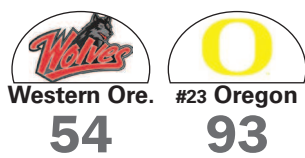


Men's College Basketball

Ducks tame Wolves

By **RON RICHMOND**
Associated Press



EUGENE — Oregon's Dana Altman did a fine imitation of a hockey coach when he least expected it.

Ahead early in what he considered a "developmental game," Altman went with five-man shift changes to spread the minutes among his Ducks, and it worked with 10 players getting between 18 and 22.

Preseason All-America Dillon Brooks scored 21 points and Roman Sorkin had a career-high 15 as No. 23 Oregon rolled to a 93-54 victory over Western Oregon on Wednesday night.

Brooks, still working his way back from offseason foot surgery, and Sorkin contributed most to the Ducks' 50 points off the bench.

"It's kind of the way it worked out," Altman said. "When we got the early lead, I decided to play everybody

equal minutes, so it really wasn't my plan going in."

Chris Boucher added 14 points and eight rebounds for the Ducks (6-2), who won their fourth straight game and 29th in a row at home. Tyler Dorsey had 12 points.

Oregon made nine of its first 12 shots to go up by 14 points early and toyed with the Division II Wolves (4-4) the rest of the first half, shooting 16 of 26 to carry a 48-20 lead into the break.

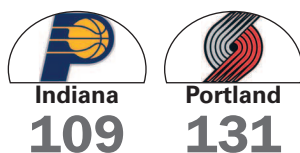
The Ducks scored the first seven points of the second half to cap an 18-0 run and pushed their lead to a high of 51 with 5 minutes to play.

Sorkin, who hadn't played in the last four games, had three of Oregon's eight 3-pointers and missed only

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Lillard's double-double paces Blazers

By **ANNE M. PETERSON**
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PORTLAND — Two days of focused practice with an emphasis on defense served the Trail Blazers well.

Portland applied what it worked on, beating former coach Nate McMillan and the Indiana Pacers 131-109 Wednesday night behind Damian Lillard's 28 points, 10 assists and four steals.

"It was a really good defensive game. I think everything we addressed in practice the last two days, the effort, the mindset, how locked in we were the last two days, I think it translated to the court," Lillard said.

Maurice Harkless added 23 points for the Blazers, who led by as many as 28 in their fifth consecutive victory over the Pacers.

The Trail Blazers had lost six of their last eight games as they've struggled to find consistency on defense. Portland was coming off a 130-114 loss at home to the Houston Rockets on Sunday.

Jeff Teague led Indiana with 25 points, while Myles Turner had 19 points and 10 rebounds. It was the first of a five-game road swing for the Pacers, who had won two straight.

Portland was still missing forward Al-Farouq Aminu, out for more than two weeks with a calf injury. But there are signs he could return soon, possibly even by Sunday against Miami.

The Pacers were without All-Star Paul George for the third consecutive game

and seventh overall due to a sore left ankle. Portland took a 22-13 lead after Meyers Leonard's 3-pointer. Mason Plumlee's alley-oop dunk from CJ McCollum put Portland up 39-27 and Evan Turner, who has been looking more comfortable with the Blazers in the last half-dozen games, made a 3-pointer to push the lead to 46-29.

Lillard, who had just four points in the first quarter, got rolling in the final 7 minutes of the second with 14 and the Blazers led 73-58 at halftime. Portland shot 63 percent in the first half.

In the third quarter it was McCollum's turn. After managing just four points in the first half, McCollum had

15 in the third period and the Blazers went up 109-83 heading into the fourth. He finished with 19 points.

"I don't want to go overboard on this game. I think after two days of practice it was good to come out and shoot like that in the first quarter," Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. "It's not a sigh of relief right now — we still have work to do."

It was the first Portland appearance for McMillan since he became head coach of the Pacers. McMillan was promoted in the offseason after the Pacers dismissed Frank Vogel.

McMillan coached the Blazers from 2005-12. The latter part of his tenure was marked by the devastating injuries to top draft pick Greg Oden and later to star guard Brandon Roy.

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junior middle hitter Madisen Garlie slammed the set-winning kill.

The Mountaineers again rallied to a big lead in the second set and were up 12-4 after a kill by junior right side Isabelle Statkus. Montana Tech wouldn't go away, though, and used rallies of its own to keep the set close. Four straight Oredigger points made it 23-22 before the Mountaineers would seal the win with kills by junior middle hitter Emily Nay and Miller.

There would be no drama in the third set, though, as Eastern raced to an 18-8 lead and eventually scored the final two points on Montana Tech errors. Sophomore libero Holli

Mullins led EOU with 24 digs and has 39 for the tournament.

Next up for Eastern is a match with No. 11 Georgetown (Ky.) to close pool play today at 1 p.m. Georgetown is 0-2 in pool play and was edged 3-2 by Coastal Georgia on Wednesday with scores of 16-25, 22-25, 31-29, 25-20, 15-9. The Tigers lost to Montana Tech on Tuesday 27-25, 25-22, 25-14.

Bracketed play begins on Friday with two rounds of action to chop the field to four for Saturday. The national championship will be played Saturday at 5 p.m.

Live stats and video for all matches at the tournament are available online through NAA.org and NAIAnet-work.com.

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committed to a college (Saint Martin's) this year so we expect him to score a lot of points," said sophomore guard Tyler Newsom, who scored 11 points to go with nine rebounds in his varsity debut.

