

Pro Basketball

McCollum has 30 as Trail Blazers beat Kings



Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard left, is fouled by Sacramento Kings guard Seth Curry during the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, April 5, 2016, in Sacramento, Calif. The Trail Blazers won 115-107.

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — CJ McCollum made five 3-pointers and scored 30 points to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a 115-107 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday night.

Damien Lillard had 22 points and eight assists as Portland won for the fifth time in six games and remained a half-game behind Memphis for fifth place in the Western Conference. The Grizzlies beat the Bulls earlier.

Maurice Harkless had season-highs of 20 points and 16 rebounds, Gerald Henderson scored 13 points and Mason Plumlee had 12 points and nine rebounds before fouling out late in the game for the Trail Blazers.

Portland got just its second victory in its last 11 road games and outrebounded Sacramento 49-34.

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DeMarcus Cousins had 30 points and nine rebounds for the Kings. Rajon Rondo had a triple-double with a season-high 27 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds, and Seth Curry scored 17 points.

Portland's final three games are at home against Oklahoma City, Minnesota and the season-fine April 13 against Denver.

James Anderson made a jumper to pull the Kings within four points, but Lillard made two free throws and Harkless had a dunk of a steal to secure the victory.

McCollum made a runner, Lillard scored on a drive and McCollum followed with a 3-pointer, concluding an

11-2 run that put the Blazers ahead 106-96 with 2:54 remaining.

After going scoreless in the opening half, Harkless scored 14 points in the third quarter, helping Portland outscore the Kings 33-23 to take an 84-80 lead into the fourth.

TIP INS: Trail Blazers: Lillard had a second-quarter dunk attempt rejected by McCauley, who hustled down court and scored on a fastbreak opportunity. Lillard shot 2 of 9 in the opening half when he missed 4 of 5 3-point attempts. ... McCollum scored 19 points in the first half, but the Blazers still trailed 57-51.

Kings: Coach George Karl elected to rest Darren Collison, Kosta Koufos and Rudy Gay. Key reserves Marco Belinelli (sore foot) and Omri Casspi (strained hamstring) were also missing.

Prep Roundup

Stanfield pitchers combine for no-hitters against Riverside

East Oregonian

BOARDMAN — The Stanfield Tigers continued their incredible start to the 2016 season, defeating the Riverside Pirates by a combined score of 41-3 on Tuesday afternoon in an Eastern Oregon League doubleheader.

Stanfield (11-0, 4-0 EOL) racked up a combined 28 hits over the span of the two games, which finished with scores of 21-3 and 20-0, but that was not even the most impressive statistic.

The Tigers threw five pitchers in the two games, and all five combined to throw consecutive no-hitters against the Pirates (1-9, 0-4). "I'm really happy with the way the guys showed up to play today and they played really well top to bottom," Stanfield coach Bryan Johnson said.

Brody Woods and Jason Fitzpatrick combined in the opener with Woods getting the win. He struck out seven and walked two in three complete innings. Fitzpatrick struck out three and walked one.

Dylan Grogan, Tony Flores and Ryan Bailey threw Game 2 with Grogan

getting the win. He struck out six and walked none in two complete, then Flores struck out four and walked one in two as well. Bailey tossed the final inning with one strikeout and no walks.

Grogan went 6 for 10 at the plate on the day with four RBI and six runs, Bailey was 5 for 9 with five RBI and five runs, and Woods was 4 for 8 with five RBI and six runs.

Stanfield's next games are Friday in a home doubleheader against Burns that starts at 2 p.m. Riverside won't play again until next Tuesday when it hosts Prescott (WA) at 4 p.m.

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Game 2 SHS 530 66 - 20 15 2 RHS 000 00 - 0 0 10

WESTON-MCEWEN 10, DUFUR 0 — At Dufur, Vince Roff went 2 for 3 with four RBI and Hunter Sater went 3 for 4 with three RBI as the TigerScots beat the Rangers in five innings on Tuesday in non-league action.

Jimmy Patrick and Travis Hendley combined to throw a one-hitter on the mound with Patrick picking up the win going three full with one strikeout and no walks.

Roff lined out to the start the game, but Brett Speed followed with a double to get the TigerScots (6-2) rolling. A hit batter and a pair of wild pitches then allowed Speed to score the eventual game-winner.

Shaw Broncheau went 2 for 3 for Weston-McEwen, which plays Dufur again in a doubleheader on Saturday starting at 11 a.m. in Athena.

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MAC-HI 11, ELGIN 4 — At Elgin, the Mac-Hi Pioneers rode a strong performance from pitcher Jesus Vela to take down the Elgin Huskies for the Pioneers second win of the season on Tuesday.

