

NBA

# Lillard scores 42, Blazers give Mavs worst start

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DALLAS — Damian Lillard extended the Dallas Mavericks' season-opening misery on the court. Dirk Nowitzki's aching Achilles continued it off the court.

Lillard scored 27 of his season-high 42 points in the second half to lead the Portland Trail Blazers to a 105-95 victory over Dallas on Friday night, sending the Mavericks to the first 0-5 start in their 37-year franchise history.



Nowitzki sat out the second half with a sore right Achilles and after the game, the team announced he would miss at least the next week.

"It's just uncomfortable and sore," Nowitzki said. "So we decided to just shut it down. I'm already not moving great at 38 as it is, so to be out there moving on one leg is not helping myself and it's not helping the team."

The Mavericks were also without Andrew Bogut (personal reasons), and Lillard and the Blazers took advantage. With backcourt mate C.J. McCollum saddled with foul trouble for most of the game, Lillard had 18 of Portland's 25 points during a 14-minute stretch of the second half.

"Sensational. Amazing. All-Star. MVP," McCollum said of Lillard's



Portland Trail Blazers guard **Damian Lillard (0)** goes up for a shot after getting past Dallas Mavericks' **Dirk Nowitzki** and **Wesley Matthews (23)** during the first half of an NBA basketball game, **Friday, Nov. 4, 2016, in Dallas.**

AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Mavericks: Devin Harris has missed all five regular season games after suffering a right big toe sprain in the team's final preseason game. ... The Mavericks scored more points (six) on the fast break in the first quarter than their game average of 4.5, the NBA's lowest.

**MISSING BOGUT**  
Lillard, who earlier this week said Golden State's defense was "just not the same" without Bogut this year, began exploiting Bogut's absence in the Dallas defense in the second quarter with an attacking style of play.

Lillard scored 10 points in the quarter, all of them a result of drives to the basket that ended in lay-ups or foul shots.

"He's a huge difference," Lillard said. "He makes a huge difference for them defensively and offensively as a big that can catch the ball in the middle of the defense and make plays. And he protects the paint on defense."

**RALLY THE RESERVES**  
The Mavericks sliced into Portland's third-quarter lead, playing mostly with Barea and four reserves in the game. Justin Anderson scored two inside baskets and fired up the crowd with a block of Aminu's layup at the other end.

"They went hard. They had energy. They ignited the crowd," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said. "That's what this is going to take. It's a time when everyone is going to need to dig very deep."

**UP NEXT**  
Trail Blazers: At Memphis on Sunday.



Staff photo by Kathy Aney  
**Miah Perez, of BMCC, jumps high to get in position for a spike during Friday's game against Big Bend College at McCrae Activity Center.**

## T-WOLVES:

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as a team and didn't have a single ace.

After starting regional play 2-3, Blue Mountain has won eight of its last 10 to secure a spot in the NWAC Championships going into the final game of the regular season on Wednesday at Yakima Valley.

"I think now we're just focusing on having more fun and realizing that for some of this it, this is all we're going to play ever," said Chavez of the strong finish. "I think we're just having a lot more fun now."  
"I think we've improved a lot this season, just in time."

The T-Wolves will be trying to win their fifth-straight NWAC title when the four-day tournament held Nov. 17-20 in Tacoma, Washington.

"It's definitely a great feeling knowing that we'll have the chance to possibly win NWACs again this year," Mix said. "We're just happy to be going to the tournament."

<b>BCCC</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>BMCC</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>

KILLS — BCCC (17): Maddy Powers 5; BMCC (40): Jordan Mix 10, Shelby Schreier 9, Miah Perez 7.  
BLOCKS — BCCC (1): Maddy Powers 1; BMCC (3): Shelby Schreier 1.5.  
ASSISTS — BCCC (17): Savannah Bass 8; BMCC (38): Kyle Chavez 31.  
ACES — BCCC 0; BMCC (17): Miah Perez 5, Kristin Williams 4, Jordan Mix 4.  
DIGS — BCCC (29): Lindsay Sorensen 10; BMCC (46): Bailey Tillotson 8, Miah Perez 7, Jordan Mix 7.

## BULLDOGS:

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state quarterfinals while ending the season for No. 10 Hermiston.

The Bulldogs had gone into the lead on a two-yard run by Peter Earl with 8:24 left in the second quarter, but the No. 7 Lions' defense had plenty of success getting them off the field the rest of the game.

