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McCullum, Trail Blazers beat Thunder

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OKLAHOMA CITY — While Damian Lillard tries to get past a lingering injury, the Portland Trail Blazers are relying on each other to fashion a nice run of positive results.

CJ McCollum had 27 points and seven assists, and the Trail Blazers beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 117-106 on Tuesday night in the opener of a four-game trip.

Shabazz Napier added 21 points and Jusuf Nurkic had 20 points and eight rebounds for Portland, which moved past Oklahoma City into second in the Northwest Division standings with its seventh win in its last nine games against the Thunder.

Portland has won four of five overall despite playing most of that stretch without Lillard, who sat out for the seventh time in the last nine games with a left calf strain.

"There's not as much pressure," McCollum said. "Obviously, you're down a guy like Damian, who's able to do everything, and can take over a quarter and bail us out at times. When we come on a road trip like this, the guys are like, 'Oh, Damian's hurt. We're not supposed to win.' I think everybody plays a little bit looser, understanding that we're playing against upper-tier Western Conference competition."

"Executing and playing the right way has been big for us and being comfortable with making aggressive mistakes, then moving on."

HIGH SCHOOL HOOPS ROUNDUP



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Ryan Hague drives to the basket for Seaside against Cascade.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Wrestling — Seaside/Tillamook at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Girls basketball — Knappa at Columbia Christian, 6 p.m.; Crosshill Christian at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at Ocosta, 7 p.m.

Boys basketball — Knappa at Columbia Christian, 7:45 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Astoria 41, Estacada 40

Astoria 6 14 8 13—41

Estacada 9 17 5 9—40

AST (41): Josh Olson 13, Hunt 9, Stenblom 7, Tice 5, K.Johnson 5, Brockman 2, Long.

EST (40): Gabriel Martinez 12, Calvin Dryden 12, Syring 9, Keller 7.

Seaside 71, Cascade 50

Cascade 13 9 9 19—50

Seaside 17 16 22 16—71

CAS (50): Treyden Harris 16, Sampson 14, Rosenau 8, Starnes 4, LeDay 4, Molan 2, Duncan 2.

SEA (71): Chase Januik 20, Hague 14, Westerholm 13, Thompson 8, Br. Johnson 7, Landwehr 3, Sibony 2, Carter 2, Ritterby 2.

Ilwaco 67, Ocosta 58

Ocosta 20 13 7 18—58

Ilwaco 8 20 17 22—67

OCO (58): Kobe Beck 17, Halton 13, Bailey 11, Alton 9, Dueber 6, Bjornsgard 2.

ILW (67): Reese Tynkila 19, Kaino 14, Whiting 13, Baze 10, Te.Ramsey 6, Sheldon 5, Glenn.

Naselle 51, Firm Foundation 33

Naselle 12 22 9 8—51

F.Foundation 5 9 11 8—33

NAS (51): Jacob Eaton 15, Glenn 11, Dorman 9, Edwards 5, Gregory 5, Fontanilla 4, Lindstrom 2, Fauver.

FF (33): Andrew Rommel 8, Maunu 7, Close 6, Richter 6, Kogler 4, Helmes 2.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Astoria 61, Estacada 29

Astoria 19 16 18 8—61

Estacada 5 11 3 10—29

AST (61): Kajsa Jackson 12, Cummings 10, O'Brien 10, Hemsley 9, Helmersen 7, Hankwitz 6, Long 4, Rogers 2, Fausett 1, Norris.

EST (29): Isabelle Hagel 10, Porter 7, Nakashimada 6, Jennings 3, Mireles 2, Crombie 1.

Cascade 56, Seaside 24

Cascade 16 18 11 11—56

Seaside 4 8 8 4—24

CAS (56): Gracie Rasmussen 10, Halle Wright 10, Cade 9, Molan 6, Boyles 6, Barber 4, Bangert 4, Loukojarvi 3, Woods 2, Olson 2.

SEA (24): Gretchen Hoekstre 14, Garhofer 4, Angulo-Joli 2, Babbitt 2, Davis 2, Ideue, Zagata, Kiser, Smart.

Warrenton 41, Portland Chr. 35

P.Christian 9 2 13 11—35

Warrenton 13 7 15 6—41

PC (35): Jaela McKinney 11, DeLucia 9, Howard 7, Conard 5, Hansen 3.

WAR (41): Fernanda Alvarez 11, M.Blodgett 10, Bussert 8, Little 7, Dyer 3, Heyen 2, Ramsey, Diego.

Cascade Cougars can't catch Seaside; Gulls win, 71-50

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The Cascade Cougars have seen enough of the Cowapa League, thank you very much.

Fortunately for the Cougs, Tuesday night's 71-50 nonleague boys basketball loss to Seaside was the last Cascade will see of the Cowapa, barring a playoff meeting.

