

NBA

Trade deadline passes quietly as no major trades are made

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Jeff Green could give the Clippers a better shot in the West and Markieff Morris might strengthen a Wizards playoff push in the East.

Still, the possibilities were more interesting than the realities of the NBA's trade deadline.

There were no deals involving Dwight Howard, Kevin Love, Pau Gasol, Al Horford, or any other All-Star caliber player whose named was floated in recent days.

Major moves will wait for the summer, when a soaring salary cap and a strong free agent class could provide the fireworks that never materialized Thursday.

Washington and most of the other teams battling for a spot at the bottom of the Eastern Conference race may have improved, though the Knicks couldn't come up with anything.

"There's probably, maybe two teams in the league that feel like they don't have to make any improvement or adjustment. But everybody else feels like there's areas that we can improve our ballclub, so those are things that we discussed," interim coach Kurt Rambis said shortly before the 3 p.m. EST deadline. "The reality is all of these rumors and all this talk that's gone on, what 99 percent of it never is going to happen?"

All deals had to be approved by the NBA league office, which was still completing the process a few hours after the deadline.

Houston, Cleveland, Chicago and Atlanta all made trades, though mostly minor ones. Teams interested in their top players not only had to weigh giving up assets versus signing them in the summer, but also whether they wanted to acquire a player who could be a free agent and command a huge



(AP Photo/Rick Scuteri)

FILE - In this Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015 file photo, Los Angeles Clippers forward Lance Stephenson (1) during a game against the Phoenix Suns in Phoenix.

salary when the cap increases to around \$90 million in July.

Green went from Memphis to the Clippers, giving them another versatile forward while Blake Griffin is sidelined. Morris, unhappy this season in Phoenix, joins a disappointing Washington team that is 10th in the East.

CLIPPERS GO GREEN: Doc Rivers brings in another of his former Celtics and ships out Lance Stephenson, who disappointed in Los Angeles just as he did in Charlotte. The Grizzlies also acquired a future first-round pick. But most importantly, Rivers

acquired a Green of his own to play small-ball against Golden State and versatile forwards Draymond Green and Andre Iguodala.

MORRIS MOVES ON: The Wizards gave up a first-round draft pick and forwards Kris Humphries and DeJuan Blair for Morris. Despite his outbursts in Phoenix this season after the Suns traded his twin brother, Marcus, to Detroit, Morris was the Suns' third-best scorer and should benefit from playing with the backcourt of John Wall and Bradley Beal.

FRYE'S THEIR GUY: The Cavaliers dealt seldom-used Anderson Varejao to Portland and brought in Channing Frye from Orlando, giving them another perimeter-shooting big forward like Love to help spread the floor for LeBron James and Kyrie Irving.

HAWKS' ON POINT: Instead of trading point guard Jeff Teague, who was involved in a number

of potential trade talks, the Hawks brought in a new potential backup in a three-time trade. They sent Shelvin Mack to Utah and Justin Holliday to Chicago, which also got a second-round pick from the Jazz.

D-MO IN MOTOWN: Detroit made its second deal of the week, acquiring forward/center Donatas Motiejunas and guard Marcus Thornton from Houston for center Joel Anthony and a protected 2016 first-round draft pick. Motiejunas, a Lithuanian nicknamed D-Mo, joins Tobias Harris, acquired earlier from Orlando, in bolstering the Pistons' frontcourt.

THUNDER STRIKE: With D.J. Augustin's playing time as backup point guard reduced following the emergence of rookie Cameron Payne, Oklahoma City sent him and Steve Novak to the Nuggets for Foye, a veteran who can play both guard positions.

BULLDOGS: Colbray, Coleman, Wagner boast best records in the state

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to Redmond, had to do with assumptions made from watching a guy or team wrestle or looking at the rankings.

Tovey's point was, in essence, "Wrestle the guy in front of you." It's a message three-time state champ Sam Colbray has been giving all season.

"Going into the district tournament, I think no matter what kind of seeding, no matter who's in the bracket, even if we get seeded or not, once you step on the mat, you just gotta wrestle the singlet. It's just another guy you're wrestling."

All the way back in December, Larson said he wanted his grapplers to

be on the offensive more. He reiterated that point following Hermiston's dual win over Pendleton to cap the regular season. Tovey drove that point home Thursday night, using the dominant performances of Penn State's team coached by legend Cael Sanderson.

