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Timbers tie after late own goal

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) Portland's own goal in the 89th minute gave the New England Revolution a 1-1 draw with the Timbers on Wednesday night.



Kelyn Rowe had a long volley to the far post that JeVaughn Watson tapped out front where it appeared Femi Hollinger-Janzen converted for his first MLS goal. However, it was ruled that the ball went off Portland defender Jermaine Taylor.

"Obviously, it's unfortunate to give up a goal on one of the last plays of the game, but I thought overall the plan was executed very well," Timbers coach Caleb Porter said.

Jack Barmby's fortunate touch in the 64th minute put Portland (2-3-3) on top. Two minutes after entering the game, Barmby took a cross from Darlington Nagbe and mishit the ball, driving it into the ground before it bounced over keeper Bobby Shuttleworth.

Mariners get new ownership group

SEATTLE (AP) — Nintendo of America is selling its majority stake in the Seattle Mariners to a group of minority owners

led by new chairman and CEO John Stanton.

Outgoing Chairman Howard Lincoln announced the ownership

transaction Wednesday, along with his intent to retire from day-to-day operations overseeing the franchise. Nintendo is selling all but 10 percent of its stake in the franchise and the regional sports network ROOT Sports. The team said it used a valuation of \$1.4 billion for the sale.

The ownership change is subject to approval by Major League Baseball, which the club hopes to get during league meetings in August.

"Shame on you, you let a fat man beat you."

— Tyson Fury

Heavyweight boxing champion while pointing to his flabby belly and taunting former champion Wladimir Klitschko at a press conference promoting their title rematch on July 9. Fury, of Britain, ended the nine-year title reign of Klitschko, of Ukraine, in a unanimous decision in November, 2015. Fury also referred to himself as a performing monkey and a joke, and said he'd rather be eating chocolate on his sofa than boxing.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1967 — Muhammad Ali refuses induction into the U.S. Armed Forces. He is arrested and the New York State Athletic Commission suspends his boxing license and strips him of his heavyweight title.

1995 — Michael Jordan, in his first playoff game since his return from retirement, scored 48 points in the Chicago Bulls' 108-100 victory over the Charlotte Hornets.

2011 — The Carolina Panthers select Auburn quarterback Cam Newton with the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

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NBA Playoffs

Blazers surge to series lead



Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, right, shoots as Los Angeles Clippers center Cole Aldrich defends during the first half in Game 5 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Wednesday, April 27, 2016, in Los Angeles.

AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill

Lillard comes on strong in second half, Portland beats emotional Clippers

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Damian Lillard finally made his first field goal early in third quarter, and the Portland Trail Blazers knew the game was about to change.

Lillard's 3-pointer was his only basket in the period, but it was enough to get him going. He scored 16 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter, and the Blazers capitalized on the absence of injured Chris Paul and Blake Griffin to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 108-98 on Wednesday night in Game 5 of their first-round series.

"I've always been able to put the first three quarters behind me and come up big when my team has needed it," Lillard said. "It wasn't even so much missing the shots that were bothering me, it was just that I couldn't get any attempts because they were so aggressive. But I stayed with it, kept my mind right and I saw one go in. That was it."

CJ McCollum led the Blazers with 27 points. They are up 3-2 and could close it out Friday in Portland. If Game 7 is needed, it would be Saturday back at Staples Center.

"We've got a unique opportunity to play an elimination game at home, and now we want to make sure we take full advantage of it," McCollum said.

Maurice Harkless added 19 points and 10 rebounds, and Mason Plumlee had 10 points and 15 boards for Portland. The Blazers made six 3-pointers

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Game 5



Portland
108



Los Angeles
98

•Portland takes 3-2 series lead

Prep Roundup

Hermiston wins big at Bulldog Invite

Small schools struggle to keep pace with Dawgs

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HERMISTON — There is no place like home.

After scoring wins at their own Kiwanis Invitational on Saturday, the Hermiston Bulldogs hosted the Bulldog Invite on Wednesday afternoon at Kennison Field and came away big winners yet again as the boys and girls teams won by considerable margins.

The Hermiston boys finished the meet with 439.5 points while Irrigon came in second place by a wide margin with 119.5 points. Helix finished third with 65 points, Heppner fourth with 63 points and Lone fifth with 45 points to round out the top five.



Staff photo by E.J. Harris
ABOVE: Hermiston freshman Destiny Alanis, center, wins her heat in the 100-meter dash on Wednesday in Hermiston.
RIGHT: Hermiston senior Andrew Horn competes in the long jump on Wednesday in Hermiston.

The Hermiston boys took first place in a staggering 16 of the total 21 events, highlighted by multiple wins from sophomore Tyler Rohrman in both the 110 meter hurdles (15.92) and the 300 meter hurdles (44.08) and senior Tre Neal in both the shot put

(54-01.50) and the discus (159-10). Donnell Rome also won both the 1500 meter run (4:28.50) and the 3000 meter run (9:42.08).
The non-Hermiston wins included Heppner's Kaden Clark winning the 100 meter

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EO file photo/Kathy Aney
In this May 5, 2015 file photo, Blue Mountain's Tyler Potter stays aboard to place second in the bareback event of the Northwest Intercollegiate Finals Rodeo in Hermiston. Potter is one of several BMCC athletes that is poised to win a Northwest Region title when the Timberwolves host the 2016 finals on Friday-Saturday in Hermiston.

HERMISTON

Timberwolves line up victory lap

BMCC rodeo safe in first coming into regional finals

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Following another dominant weekend on the Northwest circuit of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, the Blue Mountain Timberwolves will finally get to perform a victory lap in front of the home crowd this week.

The Timberwolf men's

NW Intercollegiate Finals Rodeo

WHEN: Friday-Saturday (slack 10 a.m.; performance 6:30 p.m.)
WHERE: Farm-City Arena, Hermiston
COST: \$5 slack, \$10 performance

team is coming off two wins in Ellensburg, Washington, on April 22-23, and the women's team placed second and first at the rodeos. Both teams hold insurmountable leads in the Northwest stand-

ings entering the circuit finals at Hermiston's Farm-City Arena starting Friday.

The men lead Walla Walla by a whopping 3,741 points and the women are 1,286 up on Central Washington. The most points scored at a single rodeo by a team this season is the 1,230 posted by the BMCC men in Walla Walla on March 12-13.

The BMCC men topped 1,000 points at each of the Ellensburg rodeos, and secured all-around titles on both nights.

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