

Pistons win 4th straight game in rout of Trail Blazers

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DETROIT — Stan Van Gundy worried over the weekend that the Detroit Pistons were becoming too reliant on Blake Griffin. That wasn’t a problem Monday night. Andre Drummond had 17 points and 17 rebounds, and the Pistons beat the Portland

Trail Blazers 111-91 for their fourth straight victory. Detroit had 36 assists on 44 field goals and had six players with at least 12 points. Detroit has won three in a row with Griffin in the lineup after acquiring him in a trade last week. Following a win

over Miami on Saturday, Van Gundy said the Pistons might be playing through Griffin too much. He still led Detroit in scoring Monday, but the Pistons had plenty of threats. “They had one action — dribble handoff out of the corner — and they kept

getting down to the center of our defense,” Portland’s Damian Lillard said. “Once guys get confident and get to making shots, it’s hard to stop.” The victory pulled the Pistons back to .500 and even with Philadelphia for the final playoff spot in the East. Griffin had 21 points, nine rebounds and six assists, and did a good bit of his offensive

damage from the perimeter, making three 3-pointers. Anthony Tolliver added 15 points for Detroit, and Reggie Bullock and Langston Galloway contributed 13 apiece. Lillard scored 20 points and C.J. McCollum added 14 for the Blazers, who lost again after falling at the buzzer at Boston on Sunday. Portland was without Evan

Turner on Monday because of a calf injury. Detroit led by 13 in the second quarter and was up 49-43 at halftime. The Pistons pushed the lead to double digits again in the third. A 9-0 run capped by Luke Kennard’s 3-pointer made it 75-57. UP NEXT Trail Blazers: Host Charlotte on Thursday night.

FOLES: First player to catch and throw a touchdown pass in same Super Bowl

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prolific with 373 yards and three touchdown passes and also caught a TD pass for the Eagles (16-3). Brady dropped his own chance at a reception on a trick play by the Patriots (15-4). That all added up to Foles becoming the first backup quarterback to win the Super Bowl since Brady beat two-time NFL MVP Kurt Warner to win his first title 16 years ago. Brady never gave up the job he got after Bledsoe got hurt early that season. He has gone on to win a record five Super Bowl titles. After throwing his third touchdown pass, to Rob Gronkowski, with 9:22 to play to give the Patriots their first lead of the game, he seemed poised for a sixth. That’s when Foles stepped up with the drive of his life to give Philadelphia a championship in a season many wrote off after Carson Wentz injured his knee in Week 14.

Foles drove the Eagles 75 yards, converting a fourth-and-1 with a 2-yard pass to Ertz near midfield and then capping it with the pass to Ertz that needed to survive a replay review to make sure Ertz held onto the ball long enough for a score. “It doesn’t get any bigger than this, but I felt good,” Foles said. “I felt calm. I think the big thing that helped me was knowing that I didn’t have to be Superman. I have amazing teammates.” One of those teammates delivered the key defensive play on a night when the offenses combined for 1,151 yards — the most in any modern NFL game. With Brady poised to lead one of his memorable comebacks, Brandon Graham knocked the ball out of his hand for a fumble that rookie Derek Barnett recovered with 2:09 to play. “When the fourth quarter came we had to go out there and make a stop,” Graham said. “As a defense we hadn’t been doing it all game. The



Philadelphia Eagles’ Nick Foles catches a touchdown pass during the first half of Super Bowl 52 against the New England Patriots on Sunday in Minneapolis.

offense carried us all the way through. At the end of the day we kept coming.” Jake Elliott tacked on a field goal and the game ended when Brady’s desperation heave to the end zone fell to the turf, sending the Eagles out on the field in celebration and Brady to the ground in despair. “I don’t think anyone wallows on our team,” Brady said. “We’re a competitive

team. Played hard. Didn’t make enough plays or score enough points.” The questions after the game immediately turned to the future with Foles expected to return to the backup role when Wentz is healthy. In the other locker room, Brady was asked if he would come back for another run at age 41. “I expect to be back,” he said. “It’s 15 minutes after

