

NBA Playoffs

Grizzlies never trail, rout Blazers in Game 1

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Beno Udrih is doing his best to make sure the Memphis Grizzlies can ease Mike Conley and Tony Allen back into the lineup from their injuries.

Udrih scored 20 points in the best playoff game of his career, and the Grizzlies never trailed in routing the Portland Trail Blazers 100-86 on Sunday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference first-round series.

“Beno gets the game ball,” Grizzlies forward Zach Randolph said. “With Mike being out, helps him get his confidence up and playing.”

Udrih hit his first six shots coming off the bench late in the first quarter, and he allowed Conley to sit the entire fourth quarter in his first game back after missing four with a sprained right foot. In his 44th career playoff game, Udrih finished with seven assists and seven rebounds — the first reserve to do that in the postseason since Nick Van Exel in May 10, 2003, for Dallas at Sacramento.

Portland coach Terry Stotts called Udrih the “X-factor.”

“He did a little bit of everything,” Stotts said. “He’s an NBA player.

Basketball

Memphis 100

Portland 86



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Memphis Grizzlies center Marc Gasol blocks a shot by Portland Trail Blazers center Chris Kaman in Game 1 of an NBA basketball Western Conference playoff series Sunday in Memphis, Tenn.

He’s been here a long time, and he’s effective.”

Udrih said he knew Conley has had some problems with his foot and credited Kosta Koufos with setting good screens.

“I was wide open,” Udrih said. “Shots like that I’ve got to take. I knocked down and then two more times I came out of the screen and knocked them down again. I was just being aggressive.”

Randolph had 16 points and 11 rebounds, and Marc Gasol added

15 points and 11 rebounds. Mike Conley finished with 16 points and didn’t play the fourth quarter. Jeff Green had 11.

LaMarcus Aldridge led Portland with 32 points while taking more shots than anyone had ever taken against Memphis in the postseason, going 13 of 34. Damian Lillard added 14 points, shooting 5 of 21 overall and 0 of 6 beyond the arc. Nicolas Batum had 15 points. The Trail Blazers have lost five straight overall.

“I think a good wakeup call for us,” Aldridge said. “But definitely tonight they manhandled us.”

The Grizzlies swept Portland during the regular season and have won 10 of the last 11, including the first playoff game between the teams.

Game 2 is Wednesday night in Memphis.

Memphis started the postseason with home-court advantage for only the second time in franchise history, thanks to finishing with four more wins than Northwest Division champion Portland. The Grizzlies blew a 27-point lead in the 2012 series opener to the Clippers, and they topped that lead going up by 29 late in the third quarter.

The banged-up and short-handed Trail Blazers proved no threat to make that kind of comeback with Aldridge doing everything he could to keep them in the game. He played nearly 42 minutes.

Portland had its worst shooting performance this season and looked out of synch from the start. Aldridge and Lillard combined to shoot 3 of 15 in the first quarter, and Aldridge even fell to the court when missing a dunk off an inbound lob at one point. It didn’t get much better as Batum threw the ball to the sideline missing Robin Lopez in the third.

“We tried to show Damian Lillard and LaMarcus Aldridge a lot of crowds and had people in front of them as much as possible trying to make it frustrating,” Memphis coach Dave Joerger said.

TIP-INS: Trail Blazers: Aldridge topped Russell Westbrook’s mark of 33 shots attempted in the playoffs against Memphis in 2011. ... Lillard missed his first six shots and didn’t score until midway through the second quarter with a layup.

Grizzlies: Memphis won its playoff opener for only the second time in its eighth postseason. The Grizzlies also won in San Antonio in 2011. ... Lee hit both of his 3-pointers, and Memphis went 21-3 this season when he hit two or more. ... Memphis sold out its 21st straight home playoff game. ... Allen missed the last nine games with a strained left hamstring. He played 25 minutes with four points and three steals.

QUOTABLE: “They took the initiative to say we’re going to be the Bruise Brothers, and they were the Bruise Brothers today. They pounded it, pounded it. They made plays, passing out of the post. Not only that, they did a good job defensively on LaMarcus Aldridge,” Allen said of Gasol and Randolph.

