

NBA

Lillard scores 35 to lead Blazers to win over Jazz

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SALT LAKE CITY — Damian Lillard knew he would need to carry more of the offense after an offseason of drastic changes for the Portland Trail Blazers, who lost four starters. The fourth-year guard hasn't disappointed.

Lillard had 35 points and C.J. McCollum added 27 as the Portland Trail Blazers defeated the Utah Jazz 108-92 on Wednesday night.

"It is a responsibility, when things aren't going well, when things are going well, I just have to be able to manage that and keep the team calm," Lillard said. "When it is time to make something happen I got to be willing to accept that challenge. So far I've been able to

do that."

Lillard shot 14 for 27 for his second consecutive 30-plus-point game. Al-Farouq Aminu finished with 13 points and Mason Plumlee added 12 and 16 rebounds for Portland.

The Jazz sent a multitude of defensive looks at Lillard and McCollum — unsuccessfully.

"We let some guys get what they wanted and we got hurt for it," Jazz coach Quin Snyder said. "We'll watch the film and I know it's not going to be pretty. ... There's games like this. I don't want to over-dramatize it.

"For me to go in and throw stuff and scream and yell, that might have a little bit of an impact, but over the course of a season that's not going to get us where we need to go. Our guys need to take ownership and

I'm right there with them."

Gordon Hayward scored a season-high 19 for the Jazz while Trey Burke chipped in 17 off the bench. Rudy Gobert finished with eight points, nine rebounds and four blocks.

EXPANDING ROLE: With the offseason departure of four starters, including LaMarcus Aldridge, Lillard has seen his role expand this season. The standout at Weber State in Ogden, Utah, entered the night averaging 25.5 points (No. 5 in the NBA) and 8.0 assists (No. 3). "He's our best player and he's taken the leadership role," Stotts said. "That's ... something he's been prepared for and he's ready for it after three years. He's been kind of groomed. He's a natural leader. He's sets a great example for his teammates. He has an unquestioned work ethic.



Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard (0) shoots as Utah Jazz guard Trey Burke (3) defends during the second half of Wednesday's game in Salt Lake City. AP Photo/Rick Bowmer

HERMISTON Harvest Challenge names eight winners

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Twenty-one five-person teams shot for cash and prizes valued at nearly \$3,500 at the 3rd Annual Harvest Team Challenge Trap Shoot at the Hermiston Gun Club on Oct. 24.

The novice division shoot was won by RDO Hermiston, with second place going to SSG (Oertwitch) and third going to Erickson Farms.

The high individual novice title was claimed by Troy Betz, with Marty Meads, Joe watts and Casey Huxoll the runners-up. Darren Stahl took the

youth division with Ryan Myers the runner-up. Kaitie Coleman, with runner-up Lindsay Weed, rounded out the women's division.

The experienced division team championship went to Bud Rich, with second place awarded to Key AG Distributors and third going to Agro K, a youth team.

The top high individual shooter was Corey Ashbeck, followed by Harvey Childers. Devin Britter took high youth with Blake Betz the runner-up.

Bobbi Childers was the womens high individual, with Mabelle Watts the runner-up.

T-WOLVES: Perez catches fire in victory

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to honor them a little bit. Things got a little squirrely, and that's been this year. Nine losses is a bunch, so that's kind of been this year."

As it turned out, it was freshmen Kristin Williams and Miah Perez that dominated the first two matches and the sophomores that came to the rescue when BMCC trailed in the third.

Williams had back-to-back blocks to allow the T-Wolves to start pulling away at 18-14 in the first set, then was in on two more to stretch the lead to 22-15. Those were her last of the night, but she also added eight kills with one of them taking the first set to match point before sophomore Klaree Hobart finished it off with a kill.

Perez caught fire at the net in the second set and had three of her match-high 14 kills during a clinching seven-point swing that she capped by smashing a kill between two Hawks blockers for a 14-8 BMCC lead. She

added two more as the T-Wolves finished off the set and was the only attacker to hit above .300 on the night with a .440 hitting percentage.

