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Trail Blazers stay hot, beat Mavericks

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PORTLAND, Ore. — LaMarcus Aldridge had 17 points and 12 rebounds and the Portland Trail Blazers pulled away in the second half for a 94-75 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night.

It was Portland's fifth straight win but it was costly: Starting guard Wesley Matthews had to be helped off the court with a left foot injury early in the third quarter. He did not return and the extent

of the injury was uncertain.

Nicolas Batum added 15 points and a season-high 12 rebounds for Portland, which had four players in double figures despite coming off back-to-back games.

Monta Ellis and Amare Stoudemire each had 12 points for the Mavericks, who saw the return of veteran center Tyson Chandler after a three-game absence.

Chandler, who was out with a left hip injury, finished with four points and 14 rebounds.

The Mavericks remained without

Chandler Parsons, who continues to nurse a left ankle injury that has kept him out of six games so far and should also cause him to miss Friday night's matchup against the Warriors.

However, the Mavericks said he could make his return Sunday when the team visits the Lakers. In his absence, Dallas continued to lean on veteran Richard Jefferson.

Portland went up 80-63 on Alonzo Gee's fourth-quarter dunk and Dallas could not catch up.

HEPPNER: Toledo gave Mustangs first loss

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from a cakewalk. The Loggers (22-6) are fueled by Class 2A's most prolific scorer. In his last two outings, senior guard Tyson Burnard had scored a combined 82 points — including a 50-point outpouring versus Vernonia in a Northwest League district final win.

Burnard was no less impressive Thursday in Pendleton. He had 16 points by the half and his 13 third quarter points vaulted Knappa to a 43-40 lead entering the fourth. He finished with 36.

With their season on the line, the Mustangs turned defensive in the fourth. Burnard scored just two points, the Loggers four total and Heppner was able to piece together enough baskets to force overtime.

The Loggers might mite made things interesting at the regulation buzzer, however. Burnard's halfcourt fling reached the rim, and almost ended it there, but was just a hair too strong.

Collins, who scored 12 in the first half to lead Heppner, reasserted himself in the overtime. An outside jumper opened the extra time scoring and a layup on a feed from CJ Kindle gave Heppner the lead for good.

"Part way through overtime I said 'Go to work big man,' and he said 'Feed me the basketball. Just give it to me,'" Heppner coach Jeremy Rosenbalm said of Collins.

"My team needed me," Collins said. "It took us a few extra minutes than normal but we got it done."

After Burnard missed a floating jumper, Grieb sank two free throws to give the Mustangs a four-point edge with 12.7 seconds remaining. Burnard wasted little time, hurrying down the court to drain a three-pointer to make it a one-point game. CJ Kindle made one-of-two free throws next to push it back to two and then Collins jumped in front



Heppner's Ross Cutsforth looks to pass the ball guarded by Knappa's Justin Drago in the Mustangs' 56-54 win against the Loggers on Thursday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

of Knappa's Dale Takalo's inbounds pass to cement the win.

The nail-biting, heart-pounding variety of victory is nothing new for the Mustangs. Heppner has won four games this year decided by two points or less, including the state playoff berth clinching win over Stanfield two weeks ago.

"I'm not very old, but they're aging me," Rosenbalm said. "I don't know if some of my kids have ice water in their veins or what it is, but somehow we find a way to make the play when it really matters."

Collins finished with team-high 18 points and 10 rebounds. Grieb added 14 and Weston Putman chipped in with 12.

No Logger besides Burnard made more than two field goals, but Just Drago blocked nine shots.

"It's a huge deal," Collins said. "I know that the city of Heppner is so proud of us. I'm just happy to say that I'm a part of it and I've got my best friends beside me."

Toledo ended Heppner's perfect 10-game start earlier this season with a 62-36 win at the Central Linn Holiday Tournament.

HEPPNER 56, KNAPPA 54 (OT)										
KHS (22-6)	12	11	20	4	7	—	54			
IHS (19-5)	10	16	14	7	9	—	56			
KNAPPA	— D. Severson 6, J. Miller 2, D. Takalo 4, J. Drago 4, Tyson Burnard 36, A. Miller 0, C. Weirup 0, E. Rubus 0, C. Rusinovich 2.									
HEPPNER	— W. Putman 12, L. Grieb 14, Patrick Collins 18, R. Cutsforth 6, C. Kindle 3, J. Corbin 3, C. Hedman 0, K. Murray 0.									
3-point field goals	— KHS 6, HHS 5.									
Free throws	— KHS 4-7, HHS 9-12. Fouls — KHS 14, HHS 13. Fouled out — none.									