POOR SHOOTING: The Trail Blazers’ worst shooting game during the regular season came Feb. 20 when they shot 36.1 percent at Utah. Against Memphis, they shot 33.7 percent (32 of 95). Aldridge said he thought he rushed his shots early and got out of rhythm. Lillard said his good looks didn’t fall. “So you know I just got to keep taking shots and keep shooting the ball with confidence and know that at some point it will come back around,” Lillard said.

TENNIS: Hermiston’s first win came in the No. 3 doubles match

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gles and doubles matches and Hannah Flanagan provided the tie-breaking win for Pendleton by beating Mackenzie Hill 7-6 (4), 6-4 at No. 3 singles.

The Buckaroos’ other two singles wins were even closer as Meagan Flanagan closed out Katelyn Millard with a 10-3 tiebreaker and Matilde Cittadini edged Jaycee Ternes 10-7 in their tiebreaker.

The Buckaroos didn’t need any tiebreakers in their two doubles wins, though, and No. 2 team Christina Thompson and Kiana Sperl had one of the most decisive victories of the afternoon with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Kylee Markwick and Whitney McMahon. Pendleton No. 1’s Keren and Keziah Hampton also swept, but just barely, in wins of 6-4 and 7-5 over Briana Wolfe and Chyeann Peterson.

Hermiston’s first win came from Athen Reid and



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Hermiston junior Chyeann Peterson goes for the ball at the net as senior Briana Wolfe watches from the backcourt in their match against Pendleton’s Keren and Keziah Hampton on Monday in Pendleton.

Tania Jamie-Sanchez, who battled to a 10-8 tiebreak win in the No. 3 doubles match. But Sivey said it was the Bulldogs’ wins at No. 4 doubles and singles that really made the afternoon for him.

Devyn Wolfe defeated Pendleton’s Aieleia Sayre in singles while Breana Wadekamper and Reed Middleton pulled together

for a 10-6 tiebreak win in doubles.

It was the first varsity win for all three freshmen.

Wolfe’s 6-3, 6-1 win over Sayre was the most decisive of the afternoon, and the Dawgs’ doubles showed why Sivey felt confident enough to bring them up from junior varsity recently.

“Devyn came out and played really well,” he said.

“And (Wadekamper and Middleton), they didn’t stop, they just kept competing. It was fun to watch, for one, and it was good to see a couple of freshmen getting a win that they’ve worked really hard for.”

The teams will meet two more times during the regular season with the next coming on Thursday, April 30 at Hermiston High.

Hermiston’s next match is Wednesday when it hosts The Dalles at 4 p.m.

Pendleton will host Mac-Hi today at 4 p.m. in a non-league match.

PENDLETON 5, HERMISTON 3

Singles
Meagan Flanagan (P) def. Katelyn Millard 2-6, 6-4, (10-3)
Matilde Cittadini (P) def. Jaycee Ternes 4-6, 7-5, (10-7)
Hannah Flanagan (P) def. Mackenzie Hill 7-6 (4), 6-4
Devyn Wolfe (H) def. Aieleia Sayre 6-3, 6-1

Doubles
Keren Hampton/Keziah Hampton (P) def. Briana Wolfe/Chyeann Peterson 6-4, 7-5
Christina Thompson/Kiana Sperl (P) def. Kylee Markwick/Whitney McMahon 6-4, 6-2
Athen Reid/Tania Jamie-Sanchez (H) def. Sam Bixler/Jenna Senter 3-6, 6-4, (10-8)
Breana Wadekamper/Reed Middleton (H) def. Anna James/Julia Livingston 6-7 (1), 6-4, (10-6)

SOFTBALL: Three of Pendleton’s hits were aided by the sun in Game 2

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of the season, putting her halfway to her team-record total of 12 from last year.

But Grass wasn’t the only Buckaroo making life difficult for Eagles freshmen pitchers Kaylin Winans and Hannah Mc Nerney.

Senior third baseman Darian Lindsey hit a grand slam in the bottom of the third inning of Game 2 that put Pendleton (8-7, 2-0 CRC) over the run-rule threshold at 13-2, and the Bucks combined for 26 hits in the two games.

“Usually we always try to find something to work on, but today it was really hard,” said Pendleton coach Tim Cary, who also got complete games from pitchers Keirsten Murphy and Lauren Richards, and a one-error afternoon from the defense. “Everybody who played today played really well. If we can play like we did today we’ll be OK.”

