

NFL Lynch probable against Panthers

By **TIM BOOTH**
Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Marshawn Lynch is on his way to Carolina and likely his first game for the Seattle Seahawks since mid-November.

The Seattle running back was listed as probable for the NFC divisional playoff game Sunday against the Panthers. And a week after deciding he wasn't ready to play and not joining his teammates in Minnesota, Lynch was one of the last players to step on the team bus on Friday afternoon at the team's headquarters as it left for the airport.

"Bags are packed," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said about his running back after the Seahawks concluded their final practice.

Lynch being listed as probable is the most encouraging sign that Seattle will get its starting running back on the field for the first time since

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Seattle Seahawks at Carolina Panthers

Sun. • 1:05 p.m. EST • FOX
(Regular-season statistics)

SEAHAWKS (10-6)		PANTHERS (15-1)	
Russell Wilson	4,024	PASSING	Cam Newton 3,837
Thomas Rawls	830	RUSHING	Jonathan Stewart 989
Doug Baldwin	1,069	RECEIVING	Greg Olsen 1,104

Team comparison		Average per game	
OFFENSE		DEFENSE	
26.4	POINTS	17.3	
31.2		19.2	
378.6	TOTAL YDS	291.8	
366.9		322.9	
236.9	PASSING	210.2	
224.3		234.5	
141.8	RUSHING	81.5	
142.6		88.4	

SOURCE: National Football League

Week 10 against Arizona. Lynch underwent abdominal surgery on Nov. 25 and was away from the team doing his rehab until last week.

Seattle was hopeful Lynch would return a week ago for the NFC wild-card game

against Minnesota, but he did not accompany the team to Minneapolis after determining he was not ready to play. Carroll said Lynch looked better in practice this week than he did before the Minnesota game.

Lynch has been a full participant in practice each day the past two weeks.

"He had a great week, he really did. He was faster and more explosive this week than last week. You can see that he made an improvement," Carroll said.

Carroll also poked a little fun at the events of last Friday when Lynch decided he could use extra rehab time and remained behind in Seattle.

"He's somewhat unpredictable in certain ways, but he's really pumped to play football and play with his team," Carroll said. "So I'm looking forward to him playing like he has in the past."

Seattle also listed starting tight end Luke Willson as probable after he missed the past two games due to a concussion suffered in Week 16 against St. Louis. The only player listed as doubtful for Seattle is fullback Will Tukuafu due to a hamstring injury suffered last week.

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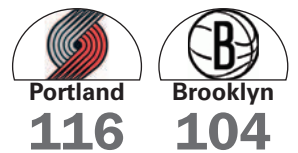


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Brooklyn Nets' Brook Lopez, center, defends against Portland Trail Blazers' Mason Plumlee, right, as Nets' Thaddeus Young (30) watches during the first half of an NBA basketball game Friday in New York.

Trail Blazers win third straight

Associated Press



NEW YORK — Damian Lillard had 33 points and 10 assists, reserve Allen Crabbe added 19 points and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Brooklyn Nets 116-104 on Friday night for their third straight victory.

Portland trailed 92-86 with 8:41 left in the fourth quarter after a pull-up jumper by Andrea Bargnani, but backup center Ed Davis and Lillard combined for 16 points during a 19-2 run that gave the Blazers a 105-94 lead with 4:26 remaining.

Brook Lopez scored 25 points for the Nets, who have lost 11 of their last 12 games at Barclays Center. Point guard Donald Sloan came up just short of his first career triple-double, scoring 15 points with nine rebounds and nine assists.

After Davis, who had 14 points and 10 rebounds, extended Portland's lead to 105-94 with a put-back dunk off Lillard's missed 3-point attempt, the Nets scored five straight to cut it to 105-99 on Sloan's 3-pointer with 3:35 remaining.

But the Trail Blazers, who had lost their previous

two games to Brooklyn, then pulled away for good with an 11-5 run to seal the first game a three-game East Coast road trip.

TIP-INS
Trail Blazers: Lillard has had at least 10 assists in three of his last five games, including his last two. He came up one short in the other two games.

