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Wilson finishes career with big milestone

Helix senior notched 1,000 career rebounds

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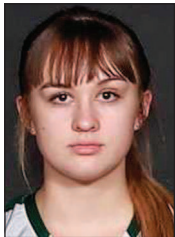
HELIX — For four seasons, Helix’s Sadie Wilson has used her 5 feet, 10 inch frame to bully opponents on the basketball court, putting up double-doubles regularly.

And though her basketball career as a Griswold Grizzly is now complete, she finishes with a big career milestone with more than 1,000 rebounds.

Wilson finished her career with an unofficial total of 1,081 rebounds — 494 offensive and 587 defensive — over a span of 87 career games. That works out to an average of more than 12 per game. Along with her rebound totals, she tallied 771 career points, though both totals are unofficial at this time due to full player stats not being recorded for Helix until halfway into Wilson’s freshman season.

“It was really fun to watch her grow as a player,” Helix coach Kirk Flerchinger said. “She’s always been a tough, strong player, but these last two years she really worked hard and it showed. And she was just easy to coach.”

Wilson was a three-time all-Old Oregon League selection and was most recently a first team selection this season after averaging 11 points and 11.3 rebounds per game. She helped the Grizzlies to a 15-12 overall record and an 8-6 mark in the OOL, good enough for a fourth place finish.



Wilson



New York Knicks guard Emmanuel Mudiay tries to steal the ball from Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Big game Dame

Lillard leads Portland on its latest late-season surge

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PORTLAND — Damian Lillard says the Portland Trail Blazers reach out to him before he reaches team milestones, just to give him a heads up.

The only problem? Lillard doesn’t read his emails.

Lillard joked about it after his latest achievement: He surpassed Clifford Robinson on the Blazers’ all-time scoring list, moving into fourth, in Portland’s victory over the Knicks on Tuesday. Lillard, in his sixth NBA season, has 10,433 points.

“The team, I think they send me emails when something’s coming up, but I never check my email,” he said. “I never know unless I happen to see it on Twitter or until after I do it and somebody mentions it.”

Robinson was sure to get Lillard’s attention, sending his sentiments over Twitter.

“Congrats @DameLillard! Trust,



Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard, center, shoots as Los Angeles Lakers forward Kyle Kuzma (0) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Monday in Los Angeles.

I know what it takes to put yourself in that position. Keep putting that work in young fella!” Robinson tweeted.

Lillard has certainly been putting

in the work over the Blazers’ current winning streak, which has stretched to a season-best eight games. Portland hasn’t won as many consecutive games since 2014 when the

team won nine.

The streak has pushed Portland into third place in the Western Conference, a half-game up on New Orleans in a cluster of teams scrambling for playoff position.

Over the course of the streak, which started when the Blazers beat Golden State 123-117 in Portland just before the All-Star break, Lillard has averaged 33.1 points per game.

Lillard had 44 points in that first game against the Warriors, who return to the Moda Center on Friday for a rematch.

“We’ve been on a good run, just playing good basketball on both ends of the floor. Our team has been on a streak, we’ve been really connected,” Lillard said. “It was even before the Golden State game when we got back from that trip and we lost one in Detroit. We had a good stretch and then we lost at home to Utah but then right after

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USC’s Chimezie Metu (4) shoots during Thursday’s game against Oregon State in the quarterfinals of the Pac-12 men’s tournament in Las Vegas.



AP Photo/Isaac Brekken

Men’s College Basketball

Beavers bounced from tournament by Trojans

By JOHN MARSHALL
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LAS VEGAS — Southern California had some good offensive moments against Oregon State, just not consistent through the entire game.

The Trojans’ defense: Spot on all night.

Chimezie Metu had 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Southern California smothered Oregon State defensively to beat the Beavers 61-48 in the Pac-12 Tournament quarterfinals on Thursday night.

“We really played team defense today,” USC coach Andy Enfield said. “Very proud of our players. They chal-



lenged every shot, rebounded the ball, and we made enough shots to win.”

Second-seeded USC (22-10) jumped on Oregon State early and hounded the Beavers all night, holding them to 31-percent shooting.

Jordan McLaughlin had 13 points, five rebounds and four assists for the Trojans, who move on to face the Oregon-Utah winner in Friday’s semi-

finals.

“We were just having fun,” McLaughlin said. “That’s what we talked about in the locker room: Go out there, play hard, play defense, have fun and play it like it’s our last game.”

Oregon State (16-16) played a tough game in the opening round and was no match for USC’s early energy. Stephen Thompson Jr. scored 12 points for the Beavers, who shot 5 of 20 from the 3-point arc.

“It was a tough first half, 19 points. Dug ourselves a hole,” Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said. “And I think all that we’ve been through, as hard as we’ve fought the last few weeks, it all

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Sports shorts

Judge strongly leading toward skipping Home Run Derby

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Yankees slugger Aaron Judge is strongly leaning toward not taking part in the Home Run Derby at this year’s All-Star Game.



Judge

Judge won the derby last season in Miami, went on to hit 52 homers with 114 RBIs in his first full major league season and was a unanimous pick as AL Rookie of the Year.

“A cool experience,” Judge said Thursday. “I enjoyed it all, but I don’t think I really needed to go out there and do it again. I won it once. One and done is good for me.”

Judge was hitting .329 with 30 homers and 66 RBIs at the All-Star break, then batted .179 with seven homers and 16 RBIs with 67 strikeouts in his next 44 games through the end of August.

“I think that demand on your time is more of the quote-unquote hangover than anything else. It’s just the time you didn’t get to devote to preparing for the season. I did all the media stuff, all the requests -- sometimes two, three times a day -- which plays into it as well. That’s not an offseason.”

— Lance McCullers

Houston Astros pitcher on why teams often have World Series hangovers the following season, most recently the Chicago Cubs, who won 11 fewer games in 2017.

Warriors beat Spurs 110-107 behind Durant’s 37 points

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Kevin Durant had 37 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots and almost single-handedly led the undermanned Golden State Warriors’ fourth-quarter rally past the San Antonio Spurs for a 110-107 win Thursday night after Stephen Curry went down early.



Durant hit his third straight jumper to tie it with 2:01 remaining before the Warriors went ahead on Draymond Green’s putback the following possession. Klay Thompson made two free throws with 15.9 seconds left.

Bryn Forbes’ 3-point try from the top to tie it hit the front rim as the final buzzer sounded.

Green had his third triple-double this season with 11 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists.

Curry was lost for the night to a rolled right ankle early in the first quarter.

THIS DATE IN SPORTS

2001 — Ty Tryon, a 16-year-old high school sophomore, makes the cut in his first PGA Tour event. He’s 1-over after the second round of the Honda Classic, making him the second-youngest player to make the cut in a PGA Tour event.

2011 — Kevin Love records his 52nd consecutive double-double to surpass Moses Malone for the longest such streak since the ABA and NBA merged in 1976 in the Minnesota Timberwolves’ 101-75 over the Indiana Pacers.

2012 — Lindsey Vonn of the United States wins the World Cup giant slalom race.

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