

NBA

Hawks prevail over Trail Blazers in overtime

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PORTLAND — Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 25 points, Dennis Schroder added 22 and the Atlanta Hawks scored the final 12 points of overtime to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 109-104 on Monday night.

Dwight Howard added 19 points and 16 rebounds for the Hawks, who won their fifth straight against the Blazers. Paul Millsap made the tying basket as time expired in regulation.

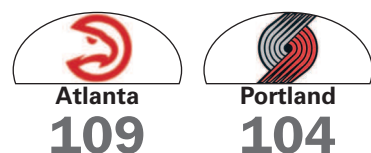
CJ McCollum had 26 points for the Blazers, who traded starting

center Mason Plumlee to Denver a day earlier. Damian Lillard added 21.

Lillard's 3-pointer and McCollum's floater gave Portland a 104-97 lead in overtime. Atlanta made free throws to stay close and Schroder's layup pulled the Hawks to 104-103. Kent Bazemore's layup gave Atlanta the lead with 40.3 seconds left.

Portland got the ball with 12 seconds left, but Lillard appeared to slip on a drive to the basket. Millsap and Taurean Prince made free throws for the final margin.

Hardaway, who was averaging



22.0 points in Atlanta's last five games, hit a 3-pointer with 1:40 left in regulation that closed Atlanta within 95-94. Maurice Harkless' tip after Ed Davis missed a pair of free throws kept Portland in front 97-94 with 34.6 seconds left.

After Howard missed the second of a pair of free throws, Atlanta got the ball with 2.2 seconds left and

Millsap made the layup to send the game into overtime.

Atlanta was coming off a 108-107 loss at Sacramento on Friday night, squandering a 22-point, second-half lead. Portland fell 120-111 at home to the Boston Celtics last Thursday.

The game came just a day after Portland sent center Mason Plumlee to Denver in exchange for center Nurkic. Plumlee averaged 11.1 points and four assists as a starter this season for Portland.

Nurkic, who was on the bench in street clothes, was not available for the game against the Hawks. The Blazers started Meyers Leonard at

center.

Pat Connaughton's 3-pointer capped a 10-0 run to end the first quarter with the Blazers up 28-21. Al-Farouq Aminu's 3 stretched the lead to 34-21.

The Hawks pulled within 39-34 on Schroder's running layup. But the Blazers led 48-42 at the break.

The teams traded the lead into the fourth. After Portland forward Noah Vonleh fouled out with 8:13 left in the game, Harkless gave the Blazers an 84-79 lead with a 3-pointer.

Aminu finished with 14 points and 15 rebounds for the Blazers.

MILTON-FREEWATER

Pioneers have six district champs, eight reach final bracket

Mac-Hi wrestling third in team points at district finals

East Oregonian

BAKER CITY — The Mac-Hi Pioneers had plenty to celebrate despite placing third out of four teams at the Special District 4 wrestling championships on Saturday.

Six Pioneers won indi-

vidual district titles, and two others earned state berths by placing in the top three of their weight class.

Champions for Mac-Hi were Jesse Jones at 106 pounds, Riley Chester (138), Kaden Kilburg (170), Joshua Torres (195), Spencer Wells (220) and Donnie Clark (285). Also going to state are 195 runner-up Brandyn Chaney, and 182 third-place finisher Patton Wright.

Mac-Hi finished with 250

team points behind tournament host Baker (327.5) and La Grande (322.5).

Torres and Chaney met in the championship of their sparsely-populated bracket with Torres earing a 7-2 win in what would be his only match of the tournament. All of the Pioneers' other champions had to win at least twice.

Jones beat Baker's Johnny Niehaus 5-1 in the final round after earning a pin in

3:01 over La Grande's Logan Sandoval in the semifinals.

Chester edged La Grande's Grayson Livingston 2-1 to earn a spot in the finals, then beat the Tigers' Grayson Jensen 9-3 for the title.

Kilburg won his championship by fall in five minutes over La Grande's Christopher Woodworth, his second pin of the tournament after beating Ontario's Quinn Susuki in 20 seconds in the semis.

Wells' title came via 5-1 decision over Baker's Hudson Cole, and he pinned La Grande's Joel Rogers in :34 in the semis.

Clark won both his matches by pin over Ontario wrestlers, first over Miguel Galindo in 1:36, then over Antonio Sanders in 4:24.

The state championships will be held on Feb. 24-25 at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Portland.