the game ended, so I would like to process this. I don’t see why I wouldn’t be back.” Brady did just about all he could to win the game, with his most glaring miss coming as a receiver on a trick play in the first half when he dropped a pass from receiver Danny Amendola. Foles topped him in that role with his touchdown late in the first half that made him the first player to catch and throw a TD pass in the same Super Bowl. On fourth down from the 1, Foles motioned into the slot, while rookie Corey Clement took a direct snap. Clement pitched to tight end Trey Burton, a former quarterback at Florida. Foles slid into the right side of the end zone, uncovered and caught the touchdown on a play coach Doug Pederson calls “Philly Special.” “Yeah, that was something we’ve been working on, and Doug and I were talking, and he was like, ‘Let’s just run it.’ It was a good time,” Foles said. “And

the end was a little wider than I thought, so I was like, ‘I really need to sell like I’m not doing anything.’ “And it worked, Trey made an amazing throw. I just looked it in and, yeah, we’ve repped it for a while, so I was excited to get it run in the Super Bowl.” That gave the Eagles a 22-12 halftime lead but Brady led three straight second-half touchdown drives — two to Gronkowski. Foles kept pace with a 22-yard touchdown pass to Clement and another drive for a field goal that kept the Eagles in it until the dramatic finish. “It kind of felt like whoever had the ball last could win this game, and we were just fortunate enough to put ourselves in a position to end the game with that drive for the touchdown,” Pederson said. “Our defense stepped up and did a nice job to finish it for us.” All that was left was the celebration and yet another rendition of “Fly Eagles Fly.”

PREPS: Pilot Rock girls upset Weston-McEwen, Nixyaawii wins big over Helix

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Powder Valley went on to win the game 57-41 behind senior Hunter Davis’ 19 points. The Badgers (16-4 overall, 11-1 Old Oregon League) have now won nine consecutive games. For the Cougars (8-15, 5-7), senior Morgan Marcum led with 14 points. **LA GRANDE 49, MAC-HI 37** — Mac-Hi celebrated its seniors tonight, as it was the Pioneers final home game. They were able to hang with La Grande all four quarters until the Tigers finally pulled away with a 49-37 win. The Pioneers (11-11 overall, 0-5 Greater Oregon League) fared well from the perimeter, making 9-of-22 shots but had a hard time moving the ball inside and attacking the rim. With the victory, the Tigers (14-7, 5-0) remain undefeated in the GOL. **UMATILLA 50, VALE 38** — At Vale, the Umatilla Vikings notched their third straight win with a victory over Vale on Saturday evening. The Vikings (18-5 overall, 6-2 Eastern Oregon League) can clinch the EOL regular season title if they win their final two games. **NYSSA 72, IRRIGON 53** — At Nyssa, the Irrigon Knights’ road struggles continued for the second straight night as they fell to the Nyssa Bulldogs 72-53 on Saturday night. The Knights (17-4 overall, 6-3 Eastern Oregon League) finish up their season on Friday at home against Vale. **BURNS 57, RIVER-**

SIDE 39 — At Burns, the Riverside Pirates ended their three-game road swing with a loss to Burns on Saturday night. The loss marks the fourth straight for the Pirates (9-13 overall, 1-7 EOL) who have two home games left. **IONE 67, SOUTH WASCO 49** — At Ione, the Cardinals (6-16 overall, 4-8 BSL) scored a season-high 67 points in a victory over South Wasco County on Saturday. **SHERMAN 79, ARLINGTON 27** — At Moro, the Arlington Honkers (11-10 overall, 7-5 BSL) were run out of the gym by the No. 2-ranked Sherman Huskies, as the Honkers scored a season-low 27 points in a loss on Saturday. **DUFUR 70, CONDON/WHEELER 62** — At Fossil, the Condon/Wheeler Knights (14-8 overall, 8-4 BSL) dropped their second straight of the weekend with a 70-62 loss to Dufur on Saturday. **NIXYAAWII 80, HELIX 37** — At Helix, the Nixyaawii Golden Eagles (18-3 overall, 11-1 OOL) doubled up the Helix Grizzlies (3-19, 2-10) on Saturday to remain atop the Old Oregon League standings.

GIRLS BASKETBALL
PILOT ROCK 59, WESTON-MCEWEN 47 — On senior night, the Pilot Rock Rockets turned in their best performance of the season with their typical tough defense and finally a consistent offense to knock off the Weston-McEwen TigerScots on Saturday night.

