

Soccer

US extends winless streak to five games

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Mark Gonzalez scored in the 66th and 75 minutes, rallying Chile to a 3-2 exhibition win over the United States on Wednesday night that sent the Americans to their first five-game winless streak since 2007.

halftime on goals by Brek Shea in the sixth minute and Jozy Altidore in the 31st around Roberto Gutierrez's 10th-minute equalizer in the game played in Rancagua, Chile. U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann unveiled a 3-5-2 formation in his team's 2015 opener, but the Americans once again were tripped up by their habit of fading in the second half.

With the defeat to No. 14 Chile, they have lost three straight games for the first time since late 2009 and early 2010, and they have one victory in nine matches (1-5-3) since beating Ghana in their World Cup opener last June. Both teams were missing nearly all Europe-based players because the match was not on a FIFA fixture date.

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Weston-McEwen squeaks out win

East Oregonian

DAYTON, Wash. — The Weston-McEwen boys basketball team survived a 42-41 tussle with the winless Dayton Bulldogs Tuesday night behind Jarett Bousquet's 13 points and seven rebounds.

The TigerScots (8-10) sped out to an early lead but the game tightened up in the second half after the Bulldogs (0-18) outscored WMHS 16-to-9 in the third period. The sides played to a standstill in the final period, allowing the TigerScots to eke out the victory.

Linton McAllister added 10 points and nine rebounds.

Weston-McEwen hosts Stanfield Friday at 7:30 p.m.

WESTON-MCEWEN 42, DAYTON 41. WMHS (8-10) 15 8 9 10 - 42. DAYTON (0-18) 6 9 16 10 - 41. WESTON-MCEWEN — J. Bousquet 13, L. McAllister 10, S. Broncheau 8, E. Reger 5, G. Zerba 4, G. Speed 2, C. Hall 0, B. Dearing 0, A. Finifrock 0.

Girls Basketball

DAYTON (WA) 50, WESTON-MCEWEN 26 — the TigerScots (11-6) couldn't hang with the high-powered Bulldogs (11-2), falling behind one of Washington's premier girl basketball teams and never making up the ground.

Dayton nearly doubled up WMHS, with three players reaching double figures led by Jenna Phillips 15 points. The TigerScots shot just 9 of 46 from the field and failed to produce a single individual with more than 10 points.

This marks the third time this season that Weston-McEwen has lost consecutive games. They've followed up each losing streak with win streaks of four games or more.

They'll try to begin another such stretch Friday versus Stanfield at 6 p.m.

DAYTON (WA) 50, WESTON-MCEWEN 26. WMHS (11-6) 6 6 8 8 6 - 26. DAYTON (11-2) 13 10 19 8 - 50. WESTON-MCEWEN — K. Peterson 7, A. Broncheau 7, S. Quaepts 6, M. Carlin 4, K. Shepard 2, M. Aby 0, T. Entze 0, S. Finifrock 0, A. Schroeder 0, J. Lambert 0, S. von Borstel 0.

T-WOLVES: CBC accustomed to coming from behind

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play the only shot BMCC was able to get off was a half-court prayer from Savannah Heugly that fell just short of the rim.

Had the T-Wolves been able to get a closer, the 5-foot-10 freshman post was the player they wanted with the ball.

With 25 of her career-high 37 points coming in the first half, the T-Wolves (10-7, 3-3 East) raced out to a 50-38 half-time lead.

The lead remained in double digits until center Lyndsay Oswald scored seven points during a 9-0 Columbia Basin run that brought the Hawks (14-6, 6-0) within four points with four minutes to play.

"It was one of those things where they creep up on you and then you realize it and you're like, 'Oh, crap.'" Heugly said.

The Hawks didn't take their first lead of the game until Sydney Mercer connected from long range to make it 77-75 with 43 seconds left. Mar'Shay Moore, who was held to single digits scoring for the first time this season, drew contact on a drive at other end and tied the game by converting both free throws.

But with less than a second separating the game clock and shot clock, Caballero and the Hawks were able to pick their last shot.

Caballero's drive may have been the final nail in the coffin for the T-Wolves, but for the Hawks it was just another play in a game that required a narrow focus and short memory to win.

"We just forgot about who was winning, who was losing, how bad we were doing," Columbia Basin coach Daron Santos said. "So they just did a great job of focusing one possession at a time, that's what got us back in."

Both coaches agreed experience was a big factor in the outcome.

"They have a lot more experience playing in close games than we do," Driver said. "It could have been the key, it



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

BMCC's Riley Gerlinger goes up for a shot surrounded by Columbia Basin's Lyndsay Oswald (22) and Sydney Mercer in the Timberwolves 79-77 loss to the Hawks on Wednesday in Pendleton

probably was the key there at the end when they make that shot with six seconds left."

"We're in that situation all the time," Santo said. "We have been starting really slow and it's just frustrating. The game went just as the other games have, but Blue Mountain really got to us with their speed and we were down 20 just like that. Basically I just told the girls at halftime, 'We are not worried about the score. Forget about the score because they're playing not to lose.'"