The Cougars are rated eighth in the latest OSAA Class 4A rankings — which would make them fourth in the six-team Cowapa.

And against the Cowapa's top three teams, the Cougars haven't had a chance.

Cascade has lost five games, and that list includes losses to No. 1-ranked Banks (74-38), fourth-ranked Valley Catholic (60-33) and now the 21-point loss to the No. 3-ranked Gulls.

The Cougars did manage to beat Scappoose last week, the Cowapa team that will compete at the 5A level next season.

Seaside trailed 13-8 early in Tuesday's game, but by late second quarter, the Gulls were running circles around the taller Cougars.

A 3-pointer by Chase Januik and a three-point play by Payton Westerholm gave Seaside a 33-22 lead at the break.

Januik and Ryan Hague both drained 3-pointers early in the second half for Seaside.

Duncan Thompson and Rafi Sibony added baskets, and the Gulls had secured another win by the middle of the third quarter.

Januik led all scorers with 20 points, followed by Hague with 14 and Westerholm with 13.

Cascade clips Seaside girls, 56-24

SEASIDE — A hot-shooting Cascade team left Seaside with a 56-24 win Tuesday night, in a nonleague girls basketball game at the Gulls' Nest.

The No. 6-ranked Cougars led from start to finish, scoring the first eight points of the game and building a 34-12 halftime lead.

Cascade highlighted the first half with a pair of buzzer-beaters — 3-pointers by Kirstin Cade to end the first quarter and Halle Wright to end the second.

Gracie Rasmussen and Wright scored 10 points apiece for Cascade, while Gretchen Hoekstre had 14 points to lead the Gulls, who lost their fourth straight.



Jessica Angulo-Joli, right, battles for a rebound for Seaside against Cascade.

Astoria boys snap losing streak at Estacada

ESTACADA — Karsten Johnson hit a 3-pointer with 12 seconds left, and the Astoria boys basketball team snapped a six-game losing skid on the road Tuesday night with a 41-40 win over Estacada.

Johnson's late score put the Fishermen up by one, and Astoria held on from there to score a much-needed road victory.

"We played good defense and made the stop at the end," said Astoria coach Kevin Goin. "We won at all four levels (boys' and girls' varsity and junior varsity games), so it was good for us."

Josh Olson scored 13 points to lead Astoria, which trailed 26-20 at halftime, then outscored the Rangers 21-14 in the second half.

Ian Hunt added nine points for the Fishermen, who improve to 3-10, while the Rangers drop to 1-11. Astoria hosts Stayton Friday.

Astoria girls pound Estacada, 61-29

ESTACADA — The Astoria Lady Fishermen continued their climb up the 4A rankings Tuesday night, as they scored an easy 61-29 nonleague girls basketball win at Estacada.

Now rated seventh in the OSAA rankings, Astoria led 19-5 after one quarter.

A balanced scoring attack helped the Lady Fish build a 53-19 lead going into the final period, as sophomore Kajsa Jackson paced Astoria with 12 points, followed by junior Gracie Cummings and sophomore Hailey O'Brien with 10 apiece. Junior Sam Hemsley tossed in nine points for Astoria, 8-4 overall.

The Lady Fish host Stayton Friday.

Seven straight wins for Warrenton girls

WARRENTON — The Warrenton girls basketball team was held far below their scoring average Tuesday night, but a win's a win for the Warriors, who held off Portland Christian 41-35 for their seventh victory in a row.

The upstart Royals trailed just 13-9 after one quarter, but Warrenton had increased its lead to 20-11 by halftime, and held off Portland Christian from there.

Fernanda Alvarez and Morgan Blodgett combined for 21 of Warrenton's 41 points.

The 12th-ranked Warriors improve to 5-2 for third place in the Lewis & Clark League standings.

Portland Christian defeated Warrenton in the boys' game, 44-27.

Ilwaco boys rally for win over Ocosta

ILWACO, Wash. — Ilwaco overcame a 20-8 deficit after one quarter Tuesday night, in a 67-58 win over Ocosta in a Pacific 2B League boys basketball game.

The Fishermen outscored the Wildcats 37-20 over the second and third quarters to avoid the big upset.

Ilwaco had four players in double figures, led by Reese Tynkila's 19 points. Alex Kaino added 14, Daniel Whiting had 13 and Calvin Baze scored 10.

Naselle boys score win over Firm Foundation

BATTLE GROUND, Wash. — Jacob Eaton scored 15 points, and Kolby Glenn tossed in 11 to help the Naselle Comets to a 51-33 win at Firm Foundation, in a Washington 1B league boys basketball game Tuesday.

The Comets went on a 22-9 run in the second quarter.