

Cavaliers stay unbeaten in postseason, down Raptors

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CLEVELAND — LeBron James had a triple-double and the Cleveland Cavaliers stayed postseason perfect through 10 games with a 108-89 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Thursday night in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals.

James had 23 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists as the Cavs became the fourth team in NBA history to start 10-0 in the playoffs, joining the Los Angeles Lakers (1989, 2001) and San Antonio Spurs (2012). Only the second Lakers team won a title, and the Cavs are now two wins from appearing in



their second straight NBA Finals and trying to end Cleveland’s 52-year sports championship drought.

Kyrie Irving scored 26 and Kevin Love 19 for Cleveland.

The Raptors managed to hang around longer than in Game 1, when they were blown out by 31. But Toronto lacks the necessary firepower to stay with a Cleveland team playing its best basketball this season, one that James likened to a



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Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James dunks against the Toronto Raptors during the first half of Game 2 of the Eastern Conference Final in Cleveland.

football team.

“We play offense, we play defense and we’re great at special teams as well,” he

said.

Game 3 is Saturday in Toronto, where Raptors All-Star guard Kyle Lowry can only hope the rims at Air Canada Centre are kinder than the ones in Quicken Loans Arena.

Lowry scored 10 points and is shooting 8 of 28 from the field, including 1 of 15 on 3-pointers. DeMar DeRozan scored 22 for the Raptors.

James moved past Shaquille O’Neal into fourth place on the career postseason scoring list and posted his 15th playoff triple-double, securing it by running down rebound No. 10 with 8:01 left. He scored on Cleveland’s next possession, and while sitting on the bench during a subsequent timeout, he saluted applauding Cavs fans by pressing his fingers

to his lips and touching his heart.

By then, the Cavs were up 20 and coasting to another easy win in their so-far-spotless spring.

Earlier in the day, James was asked if the Cavs might need a loss to get them ready for the finals.

“We don’t want to lose,” he said.

And the Cavs are playing like it under coach Tyronn Lue, also a perfect 10 in the playoffs.

The Raptors came out with a different mindset and were much more physical than in Game 1.

But it didn’t last long before the Cavs pushed back and kept their postseason pristine.

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ready for playoffs for sure.”

Madison Parker singled to welcome reliever Sydney Earl into the game, and Fell then smashed the first pitch she saw out of the park for the 13-2 lead.

Biggs hit a solo shot off Pendleton reliever Gracie Lyon in the fifth.

“It gives me a lot of confidence (going into the playoffs),” Biggs said. “She’s a really good pitcher and it just gives me that confidence to know that I can hit and come through when I needed to.”

McGlothlin, Murphy and Dick all went 2 for 3 at the plate for Pendleton, and Richards finished with four hits allowed, six strikeouts and one walk.

The game did have a scary moment for the Bucks in the first inning, though. Senior shortstop Ellie

Richards came up limping after running to first on a groundout. She took the field in the second inning, but was clearly favoring her right knee and was replaced in the lineup by Kirah McGlothlin, who fielded second base while freshman Aspen Garton moved to shortstop.

Both players were flawless in the field, and Garton made a tumbling grab while tagging second base for a force-out in the fifth inning for Pendleton’s defensive highlight of the game.

“We’ve had some players go down and we’ve learned that we really have to work as a team all the way around, and we’re really doing good at that,” Murphy said. “In case something happens in the playoffs with a player, we know we have girls that can play different positions, work around.”

Richards, who has had

surgery on both knees already, said she doesn’t expect this latest scare to result to much more than that.

“I’ll be fine,” she said. “Right when I swung was when I twisted it, but I’ll be good to go.”

Pendleton, ranked No. 2 in Class 5A, is one of eight teams to earn automatic spots in the postseason bracket, and will learn their next opponent following the conclusion of today’s play-in games.

They do know they’ll be at home, though. Pendleton’s ranking guarantees it home-field advantage through the semifinals, with the championship held June 4 at OSU Softball Complex in Corvallis.

