

SPORTS

U OF P FLICKER 3 BEATS SAN FRANCISCO

BY DANNY BELL

In what he called a "launch" Kasey Flicker heaved a 30 foot shot to beat the buzzer and beat the San Francisco Dons 79-76 in an astounding come from behind win for the University of Portland in the final seconds of the game "It was a launch, Flicker said its one of a 1000 shots to go in. Once in a while, I kind of play around (with a long shot), but nothing serious. I've never made a shot like that in this kind of situation."

Flicker's shot gave the Pilots (19-7, 10-4) their 15 consecutive victory at home and the first second place finish, in the West Coast Conference. The Pilots will play Pepperdine in the first round of the WCC tournament Saturday at Santa Clara Calif.

Flicker step up big twice as the Pilots battled to come from behind in the final seconds of the fourth quarter.

He made a crucial 3 pointer with 43, seconds to tie the score at 76-76.

On that play, Flicker curled around to the top of the key, took a pass from Lemont Daniels and made the shot.

Coming off the bench Flicker accounted for 12 points, was 4 for 7 and all his baskets were from 3 point land.

"My teammates have confidence in me shooting that shot"



Kasey Flicker, player for the University of Portland Pilots

Flicker said. "They give me the ball in those situations, and thankfully (the shots) went in.

Luck was with the Pilots as well. The Dons (10-8, 4-10) had an opportunity to ice the game

with 36 seconds left San Francisco coach Jim Bovelli called a time out and drew up a play designed

for point guard Ryan Brass to hold the ball, penetrate and either shoot or pass the ball to a teammate.

Brass held the ball until there was eight seconds on the clock he drove into the lane and tried to dish it off to Booker T. Washington with one second left on the shot clock. Washington trying to catch the ball and shoot in one motion mishandled the ball and it went out of bounds.

"We wanted to spread the court and take the last shot. Brovelli said" We had the court spread out, Brass penetrated into the paint and then he makes the decision to shoot or dish (the ball) off. He decided to dish it, and it just didn't work for us.

In the first half San Francisco gave Portland all they could handle leading the game 24-17 with 11:47 left. Flicker hit two 3 pointers, closing the gap to 26-25 but the Don's surge ahead again with 10-4 run that gave them the lead 36-29 with 6:24 left.

Ray Ross who was among 4 Pilots in double figures, scored two 3.s helping UP to close out the half with a 13-5 run and a 42-41 halftime lead.

Canaan Chatman also scored 15 and Curt Ranta added 12 as the pilot managed to win their third straight close game.

Recently the Pilots have beaten San Diego by two, and Gonzaga by three points.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Basketball

Shaq Suspended

Orlando Magic Shaquille O'Neal was suspended for one game with out pay and fined \$5,000 for hitting Boston Celtic center Eric Montross in a game Friday.

Rambis Signs

Forward Kurt Rambis, 37, who began the season on the Lakers coaching staff has been signed to play for the remainder of the season for the L.A. Lakers.

Jackson Out

Jim Jackson, Dallas Mavericks guard, says he expects to miss the rest of this season. Jackson the highest scoring guard and fifth best overall at 26 points a game, severely sprained and partially dislocated his left ankle in Friday's nights loss to New Jersey.

Boxing

McClellan Still Critical

Boxer Gerald McClellan who fought Nigel Benn Saturday remain in critical condition in a London hospital on life support after having a large blood clot removed from his brain.

Doctors said the next 48 hours would be critical to recovery for the 27 year old American, who was knocked down twice in the 10th round, of a World Boxing Council Super Middle Weight bout.

Holyfield Ban Lifted

Evander Holyfield gained ground in his bid to return to the ring when Nevada boxing officials agreed to lift the former heavyweight's boxing suspension. Although members of Nevada's State's Athletic Commission refrained from giving a full endorsement to Holyfield citing that some questions remain to be answered before he could be licensed in the state. The 4-1 vote to lift the suspension after Holyfield was diagnosed with an enlarged heart and ventricle problems clears the way for Holyfield to seek licensing in other states.

DUCKS WRAP-UP BOWL PROFITS, PRESTIGE

On the Rose Bowl field, the Ducks played a game every Oregonian can recall with pride.

But the University of Oregon's first appearance at the Rose Bowl in 37 years was a solid success off the field as well, bringing the university both increased national and international prestige and upwards of \$1 million in direct and indirect income.