Lindsey finished 5 for 8 with four RBIs, and sophomore second baseman Payton Hergert was 5 for 8 with five RBIs.

Three of Pendleton’s hits were aided by the sun in Game 2 in a curious series of events that saw Eagles center fielder Jessie Karr thrice abandon her pursuits before borrowing a pair of sunglasses off the head of left fielder and twin sister JoJo Karr.

Grass, who was flawless in center for the Bucks, said she didn’t have any issues.

“I feel like today it was even better than it usually is because usually the sun is coming straight at you in cen-

ter field,” she said. “But today it was kind of moving around on us all day so it made it easier.”

Lindsey said Murphy and Richards kept things pretty manageable for the fielders as well.

“I think they came out ready to go and they threw really well,” she said. “Both pitchers gave us the easy stuff, lots of fly balls and grounders.”

Murphy tossed a five-hit shutout with two strikeouts and one walk in Game 1, and Richards followed with two strikeouts and no walks in Game 2 as both pitchers made their CRC debut.

Both of the Eagles’ runs in Game 2 were earned and came during a four-hit rally in the top of the third inning.

Pendleton is averaging 10.6 runs in its five games at Steve Cary Field this season, but must head back out on the road for its next game.

The Bucks will play at Hood River on Tuesday in Game 3 of their four-game season series. They’ll then return home to open their series with The Dalles on Saturday at noon.

PENDLETON 9, HOOD RIVER 0

Game 1	R	H	E
HRV 00000	0	0	0
PHS 201033	X	9	11

Kaylin Winans and Zoe Munn. Keirsten Murphy and Mykal Weissenfuh. W — Murphy. L — Winans.
2B Jenni Parker, Breanna Weekly (Hood River); Payton Hergert, Tiah Grass (Pendleton). HR — Grass (Pendleton).

PENDLETON 15, HOOD RIVER 2 (5 innings)

Game 2	R	H	E
HRV 002 00	—	2	7
PHS 455 1X	—	15	15

Hannah Mc Nerney, Kaylin Winans (5) and Zoe Munn. Lauren Richards and Mykal Weissenfuh. W — Richards. L — Mc Nerney.
2B — Jessie Karr, Munn (Hood River); Alexis Morrison (Pendleton). HR — Tiah Grass 2, Darian Lindsey (Pendleton).

BOSTON: ‘I don’t think it’s as carefree as it once was’

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minders of the 2013 attack, which killed three people and injured more than 260 others.

“Boston Strong” — the phrase that became the city’s defiant rally cry in the days and months after the attack — was everywhere along the route, which winds through seven Massachusetts communities and Boston. Fans yelled it out, wrote it in chalk on the pavement, and displayed hats, shirts, flags and homemade signs bearing the phrase.

For some, it was the de-

fault answer for why they came.

“Boston strong,” replied Suzy Degazon, of California, when asked why she was running. “It’s a very special race and I wanted to show support. People can’t do that sort of thing. The community comes together.”

Still, those that attended last year’s marathon said the atmosphere this year felt less intense and emotionally charged.

Indeed, bars along the busy commercial heart of Back Bay were already packed with revelers by 11 a.m., some with lines out the

door.

Many simply enjoyed the sights and sounds of the race, which takes place each year on Patriots’ Day, a Massachusetts holiday commemorating the first battles of the Revolutionary War.

“This year, I’m here for the party,” said Ramona Turner, a Winnipeg, Canada resident whose husband has run the race the past three years.

But at Newton’s infamous “Heartbreak Hill,” Lisa Roberts of Hull, Massachusetts, said a sense of normalcy may never return.

“I don’t think it’s as care-

free as it once was,” noting heightened security as she volunteered at a water station for the ninth consecutive year.

An estimated 1 million spectators were expected to take in this year’s running, which is the world’s oldest annual marathon, dating back to 1897.

