reed has become one of them. He is "real," a man with no pretenses who speaks his mind.

He is so Baltimore. Granted, Reed might be the best safety in NFL history and is one of only 11 defensive backs voted into the prestigious Hall of Fame on the first ballot. The resume is impressive from the nine Pro Bowls to being named first-team All-Pro five times to the 64 interceptions to holding several NFL records to being on a Super Bowl-winning team.

But what made Saturday night so special was Reed was in the spotlight all by himself. Not only did the fans want to celebrate Reed's life as a player but as a person in the community.

A lot of us remember Reed when he was young. He was a rebel and knucklehead. He got into disputes with the media, his head coaches and coordinators, and his moods changed as often as the weather. At times, he was disruptive and even Reed admits he went through some growing pains. But as he got older, he became more concerned and aware of others and their problems.

Reed's name and deeds are all over Baltimore from his foundation's work to his involvement with various schools. A lot of players use their foundations to shelter money, but Reed actually cares. People in Baltimore get him.

"He has become the elder statesman, the wise man you turn to," said Traci Siegler, 48, of Catonsville. "He is bringing up the younger generation."

When asked if she remembers Reed as a loose cannon when he was young, Siegler replied:

"He was, but you see him mature as the years went on and that makes you appreciate what he has done even more."

"I couldn't imagine not being here for this," said Siegler's husband, Gary, 47. "I spent 10 years in the stands."



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Longtime local golf standout George Downing plays a shot into the 18th green on Saturday at Santa Barbara Golf Club. He'd help post a 2-under 68, six shots off the lead. Below, Brandon Gama hits a chip shot from just short of the 18th green.

Heltons hold one-shot lead at SB Classic



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"The sidesaddle putting has kept me playing golf," said Downing, who has spent the bulk of his summer as a Little League coach. "It got me back into golf again, and now my kids are starting to play. I don't mind going out there and playing and

feeling like you can compete. It's an acquired taste, that's for sure."

The allure of Santa Barbara as a vacation spot got Mark Pavletich and Stephen Hale to make the drive from Bakersfield, with the duo making the trek worth it with a 7-under 63. They'll tee off 15 minutes before the leaders this morning.

"We're just out here to have fun, can't complain about coming to Santa Barbara this time of year," Pavletich said.

In the other flights, the John Dimizio and Mike McManigal sit at 9 under in the San Miguel division, one shot clear of Dan Vordale and Daniel Vordale. In the Santa Rosa division, John Kriger and William Phillips are

also at 9 under, two shots ahead of five other duos.

Finally, in the Anacapa division, Jeff Chaffin and Steve Lee are at 9 under, one shot ahead of Frank Banales and Leo Martinez.

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A bunch of players have shot at PGA Tour title, but Spieth out of contention

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GREENSBORO — There will be any number of golfers in position to win the Wyndham Championship in Sunday's final round.

Oddly, Jordan Spieth won't be one of them.

As the front runners came and went Saturday, the day's big development was the stunning demise for Spieth.

He's not only out of contention, he's out of the tournament. "It was just a bad day," Spieth said. "Overall, just didn't play well."

Those playing well include leader Byeong Hun An and former champion Webb Simpson and Brice Garnett, who are both one shot back.

Spieth, who had been a factor

for the first two days, was nixed in the secondary cut after a 7-over-par 77. That put him at 2-under 208 for the tournament.

He had double-bogeys on the first, 10th and 13th holes. He was without a birdie Saturday. "On the front nine, I actually had decent looks at birdie on a lot of holes," Spieth said. "And then No. 10, when I hit that one out of bounds, it was like, man, I don't know what's going on."

Spieth was tied for 12th place and four strokes out of first place when the round began. By late afternoon as he prepared to depart from Sedgefield Country Club, he was tied for 78th.

The former No. 1 golfer in the world calmly answered questions about the round after he signed his scorecard. He then stayed around and signed

dozens of autographs for fans waiting for him.

Spieth, the 2013 runner-up in his only other PGA Tour appearance here, tried to put a positive spin on going into the FedEx Cup playoffs in a few days.

"You can't exactly fix your ball-striking in a day," he said. "... So this extra day could serve me really well through the playoffs."

It was a leaderboard that showed little separation among multiple contenders throughout the third round.

An carded 4-under 66 to move to 17-under for the tournament.

Simpson, the 2011 champion here and last year's runner-up, moved into a share of the lead until a bogey on the par-4 15th hole.

The former Wake Forest golfer had pars on the last three holes and might be considered a favorite for the final round considering his past success here. He finished with 65.

"I wouldn't be surprised if somebody shot 8-, 9-, 10-under, a guy who's within striking distance," Simpson said. "I've got to keep the pedal down and if I don't shoot a low one, I'm not going to win."

Garnett checked in with 66. Ryan Armour (65) is at 15-under.

"Anytime you can shoot three rounds in the mid-60s on the PGA Tour and here at Sedgefield, you're going to be happy," Armour said.

J.T. Poston (66), Viktor Hovland (64) and Paul Casey (66) are at 14-under.

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