

## Sports Update



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**Oregon running back Maurice Morris tramples a UCLA defender Saturday at the Rose Bowl. Morris rushed for 129 yards in the game.**

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The University of Oregon squeaked by UCLA at the Rose Bowl on Saturday, winning 21-20. The victory was the 500<sup>th</sup> in Oregon's history and it moved the Ducks up to number four in the Bowl Championship Series standings. The move from last week's number six ranking marks the first time Oregon has been in the top five. Oregon's record improves to 9-1 overall, 6-1 in the Pac-10, and remains tied with Washington State for first place in the conference.

Oregon State surprised everyone in college football by slaughtering the Huskies of Washington, 49-24, Saturday, at Husky Stadium. OSU's win keeps the Beavers' bowl hopes alive, however grim, with a 4-5 over all record and 3-4 Pac-10 record. Next up for OSU is Northern Arizona, followed by the Civil War game against the University of Oregon.

Mark McGwire has made it final: St. Louis' slugger is retiring after 16 seasons, citing lack of ability to perform as the largest reason the former home run king is calling it quits. Ichiro Suzuki has been named the American League Rookie of the Year, with only one vote keeping the decision from being unanimous. Chris Assenheimer of *The Chronicle-Telegram* was the abstaining vote,

as Assenheimer voted for Cleveland Indians rookie C. C. Sabathia. Astonishingly, Mr. Assenheimer covers Cleveland for *The Chronicle-Telegram*. The National League Rookie of the Year is Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals, a unanimous selection.

The Seattle Seahawks beat the Oakland Raiders Sunday night, by a score of 34-27. Seahawks' running back Shaun Alexander ran for 266 yards, a franchise record and the fourth best rushing performance in NFL history. Seattle still remains in next to last place in the AFC West with a 4-4 record, while Oakland is still in first with a 6-2 record. San Francisco overcame the New Orleans Saints by one point, 28-27, keeping them in second place in the NFC West behind St. Louis.

In the National Hockey League, the Vancouver Canucks continue to lie at the bottom of the Northwest division of the Western Conference, with a 7-11-1 record and 15 points. Colorado is tied with Vancouver for last place with a 7-10-1 record and 15 points as well. First place in the division is Calgary, who owns a 12-2-1 record and 27 points. The Flames of Calgary are the second best team in the NHL, behind Detroit, who has 29 points.

The Los Angeles Lakers have yet to lose their first game of the season, as they are 6-0 and in first place of the Pacific division of the Western Conference in the National Basketball Association. Sacramento trails L. A. in second place with a 5-2 record, while Golden State is in third at 5-3. Michael Jordan, in his return to NBA stardom, is averaging 24.1 points a game while shooting just 38% from the field so far. For information of the Blazers, look for their story on this page.

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## Blazers win three of four

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Proof that Rasheed Wallace is the spark plug of the Portland Trail Blazers came on Nov. 6 against the Utah Jazz. Not only did Wallace step into his position as the go-to guy, he helped the rest of his teammates fit into their roles and led the team to a 101-83 victory at home. Wallace was pressured by his teammates to do well after an embarrassing loss to the Warriors the game before where he scored 18, but watched as his team was out-rebounded by 28. Derek Anderson returned to the Blazer rotation after missing three games with a sprained ankle and scored 15 points with 10 assists. Scottie Pippen played point guard in place of the injured Damon Stoudamire, who was out with tendonitis in his right knee. Pippen ended up with 13 points and six rebounds. This was the fourth loss in the first five games for the Jazz, which is their worst start in 19 years.

After their victory over the veteran Jazz, the Blazers found themselves battling the younger, more athletic Los Angeles Clippers. A 37-point fourth quarter helped the Blazers edge out the Clippers, 119-101. Anderson had 26 points for Portland. Stoudamire was still out with a sore knee, so for the second game in a row, Pippen played point guard. He finished with 11 points and 13 assists. Ruben Patterson scored 16 points in his regular season debut with the Blazers. He served a five-game suspension

for a modified guilty plea to an attempted rape charge from last season in Seattle. Bonzi Wells had 24 points, but his average of 26.8 points in the previous five games of the season was the highest among all of his teammates.

On Saturday Nov. 10, the Blazers headed to Conseco Fieldhouse in Indiana to take on the Pacers. Indiana, who is off to their best start in franchise history, was too much for the Blazers to handle and stole this one, 105-96. The Pacer bench outscored the Blazer bench, 53 to 25, and Portland's rebounding troubles continued. Jalen Rose led the Pacers with 19, but it was the performances of Al Harrington and Jonathan Bender that allowed them to stay strong despite playing their fifth game in seven days. Harrington had 18 points, while Bender had 15, including three three-pointers. Anderson led the Blazers with 18 points and Dale Davis had a double/double with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Wells only scored 15 in this game, which snaps his five game streak of scoring 20 points or more. Pippen had 13 points and seven assists, but he also had seven turnovers. Stoudamire came off the bench after sitting out two games to rest his knee and only scored three points in 20 minutes of play. After this loss, the Blazer's record dropped to 3-4 for the season.

The next stop for the Blazers was Detroit to take on the red-hot Pistons. Before this game, the Pistons were 4-1, with a four game winning streak. But Portland helped to



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**Bonzi Wells is the leading scorer for the Blazers this season, with 23.3 points per game.**

snap that streak and won this very close game by a score of 100-98. Wells had 30 points, 10 of them coming in the final 3:24 of the game. Wells has a bit of history with the Pistons, since he was their first round draft pick in '98, but was traded to Portland for a first round choice before training camp began. Wallace scored 27 points and Davis grabbed 15 rebounds and nine points. Portland finally out-rebounded an opponent, with 48 to Detroit's 27. Jerry Stackhouse led the Pistons with 29 points. The Pistons had 13 three pointers in the game, which is one short of a team record.

The Blazers played their next game on Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Madison Square Garden against the New York Knicks. Results were unavailable at press time.



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### Trail Blazers Schedule



Blazers games for this week:

11-15	@ Memphis	5:00 PM
11-17	@ Charlotte	KGW 4:30 PM
11-20	Rockets	7:00 PM
11-21	@ Sacramento	KGW 7:00 PM
11-23	Nuggets	7:00 PM
11-27	Pacers	7:00 PM

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