

Prep Basketball

# High schooler scores 92 points

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CHINO HILLS, Calif. — LaMelo Ball, the younger brother of UCLA's star freshman Lonzo Ball, scored 92 points — 41 in the fourth quarter — to help Chino Hills beat Los Osos 146-123 on Tuesday night.

He only had 29 points at halftime. He made 37 of 61 shots from the floor, including 7 of 22 from behind the 3-point line, hit 11 of 14 free throws and had seven assists and five rebounds.

Their other brother

LiAngelo, who leads Chino Hills in scoring, sat out due to an ankle injury. LaMelo and LiAngelo are both committed to UCLA like their older brother Lonzo, who is projected to be a top-five pick in the 2017 NBA draft.

Chino Hills (26-1) had won 60 straight games before losing to Oak Hill Academy last Saturday — in which LaMelo scored 36 points.

Lonzo tweeted: "Well I mean that's one way to bounce back after a loss ... I see you lil bro."

## PATRIOTS' DAY



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady holds up Super Bowl trophies along with head coach Bill Belichick, right, and team owner Robert Kraft, left, during a rally Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017, in Boston, to celebrate Sunday's 34-28 win over the Atlanta Falcons in the NFL Super Bowl 51 football game in Houston.

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# PREPS: Umatilla girls struggle from the field, fall to Vale

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**COVE 44, HELIX 35** — At Cove, Helix pulled within three points to start the fourth quarter but couldn't get any closer as it fell in Old Oregon League boys basketball action on Monday.

Trent Taylor scored a game-high 25 points while hitting five three-pointers to lead Cove (6-13, 4-8 OOL), and Ezekiel Elmer added 12 points.

Helix (4-13, 3-8) didn't have any players reach double digits and was led by John Shaw with nine points and Justin Williams with eight.

Helix will host Powder Valley on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

HHS	4	6	12	13	35
CHS	10	7	8	19	44

HELIX — J. Shaw 9, J. Williams 8, G. Christman 6, T. Fehrenbacher 6, G. Newtson 4, S. Carlson 2.  
COVE — T. Taylor 25, E. Elmer 12, B. Witten 4, A. Schlegel 2, L. Moore 1.  
3-pointers — HHS 0; CHS 5. Free throws — HHS 1-4; CHS 13-16. Fouls — HHS 13; CHS 10.

**NYSSA 72, UMATILLA 66** — At Nyssa, the Umatilla Vikings lost their second game in league play with a close loss on the road at Nyssa on Monday night.

"(Nyssa) came out hot and played well on their senior night," Umatilla coach Derek Lete said. "In the first half they brought more energy, then in the fourth quarter it was pretty back-and-forth but we just kind of ran out of

time at the end." Kaden Webb led all scorers with 28 points for Umatilla.

UHS	14	12	19	19	66
NHS	16	20	20	14	72

UMATILLA — K. Webb 28, J. Maret 9, S. Garcia 8, T. Durfey 7, T. Morris 5, M. Garcia 2.  
NYSSA — J. Fuentes 20, B. Thompson 13, P. Chavez 10, O. Tellez 10, D. McIntosh 6, A. Gonzalez 6, J. Ortiz 3, I. Hernandez 2.  
3-pointers — UHS 7; NHS 10. Free throws — UHS 9-11; NHS 10-15. Fouls — UHS 15; NHS 15. Fouled out — A. Gonzalez (NHS).

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

**VALE 40, UMATILLA 29** — At Vale, Aleesha Watson's double-double wasn't enough to remedy Umatilla's poor night from the field in an Eastern Oregon League loss on Tuesday night. Watson finished with 15

points and 11 rebounds, but the Vikings (6-15, 1-7 EOL) shot just 17 percent from the field to lose their seventh game in a row. No other statistics were reported.

Umatilla will close out the season at home and play Riverside on Friday at 6 p.m. and Vale on Saturday at 4 p.m.

**LA GRANDE 69, MAC-HI 45** — At Milton-Freewater, La Grande pulled away in the second half to beat Mac-Hi in Greater Oregon League girls basketball on Monday night.

The Tigers used a 12-6 run to go up 23-22 at halftime and continued to score at a 2-to-1 clip and outscored the

Pioneers 46-23 in the second half.

Sydney Richwine led Mac-Hi (1-14, 0-3 GOL) with 13 points, eight rebounds and four steals, and McKenna Yensen added nine points and seven rebounds.

Details were not available for La Grande (9-9, 2-2).

Mac-Hi is scheduled for three more games this week with a home game on Wednesday against Ontario at 3:30 p.m. and road games at Baker and La Grande on Thursday and Friday.

LGHS	11	12	20	26	69
M-H	16	6	9	14	45

MAC-HI — S. Richwine 13, M. Yensen 9, S. Earls 6, B. Jones 6, B. Smiley 5, B. Hernandez 5, M. Martinez 1, B. Garcia.  
3-pointers — M-H 3. Free throws — M-H

10-24. Fouls — M-H 17.

