

NBA Playoffs

Warriors advance; Hornets take lead on Heat

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OAKLAND, Calif. — Klay Thompson scored 27 points with seven 3-pointers and the Golden State Warriors rolled into the second round of the playoffs without injured superstar Stephen Curry, thoroughly embarrassing the Houston Rockets 114-81 on Wednesday night in Game 5.

Draymond Green added 15 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Warriors, who will face the winner of the Clippers-Trail Blazers series. Portland leads 3-2.

Without their MVP, Curry's fellow Splash Brother set the tone from the opening tip. Thompson became the first player in NBA history to make at least seven 3s in consecutive playoff games, while Shaun Livingston scored 16 points for his third double-digit performance in three games while starting in Curry's place this series.

James Harden scored 25 of Houston's 37 first-half points

on the way to 35 points, but the Rockets had no chance with a one-man show against the deep defending champions.

HORNETS 90, HEAT 88 — At Miami, Courtney Lee's 3-pointer with 25.2 seconds left put Charlotte ahead to stay, and the Hornets beat Miami in Game 5 of their Eastern Conference first-round series.

The Hornets have won three straight games in the series, and will take a 3-2 lead into a potential Game 6 clincher on Friday night.

Marvin Williams led the Hornets with 17 points, while Al Jefferson and Kemba Walker each had 14 for Charlotte — which got its first road playoff win in 14 years. Jeremy Lin added 11.

Dwyane Wade scored 25 for Miami, while Luol Deng scored 15, Joe Johnson added 13 and Hassan Whiteside finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds.



Golden State Warriors' Harrison Barnes shoots over Houston Rockets' James Harden (13) during the second half in Game 5 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series Wednesday, April 27, 2016, in Oakland, Calif. Golden State won 114-81.

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Altuva paces Astros past M's

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SEATTLE — Jose Altuve opened the game with his third leadoff homer of the season, doubled twice and scored three runs to help the Houston Astros avoid a sweep with a 7-4 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Wednesday night.

Evan Gattis added three RBIs for Houston with a sacrifice fly and bases-loaded double.

Robinson Cano and Adam Lind had solo homers for Seattle, which earlier in the day announced a pending ownership shift from majority owner Nintendo of America to the team's minority owners.

Both starters labored through five innings. Houston's Collin McHugh (2-3) allowed two runs and five hits with one walk, but needed 101 pitches. Hisashi Iwakuma (0-3) allowed five runs and seven hits with two walks on 93 pitches.



RODEO:

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Team roping partners Jared Parke and Jordan Tye won men's all-around titles while Danyelle Williams claimed the women's all-around on night two.

Parke, who leads Tye by 1,179 points in the season all-around standings, earned his win in Ellensburg by placing first in tie-down (10.0 seconds), fourth in steer wrestling (10.7) and fourth in team roping (13.0) on a single head. For the tie-down win he beat out Hermiston's Johnpatrick Pederson (11.1) and Heppner's Garrett Robinson (11.3), who both compete for Oregon State.

Bareback rider Kenneth Haworth and steer wrestler Nic Nyman also won titles for the BMCC men that night. Haworth scored 67 to beat teammate Tyler Potter, and Nyman timed at 7.1 to edge Walla Walla's Taylor Duby (8.1).

Williams secured the T-Wolves' other event title in the first rodeo with a 17.86 in barrel racing that edged Treasure Valley's Keeley Vaughan (18.0).

The T-Wolves added five event titles on night two, and swept the top four in the premier ladies event. However, Williams was not one of them as Trey Tucker won the title in 35.96 on two runs. Taylor Eng was second (36.44), Quincy Pendergrass was third (36.74) and Jessica Lewis was fourth (36.60).

Williams placed seventh (37.43) in barrel racing, but added a win in breakaway roping (6.0 on two) to edge Treasure Valley's Dalli Bean by five points in the women's all-around race. Williams leads Bean by 309 in the season all-around tally.

Also with a win for the BMCC women was Lauren Leyva in goat tying (16.8 on two).

The BMCC men also pulled off a top-four sweep in an event as Tye led the charge in tie-down with 22.8 on two head. He was followed in order by Chase Hansen (23.9), Parke (23.9) and Nyman (24.5).

Tye and Parke were also second in team roping (15.7) to boost Tye to the all-around win.

Haworth repeated as bareback champion with 143 on two, and Ryan Verling was second in saddle bronc with 109 on two.