Hermiston finished with just 178 total yards and eight first downs, but didn't turn the ball over and kept St. Helens out of the end zone until the fourth quarter.

The Lions (7-2) broke up the shutout with 9:51 to play in the game on an eight-yard run up the middle by Dylan Brady, but Hermiston (5-5) blocked the extra point to retain a 7-6 lead.

Even with their offense stalled, the Bulldogs had a chance to close out the Lions on a fourth-and-nine with just over a minute left to play but Lions running back Myles Terry picked up just enough for the first down on a pass from Levin Norton.

St. Helens capped the drive with a five-yard touchdown pass from Norton to Ben Eldred. The Lions finished with 335 yards of offense.

Hermiston quarterback Andrew James was 6-of-14 for 94 yards and Dayshawn Neal caught four passes for 79 yards. James was Hermiston's leading rusher with 47 yards on eight carries.

The Bulldogs were penalized five times for 30 yards while St. Helens drew eight flags for 45 yards.

<b>HHS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>SHHS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>

**Scoring plays**  
2:24 — HHS, Peter Earl 2 run (Dayshawn Neal kick), 7-0  
**4th Quarter**  
9:51 — SHHS, Dylan Brady 8 run (Jacob Hawkins kick blocked), 6-7  
0:16 — SHHS, Ben Eldred 5 pass from Levi Norton (pass failed), 12-7  
**Individual statistics**  
PASSING — Hermiston (6-15-0, 94): Andrew James 6-14-0, 94; Dayshawn Neal 0-1-0, St. Helens: Levi Norton 10-14-1, 107 TD.  
RUSHING — Hermiston (22-84, TD): Andrew James 8-47; Johnathan Hinkle 6-19; Peter Earl 5-18, TD; Dayshawn Neal 3-4. St. Helens (48-228, TD): Myles Terry 18-96; Tyler Rea 12-89; Dylan Brady 8-44, TD; Haidon Allen 4-15; Austin Drago 1-2; Jax Ogle 2-0; Levi Norton 3-4-16.  
RECEIVING — Hermiston: Dayshawn Neal 4-79; Tucker Salinas 1-11; Johnathan Hinkle 1-4. St. Helens: Haidon Allen 5-64; Myles Terry 4-38; Ben Eldred 1-5, TD.

### College Football

# Mountaineers try for five straight

By **MATT ENTRUP**  
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LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon football coach Tim Camp has led the Mountaineers to a school-record 53 wins, but they'll go for their first five-game winning streak in his eight seasons when they host Rocky Mountain on Saturday at Community Stadium.

The No. 11 Mountaineers (6-2, 6-2 Frontier) are coming off an explosive 48-14 win at College of Idaho and will look to close out their home schedule strong against Rocky Mountain (4-5, 4-4).

The Battlin' Bears come into La Grande for a noon



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• **at Community Stadium, La Grande**  
• **Radio: NewsTalk 103.1 FM**

kickoff looking to mend their wounded pride after giving up 610 yards of offense in a 62-10 loss to No. 7 Montana Tech for their second-straight defeat.

"They're going to be a team that's going to come in here and they're going to expect to win, so we're going to have to play our best

game," Camp told EOUsports.com.

It'll be tough to top last week's performance, which saw returner Calvin Connors tie an NAIA record with a 100-yard kickoff return for touchdown. Wide receiver Josh Richards also had a career-high 174 yards on six receptions, and scored EOU's first points on a 75-yard catch. The EOU defense also got in on the act with Kallyi Ceessay's 83-yard interception return for a touchdown.

"I really liked the way the kids prepared all last week and I think that led to a big team win on the road in the Frontier Conference, so very excited for this program,"

Camp said.

Senior quarterback Zach Bartlow, who is two rushing touchdowns shy of Chris Ware's program record, is coming off a 17-of-29, 269-yard passing game in which he threw two touchdowns and no interceptions.

His 271.3 yards passing per game is second in the Frontier Conference. Rocky Mountain has the second-rated pass defense in the Frontier allowing 221.6 yards a game.

The teams' meeting last year was a double-overtime thriller that Rocky Mountain won 36-35.

Fans can listen to Saturday's game on NewsTalk 103.1 FM.

