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Athletes of the Week



FERNANDA ALVAREZ
 Warrenton

The Daily Astorian

The Warrenton Lady Warriors are the hottest basketball team at the 3A level, riding a seven-game win streak. Alvarez, a junior, has played a big role in the run, with career highs in several statistical categories. Warrenton won home games vs. Catlin Gabel, Oregon Episcopal and Portland Christian, and a road contest at De La Salle. Alvarez led the Warriors in scoring in all four, from 11 points against Portland Christian, 13 vs. Catlin Gabel, 16 against OES, and a career-high 18 vs. Riverdale.



LUKE GOOZEE
 Knappa

Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian

The junior for the Class 2A Loggers had a big performance Dec. 5-6 at Seaside in the annual Pac Rim Tournament. Wrestling at 132 pounds, Goozee opened with an 18-second pin over Vernonia's Cash Henson, followed by pins over Braydon Merrow-Hansen of 4A Scappoose (59 seconds) and Matthew LaVoie of 5A St. Helens (43 seconds). In the final against Emilio Jimenez of 6A Tigard, Goozee scored a late reversal to tie the match at 10-10, before Jimenez picked up a one-point escape for an 11-10 victory. Goozee is 18-4 on the season.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Livingstone rallies for OT win vs Jewell girls

SALEM — A late rally by Livingstone Adventist forced overtime, and the Lions outscored Jewell in the extra frame for a 28-24 win over the Lady Jays in a Casco League girls basketball game Tuesday.

Jewell had rallied from a 14-5 halftime deficit and held a three-point lead with 1:20 left in regulation, before Livingstone Adventist rallied to tie the game.

Emma Guillen led Jewell with 11 points, 14 rebounds and eight steals. Gabi Morales added six points and Lilly Kaczynski pulled down seven rebounds.

Boys

Lions 56, Blue Jays 43

SALEM — Ben Stahly had a monster game for Jewell with 22 points and 17 rebounds, but Livingstone Adventist scored the win late Tuesday, 56-43, in a Casco League boys basketball game.

Ryan Kane chipped in seven points, six steals and five assists for Jewell, which trailed 36-13 at halftime.

— *The Daily Astorian*

Raiders vs Seahawks in 1st NFL game at new Tottenham stadium

LONDON — The Oakland Raiders will host the Seattle Seahawks in the first NFL game at the new London stadium of English Premier League club Tottenham.

The game will be played in week six of the season on Oct. 14.

Tottenham, the Premier League runner-up last season, is building a new 60,000-plus capacity venue on the site of the White Hart Lane stadium that was recently demolished.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

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.

FRIDAY

Girls basketball — Stayton at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Warrenton at De La Salle, 6 p.m.; Chief Leschi at Ilwaco, 5:45 p.m.; Naselle at South Bend, 5:45 p.m.

Boys basketball — Stayton at Astoria, 7 p.m.; North Marion at Seaside, 6 p.m.; Warrenton at De La Salle, 7:45 p.m.; Chief Leschi at Ilwaco, 7 p.m.; Naselle at South Bend, 7 p.m.

Paul's season-high 37 leads Rockets over Blazers 121-112

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
 Associated Press

HOUSTON — With James Harden injured, the Houston Rockets are figuring out different ways to make up for the offense the league's leading scorer normally provides.

On Wednesday night, that meant Chris Paul took 29 shots and finished with a season-high 37 points to help the Rockets to a 121-112 win over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Paul tied his career high for field-goal attempts in a regulation game. He took 33 shots and scored 42 points in a double-overtime game with New Orleans in 2008.

His 37 points were the most by a Rocket besides Harden since Jeremy Lin had 38 against San Antonio on Dec. 10, 2012.

Paul, who made 13 field goals, was asked if he realized he'd come close to taking the most shots in his career.

"I don't know," he said. "It kind of felt like it. Like goodness. I missed a lot, too. That's what I'm mad about."

Portland coach Terry Stotts said Paul was tough to stop.

"He was exceptional," Stotts said. "He really controlled the game, like he can do. His shot-making was as good as I've seen."

Eric Gordon added 30 points as the Rockets withstood a late run to win their second straight.

The Blazers used a big run to cut a 14-point deficit to three with about three minutes left. Houston responded with a 6-2 run, capped by a 3-pointer from Paul, to make it 111-104 about a minute later.

Damian Lillard made a layup on the other end, but Paul cut through three defenders to make an off-balance layup to push the lead to 113-106.

The Blazers couldn't get the ball in after a timeout, Houston got the ball back and Clint Capela added two free throws to secure the victory.

