NBA

Aldridge, Leonard lead Spurs to 34th straight home win

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SAN ANTONIO — Kawhi Leonard and LaMarcus Aldridge each had 22 points and the San Antonio Spurs beat the Portland Trail Blazers 118-110 Thursday night to secure the second-best home start to a season in league history.

The Spurs have won 34 straight at home to open the season and only trail the 37 wins by the Chicago Bulls during their historic 72-victory season in 1995-96. The Orlando Magic won 33 straight to open the season that same season.

A dominant third quarter enabled San Antonio to sit its starters for much of the fourth quarter in advance of Saturday's showdown with Golden State. The Warriors and the Spurs have both clinched playoff berths and division titles and are on pace to finish with two of the three best single-season records in league history.

Tony Parker had 18 points and a season-high 16 assists. The Spurs shot 52 percent while committing seven turnovers, which was one off its season low.

C.J. McCollum had 26 points and Damian Lillard had 23 for Portland.

San Antonio only had two turnovers in the first half while shooting 50 percent from the field but had trouble gaining any separation from Portland.

AP Photo/Eric Gay

Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, center, drives past San Antonio Spurs forward David West, left, during the first half Thursday in San Antonio.

But as they have done throughout their home winning streak, the Spurs dominated the start of the second half to take command of the game. San Antonio opened the third quarter on a 10-0 run, with Aldridge scoring seven points and Leonard igniting the run with a 3-pointer. The Spurs had 14 assists on 16 field goals in the third quarter.

Leonard had 11 points in the third quarter, providing a boost on offense and defense. The 6-foot-7 forward wrapped a pass to Duncan for an uncontested dunk after drawing three defenders in the lane. Leonard then disrupted a 3-point attempt and then drained his own 3 on the ensuing possession.

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: Portland forward/center Meyers Leonard is expected to miss at least three games after dislocating his left shoulder in practice Wednesday. The injury occurred after Gerald Henderson swiped at his arm. Leonard dislocated the same shoulder against San Antonio on Nov. 11, leading to a seven-game absence. ... The Trail Blazers have won 16 of their past 24 games. ... Portland is 20-1 when leading at the half and 2-13 when trailing. ... The Trail Blazers, who play Friday in New Orleans, are 12-17 in back-to-back games.

Spurs: Aldridge has averaged 17 points and six rebounds in three games against the Trail Blazers this season. The 6-foot-11 forward left Portland to sign with San Antonio in the offseason.

UP NEXT

Trail Blazers: At New Orleans on Friday.

STANFIELD: Woods picks up two hits and four RBI in varsity debut

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about 80 percent strikes. "And he did that. Good velocity. He was dialed in and it was good."

Grogan, though, wasn't overly excited about his stellar pitching performance. The normally level-headed and quiet Grogan, who also stars in football and basketball, was more focused on his team than his individual statistics.

He said he received a bit of ribbing from his teammates about letting some at-bats go too long, but most of it was good-natured.

Offensively, Stanfield was balanced, well-rounded and received contributions from the entire order. Six Tigers had two or more hits. Three Tigers had two or more RBI, and eight Tigers had at least one run batted in. Eight Tigers scored runs, and Stanfield batters struck out just four times.

It was a departure from the beginning of last season for Stanfield, which Johnson described as "lazy fly ball disease." The Tigers struggled staying on top of the ball, popping everything up. Stanfield lost its first three games of 2015.

"That's sort of been our goal, see how many balls we can hit hard," Johnson said. "In practice we're tallying that up in (batting practice). We had eight to 10, I think. So, that's some good quality at-bats."

Brody Woods had the standout offensive performance, going 2-for-4 with a double and four RBI in his varsity debut. Thyler Monkus was 2-for-3 with two runs scored and an RBI, and Keith Wampler was 3-for-4 with a run, an RBI and a nice bunt single to start the bottom of the second.

Monkus led off the first with a looping single into left, and eventually scored on a Grogan fielder's choice to take a 1-0 lead. The one-run lead would last until the third, when Stanfield broke things open in a big way.

Staff photo by Sam Barbee

Stanfield sophomore Brody Woods fouls off a high fastball during the Tigers' 16-0 win over Union on Thursday.

The Tigers sent 15 batters to the plate in the third, scoring ten runs on eight hits. Grogan had two hits, an RBI and a run scored in the rally, and Wampler had two hits, knocked in and scored a run, as well.

Ryan Bailey and Grogan each singled with one out, and Woods drove in Monkus with a fielder's choice. Wampler dumped a single into right field to plate Grogan, then Justin Keeney was beaned. With two out, Jason Fitzpatrick softly lined a single down the right field line, plating Wampler, and Adrian Renner followed with an RBI single to put Stanfield up 5-0.