"Miah has been doing awesome lately, just banging balls," said sophomore setter Maci Beierle who finished with seven assists, one of three setters used in the match. Sophomore Kylie Collins added 13 assists and freshman Kylee Chavez had 14.

"I love hitting off all three of them," said Perez.

Both Williams and Perez were also key to completing BMCC's comeback in the third set, but it wasn't until sophomore like Hobart, Keri Schwarz and Hannah Bailey were back on the court that the T-Wolves were able to finally start reeling in the Hawks and catch them at 15-all.

The set went to 22-22 on a Perez kill, and Schwarz added a block and a kill as the teams traded points to 25-25. Then Hobart hit her seventh kill of the

match to make it 26-25, and Williams ricocheted a shot off the CBC block for the deciding point.

A pair of locals were also in action for Columbia Basin and Heppner graduate Kelly Wilson had a match-high 22 assists while Umatilla grad Kasandra Galbraith played in one set.

The Timberwolves finish league play on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at Big Bend before heading to the NWAC Championships in Tacoma, Washington. Their nine losses are the second most in a season since Baty took over in 2009, and he said the team will need to be much more consistent to succeed there than it was against CBC.

"We've got to play on the upper half of our ability and we've got to stay there," he said. "We can't have these ups and down like we showed here."

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Riverside, Umatilla eliminated

East Oregonian

MEDFORD — The No. 5 St. Mary's Crusaders advanced to the second round of the OSAA 3A/2A/1A girls soccer playoffs with a 5-0 win over Riverside on Wednesday.

No. 12 Riverside trailed 3-0 at halftime, no other details were reported.

The Pirates were the last remaining girls soccer team from the region in postseason play.

BOYS SOCCER

ST. MARY'S 5, UMATILLA 0 — At Medford, the No. 14 Umatilla boys soccer team had its season ended Tuesday after a 5-0 defeat to St. Mary's.

Despite the early exit, coach Carlos Ortiz was happy with the season.

"I'm still happy that we reached our goal — to make a state game — after all the odds were against us," he said.

Football player dies after collapsing in game

Associated Press

SHARON SPRINGS, Kan. — A Kansas high school football player who collapsed on the sideline during a game died Wednesday after being taken off of life support, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Luke Schemm had just scored the extra point after a touchdown when the 17-year-old ran to the sidelines and collapsed, his father, David Schemm, said at a news conference earlier Wednesday at Swedish Medical Center in the Denver suburb of Englewood, where the teen had been declared brain-dead.

"Luke, our beautiful gift from God, is no longer with us," Schemm said.

Hospital spokeswoman Nicole Williams told The Associated Press that Luke Schemm was "kept on life support so family and friends can pay their respects."

She later confirmed that life support was withdrawn Wednesday afternoon and the teen was declared dead.

Brian McVay, superintendent and principal of Wallace County schools, said he didn't know why Schemm collapsed during the Eight-Man Division II game at Wallace County High in Sharon Springs, Kansas.

"The team was gathered on the sidelines getting ready to go for the kick. Before they even left the sideline, he just collapsed," McVay said. "But as far as why, I haven't had time to track that down."

He said Schemm was taken by ambulance to a local hospital, then flown to the hospital in Colorado, about 220 miles west of Sharon Springs.

Gary Musselman, executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, said game officials didn't see Schemm sustain any head or neck contact

during the game.

Asked by a reporter whether he thought Schemm's team should still play in Saturday's quarterfinal playoff game against Ingalls, Schemm indicated that the players should push through their grief and compete.

"Luke gave his all on the field," he said. "He lived his life with a passion, and that's what we want them to do."

Gary Musselman, executive director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, said game officials didn't see Schemm sustain any head or neck contact during the game.

He said if Schemm's death is determined to be football-related, it would be the third in Kansas in 17 years.

"Any death is one too many," Musselman said. "We just are heartsick any time a youngster prematurely passes because of whatever reason."

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