“We’re looking to win four, and it’s nice to have three home games if we keep winning,” Ellie

Richards said. “That’s what we’re shooting for, and we’re hitting well right now and we are where we should be.”

Mac-Hi, ranked No. 1 in 4A and the defending state champion, also has a home playoff stand to look forward to. They’ll also learn their next opponent following today’s 4A play-in round.

“It’s nerve-racking because (pitcher) Colette (Robert) was huge for us last year,” Biggs said of their coming title defense. “But we know we can still do it, and we’re finally finding that confidence that yeah, we still can do it, and we’re going to do it.”

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M. Copeland, S. Earl (4) and J. Lesko, L. Richards, G. Lyon (5) and R. Gentner. W — Richards, L — Copeland. 2B — F. Dick (PHS). HR — A. Biggs 2 (M-H); K. McGlothlin, A. Morrison, L. Richards, K. Murphy, T. Fell (PHS).					

TRACK: Rocket girls strong in Day 1 prelims

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meter run, as Lucy Case finished second with a time of 11:16.72 and Bethany Newton finished third with a time of 11:20.77.

Staying in Class 1A, Ione senior Jessie Flynn had a successful day as she earned a state runner-up spot in the long jump with her best jump recorded as 16-00.25. But aside from that, Flynn also qualified in each of her two prelim events as well, slotting in at No. 1 in the 100 meter hurdles (16.57 seconds) and No. 2 in the 300 meter hurdles (48.88 seconds).

In 2A action, the Pilot Rock Rocket girls are sitting pretty in several of the sprinting events after strong efforts in the prelim races. Sophomore Abby Rigby grabbed the No. 2 slot in the 100 meter dash (13.14 seconds) and the No. 1 slot in the 200 meter dash (26.62 seconds), and Siobhan Holman finished No. 4 in the 100 meter hurdles (17.73 seconds) and eighth in the 300 meter hurdles (52.39 seconds) to advance to the

finals.

The action will pick back up tomorrow for the 1A, 2A and 3A schools at 4 p.m., kicking off with the 4x100 relay races for both the boys and girls side. The 4A, 5A and 6A schools will start action tomorrow morning with prelim events and the finals on Saturday.

Class 1A GIRLS RESULTS	
Finals 3000M	2) Lucy Case, Helix (11:16.72)
3) Bethany Newton, Helix (11:20.77)	
High Jump	T-4) Christine Segura, Condon/Wheeler (4-11.00)
9) Emma Logan, Condon/Wheeler (4-08.00)	
Long Jump	2) Jessie Flynn, Ione (16-00.25) (1st jump)
6) Kelsey Ranger, Echo (15-04.00)	
Discus Throw	1) McKenzie Mize, Helix (122-03)
2) Tegan Jackson, Helix (103-01)	
3) Paden Flerchinger, Helix (102-04)	
Javelin Throw	2) Kelsey Ranger, Echo (120-00)
3) Justine Horner, Condon/Wheeler (116-03)	
6) Rachel Holland, Ione (108-09)	
PRELIMS 400M Dash	6) Emma Fehrenbacher, Helix (1:04.44 — Q)
100M Hurdles	1) Jessie Flynn, Ione (16.57 — Q)
11) Sadie Wilson, Helix (18.41 — DNQ)	
300M Hurdles	2) Jessie Flynn, Ione (48.88 — Q)
7) Emma Logan, Condon/Wheeler (49.72 — Q)	
BOYS RESULTS	
Finals 3000M Run	10) Hayden Qualls, Ione (10:05.22)
High Jump	9) Alex Lindsey, Condon/Wheeler (5-06.00)