1A GIRLS: Condon/Wheeler to face Damascus Christian in semis

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Emma Logan also contributed a double-double for the reigning state champions with 10 point and 12 rebounds. Deana Harris chipped in another 15 points to go with her game-high five assists.

Condon/Wheeler took its largest lead of the game when Annika Rietmann converted from the paint to make the score 47-21 with 1:54 to play in the third quarter.

Rietmann was one of six Knights making their debut at the final tournament site, and finished with five points and four rebounds.

Apryl Ramsey scored

three points with five rebounds in her state debut, getting all of her points during the Knights' 12-0 run to start the game.

A three-pointer by Chilouquin's Laliyah Watah made the score 14-5 with 3:28 to play in the first quarter, but Jamieson answered with an inside bucket to push the lead back to double digits for good.

Jamieson had a double-double by halftime with 11 points, 11 rebounds, and Harris scored 13 of her points in the first half.

Watah was the only Chilouquin player to reach double digits with 18 points.

No. 4 Condon/Wheeler

advances to face No. 1 Damascus Christian in the semifinals today at 1:30 p.m.

Damascus defeated Adrian 49-35 in its quarterfinal game. Hannah Forrar led the Damascus with 20 points, 11 rebounds and seven steals.

In other 1A girls basketball action: No. 3 Country Christian defeated Elkton 61-36 behind a game-high 14 points by Kennedy Nofziger.

They face North Douglas in the semifinals after the No. 2 Warriors beat McKenzie 56-28 led by Kalli Frieze with 22 points.

In 1A boys consolation bracket action: Hosanna Christian topped Crosshill

REGIS 80,

OAKRIDGE 78 (2OT) — At Pendleton, Ram forward Sam Nieslanik converted an old-fashioned three-point play with six seconds remaining in the second overtime of Thursday's quarterfinal with No. 4 Oakridge to lift No. 5 Regis to a state playoff victory.

Trailing by one, Nieslanik, a junior forward, made a jump shot and was fouled by Oakridge's Tristan White. Nieslanik made the free throw to give Regis a two-point lead.

Oakridge's Joel Snyder was then fouled with two seconds remaining, but missed the first free of a one-and-one free throw.

The Nieslanik jumper followed a Snyder three-pointer that gave Warriors a one-point lead with 19 seconds left.

Bryce Piete led all scorers with 24 points for Regis. Nieslanik added 21.

Joel Snyder finished with 23 for Oakridge in the loss. Rex Garner chipped in with 22 in the loss.

Regis advances to tonight's semifinal where it'll play top-seeded Irrigon.

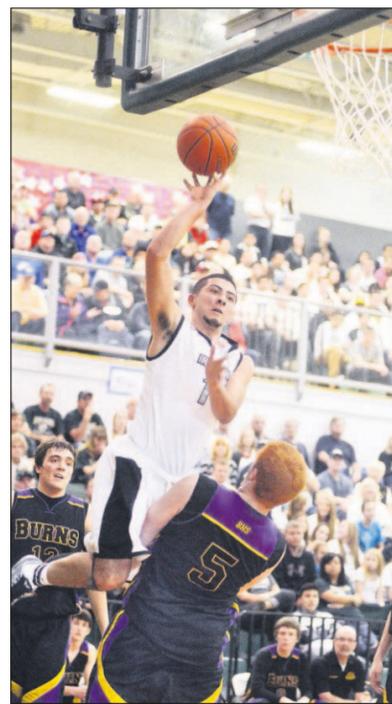
TOLEDO 52, WESTERN MENNONITE 48

— At Pendleton, Kyle Otis made a go-ahead layup with less than two minutes remaining and No. 2 Toledo held on from there to beat No. 7 Western Mennonite and grab the fourth spot in tonight's Class 2A state boys semifinal round.

Toledo led for all of the second half before an Alex Martinez three tied it at 47-47 with 2:20 remaining. Otis scored on the next Boomer possession and Toledo finished the game at the foul line.

Isaiah Marchant led all scorers with 17 points.

The Boomers will play Heppner in tonight's semifinal.