Special District 4 Championships Team Scores

1. Baker/Powder Valley	327.5
2. La Grande	322.5
3. Mac-Hi/Weston-McEwen	250
4. Ontario	161.5

Mac-Hi placers

106 — Jesse Jones, 1st; Yolanda Soto-Perez, 4th
113 — Marcellus Brinkley, 5th
120 — Devon Cothey, 5th; Noah Wilson, 6th
132 — Zach Chrisman, 4th
138 — Riley Chester, 1st
145 — Anthony Hardesty, 6th
160 — Eric Saldana, 5th
170 — Kaden Kilburg, 1st; Alejandro Saldana, 6th
182 — Patton Wright, 3rd
195 — Joshua Torres, 1st; Brandyn Chaney, 2nd
220 — Spencer Wells, 1st; Oliver Nordstrom, 4th
285 — Donnie Clark, 1st; Cruz Garcia, 4th

SWIMMING: Pendleton's Jennings advances to state in four events

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championship point total despite winning just one event thanks to 24 top-six finishes. Pendleton's boys, meanwhile, won six gold medals but had just 17 total placers.

The Buckaroos earned 14 points by winning the 400 freestyle relay, but trailed Hermiston by six coming into the last event.

Hermiston's district champion was Ryan Barnard, who easily held off Pendleton's Avery Madril to win the 200 individual medley in a time of 2:11.84.

Barnard also placed second in the 100 freestyle (52.44) and swam for the Bulldogs' state-bound 200 freestyle relay team that

placed second (1:37.97) along with Carson Wrathall, Seth Buck and Ean Buck.

Wrathall also qualified for state by placing second in the 200 freestyle (1:55.69). None of the Bulldogs' other second-place finishes were quick enough to meet the qualifying times for state, although the season may not be over yet for Roman and Perez, who are listed as alternates for the 200 freestyle relay.

Pendleton will be taking a much larger contingent to the state finals, which begin at 9 a.m. on Friday at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

From the boys' team, senior Jon Jennings will be entered in four events after winning district titles in the

50- and 100-yard freestyle (21.56/47.87) as well as swimming the anchor legs of the first-place freestyle relay teams (1:37.25/3:36.03).

Pendleton's 200 relay edged Hermiston at the end with Jennings touching .72 ahead of the Bulldogs' Barnard.

Senior Avery Madril and juniors Rylan Headley and Shane Miltenberger also swam on both relays. Headley also won the 100 backstroke (1:05.56), and Miltenberger earned an individual berth by winning the 500 freestyle (5:22.78).

Four Pendleton girls earned state berths and senior Sam Schmitz claimed their only individual spot with a district title in the 100 free-

style 58.94.

She also swam for the first-place 200 freestyle relay team that finished in 1:50.84 along with Oceane Schreier, Abby Williams and Landry Huth.

Columbia River Conference District Meet
Feb. 10-11, Hood River Aquatic Center

Boys Team Scores

1. Hermiston	93
2. Pendleton	91
3. Hood River	79
4. The Dalles	24

Girls Team Scores

1. Hood River	135
2. Pendleton	99
3. The Dalles	59
4. Hermiston	12

Hermiston placers

BOYS

200-yard medley relay — 2nd (R. Wiley, L. Stevenson, J. Roman, A. Perez), 2:14.72; 3rd (P. Strong, I. Cardenas, K. Mikami, I. Morales), 2:40.41.

200 freestyle — 2nd, C. Wrathall, 1:55.69; 5th, R. Wiley, 2:23.68; 6th, J. Roman, 2:26.82.

200 individual medley — 1st, R. Barnard, 2:11.84.

50 freestyle — 3rd, S. Buck, 24.84.

100 butterfly — 5th, J. Roman, 1:09.60; 6th, K. Mikami, 1:19.44.

100 freestyle — 2nd, R. Barnard, 52.44; 4th, E. Buck, 57.78.

500 freestyle — 2nd, C. Wrathall, 5:30.53; 5th, R. Wiley, 6:38.94.

200 freestyle relay — 2nd (C. Wrathall, S. Buck, E. Buck, R. Barnard), 1:37.97; 5th (C. Jorgensen, P. Strong, R. Wiley, K. Mikami), 1:53.78.

100 backstroke — 2nd, E. Buck, 1:08.44; 100 breaststroke — 2nd, S. Buck, 1:11.08; 5th, L. Stevenson, 1:24.44.