# Stanford fighting for bowl bid against OSU

By **MICHAEL WAGAMAN**  
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STANFORD, Calif. — Fighting to become bowl eligible this late in the season isn't something that Stanford coach David Shaw is accustomed to, which might explain his reluctance to talk about the subject.

The Cardinal have won three of the last four Pac-12 championships and entered the season heavily favored to keep the trend going. Instead, Stanford (3-3, 5-3) has been a middle-of-the-pack team slowed by injuries and an inconsistent offense.

A win Saturday against Oregon State (1-4, 2-6) would ease some of the sting and make Stanford bowl eligible for the sixth time since Shaw replaced Jim Harbaugh in 2011, though Shaw prefers

that not be the focus.

"That's for everybody outside of our small world to think about, which bowl game to think about, where you might finish," Shaw said. "All we can do is try to play our best football. To look any further past the horizon is unnecessary."

Stanford won the Pac-12 title in 2012, 2013 and 2015, playing in the Rose Bowl each time. The Cardinal also played in the Fiesta Bowl in Shaw's first season and in the Foster Farms Bowl last year.

The Rose Bowl is no longer a possibility this year, so Stanford will have to settle for playing elsewhere in the postseason.

The Cardinal have history on their side against Oregon State, having won the last six games between the two conference rivals.

The Beavers have lost



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• **at Stanford Stadium**  
• **TV: FS1**

three straight and five of six overall. They are coming off a 35-31 loss to Washington State, which is tied for the North Division lead.

"We'll have to answer the toughness bell in this week," Oregon State coach Gary Andersen said. "I think we've done a good job with that this year when we've matched up against people that want to stand up and throw some heavy, big-boy punches."

**DUAL THREAT:** Stanford's backfield is no longer the sole territory of 2015

Heisman Trophy candidate Christian McCaffrey. Bryce Love, who filled in when McCaffrey sat out the Oct. 22 loss to Colorado with an undisclosed injury, has continued to be a key part of the Cardinal's running game now that McCaffrey is healthy. The duo combined for 247 rushing yards during last week's win at Arizona and Shaw said he intends to continue to use both backs moving forward.

**U G W O E G B U BENCHED:** Oregon State outside linebacker Bright Ugwoegbu will spend the first half on the bench after being flagged for targeting following a hit on Washington State quarterback Luke Falk last week. Ugwoegbu has 5 1/2 sacks and is tied for second in the Pac-12 with 11 tackles for loss.

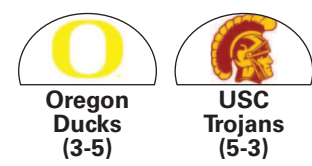
# Ducks, Trojans hoping for highlight in their unusual seasons

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LOS ANGELES — Oregon is ordinary. Southern California is just so-so.

Two down seasons have removed some of the shine from these West Coast powers' showdown at the Coliseum on Saturday. For the first time in the 21st century, neither USC nor Oregon is ranked for their meeting.

But there's still plenty of reason for both teams to keep fighting. The Trojans (5-3, 4-2 Pac-12) have a four-game winning streak and plans for continued contention in the Pac-12 South, while the Ducks (3-5, 1-4) are playing for bowl eligibility and a boost to next season — and possibly coach Mark Helfrich's job security.



• **Today, 4 p.m.**  
• **at Los Angeles Coliseum**  
• **TV: ESPN**

don't buy into this 3-5 record that they have," USC coach Clay Helton said. "This team could easily be 6-2, and if you don't bring your 'A' game, you're going to get beat. We have to take this game as serious as a heart attack."

The game also features a matchup between two promising freshman quarterbacks who refused to wait their turns to play.

Sam Darnold will get his sixth straight start for USC, while Justin Herbert will make his fourth start for Oregon. Both passers seized

that really makes it go."

Herbert pulled a similar trick at Oregon this season, taking over for Dakota Prukop after the Ducks' 2-3 start. The first true freshman to start for Oregon since 1983 has posted a series of lofty offensive performances, even setting the school record for total offense with 512 yards last week against Arizona State while the Ducks ended their five-game skid.

Herbert knows the USC defense presents a markedly different challenge. The Trojans have been on a roll defensively during their streak, most recently holding high-octane California to 24 points in a blowout win.

"I think they're just an exceptional team," Herbert said. "So regardless (of their record), they're going to have a good defense and a great offense."