Newsom was one of four Bucks making their first starts on Wednesday, along with junior guard Shaw Jerome (11 points), junior guard Ryan Russell (nine points) and senior post Jake Szumski (two points). Senior center Johnny Stuvland came off the bench to lead the team with 12 rebounds and add six points, and senior guards Kyle Curtis and Damon Thomas combined for 13 points.

"I thought some guys did some good things," said second-year PHS coach Kyle Tedder. "That's what we're

going to have to have. Everybody else was just solid across the board. I just thought it was a collective effort."

Pendleton (1-0) scored the game's first 12 points, led 17-3 at the end of the first quarter and 39-14 at the half on 14-of-23 (60.9 percent) shooting. Meanwhile Baker (0-1) was struggling to find its touch despite several open looks and went in the break shooting just 3-of-18 (16.7 percent).

Pendleton steadily built its lead after intermission and never led by fewer than 21 in the second half. The Bucks opened the fourth quarter on a 17-3 run and hit their first seven shots in the frame, six of them layups.

Baker was paced by senior guards Brad Zemmer (17 points) and Grant Berry (11 points) but finished just 13-of-45 (28.9 percent)

from the field and had 17 turnovers to Pendleton's 10.

"Overall our defense was really solid, and we're going to have to be that way every night because scoring's not always going to come that easily," Tedder said.

"We're really focusing on defense this year because that's how we're going to win games, so that's our big strong point," Smith said. "Ending the game the way we did, that's big going into our next game against Clarkston."

Pendleton will stay at home for its next game on Saturday against Clarkston (WA) in the Red Lion Invite, and Tedder said he was pleased to see the Bucks' tie-dyed student section turn out for the opener.

"I thought for a Wednesday night we had a decent little crowd, happy

to see the student section support," he said.

The Bucks are scheduled for a 5 p.m. tip-off on Saturday.

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PHS 17 22 24 24 - 87
BAKER — B. Zemmer 17, G. Berry 11, R. Schwin 7, T. Dunn 7, C. Osborne 3, W. Akers 2, M. Plumley, D. Story, J. Zickmund.
PENDLETON — C. Smith 32, T. Newsom 11, S. Jerome 11, R. Russell 9, K. Curtis 7, D. Thomas 6, J. Stuvland 6, S. Machado 2, J. Szumski 2, W. Morris 1, R. Scott.
3-pointers — BHS 4-22; PHS 10-20. Free throws — BHS 17-26; PHS 11-21. Fouls — BHS 18; PHS 21.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

PENDLETON 61, BAKER 58 — At Baker City, the Pendleton Buckaroos opened the season with a narrow road win on Wednesday night. No other details were available at press time.

The Bucks (1-0) will make their home debut on Saturday when they play Clarkston (WA) at 4 p.m. in the Red Lion Invite.

EOU FOOTBALL: Wildcats making sixth semifinals appearance but first since 1993

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to the school's first-ever national championship appearance. But EOU will hit the road once again to do so, traveling to Baldwin City, Kansas to face the No. 2 Baker University Wildcats.

Road games have been quite kind to the Mountaineers in 2016 as EOU is now a perfect 7-0 on the road, and have won those games by an average margin of 16 points.

Camp said it's a week-by-week mindset that has helped his Mountaineer team find so

much success this season.

"We say we need to be 1-0 to get to where we want and in the playoffs to go in to beat a very good Doane team and upset Marian, it was a tall order no doubt about it," he said. "We have the same 1-0 mentality this week, we're going to travel the right way and go represent Eastern Oregon University and to be able to do things we want to do we have to prepare the right way and execute."

But EOU will have its hands full once again on Saturday against an unbeaten Baker (13-0) team that is



• **Saturday, 11 a.m.**
• **at Liston Stadium, Baldwin City, Kansas**
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fresh off a 42-27 victory over the No. 8 seed Lindsey Wilson in the quarterfinals. Saturday will be the sixth semifinal appearance for the Wildcats in school history, and the first since 1993.

The Wildcats are paced by a lethal offensive attack that averages 50.2 points per game and 547 total yards per game — both ranked No. 3 in the nation. The offense is led by all-conference Offensive Player of the Year Logan Brettell, who has led the nation's No. 1 passing offense with a school-record 4,404 yards and 45 touchdowns.

Brettell's top targets include running back Cornell Brown (76 catches), Quanzee Johnson (1,038 yards, 14 TD), and Clarence Clark (61 catches, 823 yards).

On the defensive side of the ball, Baker touts the No. 9 scoring defense in the nation with 18.9 points allowed this season, and also has a top-20 run defense allowing just 127.8 yards per game. But the Wildcats are also adept at deterring a passing game, as defensive backs Darrain Winston leads the nation with 10 interceptions and Avery Parker is seventh with six.

It is set up to be a great match-up with EOU dual-threat quarterback Zach Bartlow, who ranks 10th in the nation in total offense and has

thrown 25 touchdowns and just seven interceptions this season.

"I believe the players know exactly what they got to do and it's going to be our style of play versus theirs," Camp said of Saturday's match-up. "The team that takes care of the football, tackles and blocks better and does all the fundamentals of the game of football, that'll be the team that wins."

Kick-off is set for 11 a.m. and the game will be broadcast on ESPN3 at WatchESPN.com as well as the WatchESPN mobile app.

PIGSKIN PICKERS

Final Standings

Ron Gibbs	John Airolti	Clint Shoemake	Mark Royal	Kevin Fisher	Mario Ramirez	Eric Singer	Matt Entrup	Anna Aylett	Mike Appleton
Last Week: 5-5	3-7	3-7	6-4	4-6	5-5	3-7	5-5	5-5	6-4
Overall: 85-35	81-39	81-39	81-39	76-44	76-44	75-45	72-48	71-49	71-49

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