Despite the two wins, Haworth still trails Potter by 228 points for the season title, and Verling is 158 behind saddle bronc leader Tucker Hill of Walla Walla.

Also holding event leads for BMCC coming into Friday's first rodeo in Hermiston are Parke (tie-down, steer wrestling, team roping), Tye (team roping), Lewis (barrel racing) and Williams (breakaway).

The action will begin in slack at 10 a.m. on both days with an admission cost of \$5. Evening performances will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday with admission of \$10.

Proceeds from the rodeos will go toward scholarships for the BMCC rodeo program.

BLAZERS: Shorthanded Clippers wear down in third quarter

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in the fourth, with Lillard hitting five as they outscored the Clippers 37-27.

"Once he gets an open look and he gets to see that ball go in, his eyes kind of light up, and we know he's going to finish the game off," McCollum said of his backcourt mate. "He hit some really tough shots and was aggressive despite their tough coverage."

J.J. Redick led the Clippers with 19 points. Jamal Crawford, the Sixth Man of the Year, added 17 points starting in Paul's place. Jeff Green also had 17 off the bench and DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 17 rebounds.

"We just made some simple mental mistakes and with Blake and Chris out, we cannot really afford to make mistakes," guard Austin Rivers said. "We played pretty good defense overall, I just think we need to be better offensively."

Try as they might, the Clippers could not overcome the double-whammy of losing their two biggest stars. Paul is out indefinitely after breaking his right hand on a freakish play in Game 4, when Griffin aggravated a left quadriceps injury that had kept him out three months during the season. He won't be back in the postseason.

"We were exhausted," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "I had to call two timeouts (in the third). That's not conditioning, that was emotion. They wanted to win. They were just up, and sometimes you get up too much."

Lillard opened the fourth with a 3-pointer, hit another one and then dunked off his steal of Pablo Prigioni. The Blazers ran off seven straight points, capped by Allen Crabbe's 3-pointer, to go up 90-77. They weren't done.

Lillard and McCollum, the league's Most Improved Player,

combined for an 8-0 run, with both hitting 3-pointers that extended Portland's lead to 102-86.

"I liked the focus and the energy that made the difference," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "It was about just locking into the task at hand."

McCollum scored 10 points in the third, when the Blazers led 71-62. The Clippers answered with a 9-0 run, getting a dunk and 3-pointer from Green, to tie it 71-all going into the fourth.

PAUL & GRIFFIN

Paul sat on the bench in the first half and winced when he bumped his surgically repaired right hand. Griffin stayed in the locker room during the game. Rivers confirmed that Griffin had undergone a procedure similar to what Anthony Davis of the Pelicans had last month, in which he was treated with an injection of his own bone marrow which is rich in cells and protein that can reduce pain and promote healing.

Davis' procedure was performed by Dr. Neal ElAttrache, the Clippers' team physician. Paul talked to his teammates before the game and Griffin did so at halftime. "Coach Paul was terrific," Rivers said. "They've been really involved with their teammates as much as they can be."

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: They outrebounded the Clippers 53-45 and improved to 3-0 when outrebounding the Clippers in the series. ... Al-Farouq Aminu followed up his career-high 30 points in Game 4 with seven points, eight rebounds and five fouls.

Clippers: The Clippers fell to 2-5 when neither Paul nor Griffin play since Paul joined the team before the 2011-12 season. ... Paul Pierce started in place of Griffin and was scoreless in nine minutes, missing all three of his shots. ... They are 2-10 all-time in Game 5 of a best-of-seven series.

PREPS: Pendleton boys golf 11th, Hermiston 20th at state preview tournament

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dash (11.72) and the long jump (20-09.00), Helix's Brady Cope winning the 200 meter dash (24.40) and 400 meter dash (54.44) and Irrigon's 4x400 relay team of Jose Romero, Manny Gutierrez, Kevin Villareal, and Carlos Zecarias winning by more than five seconds with a time of 3:40.97.

On the girls side Hermiston ran and jumped its way to 389 points while Helix finished second with 109 points. Irrigon came in third with 44 points, Echo fourth with 37 points and Lone fifth with 36 points to round out the top five.

The Hermiston girls won 14 of their 21 total events on Wednesday, including a sweep of the distance events and relay events. In those distance events, Jennifer Fuentes took first in the 800 meter run (2:40.73), Melany Solerio took first in the 1500 meter run (5:24.86) and Sidney Tovey took first in the 3000 meter run (12:53.81).

