

# SPORTS

## ANDERSON RALLIES BLAZERS IN 4TH

Of all the impressive statistics that the hot, young Portland Trail Blazers have put together, one stands out to coach Mike Dunleavy.

The Blazers are 3-1 in games when they've trailed entering the final quarter.

They did it again Monday night as Kenny Anderson scored 15 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter as Portland came back from a 12-point halftime deficit to win its fifth in a row, 86-82 over the Detroit Pistons.

"One of the most impressive things about our team is its resilience," Dunleavy said. "We're a young team, but I like our character. There has been zero quit period, not even a thought along those lines. I think we're building some confidence in we're able to do this night after night."

The Pistons, who led by as many 15 points in the second quarter, lost their fifth in a row, their longest skid since Doug Collins became coach.

The Blazers' 5-1 start is their best since they went 6-0 in 1992.

Anderson scored Portland's first

seven points in the fourth quarter, then clinched the victory by sinking 7-of-8 free throws down the stretch. He also had 11 assists.

"Kenny Anderson was spectacular," Collins said. "It's the best I've seen him play."

Isaiah Rider, 1-for-7 from the field in the first half, scored nine points in the third quarter as the Blazers erased most of a 47-35 halftime deficit and trailed 62-60 entering the final period.

Arvydas Sabonis had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Portland before fouling out with 4:08 to play.

Grant Hill scored 21 for Detroit, but was just 6-for-19 from the field and had just four points and three turnovers in the fourth quarter, when he was hounded by Portland's Stacey Augman.

"He was tired," Augman, an ex-Piston, said of Hill. "They played last night. I wouldn't want to take on Grant Hill when he wasn't playing back-to-back nights."

Hill gave Augmon credit.

"It seems like the guys we get rid of come back to haunt us," Hill said. "We probably never would have gotten rid of him if he'd played that well for us."

Brian Williams had 19 points. Theo Ratliff, a last-minute substitute for Grant Long in the starting lineup, had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

"The effort was great," Hill said. "We still aren't all the way there, but if we come out and play as hard as we did, we'll be in most games and have a chance to win most games. If we'd played last night in Vancouver the way we did tonight, we would have won the game."

The Pistons, halfway through a four-game West Coast road trip, lost 104-96 in overtime in Vancouver Sunday night.

Portland never led until Anderson's 3-pointer put the Blazers up 65-62 with 10:41 to play. Detroit, which didn't score for the first 4:29 of the fourth quarter, regained the lead 66-65 on Malik Sealy's three-point play with 6:49 to



Gary Trent (Forward), Rasheed Wallace (Forward), and Arvydas Sabonis (Center).

go.

Anderson's two free throws put the Blazers up for good 67-66 with 6:19 remaining. Then Anderson fed Sabonis from the top of the key for a stuff shot to make it 69-66. Anderson's last 3-pointer gave Port-

land a 75-69 lead.

Detroit twice cut the lead to three, the last at 79-76 on Hill's drive with 1:23 to play. Augmon, who left Detroit last season after a rift with Collins, scored four points in the last 1:34, including

a 7-foot jumper that gave Portland an 81-76 lead with 34.5 seconds to play.

Lindsey Hunter's 3-pointer sliced the lead to 84-82 with six seconds to go, but Anderson hit two free throws to clinch the win.

### Power Falls to Xplosion



Elaine Powell

Crystal Robinson hit a 12-foot jumper with seven seconds left to lift the Colorado Xplosion to a 65-64 American Basketball League victory over the Portland Power on Sunday night.

Robinson, who finished with 18 points, scored 11 of the Xplosion's final 13 points. Colorado (4-6) rallied from a 57-52 deficit in the final four minutes.

The Xplosion had to overcome an erratic first half that saw them turn the ball over 20 times, an ABL record, then had only three turnovers in the second half.

The Power (7-3) outscored the Xplosion 17-9 in the second period to edge to a 26-24 lead at the half.

Tari Phillips scored 22 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead the Xplosion.

