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Pro Basketball

Blazers fall to Kings in clunker

Portland tallies 17 turnovers, shoots just 37 percent

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Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Willie Cauley-Stein scored 13 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter and the Sacramento Kings bounced back from an embarrassing loss earlier in the week to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 86-82 on Friday night.

George Hill and Garrett Temple added 14 points apiece, and Kosta Koufos had 10 points and seven rebounds to help the Kings to their third straight home win over a team with legitimate playoff hopes.

Neither team managed more than 23 points in any of the first three quarters, and the Kings didn't secure the victory until Cauley-Stein made one of two free throws with 3.4 seconds remaining.

Damian Lillard had 29 points on 9-of-25 shooting and four assists but missed a 3-pointer in the final moments for Portland. C.J. McCollum added 19 points.

Two days after losing by 46 points in Atlanta, the Kings held off the Blazers with one of their best defensive efforts of the season. Portland committed 18 turnovers and set a season low in scoring.

Cauley-Stein had started every game for Sacramento this season before coach Dave Joergel shuffled his lineup and put veteran Zach Randolph in at center.

Coming off the bench didn't seem to bother Cauley-Stein, who came on strong at the end. He scored 10 of the Kings' first 12 points in the fourth, including a pair of alley-oop dunks.

Portland stayed close and pulled to 82-80 on a pair of free throws from McCollum, but De'Aaron Fox's 3-pointer helped



AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli

Sacramento Kings guard Garrett Temple, center, goes to the basket between Portland Trail Blazers' Jusuf Nurkic, left, and Maurice Harkless during the first quarter of Friday's game in Sacramento, Calif.

Sacramento hold on.

The Kings led by eight early in the second before Lillard brought the Blazers back within 42-41 at halftime.

TIP-INS

Trail Blazers: McCollum made at least three 3-pointers in each of his previous six games — the longest streak of his career — but went 0 for 4 from beyond the arc against Sacramento. Portland

shot 34.6 percent (8 of 20) in the first quarter.

UP NEXT

The teams head back to Portland to host Sacramento on Saturday.

Prep Football

Bulldogs, Wildcats set for semifinals

By ALEXIS MANSANAREZ
East Oregonian

HERMISTON — As the Hermiston football team prepares for the 5A semifinals, they will be pitted against an equally, if not more, successful opponent.

On paper, Wilsonville has the better record as the Wildcats are 10-1 after 11 long weeks of football.

They entered the post season seeded No. 2, and have been annihilating their competition since their lone loss in Week 1.

Hermiston has also bounced back from its only league loss — a 28-7 defeat of No. 1 seeded Mountain View in Week 3 — and have been winning ever since.

The Bulldogs (9-2 overall) have also trounced on their adversaries, winning all but two games by 20 or more points.

The matchup Saturday at Hillsboro Stadium will, in all likelihood, be decided by less. The two teams will faceoff at 5:30 p.m. with only one moving on to face the winner of the Mountain View-Churchill game, which will take place just two miles away.

One key for a Hermiston victory is simple, in theory. Executing it however, may be a bit more difficult.

START FAST:

Fans were on their feet early in the quarterfinal game the Bulldogs hosted. En route to the 40-22 victory, Hermiston opened with a 60-plus yard kick return from senior Dayshawn Neal, which set up the team's first scoring drive. The touchdown less than two minutes into play set the tone for the rest of the game.

But the Bulldogs haven't also See SEMIFINAL/3B

Men's College Basketball

Oregon gives Altman 600th career win

Wooten earns double-double to pace Ducks

Associated Press

EUGENE — Kenny Wooten had 19 points and 13 rebounds, and Victor Bailey scored 18 points to lead Oregon to a 114-56 victory over Alabama State on Friday night.

The two freshmen led six Ducks (3-0) in double figures as Dana Altman became the 10th active men's coach to win his 600th game. In his eighth season at Oregon, Altman is now 600-313 in 29 years as a Division I coach.

Elijah Brown added 15 points, and Payton Pritchard, Troy Brown and Abu Kigab had 13 each.

Wooten led Oregon to a 46-20



edge in rebounds. Eight Ducks made at least one 3-pointer as they finished 15 of 24 behind the arc.

Reginald Gee led the Hornets (0-4) with 15 points.

Oregon won its 45th consecutive game at Matthew Knight Arena, the longest home winning streak in the nation.

The Ducks finished with 60 points from their bench, shot 62.5 percent for the game (40 of 64) and had 29 assists.

BIG PICTURE

Oregon: Coming off their Final Four finish to last season, the

Ducks will face their first opponent with a win this season in Ball State (1-2) on Sunday. Oregon's first three opponents have started a combined 0-11.

Alabama State: The Hornets will have traveled 6,517 miles when they reach Chattanooga, Tennessee, after their first four games of the season. Their first home game is Dec. 12 against Tennessee State.

UP NEXT

Alabama State: Continues its eight-game road trip to open the season Monday night at Chattanooga as part of the Cayman Island Classic.

Oregon: Now 54-2 against nonconference teams over eight seasons in Matthew Knight Arena, the Ducks finish a four-game opening homestand Sunday night against Ball State.



Brian Davies/The Register-Guard via AP

Oregon's Victor Bailey Jr. drives against Alabama State's Tobi Ewusho during Oregon's 114-56 victory on Friday in Eugene.

Sports shorts

Danica Patrick to end racing career

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Danica Patrick broke down in tears Friday as she announced she will retire from full-time racing next year after running the Daytona 500 and then the Indianapolis 500, closing her career at the storied track that made her famous.

Patrick told The Associated Press it took her many months to come to the realization her career is all but over. Once she accepted it, the idea of ending her career at Indianapolis Motor Speedway popped into her head.

Patrick is the only woman to have led laps in both the Daytona 500 and the Indianapolis 500. Patrick ran the Indy 500 from 2005 through 2011. Her highest finish was third in 2009, and she was the first woman to lead laps in the race when she paced the field for 19 trips around the Brickyard as a rookie.



Patrick

"The doctor was like, 'Man, any harder, we probably [would have] had to wire your mouth shut,' so that was a good thing that didn't happen."

— Russell Wilson

The Seattle Seahawks QB had to have his jaw reset but avoided a bone fracture after taking a vicious high hit by Arizona LB Karlos Dansby in Seattle's win over Arizona on Nov. 9.

Spurs overcome 23-point deficit to beat Thunder 104-101

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge had 26 points and the San Antonio Spurs overcame a 23-point deficit to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 104-101 on Friday night.

Danny Green added 17 points, and Pau Gasol had 14 points to help San Antonio end Oklahoma City's three-game winning streak.

Aldridge put back of Green's missed 3-pointer gave the Spurs a 102-99 lead with 24.2 seconds remaining.

The Thunder missed two 3-pointers on the ensuing possession, but Carmelo Anthony tracked down a second offensive rebound and made a 25-footer with his foot on the 3-point line to cut the lead to 102-101.

Gasol made two free throws, and Russell Westbrook stumbled to the court and threw up an airball on a 3-point attempt.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2000 — Indiana's Antwaan Randle El becomes the second player in NCAA FBS history to rush for 200 points and pass for 200 points in a career in a 41-13 loss to Purdue.

2003 — American soccer phenom Freddy Adu, 14, signs a six-year deal with MLS.

2012 — Brad Keselowski gives Roger Penske his first Sprint Cup championship 40 years after the owner's first stock car race. Keselowski beats five-time champion Jimmie Johnson of mighty Hendrick Motorsports to fill the glaring hole on Penske's otherwise sterling racing resume.

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