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Trailblazers take to the Road

Purdue back on top

Purdue replaced Tennessee as the No. 1 team in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for the second time this season, moving to the top Monday with only two weeks of voting to go.

Purdue became No. 1 for the first time in school history when it bumped Tennessee in the second poll of the season. That happened after Purdue's 78-68 victory against the Lady Vols, who had led the preseason poll.

Tyson's Jail Outburst Could Cost Him Privileges

ROCKVILLE, Md.-Mike Tyson is to learn this week if he will lose privileges and time off for good behavior for hurling a TV during an outburst in jail.

"It's an institutional matter and an internal process," said Eric Seleznow, spokesman for the Montgomery County (Md.) Department of Corrections.

The former heavyweight champion has been in an isolation cell since Friday, when he tossed a television set against jail bars in an inmate recreation area. He reportedly became agitated when a guard hung up a telephone he was using.

Rodman to Play Friday for Lakers

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. - Dennis Rodman laughed and he cried. He ranted and he railed. At times, he was obnoxious, using four-letter words and speaking far too candidly of his life.

The dominant rebounder of the '90s managed to jam a lot into 20 minutes of telling the world he was ready to play basketball again. Yet when it came down to it, his reason for returning is a simple one.

"What got me over the hump is I'm bored," Rodman said in one of his few moments of clarity at the news conference he called Monday to announce his desire to join the Los Angeles Lakers. "I'm tired of not doing anything."

Vikings Offensive Coordinator Myers Dead at 53

MINNEAPOLIS- Minnesota Vikings offensive coordinator Chip Myers has died of a heart attack. He was 53.

Myers was promoted to offensive coordinator just a month ago after Brian Billick left to coach the Baltimore Ravens. He was a receiver for eight years with the Cincinnati Bengals, and made the Pro Bowl one year. Radio station WCCO reported Myers was stricken Monday night at his Minneapolis home.

Trinidad-De La Hoya the talk of boxing

NEW YORK-While Pernell Whitaker was en route to a hospital with a busted jaw, the talk back at Madison Square Garden was about Felix Trinidad fighting Oscar De La Hoya.

"If Don King as a promoter wants to promote that fight, I as a fighter want to knock him out," Trinidad said after his one-sided decision over Whitaker in defense of the IBF welterweight title. Whitaker, a former champion in four weight classes, is 35 and has lost to both Trinidad and De La Hoya. However, he said the latest loss and injury will not keep him from continuing his career.

Whitaker underwent surgery for a fractured right jaw just before dawn Sunday in St. Vincent's Hospital, according to Donald Tremblay, a spokesman for Main Events, Whitaker's promoter. His jaw was not wired and he is able to talk.

PORTLAND, Ore.- The only person standing between the Golden State Warriors and their fifth straight win was Brian Grant, and they found it impossible to shove him out of the way.

Grant had 18 points and a career-high 24 rebounds as the Portland Trail Blazers defeated Golden State 90-84 Saturday night to win their fourth straight and stop the Warriors' streak at four.

"Brian was unbelievable," said teammate Isaiah Rider, who had 27 points. "I've never been around a guy who got 24 rebounds. We've got to help him out on the backboards, but he doesn't mind getting so many himself."

Grant's 24 rebounds are the highest in the NBA this season. His previous career high was 20 against Dallas last season.

Portland coach Mike Dunleavy said he urged his other frontcourt players to get as aggressive as Grant, who has 59 rebounds in his last three games.

"I challenged our big guys tonight to step up and be a part of the Brian Grant party," Dunleavy said. "He willed us to win tonight."

After starting the season 0-5, the Warriors began their modest run with a 105-100 double-overtime win over the Blazers in Oakland last Sunday night. They won four in a row for the first time since the 1995-96 season, but couldn't overcome Portland's physical play down the stretch.

"Big game for us, looking for .500, but (we) got killed on the boards," said Warriors guard John Starks, who had 13 points on 5-of-14 shooting. "We have to learn to win on the road, although this game was a lot better than our last."



Brian Grant secures NBA record with 24 rebounds

Golf-Els climbs back up world rankings

LONDON- Ernie Els surged up to fourth in the world rankings on Monday after capturing the Nissan Open on the U.S. PGA Tour on Sunday when he won by two strokes.

The South African regained his position in the top five following a temporary demotion to number seven after last weekend's Dubai Desert Classic won by Briton David Howell with compatriot Lee Westwood in second.

Tiger Woods, joint-runner up to Els on Sunday, remains top.

Top 20 (U.S. unless stated)

1. Tiger Woods 12.81 points average
2. David Duval 11.04
3. Davis Love III 9.85
4. Ernie Els (South Africa) 9.67
5. Mark O'Meara 9.49

6. Lee Westwood (Britain) 9.10
7. Colin Montgomerie (Britain) 8.69
8. Vijay Singh (Fiji) 8.35
9. Nick Price (Zimbabwe) 8.21
10. Justin Leonard 7.37
11. Jim Furyk 7.23
12. Phil Mickelson 7.18
13. Fred Couples 6.93
14. Masashi Osaki (Japan) 6.77
15. Steve Elkington (Australia) 5.90
16. Darren Clarke (Britain) 5.75
17. Jesper Parnevik (Sweden) 5.57
18. Payne Stewart 5.52
19. Scott Hoch 5.11
20. Brian Watts 5.04

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