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## Top of the draft board shines at Summer League

By **JON KRAWCZYNSKI**  
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The depth and quality of the 2017 NBA draft had teams tanking at the end of the regular season in hopes of vaulting into the top three picks.

With the huge caveat being that it was only summer league action, those at the top of the draft made quite a first impression.

Summer league play ended on Monday night after the Los Angeles Lakers beat Portland in the Las Vegas league championship game. Over leagues played in Orlando, Salt Lake City and Vegas, many of the top 10 picks gave their teams plenty to feel good about before heading into the league's quiet period for the next

two months.

No. 2 pick Lonzo Ball owned Vegas with a pair of triple-doubles and was named Vegas MVP. Top pick Markelle Fultz showed off his wide array of scoring tricks in Utah before sitting out much of Vegas with an ankle injury and No. 3 pick Jayson Tatum of Boston was drawing comparisons to Paul Pierce while dominating both in Utah and Nevada.

The competition these rookies will face will increase exponentially when training camps open in October. And there is a long list of summer league standouts — Nikoloz Tskitshvili, anyone? — who never amounted to anything in the NBA. But for struggling franchises like the Lakers, Sixers, Suns and Kings, seeing some real prom-

ise from their youngsters the first time they step on the court is encouraging.

"Lonzo definitely gave the team a lot of confidence as this thing went along," Lakers coach Luke Walton said. "The way he plays, he's always got his poise about him, just an incredible basketball player and with the unselfish nature he plays the game, it just becomes contagious and I think other guys started picking up and playing off of that."

Winning a summer league title certainly doesn't mean the suffering of the last four years is over for the Lakers. Far from it. The real test comes in a couple of months.

But for several franchises that are in the business of selling hope right now, business is good.



Portland Trail Blazers' Antonius Cleveland shoots around Los Angeles Lakers' Kyle Kuzma during the first half of an NBA summer league basketball game on Monday in Las Vegas.

AP Photo  
 John Locher

### SCOREBOARD

#### CAL RIPKEN BASEBALL

##### STATE TOURNAMENTS

**North Oregon 12U**  
 July 14-16, at Dundee/Newberg  
 Pool Standings

West Linn, 3-0  
 Portland, 2-1  
 Lower Columbia, 1-2  
 Newberg, 0-3

##### Friday's Scores

West Linn 7, Lower Columbia 1  
 Portland 10, Newberg 0

##### Saturday's Scores

West Linn 13, Newberg 4  
 Portland 12, Lower Columbia 4  
 Lower Columbia 14, Newberg 1  
 West Linn 16, Portland 12

##### Sunday's Scores

**Semifinals**  
 West Linn 11, Newberg 0  
 Portland 6, Lower Columbia 1  
**Third Place**  
 Lower Columbia 14, Newberg 4  
**Championship**  
 Portland 8, West Linn 7

##### North Oregon 11U

July 14-16, at Sandy  
 Pool Standings

West Linn, 4-0  
 Sandy, 3-1  
 Lower Columbia, 2-2  
 Gresham, 1-3  
 Lower Columbia Red, 0-4

##### Friday's Scores

West Linn 10, Sandy 0  
 Lower Columbia 17, Gresham 7  
 West Linn 24, Lower Columbia Red 0  
 Sandy 18, Gresham 5  
 Lower Columbia 5, Lower Columbia Red 4

##### Saturday's Scores

West Linn 23, Gresham 0  
 Sandy 14, Lower Columbia 6  
 Gresham 11, Lower Columbia Red 10  
 West Linn 15, Lower Columbia 0  
 Sandy 6, Lower Columbia Red 3

##### Sunday's Scores

**Semifinals**  
 West Linn 15, Gresham 0  
 Sandy 7, Lower Columbia 6  
**Championship**  
 West Linn 6, Sandy 2

##### North Oregon 10U

July 14-16, West Linn  
 Pool Standings

**Blue Division**  
 Lakeridge, 2-0  
 West Linn Tourney, 1-1  
 Dallas, 0-2

##### Red Division

West Linn 10A, 2-0  
 Portland, 1-1  
 Newberg, 0-2

##### White Division

Sandy, 2-0  
 Gresham, 1-1  
 Lower Columbia, 0-2

##### (Lower Columbia Results)

**Friday's Scores**  
 Gresham 14, Lower Columbia 4  
 Sandy 21, Lower Columbia 1

##### Saturday's Scores

**(Bracket Play)**  
 West Linn 10A 12, Lower Columbia 0  
 Lower Columbia 13, Dallas 3

##### Semifinals

West Linn 10A 8, Gresham 7  
 Sandy 12, West Linn Tourney 2

##### Championship

Sandy 4, West Linn 10A 3

## Seager's homer in 10th lifts Mariners over Astros

By **KRISTIE RIEKEN**  
*Associated Press*



Seattle Mariners' Kyle Seager hugs Nelson Cruz after hitting the go-ahead home run off Houston Astros' relief pitcher Tony Sipp during the 10th inning of a baseball game Monday in Houston. The Mariners won 9-7 and will play the Astros again tonight.