Elaine Powell led Portland with 18 points, followed by DeLisha Milton with 14 and Natalie Williams had 11.

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### Ducks Shock No. 6 Huskies

Akili Smith hooked up with Pat Johnson for a 29-yard touchdown pass with 2:23 to play as Oregon shocked sixth-ranked Washington, 31-28, virtually eliminating its injury-depleted Pac-10 foe from the national championship picture.

Washington (7-2, 5-1 Pac-10) overcame an 18-point halftime deficit to take a 28-24 lead with 6:38 to go when freshman Marques Tuiasosopo, starting in place of the injured Brock Huard, hit Ja'Warren Hooker with a 42-yard touchdown pass.

Smith drove the Ducks 73 yards in 10 plays, taking nearly 5 1/2 minutes off the clock, and found a diving Johnson in the right side of the end zone for the go-ahead score.

"The DB played me bump-and-run, but he was trying to take away the slant. He was right in my face and I just ran past him," Johnson said.

"He recovered and the ball was out there, and I just dove and caught it."

"When we came to the line, we

wanted to go at that corner," Smith said. "We were talking about it on the sideline. We wanted to get Pat deep on the ball. I happened to see a linebacker come at the time, and I just dropped back and tried to throw the best ball I could, and Pat caught it."

Washington picked up a pair of first downs on the ensuing possession, but Tuiasosopo was sacked at his own 42-yard line on fourth down to seal the win for Oregon.

Smith completed 15-of-25 passes for 193 yards and three touchdowns for Oregon (5-4, 2-4), which snapped a four-game conference losing streak. Saladin McCullough rushed for 117 yards on 28 carries, becoming the first Oregon tailback to rush for over 100 yards in four straight games since Bobby Moore, a.k.a. Ahmad Rashad, in 1971.

"We just wanted it so bad," McCullough said. "We had it right there, and we kind of let it

slip away from us, but we regrouped and at the end, we came out on top."

Tuiasosopo, who had a 42-yard TD run, was 15-of-30 for 261 yards for Washington, which also played without starting running back Rashaan Shehee, who has a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament in his knee. Tuiasosopo gained 95 yards on 16 carries.

"He (Tuiasosopo) struggled at times finding the right receiver and putting the ball right there, but he kept coming right back," Huskies coach Jim Lambright said. "He runs so well, he kept us in the game nicely with his feet."

"Marques is the type of guy that once he gets going, when he gets one play going, then he just keeps rolling," Hooker said. "He got rolling there in the second half and he gave us 21 points on the board. But we just didn't execute down the stretch."

Maurice Shaw, Shehee's replacement, rushed for just 33 yards on 11

carries, as the Huskies had their seven-game home conference winning streak snapped. The last team to win a Pac-10 game at Husky Stadium was Oregon in 1995. Washington also had its Pac-10 winning streak stopped at 12 games.

"Way too many mistakes on the part of our football team that hurt us," Lambright said. "When you're trying to go with a couple of new starters, you need to go out and support them and obviously we didn't give them enough support today."

Oregon raced to a 17-0 advantage and led 24-3 late in the second quarter when Washington began its comeback. Nick Lentz kicked a 35-yard field goal with 2:12 left before halftime, sparking a string of 25 straight Husky points.

Tuiasosopo rumbled 42 yards for a touchdown on the opening possession of the second half. He hit Jerome Pathon for the two-point conversion and a 24-14 deficit.

### Threats Don't Stop Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods confirmed that he had received several death threats since making a name for himself in the world of golf.

"Unfortunately, I've had my share of threats since I was 16," said Woods, who turns 22 next month. "That's just the way life is when you're playing a sport that traditionally hasn't been a minority sport."

"The things I'm doing and saying and trying to accomplish,

people are taking offense," said the sport's newest superstar during a teleconference call to promote this month's Skins Game in La Quinta, Calif.

Woods, who is primarily of Thai and African-American descent, became the first non-white player to win one of the four major championships with his magnificent 12-stroke victory in the Masters at Augusta National in April.



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