Pole Vault	5) Sam Colgan, Condon/Wheeler (12-00.00)
Long Jump	5) Jose Cortez, Condon/Wheeler (19-10.50)
11) Jonathan Shaw, Helix (17-02.75)	
Shot Put	3) Sam Carlson, Helix (42-04.50)
PRELIMS 100M Dash	1) Sam Colgan, Condon/Wheeler (11.52 — Q)
200M Dash	3) Sam Colgan, Condon/Wheeler (23.47 — Q)
8) Bradley Cope, Helix (24.09 — Q)	
400M Dash	6) Jose Cortez, Condon/Wheeler (53.84 — Q)
11) Bradley Cope, Helix (53.63 — DNQ)	
Class 2A GIRLS RESULTS	
Finals 3000M	10) Jenny Garcia, Stanfield (12:14.56)
High Jump	8) Larissa Castellanos, Stanfield (4-08.00)
11) Brittin Braithwaite, Stanfield (4-06.00)	
Long Jump	6) Bryce Thul, Weston-McEwen (14-09.50)
Discus Throw	11) Brittin Braithwaite, Stanfield (90-08)
Javelin Throw	7) Maddie Mullenburg, Weston-McEwen (97-09)
11) Brianna Rice, Irrigon (87-09)	
PRELIMS 100M Dash	2) Abby Rigby, Pilot Rock (13.14 — Q)
4) Ana Zacarias, Irrigon (13.25 — Q)	
200M Dash	1) Abby Rigby, Pilot Rock (26.62 — Q)
6) Ana Zacarias, Irrigon (27.09 — Q)	
400M Dash	11) Bailey Watson, Stanfield (1:06.98 — DNQ)
100M Hurdles	4) Siobhan Holman, Pilot Rock (17.73 — Q)
11) Olivia Warner, Pilot Rock (18.61 — DNQ)	
300M Hurdles	3) Rachel Willingham, Pilot Rock (49.21 — Q)
8) Siobhan Holman, Pilot Rock (52.39 — Q)	
BOYS RESULTS	
Finals 3000M Run	8) Hunter Nichols, Heppner (9:50.34)

10) Elias Esquivel, Stanfield (10:04.68)	
Long Jump	3) Kaden Clark, Heppner (21:05.75) final jump
Shot Put	4) Luke Meyers, Irrigon (43.05.00)
5) Derek Howard, Heppner (43.04.00)	
PRELIMS 100M Dash	12) Carlos Zacarias, Irrigon (12.04 — DNQ)
13) Jacob Speed, Weston-McEwen (12.17 — DNQ)	
200M Dash	10) Gunner McCall, Pilot Rock (23.98 — DNQ)
11) Carlos Zacarias, Irrigon (24.01 — DNQ)	
400M Dash	6) Jacob Speed, Weston-McEwen (53.34 — Q)
7) Gunner McCall, Pilot Rock (53.20 — Q)	
110M Hurdles	11) Trevor Shockman, Stanfield (18.48 — DNQ)
300M Hurdles	8) Jose Romero, Irrigon (43.90 — Q)
Class 3A GIRLS RESULTS	
Finals Javelin	2) Aleesha Watson, Umatilla (128-10)
12) Maria Moreno-Mendez, Umatilla (90-11)	
PRELIMS 100M Dash	9) Nancy Ortiz, Umatilla (13.54 — DNQ)
100M Hurdles	7) Nancy Ortiz, Umatilla (16.73 — Q)
300M Hurdles	8) Nancy Ortiz, Umatilla (51.50 — Q)
BOYS RESULTS	
Finals 3000M Run	1) Fabian Cardenas, Umatilla (8:30.23)
9) Zayne Troeger, Umatilla (9:50.75)	
Shot Put	11) Sebastian Trujillo, Umatilla (38-03.50)
PRELIMS 400M Dash	10) Isidro Fonseca, Umatilla (53.64 — DNQ)
110M Hurdles	9) Trent Durfee, Umatilla (17.87 — DNQ)
12) Armando Mendoza, Umatilla (18.53 — DNQ)	
300M Hurdles	10) Armando Mendoza, Umatilla (44.12 — DNQ)

TENNIS: Day 2 kicks off today at 9 a.m.

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of firepower, but he battled throughout and won a lot of deuce points to extend games,” West said. “His serve was very on today, and most of his wins came on his serve turn.”

But the team’s day ended on a positive note as the doubles pair of Race Latham and Cameron Meade advanced into the bracket after defeating the duo of Joe Gillette and Josh Dudley of Dalls in an easy 6-3, 6-0 match victory. West said that Latham and Meade had the benefit of a good draw match-up wise for them, and they showed it with their play on the court.