“I was really proud of the girls,” Pilot Rock coach Dan Deist said. “They finally put it all together and now we hope to keep it up and make it to districts.” Nine of the 10 Rockets (12-9 overall, 2-4 Columbia Basin Conference) that played scored in the game, led by Kayla Deist with 16 and Rhyanne Oates with 13 points. Oates also led the team with 11 rebounds. Chelsea Quaempts led the TigerScots (14-7, 5-1) with 15 points as their eight-game win streak was snapped. Pilot Rock now needs to win out against Stanfield and Heppner this weekend to earn a playoff game for the district tournament. The TigerScots will clinch the regular season title and top seed at districts if they win out. **POWDER VALLEY 59, ECHO 27** — Behind a 23-point third quarter performance, Powder Valley defeated the Cougars 59-27 in Echo. In the first quarter, the Badgers (20-2 overall, 10-2 Old Oregon League) held a 16-10 lead that they then bolstered in the second quarter by holding the Cougars (7-16, 2-10) to only two points. After the break, Echo was held to single digits in the third and fourth quarter while Powder Valley ran away with the game. Leading the Badgers was junior Megan Bingham with 16 points. For Echo, senior Marti Huff was the top scorer with seven points. **CULVER 40, HEPPNER 29** — In Heppner, the visiting Culver

Bulldogs were only up by one point after the opening quarter. The narrow 7-6 lead increased to 18-11 at halftime. When Culver and the Heppner Mustangs took the court again, the Bulldogs would hold on to the lead for a 40-29 win. Junior Irma Retano was the top shooter for Culver, notching 17 points. The Bulldogs (14-8 overall, 5-2 Columbia Basin Conference) would also have help from senior Elly Bautista, who finished with 11 points. For the Mustangs (12-6, 4-3), it was once again Sydney Wilson who led all Heppner scores. The freshman finished with 15 points. **LA GRANDE 46, MAC-HI 36** — In Mac-Hi’s final home game of the season, the Pioneers late efforts weren’t enough to top La Grande, and their losing skid continued as they fell 46-36. The Tigers (9-12 overall, 4-1 Greater Oregon League) were led by sophomore Jacie Howton with a game-best performance. Howton scored 19 points on the night. For the Pioneers (2-19, 0-5), it was senior Brianna Hernandez who scored a team high of 17 points. **NIXYAAWII 77, HELIX 26** — On Saturday night, Nixyaawii held Helix to its fewest points all season and kept its perfect record with a 77-26 win. The Eagles (20-0 overall, 11-0 Old Oregon League) were led by seniors Milan Schimmel and Mary Stewart. Schimmel scored 29 points, and Stewart followed with 20. The duo also combined

for 12 assists — six a piece, and fellow senior Kaitlynn Melton led the team in rebounds, notching nine. The Grizzlies (13-8, 7-4) had a tough first half, scoring only four points in the first quarter and zero in the second. When they came back from halftime, they put up 22 points which was led by senior Kailey Mize — who finished with a team-best nine points. **SOUTH WASCO COUNTY 61, IONE 45** — Ione knew it would have a tough game when South Wasco County came to town. The Redsides entered the matchup undefeated in the Big Sky League and remained perfect after a 61-45 victory. Junior Abby Birman led the team with 14 points and senior Allie Noland chipped in 13 of her own. For the Cardinals (9-13 overall, 8-4 BSL), senior Morgan Orem led with 19 points and improved her free throw shooting to make 9 for her 13 attempts. Ione knew the Redsides (19-3, 12-0) would be hard to beat, but the Cardinals were able to find some more shots their second time facing South Wasco — in the team’s first outing, Ione only scored 26 points. **VALE 42, UMATILLA 19** — Vale is now back to its winning ways, as the Vikings won their second straight game hosting the Umatilla Vikings. The 42-19 win boosts their record to 10-11 overall and 6-3 in the Eastern Oregon League while Umatilla (3-19 overall, 0-8 EOL) remains winless in league play.

NYSSA 50, IRRIGON 39 — With a big win over the Irrigon Knights, Nyssa improves its record to 13-6 overall and 6-2 in the Eastern Oregon League. The Bulldogs are on a five game win streak as they head into the final two games of league play, while the Knights (16-5 overall, 5-4 EOL) have now lost two straight. **BURNS 70, RIVER-SIDE 50** — The Riverside Pirates rocky season continues as they drop their sixth league game to Burns, 70-50, while the Hilanders (14-8 overall, 6-2 Eastern Oregon League) are picking up steam as regular season is coming to an end.