Monkus, at-bat for the second time in the frame, was hit by a pitch, and Flores singled, plating Fitzpatrick and moving to second on the throw. Bailey then reached on an error to extend the inning, and Grogan made Union pay with an RBI single past the third baseman, driving home Flores. Woods followed with another single to plate Bailey, and Grogan scored Stanfeild's tenth of the frame when Wampler reached on an error.

In total, Stanfield scored nine of its 10 runs in the bottom of the third with two outs.

Stanfield got five more to drive home the point in the fourth. Woods' two-RBI double came in the frame, a sharp liner down the right field line, and Monkus and Bailey each had RBI singles in the frame.

For a Stanfield team that has high expectations for itself, a fast start was crucial. On Thursday, a fast start is what they got behind the nearly perfect pitching of Grogan and the balanced offensive attack by the Tigers.

"We're just doing it for us. We're trying to win. It's a big deal," Grogan said. "No one's thinking about their individuals. We're trying to be one team, honestly."

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Rynearson, L. Howk and Evans; D. Grogan and T. Monkus (SHS).
W — Grogan. L — Rynearson.
2B: B. Woods (SHS).

TRACK: Hermiston's Neal has big day in field events

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track and field team, earned the top time in the boys 100 meter dash at 11.69 seconds, and was a key cog in the Buckaroos 4x100 meter relay team that earned the top time of 45.11.

"He's been a part of our cross country team for the last two years and we finally got him to come out for track this year," Breshears said. "He's very talented but still very raw in the sport, but he's a true gamer and will do whatever we ask."

Two performances the Buckaroo coaches were not surprised at were seniors Nolan Bylenga and Delaney Clem, as each showed their talents on Thursday. Bylenga was a part of both the 4x100 and 4x400 meter relay teams that took first place, and earned the top times in both the 400 meters (51.49) and the 1500 meters (4:16.95), while Clem breezed to victories in the 1500 meters (5:17.84) and the 3000 meters (11:27.55).

For Hermiston, the Bulldogs showed that their strengths in 2016 are in the sprints on the girls side and distance and field events on the boys side.

Junior sprinter Audrey Lincoln just barely took the top time in the 100 meter dash with a 12.99 — barely beating Monument freshman Sophia Pettit's time of 13.00 — and then played key parts on both Bulldogs relay teams that earned top times as well.

One surprise for Hermiston, however, was freshman sprinter Elsa Torres who earned the top spot in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.08 seconds.

On the boys side, senior Josiah Niederwerfer had a solid day in the distance events, finishing in the second spot in both the 1500 meter run (4:24.64) and the 3000 meter run (9:45.39), while Tre Neal had a big day in the field by grabbing the top spot in shot put (46-07.00), discus (139-06), and then finishing in fourth place in the javelin.

Many other area schools put forth solid performances on the day, including the Mac-Hi Pioneers led by senior Amber Wells' in the javelin where she tossed more than 106 feet for an eight-foot cushion on the next highest thrower. The Pioneers also had the discus duo of Landon Warne and Donald Clark each turn in top-10 performances, with Clark earning a personal record throw of 112-feet and seven-inches.

"We had great performances all-around today, and we seem to be heading in the right direction," said Pioneers coach John Milleson.

Twenty questions with Jansen Edmiston

East Oregonian

East Oregonian: Favorite sports team?
Jansen Edmiston: Boston Red Sox
Favorite athlete?
Rustin Edmiston (brother)
Favorite sport to play?
Basketball
Favorite memory as a Bulldog?
Making so many memories with teammates
Favorite movie?
Stick It
Favorite TV show?
Criminal Minds
Favorite music genre?
Open to all
Favorite spot in Hermiston?
Basketball court, the gym
Favorite restaurant?
Panera Bread
Favorite fast food restaurant?
Dairy Queen
Favorite candy bar?
Heath Bar
Favorite family recipe?
Pumpkin Stew (stew made in a pumpkin shell)
Coca-Cola or Pepsi?
Coke
Favorite color?
Turquoise
Favorite subject in school?
Math
Dogs or cats?
Dogs
Dream vacation spot?
Bora Bora
Favorite thing to do on the weekend?
Be outdoors
Something people might not know about you?
Had to choose basketball over swimming
Biggest life influence?
My family

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BASEBALL

Today
Joseph at Pilot Rock (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.
Dufur at Umatilla (DH), 2/4 p.m.
Pendleton at Hanford (WA) (DH), 3/5 p.m.
Central Catholic at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
Saturday
Weston-McEwen at Dayton (WA), 2 p.m.