400 freestyle relay — 3rd (C. Wrathall, E. Buck, S. Buck, R. Barnard), 3:38.72; 5th (L. Stevenson, A. Perez, C. Jorgensen, J. Roman), 4:22.31.

GIRLS

200 individual medley — 6th, J. Vogt, 2:51.82.

100 butterfly — 4th, L. McAllister, 1:42.50.

500 freestyle — 3rd, H. Walker, 7:29.63.

400 freestyle relay — 5th (F. Pena, L. McAllister, H. Walker, J. Vogt), 5:08.22.

Pendleton placers

BOYS

200-yard freestyle — 3rd, S. Miltenberger, 2:02.72; 4th, M. Larsen, 2:14.72.

200 individual medley — 2nd, A. Madril, 2:23.13.

50 freestyle — 1st, J. Jennings, 21.56.

100 butterfly — 3rd, R. Headley, 1:03.19; 4th, A. Madril, 1:07.15.

100 freestyle — 1st, J. Jennings, 47.87; 6th, N. Johnson, 1:01.94.

500 freestyle — 1st, S. Miltenberger, 5:22.78; 3rd, M. Larsen, 6:03.03.

200 freestyle relay — 1st (A. Madril, R. Headley, S. Miltenberger, J. Jennings),

1:37.25; 6th (N. Johnson, H. Reynolds, S. Atteridge, M. Larsen), 1:56.37.

100 backstroke — 1st, R. Headley, 1:05.56.

100 breaststroke — 3rd, N. Johnson, 1:22.84; 4th, S. Atteridge, 1:23.78.

400 freestyle relay — 1st (A. Madril, R. Headley, S. Miltenberger, J. Jennings), 3:36.03; 6th (N. Johnson, H. Reynolds, A. Atteridge, M. Larsen), 4:28.78.

GIRLS

200-yard medley relay — 2nd (L. Huth, O. Broker, A. Williams, S. Schmitz), 2:04.47; 5th (L. MaKayla, D. Moore, J. Schulze, L. Yoshioka), 2:37.25.

200 freestyle — 2nd, L. Huth, 2:17.68; 5th, J. Headley, 2:29.15.

200 individual medley — 5th, O. Schreier, 2:42.15.

50 freestyle — 2nd, S. Schmitz, 26.69.

100 butterfly — 2nd, A. Williams, 1:15.37.

100 freestyle — 1st, S. Schmitz, 58.94; 5th, D. Moore, 1:11.37.

500 freestyle — 2nd, O. Broker, 6:46.21; 4th, J. Schulze, 7:29.87; 6th, R. Harris, 8:46.90.

200 freestyle relay — 1st (O. Schreier, A. Williams, L. Huth, S. Schmitz), 1:50.84; 5th (T. Stewart, K. Spencer, J. Headley, L. Yoshioka), 2:09.32.

100 backstroke — 4th, J. Headley, 1:16.16; 3rd, L. Huth, 1:16.29; 5th, O. Schreier, 1:25.00.

400 freestyle relay — 2nd (O. Broker, J. Headley, M. Lee, O. Schreier), 4:32.03; 4th (D. Moore, B. Lapp, J. Schulze, K. Spencer), 5:06.18.

BULLDOGS: Larson backed up by rulebook when Hermiston docked a point

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"I like that their heads are on straight," he said. "I'm glad (state) is already in their minds ... we expect a lot out of these guys, we've won 10 state titles and we absolutely expect to win our 11th."

As a team, Hermiston finished in a tie with Redmond for the district championship with 333 points after a controversial finish.

As the final team scores were read following the conclusion of the last match, the Redmond Panthers were announced as the district champions, winning by a one-point margin at 333-332.

Although Hermiston and Redmond were technically tied, tournament officials had docked the Bulldogs one point for a penalty it had earned in a semifinal match earlier in the day, citing the criteria to break the tie.

However, the Hermiston coaches did not agree with the ruling, citing the criteria being used was for dual matches in the rulebook.

Larson reached out to long-time Pendleton coach and referee Dale Freeman and Scott Hall with the Oregon Athletic Officials Association, who later told Larson that there was no criteria for a tie-break in a tournament.

That made Hermiston and Redmond co-champions for the tournament "from what I understand," Larson said.

The Bulldogs had two chances to seal the victory as both Kenny Bevan (220) and Beau Blake (285) wrestled in the championship matches, however both Dawgs lost by fall to keep Redmond in it. Overall, the Bulldogs will be sending 14 wrestlers to the state tournament and had 15 wrestlers place in the district tournament.