**COVE 44, HELIX 30** — At Cove, a big first quarter gave the Leopards enough room to hold off the Grizzlies on Monday in an Old Oregon League girls basketball game.

Kailey Mize scored six points and had five steals to lead Helix (8-9, 4-7 OOL), but the Grizzlies had 29 turnovers in the game.

Details for Cove were not available.

Helix will host Powder Valley on Thursday at 6 p.m.

HHS	6	10	5	9	30
CHS	18	6	12	8	44

HELIX — K. Mize 6, E. Fehrenbacher 6, C. Bennett 5, H. Christman 4, A. Krol 3, M. Tullis 3, A. Wood 3.  
3-pointers — HHS 3. Free throws — HHS 5-11. Fouls — HHS 7.

# BLAZERS: Portland's Evan Turner breaks hand in third quarter

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McCullum said. "I tried to split (the double team), and get to the free-throw line and get to my sweet spot."

McCullum released his runner at the free-throw line and it swished through. Dallas, which was without a time-out, managed only Devin Harris' long leave from three-quarter court that wasn't close.

Damian Lillard added 29 points for the Blazers, who tied their season series with the Mavericks at 2-2 — each team winning twice on the others' home floor.

Barnes led the Mavericks with 26 points and Matthews added 23.

Portland led 101-89 with 7:19 to go before the Mavericks answered the Blazers' 13-0 run with one of their own. Neither team led by more than two points in the final five minutes.

Nowitzki's 3 with 38.9 seconds left gave Dallas a 108-107 lead and prompted a fist pump from the veteran, who was coming off four games of below double figures for only the second time since his rookie season.

"The shot-making at the end was just vintage," coach Rick Carlisle said. "It was breathtaking."

But McCollum was just getting started. He hit a short jumper, then answered a Devin Harris counter with a three-point play to make it 112-110 with 12.3 seconds to play before Nowitzki hit another long ball.

"You're just hoping that's 'Game,'" said Nowitzki of his last 3. "But three seconds in this league is a long time. I've obviously seen a lot of stuff happen. McCollum made a heck of a play."

### A BAD BREAK

Forward Evan Turner suffering a broken right hand in the third quarter after scoring 11 points. He left with 5:08 to play and did not return.

Turner was diagnosed with a broken third metacarpal bone. Neither he nor coach Terry Stotts could gauge how long he would be out, but Turner was told after the game he likely would not need surgery.

"All I saw was I ran into Harrison Barnes," Turner said. "It didn't feel like crazy pain, more like numbing a



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

Portland Trail Blazers' Maurice Harkless (4) maintains control of the ball on the way to the basket under pressure from Dallas Mavericks' Yogi Ferrell, right, during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas, Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2017.

little bit. I just went back out there and I caught the ball. I couldn't feel any type of grip or anything like that. That

was pretty much it."

With Turner out and Allen Crabbe in foul trouble, it was left to Lillard and McCollum

to carry the Blazers' offense.

"We'll miss him," Lillard said of Turner. "I think what he brings to the table is why we signed him. It's something that it'll be hard to get from one other person, but it'll have to be a collective effort from guys having to step up in his shoes."

### TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: During their big 16-2 run in the second quarter, both McCollum and Plumlee scored on alley-oop dunks. McCollum's came directly off an inbounds pass from the right wing. ... After shooting just 4-for-20 for 13 points in the Blazers' 108-104 loss to the Mavericks on Friday, Lillard scored 22 points in the first half and needed only six shots to make his first four field goals.

Mavericks: Seth Curry injured his left shoulder in a collision with Portland's Mason Plumlee with 8:49 left in the third quarter. He went to the locker room but returned to the game four minutes later and finished with four points. ... Nowitzki moved into 10th place all-time in field goals with 10,517. Also, his two blocked shots gave him 1,200 for this career, the

55th player in NBA history to reach that figure.

### MAKING IT OFFICIAL

After helping the Mavericks to a 4-1 record on a 10-day contract, Ferrell signed his two-year contract Tuesday, calling it "one of the happiest days of my life." He finished with 12 points against Portland.

Dallas owner Mark Cuban said the team didn't want to risk having to bid for Ferrell's services after the contract or a subsequent 10-day expired.

"I wasn't going to find out (if other teams were interested)," Cuban said. "There's just no reason to find out."

Ferrell averaged 17 points and five assists in his first five games with the Mavericks, numbers that earned the endorsement of his fellow Indiana graduate Cuban.

"It's a mockery within a travesty within a transmogrification that he wasn't NBA Player of the Week," Cuban said.

### UP NEXT

Trail Blazers: Home on Thursday against the Celtics, whom they have beaten in six of the teams' last eight meetings.