WRESTLING
JOSEPH — At the Class 2A/1A Special District 4 Tournament on Saturday, only one Heppner/Ione wrestler punched his ticket to the state tournament while three others came up just one step short. Junior Zach Bredfield pinned Crane’s Rixon Doman in 2:51 to claim second place at 145 pounds and secure a spot in the 2A/1A state tournament next week in Portland. Meanwhile, Trevor Antonucci (120) and Leo Waite (126) finished in third place in their respective weight classes, missing the state cutoff line by just one spot, while Carson Brosnan (160) finished in fourth. Charles Cason finished fifth at 160. The Mustangs finished in eighth place with 68 points. Grant Union won with 214 points while Joseph was second with 131.5.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday

Pendleton at The Dalles, 7 p.m.
Hood River at Hermiston, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Umatilla at Riverside, 7:30 p.m.

Friday

Hermiston at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Echo at Wallowa, 7 p.m.
Joseph at Helix, 7 p.m.
Vale at Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.
Stanfield at Weston-McEwen, 7:30 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Heppner, 7:30 p.m.
Ione at Sherman, 7:30 p.m.
Horizon Christ. at Condon/Wheeler, 7:30 p.m.
South Wasco at Arlington, 7:30 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 7:30 p.m.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday

The Dalles at Pendleton, 7 p.m.
Hermiston at Hood River, 7 p.m.

Thursday

Umatilla at Riverside, 6 p.m.

Friday

Echo at Wallowa, 5 p.m.
Hermiston at Pendleton, 5:30 p.m.
Vale at Irrigon, 6 p.m.
Stanfield at Weston-McEwen, 6 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Heppner, 6 p.m.
Ione at Sherman, 6 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Condon/Wheeler, 6 p.m.
South Wasco at Arlington, 6 p.m.
Joseph at Helix, 6 p.m.
Nixyaawii at Pine Eagle, 7 p.m.

PREP SWIMMING

Saturday

Pendleton, Hermiston at District Meet (at Hood River), 10 a.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Friday

Pendleton, Hermiston at Districts (at Redmond), 2 p.m.
Saturday

Pendleton, Hermiston at Districts (at Redmond), 9 a.m.
Mac-Hi at Districts (at La Grande), 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday

BMCC at Yakima Valley, 8 p.m.

Friday

EOU at Warner Pacific, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday

BMCC at Yakima Valley, 6 p.m.

Friday

EOU at Warner Pacific, 5:30 p.m.

Prep Standings

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

Lg

Ovr

PF

PA

Rnk

Pendleton

3-1

11-8

1032

991

14

The Dalles

2-2

10-8

1117

1110

19

Hermiston

2-2

7-11

1104

1148

18

Hood River

1-3

6-13

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1161

33

4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE

Lg

Ovr

PF

PA

Rnk

La Grande

5-0

14-7

1250

1114

5

Baker

3-2

11-8

1032

991

14

Ontario

2-3

9-13

1020

1135

24

Mac-Hi

0-11

9-8

989

28

3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE

Lg

Ovr

PF

PA

Rnk

Umatilla

6-2

18-5

1297

968

9

Burns

6-2

13-9

1161

1079

23

Irrigon

6-3

17-4

1234

955

16

Nyssa

4-4

13-9

1084

1068

20

2A COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE

Lg

Ovr

PF

PA

Rnk

Pilot Rock

6-0

15-6

1205

964

10

Heppner

6-1

11-7

931

882

13

Stanfield

2-4

9-13

1039

1260

23

Weston-McEwen

2-4

7-14

1082

1201

26

Culver

0-7

4-19

947

1252

40

1A BIG SKY CONFERENCE

Lg

Ovr

PS

PA

Rnk

Sherman

12-0

20-1

1458

823

2

Horizon Christ.

10-2

16-5

1113

980

14

Condon/Wheel.