“I’m thinking about the people who were affected but at this point, it’s about trying to turn the race back into something positive — purely a celebration of running,” said David Parkinson, a New York City resident competing for his sixth straight year.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL
Tuesday Stanfield at Irrigon, 4 p.m.
The Dalles at Hermiston, 4:30 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday Riverside at Mac-Hi, 4:30 p.m.
Friday Stanfield at Vale (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Irrigon at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Hermiston at Hood River Valley (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
PREP SOFTBALL
Tuesday The Dalles at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
Irrigon at Umatilla, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Tri-City Prep (WA), 4 p.m.
Heppner at Stanfield, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Dayton (WA), 4:30 p.m.
Friday Enterprise at Riverside (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Echo at Vale (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Culver (DH), 2/4 p.m.
Saturday Union at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Irrigon at White Salmon (WA) (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Hermiston at Hood River Valley (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
Umatilla at Grant Union (DH), 1/3 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Burns (DH), 1/3 p.m.
PREP TRACK & FIELD
Thursday Heppner, Weston-McEwen, Irrigon, Pilot Rock, Helix at Heppner Invitational, 3 p.m.
Saturday Hermiston, Umatilla at Kiwanis Invitational (Hermiston), 10 a.m.

Riverside, Umatilla at Prosser (WA) Rotary Invite, 10:30 a.m.
Mac-Hi, Heppner, Irrigon, Pilot Rock, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen, Helix at Pepsi Invitational (Union), 11 a.m.
Echo, Ione, Arlington, Condon/Wheeler at Condon/Wheeler Invitational (Condon), 11 a.m.
PREP BOYS TENNIS
Tuesday Pendleton, Helix at Mac-Hi, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Ione, 4 p.m.
Sherman at Umatilla, 4 p.m.
Wednesday Hermiston at The Dalles, 4 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
Thursday Sherman at Ione, 4 p.m.
Stanfield at Helix, 4 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Friday Hermiston at Capital (ID) Invitational, 9 a.m.
Pendleton at La Grande, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Ione at Helix, 4 p.m.
Saturday Hermiston at Capital (ID) Invitational, 8 a.m.
PREP GIRLS TENNIS
Tuesday Mac-Hi at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Ione, 4 p.m.
Sherman at Umatilla, 4 p.m.
Wednesday The Dalles at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River, 4 p.m.
Thursday Sherman at Ione, 4 p.m.
Stanfield at Helix, 4 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Friday Hermiston at Capital (ID) Invitational, 9 a.m.
Pendleton at La Grande, 4 p.m.
Riverside at Weston-McEwen, 4 p.m.
Ione at Helix, 4 p.m.
Saturday Hermiston at Capital (ID) Invitational, 8 a.m.
PREP BOYS GOLF
Wednesday Mac-Hi at Wine Valley GC (Walla Walla), 2:30 p.m.

Friday
Heppner, Echo, Nixyaawii at Big River (Umatilla), 10 a.m.
Pendleton, Hermiston at Meadow Lakes GC (Prineville), 11 a.m.
PREP GIRLS GOLF
Tuesday Pendleton, Hermiston at Big River GC (Umatilla), 9:30 a.m.
Friday Hermiston at Vandemere GC (Spokane, Wash.), 9 a.m.
Heppner, Echo at Big River (Umatilla), 10 a.m.
PREP RODEO
Friday Intermountain Rodeo 1 (Hermiston), 6:30 p.m.
Saturday Intermountain Rodeo 1 (Hermiston), 1 p.m.
Intermountain Rodeo 2 (Hermiston), 6 p.m.
Sunday Intermountain Rodeo 2 (Hermiston), Noon
PREP LACROSSE
Tuesday Hermiston at La Salle Prep, 7 p.m.
Friday Nadzitsaga at Hermiston, 5 p.m.
Saturday Central Valley (WA) at Hermiston, 3 p.m.
PREP RUGBY
Saturday East Oregon at Eastside (Portland), 1:30 p.m.
COLLEGE BASEBALL
Wednesday Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain (DH), 1/4 p.m.
Saturday Blue Mountain at Columbia Basin (DH), 1/4 p.m.
COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Tuesday Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain (DH), 2/4 p.m.
Friday Blue Mountain at Spokane (DH), 2/4 p.m.
Saturday Blue Mountain at North Idaho (DH), Noon/2 p.m.