As this year's participating Pacific 10 conference representative, the university got roughly \$1.3 million from the conference to cover expenses. Careful oversight of expense fund money resulted in saving almost \$200,000 which will be used to improve athletic facilities.

In addition, monetary benefits will flow from a number of other sources:

After expenses, income to the university from the licensing of Duck merchandise will total as much as \$300,000. This will provide seed money for future merchandising ventures, fund scholarships and help finance the university's child development center.

Income from Duck memorabilia sold through the university bookstore made it possible to boost the discount offered to students and faculty at the cooperative, from 9 percent to 10 percent. A portion of the

merchandising income at the university's Portland Center bookstore will also help offset operating costs.

The University of Oregon Foundation's annual giving program has seen a surge, with the university's telefund raising \$300,00 over last year at this time and direct mail fund-raising has doubled. Donations to the university athletic program also increased dramatically around the time of the game, making 1994 a record year for the Duck Athletic Fund.

The university Alumni Association saw a doubling of the rate at which they signed on new dues-paying members.

The university's admission office has seen a big increase in requests for information and application materials and a 34 percent increase in the list of prospective students over the same period a year ago, university officials said.

The University of Oregon had a moment on the world stage with coverage of the game, the parade and surrounding events on every major network and in nearly every paper in the nation. Among the highlights:

The university's two 30-second messages of academic excellence were beamed to more than 200 million viewers worldwide at the game's half-time break.

ABC broadcast a special feature story on the Ducks on Good Morning America, Jan. 2.

NBC's Tonight Show featured a "couch potato" race between Oregon Alumni Association Director Don Rodriguez and a Penn State booster.

Los Angeles' most-watched morning show, on station KTLA, featured Oregon President Dave Frohnmayer, the university rally squad and about 25 other Duck fans.

All four networks showcased the Oregon Marching Band and rally squad in the Tournament of Roses Parade.

On Dec. 29, for the first time in history, a non-Disneyland costumed character was allowed into the Magic Kingdom - the UO Duck. The event was broadcast over the Disney Channel and fed to 800 stations via satellite.

The Oregon football team offered a Yew Year's Day greeting on ABC's Good Morning America.

The CBS Morning Show featured the university's Green Garter Band.

Willard Scott declared he was "a Quacker Backer" on NBC's "Today Show."

According to the Register-Guard, the Ducks' trip to Pasadena was the second biggest story of the year in local news, No. 6 in state

news and No. 1 in local sports. The Eugene daily produced special sections Jan. 1 and Jan. 2.

The Oregonian ranked the Rose Bowl No. 6 among Oregon's top 10 stories and produced an eight page Sports Extra section on Jan. 1 and a special front page section, also eight pages, on Jan. 2.

And Portland broadcast stations aired Oregon Rose Bowl stories on both their news and sports reports every day for nearly three weeks.

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BENSON CLINCHES PIL

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Benson managed to pull off a come from behind win to secure it third consecutive P.I.L. title. Behind the fourth quarter heroics of Jason Franklin, who earlier in the game was suffering from a shooting slump, Franklin came back in the fourth quarter and scored 14 points.

Bringing Benson from behind to clinch a 61-54 victory over Jefferson at home.

Benson finished the regular season 21-1 overall and 17-1 in the league and was rated the number 1 high school team in the state.

Franklin, who score a game high 27 points, made 6 of 9 in the

fourth quarter including two 3 pointers.

he out scored Jefferson 14-12 by himself in the final quarter, he finished 11 of 25 from the field and 3 of 11 from 3 point range. "I have a lot of confidence in my shot," said Franklin, a 6 foot 4 inch senior guard. "I know it's going to go in sooner or later."

Jefferson (17-6, 13-5) led after three quarters 42-39.

But the Democrats didn't have an answer for Franklin fourth quarter shooting display.

Jefferson also exacerbate the situation by going scoreless four minutes until Ime Udoka scored with just 10 seconds left.

"We had to step up our game on

defense and box out K'zell (Wesson)," Franklin said. "We went into a zone and they didn't handle it very well."

Wesson, a 6-6 senior center contributed 21 points but score only four points in the fourth quarter. Tyrone Hammick added 13 points for the Demo's, who will need three wins in the class 4 A state sub tournament to advance to the final 16 in Memorial Coliseum.

By virtue of capturing the P.I.L. title Benson earned a direct berth to the Coliseum. The Techmen have failed to make the championship game in the last two years. However expectations are high that they may remedy that problem this year.

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