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McCollum scores 35 to lead Trail Blazers over Clippers

By JOE REEDY
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — CJ McCollum scored 35 points, Jusuf Nurkic and Damian Lillard added 20 apiece and the Portland Trail Blazers snapped the Los Angeles Clippers' five-game winning streak with a 125-104 victory Tuesday night.

McCollum, who was 12 of 21 from the field and made six 3-pointers, took control of the game during the fourth quarter as the Trail Blazers broke things open with a 21-5 run. Portland led 95-94 with 8:50 remaining before going on a 15-3 spurt that included 13 straight points by McCollum, including three 3-pointers.

The Clippers — who were on the end of back-to-back games — led for most of the first 30 minutes before the Trail Blazers went on an 11-3 run to go up 75-68 with 4:55 remaining in the third quarter. McCollum and Lillard completed the run with 3s. Los Angeles slowly crept back and was within one in the fourth before Portland took control.

Montrezl Harrell had 22 points and Lou Williams added 18 for the Clippers, who had won eight of their previous 10.

There were four lead changes until the Clippers scored eight straight points to take a 19-12 lead with 4:08 remaining in the first quarter. They would be up by as many as eight (43-35) midway through the second quarter until the Blazers went on a late run to close the quarter and get within 52-50 at halftime.

UP NEXT: TRAIL BLAZERS

- Portland Trail Blazers (41-26) at New Orleans Pelicans (30-40)
- Friday, 5 p.m. TV: NSNW



KNAPPA'S ENGBLOM NAMED FIRST-TEAM ALL-STATE

Krissy Barendse-Goodman

Knappa senior Timber Engblom capped his high school basketball career by being selected 2A first-team all-state.

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One final award from the 2018-19 basketball season for two Knappa Loggers this week, as senior Timber Engblom and junior Eli Takalo were both selected to the Class 2A all-state team.

Engblom was a first-team selection, while Takalo was named third team.

Earlier, Engblom was Knappa's lone selection to the 2A all-state tournament squad, the only senior on the first team.

Engblom joined Columbia Christian sophomores Ben Gregg and Elijah Munyan (both unanimous selections), junior Payton Richardson of Western Christian, and Toledo junior Conner Marchant on the first team.



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Eli Takalo was named third team all-state following his junior season with the Loggers.

Astoria golfers open season at OES

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The Astoria girls golf team opened the spring season Monday in a tournament hosted by Oregon Episcopal, at Broadmoor Golf Course in Portland.

Team scores were not available.

The Lady Fishermen had five golfers competing, led by senior Samantha Hemsley with a 102.

Jenna Travers followed with a 112, and the Astoria scores were rounded out by Katie Boutin (140), Xochitl Perez (149) and Annalyse Steele (151).

Boutin and Perez were playing their first 18-hole rounds.

Astoria is scheduled to play at North Marion's invitational next Monday at Langdon Farms.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY

Baseball — Knappa at Warrenton, 4 p.m.
Softball — Gladstone at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Seaside at Molalla, 4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Baseball — Astoria at Gladstone, 5 p.m.; Naselle at Knappa, 4 p.m.
Softball — Astoria at Clatskanie, 4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Baseball — North Marion at Astoria, 5 p.m.; Nestucca at Warrenton, 4 p.m.
Softball — Seaside at Gladstone, 5 p.m.; Nestucca at Warrenton, 4 p.m.
Track — Astoria at Cotton Invitational, 4:30 p.m.; Seaside at Grant, 4:30 p.m.

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St. Mary's celebrates after defeating Gonzaga in Las Vegas.

Saint Mary's knocks off No. 1 Gonzaga 60-47 for WCC title

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Saint Mary's ended the nation's longest winning streak and Gonzaga's six-year reign as West Coast Conference Tournament champions, grinding out a 60-47 victory in the title game on Tuesday night.

Saint Mary's (22-11) all but shut down the nation's highest-scoring team by slowing the game and forcing Gonzaga to grind out possessions instead of playing fast and free. The Gaels held Gonzaga's leading scorer Rui Hachimura in check and limited the Zags (30-3) to 2-of-17 shooting from 3-point range to end the nation's longest winning streak at 21 games.

Gonzaga's 18-game WCC tournament winning streak, dating to the 2012 title game, also came to an end, and so too could its bid for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Instead of waiting for Selection Sunday, Saint Mary's left no doubt by earning its first trip to the NCAA Tournament since 2017 with its first WCC title in nine years. Jordan Ford had 17 points and Tanner Krebs scored 13 for the Gaels.

Brandon Clarke led Gonzaga with 16 points and Hachimura was held to nine, nearly 11 under his average.

Gonzaga dominated the WCC during the regular season, finishing 16-0 while winning by a conference-record 27 points per game.

Two of those wins came against Saint Mary's: 66-55 in Moraga and 94-46 in Spokane.

The Bulldogs cruised into their 20th straight title game under coach Mark Few — and 22nd overall — by crushing Pepperdine 100-74 in Monday's semifinals.

Saint Mary's controlled the pace in round three against Gonzaga, bogging down the Zags' offense and forcing them into difficult shots. Gonzaga struggled to get anything to fall, open or not, scoring a season-low 24 points by halftime and missing six of its seven 3-point attempts.

The Zags also had a hard time containing Krebs. The junior, who averages 8.9 points per game, had 13 by halftime to push the Gaels to a 27-24 lead. Saint Mary's did it with second-leading scorer Malik Fitts limited to less than a minute because of foul trouble.

Saint Mary's continued to bog down Gonzaga and Fitts scored eight quick points to open the second half. The Gaels extended the lead to 48-41 with 7½ minutes left and answered every time Gonzaga tried to make a run.

Saint Mary's played arguably its best game of the season at the best possible time. Now it's on to the NCAA Tournament.

Gonzaga was never able to speed the Gaels up and rev up their high-scoring offense, showing a weakness that could be exploited in the NCAA Tournament.

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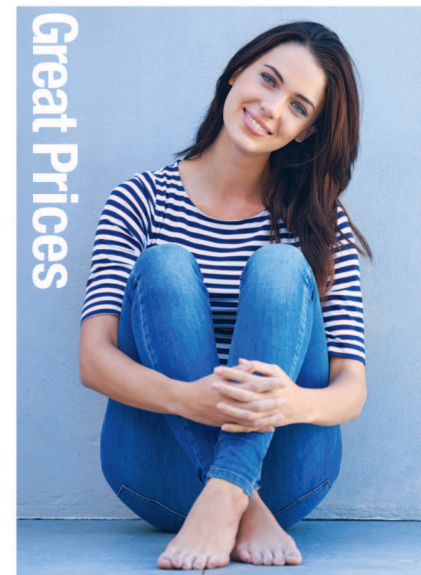
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