Other event winners included Echo's Taylor Swaggert in the 200 meter dash (27.99), Helix's Emma Fehrenbacher in the 400 meter dash (1:05.22), Helix's MaKenzie Mize in the discus (107-10), Mac-Hi's Bianca Garcia in

the javelin (111-02), and Lone's Jessie Flynn in the long jump (16-03.50) and triple jump (33-00.00).

Hermiston hits the road on Saturday for a meet at Central Valley High School in Spokane that's set to start at 9 a.m.

Golf

PENDLETON 321, HERMISTON 346 — At Corvallis, the Pendleton Buckaroos and Hermiston Bulldogs boys golf teams got a good look at the site of the 2016 state golf tournament, taking part in a preview tournament at Trysting Tree Golf Course on Wednesday

afternoon.

Twenty-seven teams competed in the tournament with Pendleton taking the highest local slot finishing in 11th place with a team score of 321, while Hermiston came in 20th with a score of 346. Lake Oswego was the team champion with a score of 295.

Trysting Tree played to a par of 72 on Wednesday, with nine golfers in all finishing with a par or better. Crescent Valley's Kevin Geniza took medalist honors after shooting a four-under-par 68.

Pendleton's best player was senior Reilly Hegarty as he finished with a three-

over 75 and Nathan Som was close behind with a 79. To round out Pendleton's scorers were Nathan Kung with an 81, Braydon Pulver with an 86, and Jared Geier with an 87.

For Hermiston, Anders Lind again led the Bulldogs with a 77 while Kayden Meachem shot a solid 85 from the No. 4 slot. To round out Hermiston, Jared Thacker finished with an 86, Dylan Martin with a 98 and Drew Bailey with a 99.

Pendleton and Hermiston will now gear up for the district tournament on May 5-7 at Eagle Crest Resort in Ridgeview.

SCOREBOARD

Clarification

Weston-McEwen's Bailey Hillmick pitched a perfect game against Umatilla in a 25-0 win in five innings on Tuesday. It was reported as a no-hitter. Hillmick struck out seven with no walks and no hit batters.

Local Slate

PREP BASEBALL			
Today	Umatilla at Irrigon, 4 p.m.		
Friday	Vale at Stanfield (DH), 1/3 p.m.	Riverside at Joseph (DH), 1/3 p.m.	Hermiston at Pendleton (DH), 4/6 p.m.
Saturday	Blue Mountain at NW Regional Finals (Hermiston), 10 a.m./6:30 p.m.		
COLLEGE BASEBALL			
Saturday	Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain (DH), 1/4 p.m.		
PREP SOFTBALL			
Friday	Grant Union at Umatilla (DH), 1/3 p.m.	Pendleton, Mac-Hi at Ontario Invite, 11 a.m.	Umatilla, Pilot Rock, Heppner, Helix, Stanfield at Condon/Wheeler Invite, 11 a.m.
Saturday	Hermiston at Pendleton (DH), 3/5 p.m.	Pilot Rock at Heppner (DH), 11 a.m./1 p.m.	Mac-Hi at Ontario (DH), Noon/2 p.m.
	Weston-McEwen at Union (DH), 1/3 p.m.		
PREP TRACK & FIELD			
Friday	Umatilla at Connell Invitational, 3:30 p.m.	Stanfield at Kennedy, 4:30 p.m.	
Saturday	Hermiston at Central Valley (WA), 9 a.m.	Pendleton, Mac-Hi at Ontario Invite, 11 a.m.	Umatilla, Pilot Rock, Heppner, Helix, Stanfield at Condon/Wheeler Invite, 11 a.m.
	lone at Prairie City, 11 a.m.	Weston-McEwen at Joseph, 1 p.m.	Irrigon at Madras, TBA
PREP GOLF			
Today	Pendleton, Hermiston (girls) at Quail Valley GC (Banks), TBA		
Friday	Echo at Echo Hills GC, 10 a.m.	Heppner at Alpine Meadows GC (Enterprise), 11 a.m.	
PREP TENNIS			
Today	Umatilla at Helix, 4 p.m.	Sherman at Riverside, 4 p.m.	
Friday	lone at Umatilla, 2 p.m.	Hermiston at Capital Invite (Boise, Idaho), TBD	
Saturday	Hermiston at Capital Invite (Boise, Idaho, TBD)	Umatilla, Mac-Hi, Riverside, Weston-McEwen, Stanfield at Helix Invite (at Hermiston), 9 a.m.	
PREP LACROSSE			
Saturday	Hermiston at Ridgeview, 2 p.m.		