“They are fun to watch these days,” West said of the pair. “They’ve really stepped it up and can play up with anybody. They move very well and are understanding how to play more and more.”

The win advances Latham and Meade into the quarterfinals today with a tough match-up against the bracket’s No. 2 seed team of Wilson Xing and Derek Osenga from Corvallis. The match is set to start at approximately 11 a.m. at the Portland Tennis Center.

“They look like they’re beatable,” West said of the Covallis pair. “They have one good kid that looks like he’s played for a while, and then the other kid looks like an average joe. (We’ve) got a good shot.”

Snell’s loss moves him into the singles consolation bracket today, where he will first face off against Crescent Valley’s Jeff Wang in a pro set as he looks to keep his season alive for at least one more match. The start time for Snell is 9 a.m.

Athlete of the Week

Twenty questions with James Bradt

East Oregonian: Favorite pro sports team?
James Bradt: Seattle Mariners

Favorite college sports team?
Washington State

Favorite athlete?
Kyle Seager, Seattle Mariners 3B

What do you like to do in your free time?
Hunting, fishing, and camping?

Favorite animal to hunt?
Deer

Favorite music genre?
Country

Favorite musical artist/band?
George Strait

First concert you attended?
Josh Turner at Round-Up

Favorite subject in school?
History

Dream job?
Optometrist

Favorite restaurant?
Silver Star Steakhouse

Favorite family recipe?
My mom’s carrot cake

Favorite vacation spot?
In the middle of nowhere

Celebrity crush?
Selena Gomez

Favorite movie?
Rookie of the Year

Last TV show you binge watched?
Friends

Favorite ‘Friends’ character?
Joey

Adidas, Nike, or Under Armour?
Nike

Sports bucket list?
Visit MLB ballpark.

Favorite memory as a Buckaroo?
Going to Corvallis last year with the baseball team and getting to practice on Oregon State’s field.

DOHMAN: Averaged 5.6 points in state tournament

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ready to watch more games.”

The recruiting process was quick for Dohman, as it only got started around the conclusion of the Viking’s 2015-2016 season. Umatilla’s varsity coach Scott Bow approached Dohman and let her know of some other options that may be available to her.

“I just wanted to make sure she had every opportunity available,” Bow said. “I know she was pretty set on the Air Force, but the work she has put in and everything she’s done has given her the opportunity to (play basketball) and I just wanted to make sure she knew there was another choice, because a lot of kids don’t realize that they have potential and can do it.”

The six-foot-tall senior was an integral part of the Umatilla basketball program, earning a spot on the varsity team all four years of high school, including the 2016 squad that earned the sixth place trophy in the 3A state tournament. In the three

games at state, Dohman averaged 5.6 points, 6.3 rebounds and 23 minutes per game as the Vikings only loss came to the eventual state champion Dayton. To Dohman, the whole experience felt like a dream.

“It was absolutely perfect,” she said. “We were treated like royalty and we ended up way better than we expected.”

Dohman took a visit to Blue Mountain with Bow and had the chance to meet with Timberwolves head coach Adam Driver as well as a few players from the team, which sold her on the school.

“I was born (in Pendleton) and I know the town, and I like the coach,” she said. “I like how he talks about the game and it sounds like he’s excited about next year.”

She will be joining a Timberwolves team that finished 11-17 overall and 5-9 in the NWAC East Division in the fall, and as a post player Dohman could be counted on to help the team immediately in the frontcourt. Being a taller girl, Dohman said she

loves to study professional players such as Elena Della Donne and Breanna Stewart, saying she can sit in front of a computer and watch videos of the two players for hours.

Bow said that Dohman will be a tough piece for the Vikings to replace next season, and added that he hopes to coach more players like her in the future.

“She was very committed and has been to everything

we’ve done as a program,” Bow said. “She’s very loyal and dedicated and a great athlete as well as a student. She’s the type of kid you didn’t have to worry about and every coach wants players like her.”

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