It's a style of pace, something the Bulldogs will try to employ this weekend.

"I think as a team, we need to push the pace and we'll be fine," Coleman said. "We have a lot of kids who will be (seeded) one or two, and a lot of kids who can knock off ones or twos."

Colbray (35-1), Coleman (35-2) and 126-pounder Andy Wagner (35-6) hold some of the best records in the state. CJ Hendon (33-9) at



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

In this March 4, 2015 file photo, Hermiston's Brock McDonough (on right) faces off against Tommy Winningham, of Crater, during the OSAA Wrestling Championships at Veteran's Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

138 pounds and Valen Wyse (31-9) at 152 are the only other Bulldogs with more than 30 victories. With two wins at districts, 170-pounder Brock McDounough (28-8) can eclipse that mark.

Colbray's mark is the eighth-best win-loss record in Oregon. At 195 pounds, he

said, he's most comfortable.

"I could probably win a weight above, I could probably win a weight below, but there comes a point where I'm too weak, and I can't eat anything," Colbray said. "I had a lot of weight loss this (season), but I'm fine. One-ninety-five's my battle weight. I feel strong. I'm thin. The power to weight ratio is a lot better than if I were at 220."

Tovey's last point Thursday night was simple: Hermiston is the best team in its district, and the state at large. The Bulldogs' results have spoken for themselves. They dominated each of their Special District 4 duals, won both the Oregon Wrestling Classic and Gut Check Challenge, finished second

at the Reser's Tournament of Champions and Tri-State, and took fifth at The Clash, a national tournament in Minnesota.

With those results in mind and talent up and down, Colbray expects Hermiston to qualify around 20 guys for the state tournament. That would make Hermiston's road to a 10th state title that much smoother.

"We put in the work during the season, so (the mood) is level-headed, cautious," Colbray said. "We know who we have to wrestle. We know what we have to do. It's been the same competition, the same wrestling, the same (thing) every year. So our coaches just prepared us and I think we're ready to go on the mat and perform."

BUCKS: Morgan Holcomb draws lone No. 1 seed

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"We're not going to beat Hermiston or Redmond," Phillips said, "but I think if we wrestle up to our capabilities we could place third."

Phillips said he'd be happy with anything in the top five, especially considering the number of underclassmen dominating the bulk of Pendleton's lower weight classes.

"It's hard to say being as young as we are," he said.

"It's hard to know what to expect out of this group.

"What I'm more worried about is how many guys we're going to take to state."

Phillips said that number could range anywhere from two to eight.

"We've just got to wait and see how we wrestling (Friday) and how it turns out," he said.

The top four placers in each weight class move on, and four Buckaroos will start the tournament with a

four seed or better.

At 145 pounds, junior Morgan Holcomb is Pendleton's only No. 1 seed. Freshman Alex Rendon (126) and senior JD Peters (160) were awarded No. 3 seeds, and senior Marcus Taylor (195) is a No. 4 seed.

Fifth-seeded Bucks were senior Jacob Banks (285) and freshman Lane Evens (106).

Phillips said he likes the chances of all of those wrestlers to reach the state

meet, which will be held Feb. 26-27 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

"We got the draws and the seeds that we needed for the kids that are trying to go to state," he said. "Now it's just a matter of showing up and wrestling."

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Athlete of the Week

Twenty questions with Jon Jennings

- East Oregonian*
- Favorite sports team?**
BYU Cougars
- Favorite athlete?**
Michael Phelps
- Favorite memory as a Buckaroo?**
Being on a relay team with my brother Nicholas as a freshman
- Favorite movie?**
Avengers 2: Age of Ultron
- Favorite TV show?**
Fairly Odd Parents
- Favorite music genre?**
Country
- Favorite musical artist?**
Thomas Rhett
- Favorite restaurant?**
Joe's Fiesta Mexican
- Favorite fast food restaurant?**
Wendy's
- Favorite food?**
Wendy's Frosty
- Favorite candy bar?**
Nestle Crunch
- Coca-Cola or Pepsi?**
Coca-Cola
- Favorite family recipe?**
No-bake cookies
- Favorite color?**
Blue
- Favorite subject in school?**
Health occupation
- Dream job?**
Physical therapist
- Dream vacation?**
The Philippines
- PlayStation or XBOX?**
XBOX
- Hobbies?**
Fishing, hiking, and other outdoors stuff
- Biggest influence on your life?**
My dad

RODEO: Girls outnumber boys on 2016 team

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The team has just one roughstock rider, Dalton Cortazar, a bull rider from Pendleton.