PREP RUGBY

Saturday
East Oregon (girls) at Cleveland, Noon
East Oregon (boys) at Oswego, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE RODEO

Friday
Blue Mountain at NW Regional No. 6 (Hermiston), 10 a.m./6:30 p.m.

Saturday
Blue Mountain at NW Regional Finals (Hermiston), 10 a.m./6:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Saturday
Columbia Basin at Blue Mountain (DH), 1/4 p.m.

Prep Standings

BASEBALL					
Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA	Rnk	
Columbia River Conference (5A)					
Hood River	5-1	15-4	148	84	5
Hermiston	3-3	10-8	81	68	15
Pendleton	2-4	11-8	125	94	16
The Dalles	2-4	8-10	92	95	20
Greater Oregon League (4A)					
Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA	Rnk	
Ontario	4-2	12-5	178	120	10
Baker	4-2	9-8	96	82	13
La Grande	3-3	8-10	82	83	21
Mac-Hi	1-5	3-11	64	127	32
Eastern Oregon League (3A)					
Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA	Rnk	
Vale	8-0	12-5	158	75	9
Stanfield	6-1	10-2	219	42	5
Nyssa	5-1	10-9	150	155	19
Elgin	2-4	2-9	45	115	28
Umatilla	2-6	6-9	91	126	20
Joseph	1-5	4-12	93	145	31
Riverside	0-8	1-15	35	187	35
Special District 6 (2A/1A)					
Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA	Rnk	
Irrigon	6-1	11-4	164	62	7
Sherman	3-1	12-4	161	81	5
Dufur	3-4	5-11	94	154	27
Heppner	1-3	2-9	79	105	36
Culver	1-5	5-9	68	148	16
Special District 7 (2A/1A)					
Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA	Rnk	
Burns	7-0	13-5	160	81	4
Wes-McE.	3-1	12-5	168	123	6
Grant Union	2-1	7-9	122	117	30
Pilot Rock	1-5	1-2	138	89	11
Union	0-6	0-11	26	147	39
SOFTBALL					
Columbia River Conference (5A)					
Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA	Rnk	
Pendleton	4-2	15-4	169	63	3
Hermiston	4-2	13-7	151	104	6
The Dalles	2-4	13-7	183	105	11
Hood River	2-4	9-10	101	105	12
Greater Oregon League (4A)					
Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA	Rnk	
Mac-Hi	6-0	15-4	162	62	1
Ontario	3-3	11-5	127	95	11
La Grande	2-4	6-10	144	125	20
Baker	1-5	10-6	151	120	17

Eastern Oregon League (3A)

Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA	Rnk	
Echo	9-0	14-4	199	64	4
Vale	8-0	11-4	153	81	9
Wes-McE	8-2	11-4	186	50	6
Grant Union	5-2	10-4	155	87	20
Enterprise	5-5	7-9	144	165	18
Riverside	3-7	8-10	142	153	24
Nyssa	3-7	4-14	130	220	29
Elgin	0-8	0-10	17	153	30
Umatilla	0-10	1-15	46	305	35

Special District 6 (2A/1A)

Conf.	Ovr.	RS	RA	Rnk	
Union	7-0	11-0	128	27	1
Pilot Rock	6-1	14-2	194	28	2
Burns	5-2	12-4	117	83	3
Irrigon	2-5	9-6	104	59	12
Culver	1-6	1-10	87	159	23
Heppner	0-7	3-12	76	166	20

Basketball

NBA				
Playoff Glance	FIRST ROUND	(Best-of-7)	EASTERN CONFERENCE	Cleveland 4, Detroit 0
Sunday:	Cleveland 100, Detroit 98			
Monday:	Atlanta 100, Toronto 90			
Tuesday:	Toronto 102, Indiana 99			
Wednesday:	Toronto at Indiana, TBA			
Thursday:	Charlotte 3, Miami 2			
Friday:	Miami 123, Charlotte 91			
Saturday:	Miami 115, Charlotte 103			
Sunday:	Charlotte 96, Miami 80			
Monday:	Charlotte 89, Miami 85			
Tuesday:	Charlotte 90, Miami 88			
Wednesday:	Miami at Charlotte, TBA			
Thursday:	Atlanta 102, Boston 101			
Friday:	Atlanta 89, Boston 72			
Saturday:	Boston 111, Atlanta 103			
Sunday:	Boston 104, Atlanta 95, OT			
Monday:	Atlanta 110, Boston 83			
Tuesday:				