The Rockets won their second straight and improved to 3-2 in five games without Harden, who is out for at least two weeks with a hamstring injury.

Lillard scored 29 after missing the last two games with a strained right calf, and C.J. McCollum added 24 points as the Blazers saw a three-game winning streak snapped.

Paul had 11 assists, seven rebounds and three steals, and Capela added 13 points with eight rebounds.

Gerald Green scored all of Houston's points in a 5-2 run that extended the lead to 103-89 midway through the fourth period. He finished with 12 points and has scored in double digits in seven straight games for the first time since 2015.

"We're having to manufacture points in different ways," Paul said. "Gerald continues to be great and be aggressive. ... James averages 30 and we're just doing it by committee."



AP Photo/Michael Wyke

Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul goes up for a 3-point shot between Portland Trail Blazers forward Ed Davis and guard Shabazz Napier during the first half of Wednesday's game in Houston.

UP NEXT: BLAZERS

• Portland Trail Blazers (22-19) at New Orleans Pelicans (20-20)
 • Friday, 5 p.m. TV: NSNW

Lillard scored the first seven points of an 11-0 spurt that got the Trail Blazers within 103-100 with about 3 1/2 minutes left.

Paul received a technical in that span for arguing about a foul called on P.J. Tucker.

The Rockets led by nine entering the fourth quarter and were up by 11 with about 7 1/2 minutes remaining after Gordon scored four points. He made a layup before missing a shot on the next possession, only to grab it with one hand and finish with a dunk that made it 98-87.

Portland's Ed Davis was called for a flagrant foul late in the third when he hit Tarik Black in the right eye as Black dunked. Black remained on the court for a couple of minutes before being helped to his feet and escorted to the locker room, holding a towel over his right eye. The team said he had an abrasion to his right eye and he'll miss Friday's game.

Paul made the free throw on that

play, and Tucker added a layup after that to extend the lead to 84-74.

The Rockets led 55-45 at halftime.

Tip-ins

Trail Blazers: Lillard had eight assists and five rebounds and made 10 of 12 free throws. ... Portland had six blocks, led by Jusuf Nurkic's three.

Rockets: Black tied a season high with 13 points. ... Nene missed his fourth straight game with a bruised right knee. ... Gordon has scored 20 or more points in 21 games this season after doing so in only 19 games last season.

Nice putback

Gordon's teammates were impressed with his dunk in the fourth quarter. Paul called it "sick."

"I surprise myself sometimes," Gordon said with a laugh. "When I saw it floating in the air, I just went after it."

He said it

Lillard on being unable to combat Houston's runs: "When you're dealing with a team that shoots 3s as much as them and as well, you can't give them extra possessions and I thought we did that on too many occasions."

Seahawks fire Bevell, Cable

By TIM BOOTH
 Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — What's expected to be an offseason makeover for the Seattle Seahawks is starting with its coaching staff.

The Seahawks fired offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell and offensive line coach Tom Cable on Wednesday. Bevell was in charge of calling plays, while Cable was responsible for a run game and offensive line that failed to meet expectations.

It was a stunning sweep for head coach Pete Carroll, who has been immensely loyal to his assistants during his tenure. Carroll's only other significant firing was offensive coordinator Jeremy Bates following the 2010 season, Carroll's first in Seattle.

Seattle has been backsliding since appearing in the Super Bowl three years ago. The Seahawks missed the playoffs for the first time since 2011 after going 9-7 this season. It was clear there would be significant personnel changes going into 2018 and it started with the coaching staff.

Bevell and Cable had been with the team since 2011, responsible for developing an offense that was good enough to appear in two straight Super Bowls but that had regressed since. Bevell was let go on Tuesday night, according to ProFootballTalk.com, which first reported the move, and Cable was dismissed a day later. It seemed unlikely Cable would be retained after Bevell was let go.

Making wholesale changes is a massive departure for Carroll. Both in the college ranks at Southern California and during his successful tenure in Seattle, there was never the need to completely remodel the coaching staff. If coaches left, it was because they were getting better opportunities elsewhere, something Carroll has relished.

Carroll hinted that changes were likely when he recapped the 2017 season last week. It may be his last chance to refashion the Seahawks into a championship contender. Carroll is the oldest coach in the league at 66 — although he often acts like the youngest — and has two years remaining on his contract.

While Bevell was able to develop Russell Wilson into a top quarterback and create an offense good enough to win a Super Bowl, he was never able to escape the shadow of the play call made at the conclusion of the Super Bowl against New England. Rather than a run from the 1-yard line in the final minute, Bevell called for a pass that was intercepted by Malcolm Butler and cost Seattle its chance at a second straight title.