Pederson said it seems to be a statewide trend that the girls are outnumbering the boys in rodeo, and that's the case with the Intermountain team.

Nine girls are out for the team this year with six returners.

Pederson said Hermiston's Taylor Betz could have a breakout year in barrel racing and pole bending.

"She just got a new horse and looks like she's going to be real tough," he said.

Other returners for the Intermountain girls are Ione's Ivy Sandford, Pendleton's Blaire Aichele and Hallie Porter, and Hermiston's Morianna Stephens and Lainey Anderson.

All of them compete in

barrel racing and at least one other event. Sandford also represents the team in the queen competition and Aichele is their only cow cutter.

Heppner freshman Jacee Currin is second in the rookie points to lead a group of do-it-all freshman that also includes Heppner's Jaiden Mahoney and Hermiston's Ireland McDonough.

Following the Eugene rodeo, the OHSRA will

focus on reined cow horse and cutting in the month of March with events in Powell Butte and Eugene.

The next full rodeo will be April 1-3 in Klamath Falls.

The Intermountain team will hold its home rodeo in Hermiston on April 22-24, with the cutting state finals held on the first day.

The OHSRA state finals will be on June 8-11 in Prineville.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate				
PREP BOYS BASKETBALL				
Today				
Heppner vs. Weston-McEwen (at Pendleton Convention Center), 1 p.m.				
Riverside at Nyssa, 6 p.m.				
Hermiston at Hood River, 7 p.m.				
The Dalles at Pendleton, 7 p.m.				
Irrigon vs. Stanfield (at Pendleton Convention Center), 7 p.m.				
Nixyaawii vs. Echo (at Baker City), 8 p.m.				
Saturday				
OOL third-place game (at Baker City), 2:30 p.m.				
CBC District Championship (at Pendleton Convention Center), 4 p.m.				
OOL District Championship (at Baker City), 8 p.m.				
PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Today				
Powder Valley vs. Helix (at Baker City), 1 p.m.				
Weston-McEwen vs. Stanfield (at Pendleton Convention Center), 2:45 p.m.				
Arlington vs. Ione (at Madras), 3 p.m.				
Nyssa at Umatilla, 5 p.m.				
Condon/Wheeler vs. Horizon Christian (at Madras), 6 p.m.				
Nixyaawii vs. Echo (at Baker City), 6:30 p.m.				
Hood River at Hermiston, 7 p.m.				
Pendleton at The Dalles, 7 p.m.				
Irrigon vs. Pilot Rock (at Pendleton Convention Center), 8:45 p.m.				
Saturday				
BSL third-place game (at Madras), Noon				
OOL third-place game (at Baker City), 1 p.m.				
BSL District Championship (at Madras), 3 p.m.				
CBC District Championship (at Pendleton Convention Center), 5:45 p.m.				
OOL District Championship (at Baker City), 6:30 p.m.				
PREP WRESTLING				
Today				
Hermiston, Pendleton at District Championships (Mt. View High, Bend), TBA				
Saturday				

Hermiston, Pendleton at District Championships (Mt. View High, Bend), TBA				
Mac-Hi at GOL Championships (at La Grande), TBA				
PREP SWIMMING				
Today				
Pendleton, Hermiston at state championships (at Mt. Hood CC, Gresham), 1:45 p.m.				
Saturday				
Pendleton, Hermiston at state championships (at Mt. Hood CC, Gresham), 1 p.m.				
COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL				
Today				
Eastern Oregon at Walla Walla, 7:30 p.m.				
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain, 8 p.m.				
Saturday				
Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain, 4 p.m.				
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL				
Today				
Eastern Oregon at Walla Walla, 5:30 p.m.				
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.				
Saturday				
Yakima Valley at Blue Mountain, 2 p.m.				