Hermiston's first victory of the day came with Hendon at 138 pounds, who took down Pendleton's Jeff Kovach by fall at the 3:23 mark to earn his third district title of his career. Hendon said that going against a Pendleton opponent mixed with the tight race his team was in with Redmond got him pretty

fired up for the match.

"Since times have changed the rivalry with Pendleton isn't as strong but to me it's still there," Hendon said. "And plus it was more than just a rivalry with that match, we needed the pins we need the bonus points."

Hendon added that he was well-rested for the match, too. Between his semifinal match Saturday morning and the championship match in the evening, he was able to go home and recharge.

"It was so nice, I got to go home and take a nap and sleep in my own bed," he said. "It was a lot better than being stuck in a loud gym all day on the road, I could go home and have some peace and quiet."

Senior Valen Wyse was also pleased to have the district tournament at home this year because he liked hearing the loud cheers from the home crowd.

"It's been very comfortable. I like having our fans come out and watch us perform," he said. "It kind of gets the fire going under you so you

can go out and give the fans something to cheer about."

Wyse, wrestling at 170 pounds, had a familiar opponent in the championship match as he took on fellow Bulldog Julio Leiva. Wyse ended up winning the championship by pinning Leiva at the 3:53 mark in the second round, and admitted afterward that it's always a little odd to wrestle a teammate in a championship match.

"It's difficult because the fans are cheering for both of you, so you just have to tune that out and put on a good show," Wyse said. "But it's really encouraging to know you're from one of the toughest programs and that we have two guys in the finals. But now I fully expect to meet up with Julio in the finals at state again too because he's a contender, a great competitor and a great training partner."

Hermiston also had another pair in the finals at 145 pounds, as Adrian Tuia met up with Wade Kirkpatrick with the title on the line. Kirkpatrick controlled

the match through the first round, but as soon as the second round started, Tuia took over and earned a 7-1 decision victory.

Larson said overall, he was mostly happy with the way his Bulldogs wrestled over the two-day tournament. And as for his star of the tournament, he singled out not one of his champions, but the runner-up at 132 pounds Oscar Lopez. Lopez started the tournament as a No. 6 seed, and upset the No. 3 seed and No. 2 seed in the bracket to advance to the title, where he eventually lost to Pendleton's Alex Rendon.

"Oscar, that's my guy coming in as a six seed ... that's absolutely wrestling above his potential and that's what we like to see," Larson said. "At the beginning of the year Oscar started at 152 pounds and now he's finally at a weight where he feels comfortable and can compete."

Now Hermiston will return to mats for two grueling weeks of practice to prepare for the state tournament, and it feel confident

in its abilities to add another banner to the walls in the Dawg House.

"I think we're sending the right number of people to state as we expected to," Wyse said. "We're going to have to come in and wrestle tough for sure, but we're just preparing and getting ready to put on a show at the state tournament."

5A District 4 Championships Team Scores

1. Redmond/333.0	
1. Hermiston	333.0
3. Mtn. View	264.0
4. Pendleton	185.5
5. Bend	159.0
6. Hood River	140.5
7. Summit	117.5
8. Ridgeview	51.0
9. The Dalles	14.0

Hermiston State Qualifiers

106 - Ruben Madrigal (3rd)	
113 - Gage Shipley (4th)	
126 - Jesus Rodriguez (4th)	
132 - Oscar Lopez (2nd)	
139 - CJ Hendon (1st)	
145 - Adrian Tuia (1st)	
145 - Wade Kirkpatrick (2nd)	
170 - Valen Wyse (1st)	
170 - Julio Leiva (2nd)	
182 - Joey Gutierrez (1st)	
195 - Sean Stewart (4th)	
220 - Kenny Bevan (2nd)	
220 - Corey Mangan (3rd)	
285 - Beau Blake (2nd)	

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Porter said. "Kalan found herself at the top of the key and her defender kind of dropped back and dared her to shoot it."

McGlothan finished with a game-high 15 points and eight rebounds, and Haley Greb added 14 points for Pendleton (8-7, 4-1 CRC).

Molly Taylor scored 11 points to lead The Dalles (7-9, 2-4) and Brooke McCall was limited to 10 points by the combined defensive efforts of Maureen Davies and Greb.

Pendleton picks back up today with a road game at Hood River that starts at 7 p.m.