9-4

14-8

1431

1211

20

Arlington

7-5

11-10

1110

1039

24

Dufur

5-7

8-13

999

1019

31

Ione

4-8

6-16

1001

1271

51

South Wasco

2-10

4-18

806

1245

55

Mitch/Spray

0-12

2-19

856

1238

64

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

5A COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE

Lg

Ovr

PS

PA

Rnk

Pendleton

4-0

13-6

977

916

11

Hermiston

3-1

7-12

848

898

16

Hood River

1-3

9-9

735

826

20

The Dalles

0-4

6-12

765

824

31

4A GREATER OREGON LEAGUE

Lg

Ovr

PS

PA

Rnk

Baker

5-0

18-1

1152

688

4

La Grande

4-1

9-12

960

981

23

Ontario

1-4

7-15

897

970

28

Mac-Hi

0-5

2-19

614

1122

36

3A EASTERN OREGON LEAGUE

Lg

Ovr

PS

PA

Rnk

Burns

6-2

14-8

1052

885

13

Nyssa

6-2

13-8

913

759

9

L.A. Clippers

6-3

11-7

784

844

10

Irrigon

5-4

16-5

1000

753

16

Riverside

2-6

14-8

914

730

23

Umatilla

0-8

3-19

610

989

36

2A COLUMBIA BASIN CONFERENCE

Lg

Ovr

PS

PA

Rnk

Weston-McEwen

5-1

14-7

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Culver

5-2

14-8

883

780

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Heppner

4-3

12-6

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774

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Pilot Rock

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Stanfield

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1A BIG SKY LEAGUE

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South Wasco

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Horizon Christ.

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Sherman

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Ione

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9-13

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Dufur

7-5

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Condon/Wheel.

4-8

4-18

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1038

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Mitch/Spray

1-1

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Arlington

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1A OLD OREGON LEAGUE

Lg

Ovr

PS

PA

Rnk

Nixyaawii

12-0

21-0

1549

601

2

Powder Valley

10-2

20-2

1153

741

3

Joseph

9-3

15-4

987

636

5

Helix

7-5

13-9

932

932

15

Cove

5-7

9-12

728

859

21

Wallowa

3-9

5-16

782

1023

42

Echo

2-10

7-16

867

1082

36

Pine Eagle

0-12

2-17

450

887

52

Basketball

NBA

Monday's Games

Detroit 111, Portland 91
Washington 111, Indiana 102

Oregon League

Orlando 111, Miami 109
Utah 133, New Orleans 109
Denver 121, Charlotte 104
Sacramento 104, Chicago 98
L.A. Clippers 104, Dallas 101

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Houston at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Memphis at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA Men's Basketball

Top 25 Schedule

Monday

No. 19 West Virginia 75, No. 17 Oklahoma 73

Tuesday

No. 5 Xavier at Butler, 3:30 p.m. (FS1)
No. 20 Michigan at Northwestern, 4 p.m.
No. 15 Tennessee at No. 24 Kentucky (ESPN)
UCF at No. 6 Cincinnati, 4 p.m. (CBSN)
No. 4 Michigan St at Iowa, 6 p.m. (ESPN)
TCU at No. 10 Kansas, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)
No. 22 Wichita St at Memphis, 6 p.m. (CBSN)

NCAA Women's Basketball

Tuesday

No. 2 Miss. State 67, No. 7 So. Carolina 53
No. 6 Baylor 74, Oklahoma 66
No. 3 Texas 73, West Virginia 55
No. 8 UCF 64, USC 70
No. 15 Missouri 66, Florida 64

Tuesday

No games scheduled

Hockey

NHL

Monday's Games

Toronto 7 Anaheim 4
Nashville 5, N.Y. Islanders 4, OT
Dallas 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
Edmonton 6, Tampa Bay 2

Tuesday's Games

Vegas at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Anaheim at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Washington at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Florida, 4:30 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Arizona at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
San Jose at Colorado, 6 p.m.

Golf

PGA TOUR

Phoenix Open

Sunday

At TPC Scottsdale
Purse: \$6.9 million
Yardage: 7,216; Par: 71

FINAL LEADERBOARD

x-Gary Woodland 67-69-67-64=266-19
Chaz Reavie 68-65-67-66=266-18
Ollie Schniederjans 68-68-65=269-15
Brendan Steele 68-67-67=269-15
Bryson DeChambeau 66-66-68-70=270-14
Cameron Hadley 66-68-68=270-14
Matt Kuchar 71-68-64=270-14
Phil Mickelson 70-65-66-69=271-13
Brian Gay 67-68-68=271-13
Rickie Fowler 66-66-67-74=272-12
James Hahn 70-67-66-69=272-12
Chris Kirk 68-68-68-70=272-12
Jon Rahm 67-68-65-72=272-12
Vaughn Taylor 67-68-67-72=272-12
Beau Hossler 70-68-64-71=273-11
Patrick Reed 71-66-69-67=273-11