Vela pitched a complete game on the mound for the Pioneers (2-2), allowing four runs and seven hits to go with eight strikeouts and no walks. "Jesus was dominant

today," Mac-Hi coach Mark Michaud said. "Any time you have eight strikeouts and no walks, those are the games you dream of."

Bailey DeBord led the Pioneers offense with three hits in the game including an RBI double, while Hunter Yense had a strong day too going 2-3 with a stolen base and a run scored.

Mac-Hi next plays on Saturday when they host Ontario for a doubleheader starting at Noon.

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Softball ECHO 8-17, RIVERSIDE 1-2 — At Boardman, MacKenzie Gonzales hit a home run in the fourth inning and pitched a complete game as Echo beat Riverside 8-1 in the first half of their Eastern Oregon League twin bill on Tuesday.

The Cougars (7-2) then combined for six doubles in the night cap and scored seven runs in the seventh inning of their 17-2 win. Echo never trailed in either game.

Alyssa Ray had two of those doubles and pitched the complete game with 10 strikeouts and two walks.

Cheyenne Hilliard hit two doubles as well and went 4 for 5 with three runs and two RBI. Erika Parks had just one hit in the game, but led the team with four RBI and Ray finished 3 for 5 with three runs and two RBI.

Up next for Echo is a home doubleheader against Burns on Friday starting at 2 p.m.

Riverside (5-5) hosts Weston-McEwen for two on Saturday starting at 1 p.m.

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Game 2 EHS 220312 7 - 17 17 2 RHS 200000 0 - 2 5 3

Tennis STANFIELD 7, IONE 4 — At Stanfield, the Stanfield Tigers took a combined victory over the Ione Cardinals on Tuesday, but the Cardinals didn't leave

empty-handed thanks to a 2-1 edge on the boys' side.

Stanfield's Henry Gehrke edged Bryan Fowler 8-6 in the boys' No. 1 singles match, but Tim Gould got the win for Ione at No. 2 singles and came back with Sergio Marin for a win in No. 1 doubles.

Stanfield swept the girls' singles matches with Yakima Guzman beating Babali Peterson 8-4 in the No. 1 slot.

The Tigers also won the top two doubles matches, and No. 1 team Yazzmin and Guitzell Chavez took an 8-0 win from Katelyn Bass and Maria Fuchs.

Both teams are back in action on Friday with Stanfield playing at Sherman at 2 p.m., and Ione at Mac-Hi at 4 p.m.

- Singles Stanfield 6, Ione 2 Girls: Stanfield 8-0, Ione 2-3

Pro Golf

Spieth the host with the most nerves at Masters Champions Dinner

By DOUG FERGUSON Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Masters champion Jordan Spieth expected the nerves to hit long before he is announced on the first tee Thursday.

Spieth had to host the Champions Dinner on Tuesday night, a great honor for any golfer, but a bit daunting for a 22-year-old in a room that included greats like Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and

Ben Crenshaw. "I imagine the chairman will maybe ask me to say a few words," Spieth said before the dinner. "I'll certainly think of something that makes sense, given the time. But I'll probably do less talking and more listening tonight. There will be nothing that I've ever done before or will ever do that will match the first time talking to that audience. It's a bit odd to think about."

The reigning champion gets to set the menu, and

the Dallas native went with salad greens, authentic Texas barbecue (beef brisket, chicken, pork ribs), barbecue baked beans, vegetables and a warm chocolate chip cookie with vanilla ice cream.

Only Masters champions are invited. Spieth's caddie, Michael Greller, found that out the hard way from Spieth's agent, Jay Danzi.

"At first I think he thought he was going to be able to be there," Spieth said. "He was a bit surprised when ...

I think it was Jay who told him, 'No, Michael, nobody goes.' He was like, 'This is going to be the coolest dinner ever.'"

THE MAJOR MAGIC NUMBER: Johnny Miller was the first player to shoot 63 in a major, in the final round at Oakmont in the 1973 U.S. Open. Since then, there have been 26 other rounds of 63 in the majors, with half of them at the PGA Championship.

two-putt," McIlroy said. "So I think that's why it doesn't surprise me so much."

McIlroy got his 63 during a calm day at St. Andrews. There have been eight rounds of 63 in the British Open, mainly links courses often have flat greens, and a calm day allows for low scoring. The greens at Augusta National are among the most undulating in golf.

"I think that's one of the reasons why it's so difficult to go really low here," he said.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate, Basketball, Soccer, Baseball, Hockey, Western Conference, Eastern Conference, National League, American League, Eastern Conference, Western Conference, National League, American League