COLLEGE TRACK & FIELD
Thursday Eastern Oregon at CCC Multi-Event Championships (Hermiston HS), 10 a.m.
Friday Eastern Oregon at CCC Multi-Event Championships (Hermiston HS), 10 a.m.
Eastern Oregon at EOU Invitational (Hermiston HS), 4 p.m.
Hockey
National Hockey League
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)
Chicago 3, Ottawa 0
Monday: Montreal 2, Ottawa 1, OT
Wednesday: Montreal at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
Detroit 1, Tampa Bay 1
Saturday: Tampa Bay 5, Detroit 1
Tuesday: Tampa Bay at Detroit, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1
Saturday: Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Monday: N.Y. Rangers 2, Pittsburgh 1
Wednesday: N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders 2, Washington 1
Sunday: N.Y. Islanders 2, Washington 1, OT
Tuesday: Washington at N.Y. Islanders, 4:30 p.m.
Western Conference
Minnesota 2, St. Louis 1
Saturday: St. Louis 4, Minnesota 1
Monday: Minnesota 3, St. Louis 0
Wednesday: St. Louis at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago 2, Nashville 1
Sunday: Chicago 4, Nashville 2
Thursday: Nashville at Chicago, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday: Chicago at Nashville, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim 3, Winnipeg 0
Saturday: Anaheim 2, Winnipeg 1
Monday: Anaheim 5, Winnipeg 4, OT
Wednesday: Anaheim at Winnipeg, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary 2, Vancouver 1
Sunday: Calgary 4, Vancouver 2
Tuesday: Vancouver at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Calgary at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Basketball
National Basketball Association
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlanta 1, Brooklyn 0
Sunday: Atlanta 99, Brooklyn 92
Wednesday: Brooklyn at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
Cleveland 1, Boston 0
Sunday: Cleveland 113, Boston 100
Tuesday: Boston at Cleveland, 4 p.m.
Chicago 2, Milwaukee 0
Saturday: Chicago 103, Milwaukee 91
Monday: Chicago 91, Milwaukee 82
Thursday: Chicago at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Washington 1, Toronto 0
Saturday: Washington 93, Toronto 86, OT
Tuesday: Washington at Toronto, 5 p.m.
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 1, New Orleans 0
Saturday: Golden State 106, New Orleans 99
Monday: Golden State 97, New Orleans 87
Thursday: Golden State at New Orleans, 6:30 p.m.
Houston 1, Dallas 0
Saturday: Houston 118, Dallas 108
Tuesday: Dallas at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers 1, San Antonio 0
Sunday: L.A. Clippers 107, San Antonio 92
Wednesday: San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis 1, Portland 0
Sunday: Memphis 100, Portland 86
Wednesday: Portland at Memphis, 5 p.m.

Detroit 9, Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 8, Boston 3
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 2
Houston 4, L.A. Angels 3
Kansas City 4, Oakland 2
Seattle 11, Texas 10
Monday’s Games
Chicago Cubs 5, Pittsburgh 2
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 1
San Diego 14, Colorado 3
Boston 7, Baltimore 1, 7th innings
Detroit 2, N.Y. Yankees 1
Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 3
Kansas City 7, Minnesota 1
Oakland 6, L.A. Angels 3
Houston 7, Seattle 5
Tuesday’s Games
Chicago Cubs (T.Wood 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Miami (Haren 1-0) at Philadelphia (Wiliams 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 1-1) at Washington (G. Gonzalez 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Cash 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore (B. Norris 0-1) at Toronto (Buehrle 2-0), 4:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 0-0) at Detroit (Lobstein 1-0), 4:08 p.m.
Boston (Miley 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Archer 2-1), 4:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Noesi 0-1), 5:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Milone 2-0) at Kansas City (J.Vargas 1-1), 5:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Marguis 0-1) at Milwaukee (Fiers 0-2), 5:10 p.m.
San Diego (Morrow 0-0) at Colorado (Matzek 1-0), 5:40 p.m.
Texas (N. Martinez 2-0) at Arizona (C. Anderson 0-0), 6:40 p.m.
Oakland (Pomeranz 1-1) at L.A. Angels (Santiago 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (McHugh 2-0) at Seattle (T.Walker 0-2), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (B. Anderson 1-0) at San Francisco (Linceseum 0-1), 7:15 p.m.

Baseball

Major League Baseball
Sunday’s Games
Atlanta 5, Toronto 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Miami 6
Pittsburgh 5, Milwaukee 2
Washington 4, Philadelphia 1
San Diego 5, Chicago Cubs 2
Arizona 5, San Francisco 1
L.A. Dodgers 7, Colorado 0
St. Louis 2, Cincinnati 1