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Yellow jersey leader and overall leader Team Sky rider Chris Froome of Britain leaves the podium on Sunday.

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the race on the second rest day to prepare for the Olympics, where he will be competing on the track.

Impressive team

Froome built his success on an impressively strong Team Sky, arguably the best assembled in recent Tour history, being able to rely on domestique de luxe Wouter

Poels in the mountains.

The Briton, however, had a few scares.

In the 12th stage ending on Mont Ventoux, he crashed when he was involved in an incident with a TV motorbike and even ran up the road after his bike was broken.

Froome hit the deck again on a slippery descent in the 19th stage, but he had by then sewn up his win thanks to strong performances in the time trials and surprise attacks on a descent and the flat.

The atmosphere was much more relaxed Sunday, when the peloton rode a largely processional stage, Froome drinking beer and champagne in the neutral zone.

Things got more hectic once the race entered the Champs Elysees, the bunch even splitting in the finale as a reduced peloton contested the sprint finish.

Greipel was the strongest, comfortably beating Sagan and Norway's Alexander Kristoff.

Red Sox

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can League East after the Orioles' win Sunday.

Juan Centeno drove in three runs and Byron Buxton and Kennys Vargas each had two RBIs for the AL-worst Twins (37-61), who managed a four-game series split with Boston.

"You've got a chance to come in here and potentially beat a really good team that's been playing well, three out of four," Twins manager Paul Molitor said.

Twins starter Tommy Milone (3-3) was roughed up for eight runs — four earned — on 10 hits while striking out four in 4 2/3 innings.

"Good hitting team obviously. Can't take that for granted," Milone said. "I felt like I was throwing the ball well. Just a couple (bad) pitches."

Centeno's two-run double in the second put Porcello on his heels, but Ramirez feasted on Milone's first-pitch changeup for his homer an inning later.

Max Kepler opened the fourth with a triple, and Vargas' ensuing groundout tied it.

Shaw's homer highlighted a five-run Red Sox fifth, which began with Dustin Pedroia's solo homer to left-center, his 10th long ball of the campaign.

Aaron Hill's hard-hit grounder zipped under Miguel Sano's glove into left for an error, scoring a run and putting a pair of runners on for Shaw.

Shaw blasted a 2-2 curveball from Milone into the Boston bullpen.

"Instead of a potential one-run deficit coming off the field, they turn in four extra runs and now you've got a mountain to climb," Molitor said.

Minnesota made a late charge as Buxton's single in



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Boston Red Sox third baseman Travis Shaw (right) celebrates his three-run home run with first baseman Hanley Ramirez during the fifth inning at Fenway Park on Sunday. Ramirez hit a three-run home run earlier in the game.

the seventh plated a pair, and Vargas' sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the eighth made it a two-run contest.

Red Sox reliever Junichi Tazawa fanned Eddie Rosario for the second out of the eighth, but Centeno's RBI single past a diving Shaw at first base brought the Twins within a run.

Tazawa struck out Buxton swinging to stop the bleeding.

Brad Ziegler threw a clean ninth for his first save with the Red Sox and his 19th of the season.

NOTES: Boston DH David Ortiz (rest) was not in the lineup. "One of two planned (days off) this week with David getting off his feet," manager John Farrell

said. 1B Hanley Ramirez was the designated hitter. ... Red Sox RF Mookie Betts (right knee soreness) missed his second straight game. "Improved today, to the point of being potentially available late today," said Farrell, who anticipates Betts being in the lineup Monday. ... Minnesota C Kurt Suzuki was "sore," but available in an emergency, after taking a foul tip to the chin Saturday, manager Paul Molitor said. ... Boston recalled RHP Joe Kelly from Triple-A Pawtucket and optioned RHP Heath Hembree to Pawtucket after Saturday's game. ... Tigers RHP Justin Verlander (9-6, 3.74 ERA) opposes Red Sox LHP Drew Pomeranz (8-7, 2.83 ERA) Monday.

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opens and independent tournaments and also competes in Monday qualifiers to try to earn a slot in PGA and Web.com Tour events.

He was able to sink the putts with nice chip shots to set them up, especially over the back nine.

"I chipped a little better today. I had chipped poorly all week," said Larson, who has won the New Hampshire, Rhode Island, New England and Providence Opens.

Harmeling began the day six shots adrift of Larson and two behind Winegardner in the final pairing but got off to a blazing start with birdies on four of the first five holes to pull within two shots of the lead.

His par on the seventh hole closed the gap to one because both Larson and Harmeling bogeyed the hole. Harmeling remained within one on the eighth hole when he chipped in from 25 feet to save his par.

But on the ninth hole, Harmeling rolled his downhill 14-foot birdie putt just inches wide of the cup and Winegardner left his uphill 10-foot birdie putt six inches short which opened the door for Larson to extend his lead to two and three shots, respectively, and he did just that by making an uphill 12-footer.

"When he made that birdie putt on nine, I could tell he righted the ship and that we were going to have to chase him. He wasn't going to come back to us too much," said Harmeling. "He's a really solid player."

Larson saved par on 11 with a five-foot putt that snuck in the corner of the cup and then on 12 he lagged a 25-footer within a foot of the cup for a tap-in as Winegardner pulled with two strokes courtesy of a 50-foot birdie putt.

Harmeling, meanwhile, three-putted to fall three shots back as he missed a four-foot par putt.

All three parred the 13th although Harmeling and Larson missed birdie putts



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Evan Harmeling blasts a shot out of a bunker during the final round on Saturday of the Greater Bangor Open, a three-round professional golf tourney held at Bangor Municipal Golf Course.

of three and four feet, respectively.

"I was disappointed with that. I was hanging my head. I knew I had a chance to step on their throats [by extending the lead]," said Larson.

Larson parred the par-four 14th but Harmeling and Winegardner swapped places as Harmeling sank a 14-foot birdie putt from just off the green and Winegardner bogeyed the hole by missing an eight-foot par putt.

A superb chip on the par-four 15th and a nice lag putt enabled Larson to par the hole but Winegardner used an equally impressive approach shot to set up a five-foot birdie putt that he nailed to join Harmeling in second place, two shots back of Larson.

Harmeling parred the hole.

Larson came through with a clutch four-foot par putt on the par-three 16th and Winegardner tapped in for par from two feet after both had rolled nice lag putts from 50 feet.

Harmeling, however, missed a three-footer to wind up with a bogey and fall three shots back.

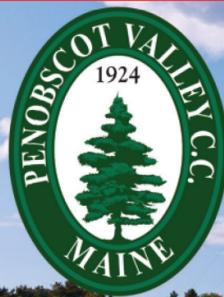
Larson sewed up the tournament on the 359-yard par-four 17th with a terrific chip and seven-foot birdie putt to give him a three-shot lead going into the final hole. Harmeling and Winegardner parred the hole.

"I knew when I made that birdie on 17, I would have really had to throw it away [to lose the tournament]," said Larson, a regular in recent years at the GBO who finished third in 2014.

Larson and Winegardner parred the final hole but Harmeling's drive went behind a tree, forcing him to punch it out into the fairway. He wound up with a double-bogey six.

"It feels great," said Larson. "You have to be patient. You have to pick good target lines and hit fairways and greens and try to keep the ball below the hole if possible."

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