

# SPORTS

## Blazers Face Grizzlies in Game Two

### Memphis rules in series opener

(AP) — Beno Udrih is doing his best to make sure the Memphis Grizzlies can ease Mike Conley and Tony Allen back into the lineup from their injuries.

Udrih scored 20 points in the best playoff game of his career, and the Grizzlies never trailed in

routing the Portland Trail Blazers 100-86 on Sunday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference first-round series. Game two of the seven game series is Wednesday, also in Memphis.

Portland coach Terry Stotts called Udrih the "X-factor" in the



Memphis guard Beno Udrih scores two of his 20 points to lead the Grizzlies past Portland in the first game of a best-of-seven NBA playoff series. Game two is Wednesday at 5 p.m. (PDT broadcast on KGW), also in Memphis. Games three and four are Saturday and Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Portland. (AP photo)

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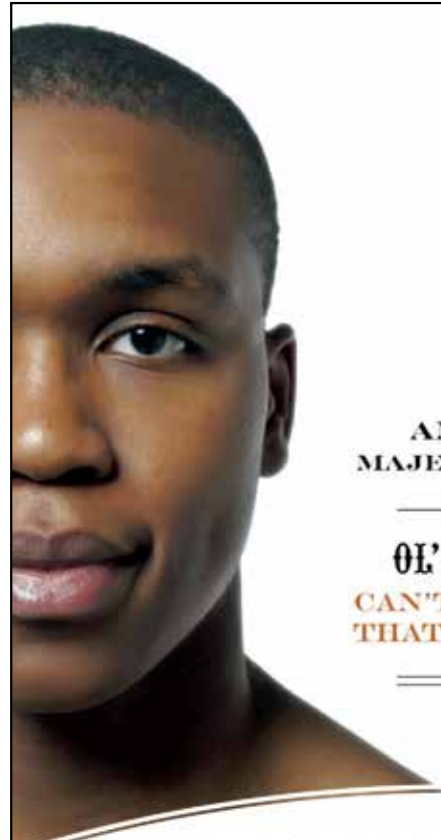
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opening game.

"He did a little bit of everything," Stotts said. "He's an NBA player. He's been here a long time, and he's effective."

LaMarcus Aldridge led Portland with 32 points while taking more shots than anyone had ever taken against Memphis in the postseason, going 13 of 34. Damian Lillard added 14 points, shooting 5 of 21 overall and 0 of 6 beyond the arc. Nicolas Batum had 15 points. The Trail Blazers have

lost five straight overall.

The Grizzlies swept Portland during the regular season and have won 10 of the last 11.

The banged-up and short-handed Trail Blazers proved no threat to make that kind of comeback with Aldridge doing everything he could to keep them in the game. He played nearly 42 minutes.

Portland had its worst shooting performance this season and looked out of synch from the start. Aldridge and Lillard

combined to shoot 3 of 15 in the first quarter, and Aldridge even fell to the court when missing a dunk off an inbound lob at one point. It didn't get much better as Batum threw the ball to the sideline missing Robin Lopez in the third.

"We tried to show Damian Lillard and LaMarcus Aldridge a lot of crowds and had people in front of them as much as possible trying to make it frustrating," Memphis coach Dave Joerger said.