# BULLDOGS: Hermiston still exploring Washington option

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From the three prior meetings, Hermiston was drawn into the top classification in both a 6-class and 5-class models, playing in a league with seven or eight other teams in the Portland area.

By attending, Usher's goal was to give testimony to the committee on what Hermiston feels is the best move for its student athletes, and to jump-start some conversation to help find a better fit for Hermiston in the reclassification models.

None of what he suggested made it into the current options put forth by the OSAA.

The three proposals — 6-class, 5-class, and football-only models — were slightly updated at the meeting, with the only significant changes being adding a second option in the top classifications.

Option one is status quo from the previous proposals, with Hermiston remaining in a nine-team Mt. Hood Conference in the 6A/5A levels.

However, the second option featured the changes, with Hermiston moving to a

newly-created Inter County Conference with the likes of central Oregon schools Bend, Summit and Mountain View, along with Portland-area schools Gresham and Barlow in the 6A model and Sandy and Reynolds in the 5A model.

Usher said that while he acknowledges the OSAA for looking at other setups, the new options were a big head-scratcher for him and other school officials from around the state.

"To be honest, after communicating with other athletic directors around the state, we all got a good laugh out of it," he said on Tuesday. "Our big issue is in no world is anyone at the 6A level going make Barlow and Gresham go to Bend for league games. And then what rationale are you using to pick those two schools, because when you go to 5A proposal now you have Sandy and Reynolds? Why not Clackamas, Oregon City? It's just confusing."

While giving his testimony, Usher offered two suggestions to the committee that he and the Hermiston officials supported.

The first, Usher said, was

proposing the OSAA raising the 6A enrollment cutoff from the current mark of 1,330 to 1,390, which would keep Hermiston in the second-highest classification and in a league with Pendleton, Redmond, Ridgeview, The Dalles, Hood River, and Crook County. However, it was shot down by the committee.

The second suggestion Usher offered was for the OSAA to award Hermiston with a geographic exception, allowing the school to stand pat the way they are currently in all sports outside of football, where they would have no objection to being in the 6A Mt. Hood Conference.

The geographical waiver is also what has allowed Summit and Bend to remain in Class 5A over the current classification time block, even though their enrollments were above the 6A threshold.

"We have not heard back yet if it's a possibility," Usher said. "We asked the question that the exception was good for Summit and Bend, so why not for us too?"

The issues that Hermiston has with these proposals is the amount of travel and

missed class time that it will force on its student-athletes.

Usher points out that with the original proposals that had Hermiston moving to the Mt. Hood Conference for all sports, it would mean 2,360 miles — nearly the equivalent of driving one-way from Portland to Detroit, Michigan — of round-trip travel per sport just for league games and an average time of six hours on a bus per trip.

For the new No. 2 options in the 6A/5A models, it would mean an average of nearly seven hours per bus trip for Hermiston, which is just not smart for Hermiston kids, Usher says.

Hermiston is still exploring an opportunity to leave the OSAA and join the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) to play in a league with schools from the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla, having already made a presentation to the WIAA executive committee last month.

The WIAA tabled a decision on Hermiston at that meeting, stating that the committee needed to do more research and its own due diligence before making

a decision, which will likely be at its next meeting on March 18-19 in Renton, Washington.

"We've been in contact a little, but we don't want to push the issue too much," Usher said. "We know this has larger ramifications than just for Oregon and Washington and if the (OSAA) and the (WIAA) can come to an agreement, then we'll go from there."

The OSAA could not be reached for comment by press time, though OSAA Executive Director Peter Weber told *The Oregonian/OregonLive* in December that they supported Hermiston's exploration of outside options, saying "We are still early in the reclassification process, so there could be more iterations of the proposals, but we wanted the WIAA to know we are aware of the situation and support Hermiston exploring it."

The next OSAA reclassification committee meeting is set for Feb. 27 at the OSAA offices in Wilsonville.

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Cisneros, a redshirt sophomore, is the PSU record-holder in the 5,000 meters with his time of 14:43.07 at the UW Invitational that broke the six-year-old mark of Andrew Salg by more than seven seconds and was a 14-second personal record for Cisneros. It came 10 weeks after he had set the school record in the 10,000 meters with a time of 30:29.8 at the NCAA West Regionals in November.

Robinson, a 2014 Pendleton High grad, is also coming off a bar-raising effort as the PSU junior beat his season-best mark in the high jump with a height of 6 feet, 6.75 inches to win the Idaho Duals.

He also placed seventh at the meet in pole vault with a height of 12-9.5 that is his season best and second on the team. Robinson also holds the Vikings' top time in the 1,000 meters this indoor season at 2:53.76.

The Vikings will close the regular season at the three-day Husky Classic starting Friday. The Big Sky Indoor Championships will be held in Pocatello, Idaho on Feb. 23-25.