

Trail Blazers hand Lakers 11th straight on-the-road loss

PORTLAND (AP) — The Portland Trail Blazers were more concerned about themselves than the struggling Los Angeles Lakers.

Wary of a letdown following a win on the road and with the All-Star break looming, the Blazers jumped on the Lakers early and never let up in a 102-86 victory Wednesday night.

The loss was the 11th straight on the road for the Lakers, a franchise record.

"We were focused," Portland's Nicolas Batum said. "Those games can sometimes be like a trap or tricky game, and maybe we could focus on the break. But we were focused. We knew we had a job to do tonight."

LaMarcus Aldridge had 18 points and 12 rebounds, while Wesley Matthews added 20 points for the Blazers, who won their second straight before heading into the break.

It was the sixth straight loss overall for the struggling Lakers, who trailed by as many as 23. Los Angeles was hurt late in the third quarter when Nick Young appeared to injure his left ankle on a jumper and did not return.

"He didn't seem to be overly concerned about it," coach Byron Scott said about Young. "I don't know if he's going to need treatment the next three or four days or not."

Mired in second-to-last place in the Western Conference, the Lakers (13-40) began their road losing streak in Portland with a 98-94 loss on Jan. 5.

Wayne Ellington had 16 points and eight rebounds for the Lakers and Jordan Clarkson had 17 points.

The Blazers also won the previous two meetings with the Lakers this season and have taken four straight overall. All those wins have come with Kobe Bryant sitting out because of injuries.

Portland, coming off a 109-98 victory at Houston, was without center Chris Kaman because of a sprained right ankle.

The Blazers jumped out to a 30-20 lead in the first quarter and stayed in front for the rest of the game. Nicolas Batum's 20-foot jumper off a pass from Aldridge gave Portland a 50-39 lead, and the Blazers went into the break ahead 54-46.

Portland extended the lead in the third quarter to 77-56 following Matthews' 3-point-er and a fast-break layup from Aldridge.

Damian Lillard finished with 15 points and eight assists, becoming the only



AP Photo/Greg Wahl-Stephens
Portland Trail Blazers CJ McCollum (3) shoots against Los Angeles Lakers Ed Davis (21) during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland Wednesday.



AP Photo/Greg Wahl-Stephens
Portland Trail Blazers Meyers Leonard (11) defends a shot by Los Angeles Lakers' Nick Young Wednesday.

NBA player to score in double figures in all of his team's games this season. He and Aldridge sat out the fourth quarter.

"Everybody did their part, everybody understood that we had to be the team that we've been the last couple games to win it and we did that," Lillard said.

Portland's 36-17 record is identical to their record going into last year's All-Star break.

"Hopefully, you reflect a little bit on the first 50 games and you come back with a different sense of purpose as well," Scott said. "It's always good to get a little bit of a break."

Tip-ins

Trail Blazers: Team owner Paul Allen and general manager Neil Olshey presented Aldridge and Lillard with their All-Star jerseys before the game. ... It was Aldridge's 27th double-double of the season.

Lakers: Coach Byron Scott suggested before the game that the best way to stop Aldridge was to lock him in the locker room. ... Scott also joked that he's not really buying Young's assertion that a dolphin tried to drown him on a snorkeling excursion with girlfriend Iggy Azalea in Cabo San Lucas. Azalea posted on Twitter that Young was afraid of dolphins, and the matter took on a life of its own from there.

Ready for the rest

Following the game, Young was pretty emphatic about the need for some time off. He said he's headed for Hawaii. He didn't mention dolphins.

"I'll get back Monday or Tuesday and get back in the gym, but for now I think I just need to get away," he said.

Besting the Lakers

The Blazers haven't won four straight games against the Lakers since 1997. With three wins this season and only one more game to go, Portland has won back-to-back season series against the Lakers for the first time since 1993-94.

Nowitzki in for West All-Stars; Harden, Thompson to start

NEW YORK (AP) — Western Conference All-Star team coach Steve Kerr's lineup will look nothing like the one voted for by fans as star after NBA star has gone down with injuries.

Golden State Warriors guard Klay Thompson and Houston Rockets guard James Harden were named Wednesday as starters. They will replace Kobe Bryant, who is out for the season with a shoulder injury, and Blake Griffin, who will be sidelined at least three weeks after surgery for a staph infection in his right elbow.

Bryant and Griffin were voted starters by the fans for the NBA midseason showcase set for Sunday in New York, as was Pelicans forward Anthony Davis and Thompson's fellow Splash Brother, Stephen Curry.

But after a loss to the Pacers on Wednesday, Davis announced that he, too, has decided to sit out with an injured right shoulder that kept him out of the last two games before the break.

"While I'm disappointed that I won't be able to compete this weekend, I'm still



AP Photo/The Arizona Republic, David Wallace
Houston Rockets guard James Harden points after hitting a basket during the fourth quarter of the NBA basketball game with the Phoenix Suns at the US Airways Center in Phoenix Tuesday. He will start in Sunday's All-Star game.

very excited about the opportunity to be a part of the All-Star events in New York and celebrate our game with some of the NBA's greatest figures," Davis said in a statement.

His last-minute replacement is Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, giv-

ing him his 13th All-Star appearance for a franchise that doesn't have another player with more than four.

"This year it threw a little bit of a wrench into my plans, but I am very excited," Nowitzki said in a news release.

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TODAY		HIGH SCHOOLS	
Girls Basketball — Clatskanie at Warrenton, 6 p.m.	Boys Basketball — Clatskanie at Warrenton, 7:45 p.m.; Ilwaco vs. Ocosta, at Montesano HS, 8 p.m.	Standings	
FRIDAY		Boys	
Girls Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.	Boys Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7:45 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 7:15 p.m.	Cowapa League	
SATURDAY		Girls	
Girls Basketball — Adna vs. Ilwaco, at Rochester HS, 2 p.m.	Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 10 a.m.	Cowapa League	
Wrestling — District 1/4A Regionals, Tillamook, TBA; Ilwaco at Dis-		Seaside 7-0	17-4
		Banks 5-2	13-8
		Valley Catholic 5-2	16-5
		Astoria 2-5	9-12
		Scappoose 2-5	9-11
		Tillamook 0-7	8-11
		Lewis & Clark League	
		Portland Chr 14-1	21-3
		Portland Adv 13-2	15-7
		Rainier 11-4	14-8
		De La Salle 9-6	9-14
		OR Episcopal 9-7	14-10
		Clatskanie 6-9	10-13
		Catlin Gabel 2-13	5-18
		Riverdale 2-13	4-17
		Warrenton 2-13	2-21
		Northwest League	
		Vernonia 11-0	19-2
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