Irrigon's Adrian Romero shoots the ball over Burns' Ty Reid in the Knights' 64-38 win against the Hilanders on Thursday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

IRRIGON: Team effort limits Burns' Austin Feist

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ble-double with 10 points, 10 boards, but added only four points after the break. Burns was just 3 of 23 from the field in the second half.

Irrigon coach Mitch Thompson said Feist, who quarterbacked the Hilanders football team to a state title in December, was clearly the focal point of his team's defensive preparations.

Though Romero drew the one-on-one matchup, the entire defense was geared around stopping the Hilanders' best athlete.

"It took five guys to guard Austin Feist," he said. "Our guys did a great job of being in gaps. A.J. (Timpy) did a good job of containing, Ryan (Reynolds) did a good job of rotating. We wanted four bodies in front of him — five guys including (Romero) guarding the ball."

"It's amazing what can be accomplished when no one cares who gets the credit."

Irrigon extended its lead to 20 points midway through the fourth quarter when Timpy launched a high-arching three-pointer over an extended defender to make the score 57-37.

The Knights' sixth man finished with seven points and two steals.

"I just love coming into the game and bringing energy," he said. "I feel like that's my job, to bring energy off the bench and get everybody going."

The Knights had a scare late in the third quarter when Landeros remained on the floor long after he and Burns' Ty Reid got tangled up going for a rebound.

"I don't really know what happened. I just remembered falling and I hit my head on somebody's knee," said Landeros, who left under his own power and quickly checked back into the game.

Irrigon will face Regis in the semifinals at 3:15 p.m. today at the Pendleton Convention Center.

No. 5 Regis held on to beat No. 4 Oakridge 80-78 in double overtime on Thursday.

IRRIGON 64, BURNS 38										
BHS (21-7)	15	11	9	3	—	38				
IHS (25-1)	20	7	20	17	—	64				
BURNS	— Ty Hueckman 16, A. Feist 10, S. Davies 5, T. Tiller 4, B. Vinson 3, Z. McDonald, T. Reid, T. Recanzone. 14-44 FG									
IRRIGON	— Anthony Landeros 21, A. Romero 14, F. Vera 13, Z. Rice 7, A. Timpy 7, R. Reynolds 2, H. White, X. Rambo. 22-43 FG									
3-point field goals	— BHS 4-22, IHS 7-16. Free throws — BHS 6-10, IHS 13-16. Fouls — BHS 16, IHS 10. Fouled out — none. Technical fouls — none.									



Irrigon's Freddy Vera shoots the ball in front of Burns' Ty Reid (5) and Trace Tiller in the Knights' 64-38 win against the Hilanders on Thursday in Pendleton.

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2A GIRLS: Kennedy defeats four-time defending champion Regis

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UNION 44, MONROE 33 — At Pendleton, Keesha Sarman scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds to lead the fourth-seeded Bobcats to a quarterfinal victory over No. 5 Monroe.

Union raced out to a 25-14 halftime edge and held the 11-point in the second half. They'll meet top-seeded Western Mennonite in today's first semifinal.

Monroe meets Myrtle Point at 9 a.m. today in the consolation bracket.

BURNS 64, VERNONIA 36 — At Pendleton, the two teams combined for 49 turnovers but that didn't stop Burns from pulling away once they caught Vernonia at 20-20.

The Hilanders had 30 points off turnovers, and Catherine Clemens turned in the game of the day with 26 points, 19 rebounds and seven steals to lead Burns.

Burns faces Kennedy at 6:30 p.m. today in the semifinals.

KENNEDY 45, REGIS 38 — At Pendleton, Kennedy made sure there would be a new champion in Class 2A by knocking four-time winners Regis into the breakfast bracket.

Three Kennedy players scored in double digits led by Kenzie Ratliff with 18, and Lakin Susee added 11 points, 7 steals.

Kennedy plays Burns in the semifinals and Regs will face Vernonia in the consolation bracket at 10:45 a.m. today.



Catherine Clemens (10), of Burns, eyes the basket Thursday in the opening round of the 2A Girls Basketball State Championship at the Pendleton Convention Center as Vernonia's Josie Roberts defends. Clemens had 11 points and 10 rebounds during the first half.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

HANS ROCKWELL
Senior
Riverside Wrestler

Rockwell won his fourth state championship over the weekend by pinning every opponent in the 132-pound weight bracket at the 3A state wrestling finals. He is the first Riverside wrestler to achieve a state title in every season of his high school career. In his championship match he pinned Illinois Valley senior Eric Miller in 1:45.

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