PHS	13	12	11	13	—	49
TDHS	12	8	15	8	—	43

PENDLETON — K. McGlothan 15, H. Greb 14, L. Richards 7, H. Porter 5, K. Bradt 4, J. Lemberger 2, M. Davies 2, E. Nirschl, T. Fell.

THE DALLES — M. Taylor 11, B. McCall 10, Ka. Hoylman 9, S. Watson 6, K. Jesch 4, J. Thomason 3, L. Robinson 3-pointers — PHS 4; TDHS 5. Free throws — PHS 11-18; TDHS 7-15. Fouls — PHS 17; TDHS 14. Fouled out — M. Davies (PHS); M. Taylor (TDHS)

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Today
Mac-Hi at Baker (GOL District Tournament), 6 p.m.
Nixyaavii at Powder Valley, 6:30 p.m.
Hermiston at The Dalles, 7 p.m.
Hood River at Pendleton, 7 p.m.

Friday
Umatilla vs. TBD (EOL District Tournament), TBA
Irrigon vs. TBD (EOL District Tournament), TBA
Pendleton at The Dalles, 7 p.m.
Hood River at Hermiston, 7 p.m.
Heppner vs. TBD (CBC District Tournament, at Pendleton Convention Center), 7:45 p.m.

Saturday
Stanfield vs. TBD (CBC District Tournament, at Pendleton Convention Center), TBD
Nixyaavii vs. TBD (OOL District Tournament, at Baker High School), TBD
Echo vs. TBD (OOL District Tournament, at Baker High School), TBD

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Today
Mac-Hi at Ontario (GOL District Tournament), 4:30 p.m.
Nixyaavii at Powder Valley, 5 p.m.
Pendleton at Hood River, 7 p.m.
The Dalles at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Friday
Hermiston at Hood River, 7 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Weston-McEwen vs. TBD (CBC District Tournament, at Pendleton Convention Center), TBD

Saturday
Nixyaavii vs. TBD (OOL District Tournament, at Baker High School), TBD
Echo vs. TBD (OOL District Tournament, at Baker High School), TBD

Pilot Rock vs. TBD (CBC District Tournament, at Pendleton Convention Center), TBD

PREP WRESTLING

Friday
Heppner/lone at 2A/1A District Tournament at Hermiston, Armand Larive (Middle School), 10 a.m.

Saturday
Riverside, Irrigon, Echo/Stanford at 3A District Tournament (at Nyssa), 10 a.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Friday
Pendleton, Hermiston at state championships (Mt. Hood C.C., Gesham), 9 a.m.

Saturday
Pendleton, Hermiston at state championships (Mt. Hood C.C., Gesham), 8:15 a.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wednesday
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain, 8 p.m.

Thursday
Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday
Blue Mountain at Walla Walla, 4 p.m.

Sunday
Walla Walla U. at Eastern Oregon, 3 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wednesday
Wenatchee Valley at Blue Mountain, 6 p.m.

Thursday
Eastern Oregon at College of Idaho, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday
Blue Mountain at Walla Walla, 2 p.m.

Sunday
Walla Walla U. at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

COLLEGE WRESTLING

Saturday
Eastern Oregon at NAIA Western Regional (at Redding, Calif.), TBA

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Friday
Eastern Oregon vs. William Jessup (at Redding, Calif.), 11 a.m.
Eastern Oregon at Simpson, 3 p.m.

Basketball

NBA

Sunday's Games
Minnesota 117, Chicago 89
New York 94, San Antonio 90
Detroit 102, Toronto 101
Sacramento 105, New Orleans 99

Monday's Games
Philadelphia 105, Charlotte 99
San Antonio 110, Indiana 106
Memphis 112, Brooklyn 103
Orlando 116, Miami 107
Milwaukee 102, Detroit 89
Washington 120, Oklahoma City 98
Boston 111, Dallas 98
Denver 132, Golden State 110
L.A. Clippers 88, Utah 72
New Orleans 110, Phoenix 108
Atlanta 109, Portland 104, OT

Today's Games
Cleveland at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA

Men's AP Top 25
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college

basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 12, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Gonzaga (60)	26-0	1620	1
2. Villanova (55)	24-2	1564	2
3. Kansas	22-3	1493	3
4. Baylor	22-3	1394	6
5. Arizona	23-3	1301	9
6. UCLA	23-3	1276	10
7. Oregon	22-4	1229	5
8. Louisville	20-5	1204	4
9. West Virginia	20-5	1012	