HOUSTON — The Seattle Mariners tied a season high by hitting four homers including back-to-back shots by Kyle Seager and Danny Valencia in the 10th inning to get a 9-7 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

However, after the game it wasn't the powerful offense but Jean Segura's defense that everyone was talking about.

Josh Reddick was on second with no outs in the ninth inning when Segura snagged a grounder by Marwin Gonzalez backhanded and threw him out at first. Later in the inning he threw Reddick out at home on a fielder's choice on a ball hit by Nori Aoki. But Segura wasn't done yet. After an intentional walk loaded the bases, Segura had another backhanded grab on a grounder hit by Alex Bregman and tossed it to second for the force out to send it to the 10th.

"The defense (from) Jean throughout there was just unbelievable," manager Scott Servais said. "The backhand stop that was the key out in the inning getting the first out with Marwin Gonzalez. Then the play at home, the backhand with the force play. There was a lot going on that inning."

Segura was asked about the last play of that inning.

"I knew the only chance I had was the force at second," he said. "It was just 'go get it.' It was the last out and if I don't get it or make an error, they win the game. I tried to make the play as quick as I (could)."

And it wasn't just the Mariners who raved about Segura's work.

"Both plays were exceptional plays," A.J. Hinch said. "Obviously, we would love to create more situations for ourselves, but it's hard to argue that he didn't have the most important plays of the game."

The wild back and forth game was tied at 7-7 entering the 10th when Seager, who finished with three hits, connected off Tony Sipp (0-1) on a shot to the seats in right field. Valencia added an insurance run when he launched a slider to center field three pitches later.

#### UP NEXT: MARINERS

• Seattle Mariners (47-47)  
 at Houston Astros (62-31)  
 • Today, 5:10 p.m. TV: RTNW

## Long-distance motorcycle trips seek to empower women

By **JOHN KEKIS**  
*Associated Press*

A year ago Alisa Clickenger helped organize a cross-country motorcycle trip for women to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of a most amazing ride by two sisters from Brooklyn, New York.

The Sisters' Centennial Motorcycle Ride honored the exploits of Augusta and Adeline Van Buren, who in 1916 rode motorcycles more than 5,000 miles (8,000 km) across the country to prove that women could be military motorcycle couriers, able to endure long distances and harsh conditions as well as men.

For Clickenger, it was a breakthrough.

"The ride was important to me," Clickenger said. "It was the realization of a long-held dream of mine to lead a group of women across the

United States on motorcycles. Seeing nearly 250 women on motorcycles in my rearview mirror riding over the Golden Gate Bridge was epic — something I'll never forget. It was very emotional for me."

The ride also helped Clickenger demonstrate what her fledgling company, Women's Motorcycle Tours (<http://www.WomensMotorcycleTours.com>), could accomplish.

"For me, part of riding motorcycles still is the challenge of embracing the unknown, the mastery of machine and also facing my fears and meeting the challenges of an extended motorcycle adventure," said Clickenger, whose company focuses solely on tours for female motorcyclists. "It was the first time I've seen so many manufacturers (Indian and BMW among them) come together for a common goal — promoting women and motorcycling. It was wonderful."

Women own about 14 percent of registered motorcycles, up from 8 percent in 1998, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council's latest numbers. But Genevieve Schmitt, founder and editor of online magazine "Women Riders Now", says those numbers count only new registrations. She says women comprise nearly 25 percent of those who ride (including passengers), and that makes them major players in the riding business.

"Personally, I feel we've kind of seen an exponential growth in the 11 to 12 years that I've had the site," Schmitt said. "There is a whole new market of young girls in their 20s who have taken up riding that we haven't seen, really, in history."

Why are more women taking up motorcycling? Schmitt calls it the "copycat effect. A woman sees another woman riding a motorcycle

and says, 'If she can do it, so can I!'"

Manufacturers such as Harley-Davidson produce entry-level motorcycles but it can still seem "intimidating getting on a powerful vehicle," said Pam Kermisch, a novice rider who works for Polaris, the company that owns Indian and Victory motorcycle brands. "I did all the classroom stuff. That's one thing, but it's another thing to actually get on and do it. Once you do it, it's very doable. I think for a lot of people, that's the scary part. I think the second piece of it is that in order to get confidence you have to do it more."

Which is where Clickenger, who lives in Diamond Bar, California, but is on the road most of the time, comes in. Like just about everybody who rides a motorcycle, she identifies with the credo that the only way to travel is on two wheels. In March, she organized an all-female motorcycle tour

of Cuba. That will be followed by the Colorado Backcountry Discovery Route during the last week of July and a tour of the American Southwest in October departing from Las Vegas.

"My company tagline is life-changing experiences on two wheels," Clickenger said. "The bottom line is it's about empowerment, and the feeling of freedom — freedom from our fears, freedom from societal constraints, freedom from our own self-constructed, pre-conceived constraints and breaking those boundaries."

Clickenger says she isn't concerned that catering to women limits her company's potential. In fact, that's the ulterior motive to her venture.

"The joy I find bringing women together to ride and explore and become empowered through mastery over machine is what drives me," said Clickenger.