

SPORTS

Lakers gain homecourt advantage after win

PORTLAND (AP) — It took the Portland Trail Blazers all season to gain the home-court advantage in the NBA playoffs. It took them only one game to lose it.

Now the Blazers must beat the Lakers at home on Tuesday night or head to Los Angeles to down 2-0 in the Western Conference final.

"I'm not expecting to go down there 0-2," said Portland's Buck Williams. "We've got to win on Tuesday. We've never been in this situation before. It's a pretty precarious situation for us."

The Blazers, who had the NBA's best regular-season record at 63-19 and ended the Lakers' nine-year reign as Pacific Division champions, had assured themselves the homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs as long as they didn't lose at Memorial Coliseum.

Saturday's 111-106 loss was the Blazers' first at home in seven playoff games. Now the pressure is on the team many considered to be the favorite to win it all.

"This will be a true sign of how good our team really is," Williams said.

Portland led by as many as 14 points late in the third quarter and still was on top by 12 as the final period began. The Blazers had blown big leads against Seattle and Utah in the first two rounds but had been able to hold on and win.

Against the experienced and unflappable Lakers, though, the game slipped away.

Los Angeles scored the first 13 points of the fourth quarter to take the lead and then pulled away over the mistake-prone Blazers in the final 3 1/2 minutes.

"I don't know what causes a swing like that," Portland's Kevin Duckworth said. "Their momentum picks up and then they start getting the calls. I couldn't believe some of the calls they got."

But it wasn't officiating that beat the Blazers. And Portland Coach Rick Adelman said it wasn't the Lakers, either.

"It was more what we did than what they did," Adelman said.

The Blazers threw the ball away, gave up easy baskets, missed crucial free throws and stood around on offense.

"In the fourth quarter we didn't do much of anything," Clyde Drexler said.

That wasn't exactly true. Drexler did something. He scored 10 of his team's 14 points in the quarter, finishing with 28 points, 12 assists and 8 rebounds.

But the rest of the team did virtually nothing, except make mistakes.

Adelman was criticized for the lineup he used early in the fourth quarter, when he went with reserves Danny Ainge, Walter Davis, Cliff Robinson and Duckworth and Williams.

The Lakers scored eight quick points and the game was close the rest of the way.

Adelman said he needed to give Drexler a breather and he was worried about Terry

Porter drawing a fifth foul. But without the two starting guards, the Blazers' offense went stagnant.

The Lakers, meanwhile, took advantage of the opportunity.

With Magic Johnson handing out several of his 21 assists, three short of the NBA playoff record he shares with John Stockton, the Lakers hit the shots they needed. James Worthy scored 28. Byron Scott was 9-for-12 and scored 19.

But Johnson was reminding everyone that one game does not mean the best-of-7 series is over.

"They're as good as we are on the road," he said. "They beat us twice in our building. This is nothing. We haven't achieved anything."

Expect the rest of the series to be as close or closer than Game 1, Johnson said.

"It's going to be like that," he said. "You rarely see a blowout in this kind of series. This is the kind of gut-check win you've got to win."

Los Angeles Coach Mike Dunleavy said his team knows the Blazers are not going to give up without a fight just because they've lost a game.

"This gives us the homecourt advantage but it's just the beginning of the series," he said. "Portland is so explosive, so good, so talented. They're a strong team. They're a physical team."

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Lemora came in with the second-fastest time in the conference and had beaten Stanford's David Strang, the conference champ, back on May 4.

Also scoring for the Ducks was Larry Williams with a sixth-place finish in the 400 meters (season-best 47.21) and the 4x400-meter relay team of Williams, Harris, Curtis Wilson and Bryan Walls, clocking 3:11.17 for sixth.

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