Prep standings

BOYS BASKETBALL				
Columbia River Conference (5A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA Rnk
Pendleton	6-1	13-7	1290	1093 11
Hermiston	4-3	11-11	1390	1351 20
The Dalles	2-5	5-16	1122	1601 29
Hood River	2-5	3-16	1102	1335 31

GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Columbia River Conference (5A)				
	Conf.	Ovr.	PS	PA Rnk
Hermiston	7-0	19-3	1307	929 5
Pendleton	4-3	9-13	1074	1097 21
The Dalles	3-4	11-10	966	929 19
Hood River	0-7	3-17	713	1072 32

Basketball

NCAA				
Men's Top 25				

Thursday's Games				
No. 8 Michigan State 69, Wisconsin 57				
No. 14 Kentucky 80, Tennessee 70				
Minnesota 88, No. 6 Maryland 63				
Connecticut 68, No. 21 SMU 62				
Today's Games				
No games scheduled				
Women's Top 25				
Thursday's Games				
No. 2 Notre Dame 86, Wake Forest 52				
No. 3 South Carolina 61, Georgia 51				
No. 5 Ohio State 96, Nebraska 70				
No. 11 Louisville 74, Virginia 59				
No. 12 Texas A&M 68, LSU 54				
No. 16 Kentucky 83, No. 14 Mississippi St. 60				
No. 22 Florida 79, Vanderbilt 67				
No. 23 Syracuse 83, No. 10 Florida State 73				
No. 24 Tennessee 57, Mississippi 51				
No. 25 Michigan St. 70, Rutgers 67				
Today's Games				
No. 21 DePaul at Providence, 4 p.m.				
Washington St. at No. 9 Arizona St., 5 p.m.				
No. 12 UCLA at Oregon, 6 p.m.				
No. 15 Stanford at Colorado, 7 p.m.				
USC at No. 7 Oregon St., 8 p.m.				
NBA				
Thursday's Games				
Washington 103, Utah 89				
Cleveland 106, Chicago 95				
L.A. Clippers 105, San Antonio 86				
Friday's Games				
Dallas at Orlando, 4 p.m.				
Detroit at Washington, 4 p.m.				
New York at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.				
Toronto at Chicago, 5 p.m.				
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 5 p.m.				
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.				
Minnesota at Memphis, 5 p.m.				
Indiana at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.				
Miami at Atlanta, 5 p.m.				
Houston at Phoenix, 6:30 p.m.				
Denver at Sacramento, 7 p.m.				
Golden State at Portland, 7 p.m.				
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.				
Boston at Utah, 7:30 p.m.				
Hockey				

NHL

Thursday's Games

Tampa Bay 6, Winnipeg 5, SO

San Jose 2, Florida 1, SO

Washington 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT

Pittsburgh 6, Detroit 3

N.Y. Rangers 4, Toronto 2

Ottawa 4, Carolina 2

St. Louis 2, Los Angeles 1, OT

Nashville 2, Boston 0

Minnesota 5, Edmonton 2

Arizona 6, Dallas 3

Anaheim 5, Vancouver 2

Friday's Games

N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 4 p.m.

San Jose at Carolina, 4 p.m.

Buffalo at Columbus, 4 p.m.

Philadelphia at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Calgary, 6 p.m.

Golf

Northern Trust Open

At Riviera Country Club

Los Angeles

First Round

Thursday

Camilo Villegas 31-32—63 -8

Chaz Reavie 32-34—66 -5

Hubba Watson 32-34—66 -5

Luke List 33-33—66 -5

Ricky Barnes 32-35—67 -4

Rory McIlroy 33-34—67 -4

Charles Howell III 31-36—67 -4

Charles Danielson 32-35—67 -4

Shawn Stefani 32-35—67 -4

Justin Leonard 33-34—67 -4

Ben Crane 31-36—67 -4

Jason Kokrak 34-34—68 -3

Billy Horschel 32-36—68 -3

Charl Schwartzel 32-36—68 -3

Angel Cabrera 32-36—68 -3

Harris English 33-35—68 -3

Retief Goosen 33-35—68 -3

Martin Laird 32-36—68 -3

Geoff Leachman 34-34—69 -3

Kevin Chappell 34-34—68 -3

Kyle Reifers 34-34—68 -3

Dustin Johnson 33-35—68 -3

Adam Scott 36-32—68 -3

Luke Donald 35-33—68 -3

Jordan Spieth 38-41—79 +8