PREP SOFTBALL

Today
Central Linn at Pilot Rock, 9 a.m.
Weston-McEwen vs. Scio (at Pilot Rock), 11 a.m.
Weston-McEwen vs. Central Linn (at Pilot Rock), 1 p.m.
Liberty at Hermiston (DH), 3/5:30 p.m.
Kamiakin (WA) at Pendleton (DH), 3/5 p.m.
Enterprise at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.
Saturday
Scio at Pilot Rock, 11 a.m.
Weston-McEwen vs. Enterprise (at Pilot Rock), 1 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock, 5 p.m.

PREP TENNIS

Saturday
Hermiston boys at AC Davis (WA), 3:30 p.m.

PREP GOLF

Today
Pendleton, Hermiston boys at The Dalles, 10 a.m.

PREP RUGBY

Saturday
Valley Rams at EO Sasquatch, 1:30 p.m.

PREP LACROSSE

Today
Ridgeview at Hermiston, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
Selah at Hermiston, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday
PBA at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.
Sunday
Olumpic at Blue Mountain (DH), 11 a.m./2 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Today
North Idaho at Blue Mountain (DH), 2/4 p.m.
Saturday
Spokane at Blue Mountain (DH), Noon/2 p.m.

Basketball

NCAA Tournament
First Round
Thursday
EAST REGIONAL
Indiana 99, Chattanooga 74
North Carolina 83, Florida Gulf Coast 67
Kentucky 85, Stony Brook 57
Providence 70, USC 69
SOUTH REGIONAL
Connecticut 74, Colorado 67
Kansas 105, Austin Peay 79
Miami 79, Buffalo 72
Wichita State 65, Arizona 55
MIDWEST REGIONAL
No. 1 Virginia 81, No. 16 Hampton 45
No. 4 Iowa State 94, No. 13 Iona 81
No. 9 Butler 71, No. 8 Texas Tech 61
No. 12 UALR 85, No. 5 Purdue 83 (2OT)
Utah 80, Fresno State 69
Gonzaga 68, Seton Hall 52
WEST REGIONAL
No. 4 Duke 93, No. 13 UNCW 85
No. 12 Yale 79, No. 5 Baylor 75
Today
EAST REGIONAL
No. 7 Wisconsin vs. No. 10 Pittsburgh, 3:50 p.m. (TNT)
No. 3 West Virginia vs. No. 14 Stephen F. Austin, 4:10 p.m. (CBS)
No. 2 Xavier vs. No. 15 Weber State, 6:20 p.m. (TNT)
No. 6 Notre Dame vs. No. 11 Michigan, 6:40 p.m. (CBS)
SOUTH REGIONAL
No. 2 Villanova vs. No. 15 UNC Asheville, 9:40 a.m. (TRUTV)
No. 4 California vs. No. 13 Hawaii, 11 a.m. (TBS)
No. 7 Iowa vs. No. 10 Temple, 12:10 p.m. (TRUTV)
No. 5 Maryland vs. No. 12 South Dakota St., 1:30 p.m. (TBS)
MIDWEST REGIONAL
No. 7 Dayton vs. No. 10 Syracuse, 9:15 a.m. (CBS)
No. 2 Michigan St. vs. No. 15 Middle Tennessee, 11:45 a.m. (CBS)
WEST REGIONAL
No. 10 VCU vs. No. 7 Oregon State, 10:30 a.m. (TNT)
No. 2 Oklahoma vs. No. 15 CSU Bakersfield, 1 p.m. (TNT)
No. 3 Texas A&M vs. No. 14 Green Bay, 4:20 p.m. (TBS)
No. 1 Oregon vs. No. 16 Holy Cross, 4:27 p.m. (TRUTV)
No. 6 Texas vs. No. 11 Northern Iowa, 6:50 p.m. (TBS)
No. 8 St. Joseph's vs. No. 9 Cincinnati, 6:57 p.m. (TRUTV)