Nets: Sloan, who celebrated his 28th birthday by getting his third straight start at point guard in place of injured starter Jarrett Jack, played a season-high 32 minutes. Brooklyn outrebounded Portland 46-42. All five starters for the Nets scored in double figures.

LATE NIGHT SPECIAL
After scoring 17 of his 31 points in the fourth quarter of last Sunday's come-from-behind victory over Oklahoma City, Lillard struck again the final period against the Nets, scoring 14 points on 4 of 5 from the field, including a pair of 3s in almost eight minutes.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 3 p.m.
Heppner at Culver, 4 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 4:30 p.m.
Nyssa at Riverside, 4:30 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Nixyaavii, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Joseph, 5:30 p.m.
Wallowa at Echo, 5:30 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Arlington, 5:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Mitchell/Spray (at Mitchell), 5:30 p.m.
Ione at Dufur, 5:30 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario, 6:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Irigon, 7 p.m.

Tuesday
Mac-Hi at Riverside, 7:30 p.m.
Umatilla at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Arlington, 7:30 p.m.
Mitchell/Spray at Ione, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Today
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 1 p.m.
Heppner at Culver, 2:30 p.m.
Vale at Umatilla, 3 p.m.
Nyssa at Riverside, 4 p.m.
Pine Eagle at Nixyaavii, 4 p.m.
Helix at Joseph, 4 p.m.
Wallowa at Echo, 4 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Arlington, 4 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler vs. Mitchell/Spray (at Mitchell), 4 p.m.
Ione at Dufur, 4 p.m.
Mac-Hi at Ontario, 5 p.m.
Stanfield at Irigon, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Mac-Hi at Riverside, 6 p.m.
Umatilla at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Dayton (WA) at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Arlington, 6 p.m.
Mitchell/Spray at Ione, 6 p.m.
Pendleton at Baker, 7 p.m.
Hermiston (JV) at Echo, 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Today

Pendleton, Hermiston, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Heppner at Oregon Classic (Redmond), 10 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Today
Pendleton at Madras, 10 a.m.
Hermiston at La Grande, Noon

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
Spokane at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Today
Spokane at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.
Southern Oregon at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 5:30 p.m.

Football

NFL Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 16
Kansas City at New England, 1:35 (CBS)
Green Bay at Arizona, 5:15 p.m. (NBC)

Sunday, Jan. 17
Seattle at Carolina, 10:05 a.m. (FOX)
Pittsburgh at Denver, 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Basketball

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	25	15	62.5	—
Boston	21	19	52.5	4
New York	20	21	48.8	5.5
Brooklyn	11	29	27.5	14
Philadelphia	4	37	9.8	21.5

Southeast Div.				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	23	17	57.5	—
Miami	23	17	57.5	—

Hockey

NHL

Friday's Games
Boston 4, Buffalo 1
Chicago 4, Toronto 1
Vancouver 3, Carolina 2, OT
Tampa Bay 5, Pittsburgh 4, OT
Winnipeg 1, Minnesota 0
Dallas at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Today's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
New Jersey at Arizona, 11 a.m.
Ottawa at Los Angeles, 1 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 4 p.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Colorado at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Montreal at St. Louis, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

Golf

PGA
Sony Open

Friday's Leaders
At Waialae Country Club (Honolulu)
Second Round

Brant Snedeker63-65—128-12
Kevin Kisner63-66—129-11
Zach Johnson64-66—130-10
Luke Donald65-65—130-10
Zac Blair65-65—130-10
Chez Reavie67-63—130-10
Scott Piercy65-66—131-9
Sean O'Hair65-66—131-9
Jerry Kelly65-66—131-9
Morgan Hoffmann63-68—131-9
Si Woo Kim64-67—131-9
Daniel Summerhays67-65—132-8
James Hahn67-65—132-8
Vijay Singh63-69—132-8
Danny Lee66-66—132-8
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Marc Leishman68-65—133-7
John Senden66-67—133-7
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