Blue Mountain's lead hit it's largest margin at 18 points with a Kayla Reyna trey that made it

35-17 with 10:01 to play in the first half.

The Hawks devoted an extra defender to Heugly in the second half, but Santo said they weren't overly concerned with stopping her. The way he saw it, every shot Heugly took was one not taken by Moore, who entered the game second in the NWAC at 23.25 points a game.

"We had someone shadow her the entire time and we're just going to take our chances," he said. "If someone was going to beat us — which obviously it was going to be (Heugly) — we were fine with that. (Heugly) is the one that I'm so very

impressed with. She's just a smart kid, doesn't do too much, and she just killed us tonight."

Moore couldn't get going from any distance Wednesday and finished 2 of 13 from the field with nine points.

Riley Gerlinger contributed 10 points and Heugly added a team-high 10 rebounds.

But the T-Wolves were out-rebounded 55-37 and gave up 14 offensive boards, which Driver said contributed as much to the loss as the lack of close-game experience.

"Giving them two, three, four possessions every trip don't really didn't help," he said. "Our rebounding was really pretty bad the last 10 minutes of the second half. Teams that shoot as well as CBC does, you can't give them that many opportunities at the hoop because they're going to knock one down."

It was an offensive putback by Grier that brought CBC within 75-74 and raised her team-high total to 20 points. She also added 10 rebounds, and Caballero also had a double-double with 17 points and 16 rebounds. Oswald nearly joined them with 13 points and nine boards. The Hawks shot 42.9 percent (30 of 70) for the game and 45 percent (18 of 40) in the second half.

The T-Wolves shot 40 percent (30 of 75) in the game but just 33.3 percent (12 of 36) in the second half.

"I think we played our hearts out until the end of the game," Heugly said. "I'm proud of my team. I wish we could have pulled out the win, but I'm still proud of it."

COLUMBIA BASIN 79, BLUE MOUNTAIN 77. CBC (14-6) 38 41 - 79. BMCC (10-7) 50 27 - 77. COLUMBIA BASIN — Morgan Grier 20, M. Caballero 17, S. Mercer 15, L. Oswald 13, L. Morris 7, C. Weber 3, T. Tucker 2, S. Hicks 2, K. Garrick 30-70 FG.

BMCC MEN: Meyers comes off bench to add 17 points and nine rebounds for Timberwolves

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the mistake-plagued Wolves gaffes, turning the turnovers into 25 points

Blue Mountain trailed for most of the first half but used a 20-7 run to close it and take a 43-39 lead into halftime. The Timberwolves retained control of the contest a 10-0 Hawk run reversed the good fortune and gave CBC a 58-55 lead with 9:45 remaining.

The score remained tight for the remainder. The score was knotted at 75 apiece with 1:16 remaining when NWAC leading scorer James

Lopez split the defense and sent rocket to teammate Michael Joseph who put in the go-ahead layup with 1:11 remaining. Meyers and McElroy lost the handoff on the subsequent possession: turnover No. 21 for the Timberwolves.

"We just didn't execute it right," said McElroy, who had a season-high 26 points. "We just lost it."

After Oswald's free throws, McElroy made a layup and the Wolves were forced to get a defensive stop. The Hawks brought the 35-second shot clock down to the final two seconds when

guard Jordan King sent in the dagger. With McElroy closing out hard, King launched a stepback three-point that find that bottom of the net. The triple provided the final score.

"If he doesn't hit that shot," Ellis offered. "We've got a chance to score it and tie the game up."

The Timberwolves entered with a huge height advantage, but a nagging ankle injury to 6-foot-9 center Max Mueller and four Jake Wells fouls negated the size edge. With the BMCC trees sidelined for much of the second half, Lopez was able to re-

late his scoring rhythm. After dropping in 19 points in the first half, he was held without a bucket until the 10:28 mark of the second. His first score evened the count at 55, and Lopez would go on to pour in nine more second half points to finish with a game-high 30 — two above his NWAC leading season average.

"I think he just kind of got to the point that he realized he wasn't getting as much help as he needed. He's the kind of player that can take over," Ellis said.

McElroy kept Blue Mountain in the contest with red hot perimeter shooting. He

sank all five three-point tries to pace the offense. McElroy added eight rebounds.

"I shot alright. My team got me open. That's about it. I knocked them down," he said.

The 6-foot-3 Meyers filled in admirably for the Timberwolves starting post players, netting 17 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

With seven games remaining, the Timberwolves are in the East region basement. However, the current arrangement doesn't have Ellis counting a postseason bid out of the question. "We always said the

magic number is eight wins," he said. "We still have a lot of time left but we've got to start stringing some wins together here. I think we have a team that can compete for it."

Blue Mountain will host Treasure Valley on Saturday.

COLUMBIA BASIN 87, BLUE MOUNTAIN 77. CBC (12-8) 39 43 - 87. BMCC (5-13) 43 34 - 77. COLUMBIA BASIN — J. King 19, James Lopez 30, M. Hiral 0, B. Oswald 6, M. Joseph 8, J. Weems 9, A. Wren 6, C. Chase 2, J. Reed 2.

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