Women's NCAA Tournament
BRIDGEPORT REGIONAL
First Round
Today
Michigan State (24-8) vs. Belmont (24-8), 9 a.m.
Mississippi State (26-7) vs. Chattanooga (24-7), 11:30 a.m.
DALLAS REGIONAL
Baylor (33-1) vs. Idaho (24-9), 2 p.m.
St. John's (23-9) vs. Auburn (19-12), 4:30 p.m.
DePaul (25-8) vs. James Madison (27-5), 9 a.m.
Louisville (25-7) vs. Central Arkansas (28-3), 11:30 a.m.
Oregon State (28-4) vs. Troy (19-11), 2 p.m.
Oklahoma State (21-9) vs. St. Bonaventure (23-7), 4:30 p.m.
SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL
George Washington (26-6) vs. Kansas State (18-12), 2 p.m.
South Carolina (31-1) vs. Jacksonville (22-10), 4:30 p.m.
Florida (22-8) vs. Albany (NY) (27-4), 9 a.m.
Syracuse (25-7) vs. Army (29-2), 11:30 a.m.
West Virginia (24-9) vs. Princeton (23-5), 9 a.m.
Ohio State (24-7) vs. Buffalo (20-13), 11:30 a.m.
Tennessee (19-13) vs. Green Bay (28-4), 2 p.m.
Arizona State (25-6) vs. New Mexico State (26-4), 4:30 p.m.
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Notre Dame (31-1) vs. North Carolina A&T (19-11), 3:30 p.m.
Georgia (21-9) vs. Indiana (20-11), 6 p.m.
Miami (24-8) vs. South Dakota State (26-6), 3:30 p.m.
Stanford (24-7) vs. San Francisco (22-11), 6 p.m.
Oklahoma (21-10) vs. Purdue (20-11), 10:30 a.m.
Kentucky (23-7) vs. UNC Asheville (26-6), 1 p.m.
Maryland (30-3) vs. Iona (23-11), 10:30 a.m.
Washington (22-10) vs. Pennsylvania (24-4), 1 p.m.

NBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	46	21	.687	—
Boston	39	29	.574	7½
New York	28	41	.406	19
Brooklyn	19	49	.279	27½
Philadelphia	9	59	.132	37½

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	40	29	.580	—
Miami	39	29	.574	½
Charlotte	39	29	.574	½
Washington	33	35	.485	6½
Orlando	29	38	.433	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	48	19	.716	—
Indiana	36	32	.529	12½
Chicago	34	33	.507	14
Detroit	34	34	.500	14½
Milwaukee	30	39	.435	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	58	10	.853	—
Memphis	39	30	.565	19½
Houston	34	34	.500	24
Dallas	34	34	.500	24
New Orleans	25	42	.373	32½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	46	22	.676	—
Portland	35	34	.507	11½
Utah	33	35	.485	13
Denver	28	41	.406	18½
Minnesota	22	46	.324	24

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	61	6	.910	—
L.A. Clippers	43	24	.642	18
Sacramento	26	41	.388	35
Phoenix	18	50	.265	43½
L.A. Lakers	14	54	.206	47½

Today's Games
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
Minnesota at Houston, 5 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	71	40	22	9	89	202	172
Boston	71	39	24	8	86	215	191
Tampa Bay	71	40	26	5	85	194	171
Detroit	71	35	25	11	81	179	187
Ottawa	71	33	30	8	74	205	220
Montreal	71	33	32	6	72	191	200
Buffalo	71	28	33	10	66	169	193
Toronto	70	24	35	11	59	165	206

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Washington	69	50	14	5	105	221	161
N.Y. Rangers	71	40	23	8	88	202	186
N.Y. Islanders	69	38	22	9	85	196	174
Pittsburgh	70	38	24	8	84	194	176
Philadelphia	69	34	23	12	80	181	185
New Jersey	71	34	30	7	75	161	182
Carolina	71	31	27	13	75	173	192
Columbus	70	28	34	8	64	181	218

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	72	42	21	9	93	233	211
St. Louis	72	41	22	9	91	191	185
Chicago	71	41	24	6	88	197	176
Nashville	71	36	22	13	85	196	181
Colorado	71	36	31	4	76	191	199
Minnesota	71	32	28	11	75	188	182
Winnipeg	70	29	36	5	63	182	209

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	70	43	22	5	91	194	159
Anaheim	69	38	22	9	85	175	162
San Jose	70	39	25	6	84	207	184
Arizona	70	31	32	7	69	188	212
Vancouver	69	27	30	12	66	167	200
Calgary	70	30	35	5	65	193	218
Edmonton	73	28	38	7	63	177	216

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 7, Minnesota 4
Pittsburgh 4, Carolina 2
Detroit 3, Columbus 1
Florida 4, Toronto 1
Nashville 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Dallas 4, Tampa Bay 3
Arizona 3, San Jose 1
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, OT
Today's Games
Ottawa at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Nashville at Washington, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
JANSEN EDMISTON
Hermiston Basketball
Edmiston scored a team-high 16 points to lead Hermiston to a fourth place finish in the 5A state tournament.

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