

Oladipo, Pacers force Game 7 with Cavs

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INDIANAPOLIS — Victor Oladipo scored 28 points and posted the first postseason triple-double of his career Friday night, leading the Indiana Pacers to a 121-87 blowout over the Cleveland Cavaliers to even the series at three.

Game 7 will be played Sunday in Cleveland.

The three-time defending Eastern Conference champs again were led by LeBron James with 22 points, seven assists and five rebounds despite sitting out the entire fourth quarter. Nobody else scored more than 13 points as the Cavaliers lost their first closeout game in 14 tries dating to 2009. James had won 11 consecutive closeout games and is 12-0 all-time in the first-round series.

Kevin Love hurt his left wrist on a hard fall midway through the second quarter and wound up scoring just seven points while shooting 3 of 10 from the field.

RAPTORS 102, WIZARDS 92

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toronto overcame a halftime deficit in a road playoff game



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Indiana Pacers' Victor Oladipo, right, heads to the basket as Cleveland Cavaliers' Kyle Korver defends during the second half of Game 6 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Friday, April 27, 2018, in Indianapolis.

for the first time in 24 tries, using 24 points from Kyle Lowry and a tremendous effort from its finally whole second unit to beat Washington in Game 6 and end the Eastern Conference first-round series.

Toronto trailed by as many as 12 points in the first quarter and was down 53-50 at the end of the second. The Raptors' first lead did not come until the third quarter, and they were back down by five points entering the final period.

But with star guards Lowry and DeMar DeRozan, who had a personal series-low 16 points, resting to begin the fourth, reserves led by point guard Fred VanVleet turned around the game. Bothered by a bad right shoulder, VanVleet had played a total of three minutes in the series until Friday, but he was just what Toronto needed in this game, with five points, four assists and four rebounds.

John Wall had 23 points and eight assists in Game 6. Bradley Beal led Washington with 32 points. But the Wizards' run of eight home playoff wins in a row came to a close.

ROUNDUP: Irrigon, Riverside softball split doubleheader

Continued from 1B season and have now lost eight straight games.

The streaking Hilanders (7-10 overall, 5-3 EOL) improve to three consecutive wins as both teams are heading into the brunt of their league schedule.

GRANT UNION 6-3, WESTON-MCEWEN 2-5 — The hosting Weston-McEwen TigerScots rebounded from a Game 1 loss to split Friday's doubleheader with Grant Union.

The Prospectors took the first game 6-2 behind an early lead that they added to in the final frames. But in Game 2, the TigerScots dug themselves out of a hole to claim a 5-3 victory.

Travis Hendley was given the loss after surrendering six runs off seven hits, striking out five and walking five.

In the second outing, Weston-McEwen's bullpen was solid as Weston Philipps

took the win giving up only three runs off two hits while striking out eight and walking two.

Brett Speed led the way offensively, going a perfect 3-for-3 and scoring once in Weston-McEwen's victory. Speed was also the best TigerScot hitter in Game 1 and finished 2-for-3.

SOFTBALL

IRRIGON 3-3, RIVERSIDE 2-4 — In Irrigon, the home Knights and the visiting Riverside Pirates split Friday's doubleheaders. Irrigon took Game 1 by a narrow margin, 3-2, after 10 innings of play. In Game 2, Riverside came out on top also by one run. The Pirates' four runs to win the game were scored in the final frames to seal the 4-3 victory.

The Knights (8-11 overall, 4-3 Special District 1) rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the first game, and knotted the score in the bottom of the fifth.

The game remained tied until the 10th inning when Irrigon final brought in a runner placed on second base per the International Tie Breaker rule.

In Game 2, the Pirates (6-7, 3-3) got their revenge but it came after Irrigon took a 2-0 lead. Riverside's offense got going in the fifth and sixth innings to tie the game and eventually take the win.

Pitchers Mya Chapman and Skylar Wightman threw complete games for their respective teams. For Irrigon, Chapman earned the win in Game 1 and Wightman was handed the win for Riverside after Game 2.

HOLY NAMES (WA) 6, MAC-HI 1 — When Holy Names, a private school in Seattle, Washington, visited Milton-Freewater, it was a pitcher's duel for most of Friday's game. Neither team got on the board until the fifth inning and it was the home

Mac-Hi Pioneers that took the early 1-0 lead behind an RBI doubled off the bat of Rachael Lyon.

But shortly after the Pioneers (12-7 overall, 4-2 Greater Oregon League) got on the board, Holy Names got its bats going. The six-run inning sealed the victory for the visitors, and pushed Mac-Hi's skid to four straight games.

Sydney Earls threw a complete game for the Pioneers and in doing so gave up nine hits while striking out six and walking three.

Offensively, only three Mac-Hi batters recorded hits with Sevin Birdwell going a perfect 4-for-4 to lead the way.

TRACK AND FIELD

NYSSA — The Riverside track and field team joined a handful of smaller schools at the Don Walker Invitational at Nyssa High on Friday. The Pirate boys fared the best,

placing sixth with 28 points of out a 16-team field. The girls team rounded out the top 10 recording 17 points.

Top finishers included sophomore Johan Pena, who claimed third place in the boys 100-meter dash. His time of 11.99 seconds was a new season best. Junior Faith Rosen made it into the top 10 in the girls 200-meter dash and placed seventh with a time of 29.59 — also a new season best.

Riverside had 10 other top-10 finishes highlighted by another performance from Rosen. In the girls 110-meter hurdles, Rosen claimed third place in 17.49 seconds and was also a member of the second-place 4x100-meter relay team, which finished in 55.12 seconds.

CONNELL — At the Connell Invitational on Friday, Umatilla's boys track team earned a 10th place finish with 31 points and the girls ended the day in eighth

place with 30.5 points.

Yaretctzy Carillo had one of the best finishes of the day in the girls 100-meter dash. Carillo placed fifth in 13.48 to edge out a Connell sprinter. She also recorded a seventh place finish in the 200-meter dash after clocking 29.08.

Nancy Ortiz finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (17.19) and fifth in the 300-meter hurdles (52.25).

The girls 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay teams both finished in third place to round out the top track performances.

For the boys, Trey Dohman had a top-three finish in the 800 meters and placed third behind two Zillah runners in 2:12.57. Trent Durfey placed fourth in the boys 110-meter hurdles (16.56).

In the field events, Anthony Ibarra had the best outing. Ibarra finished third in the javelin throw with a new personal record of

Stenhouse hoping for boost from Kenseth in Talladega return

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TALLADEGA, Ala. — Ricky Stenhouse Jr. can now lean on the same guy he turned to for advice at times as a young driver trying to make it to the Cup Series.

He's hoping the hiring of Matt Kenseth, and a return to Talladega Superspeedway, make for much-needed boosts for struggling Roush Fenway Racing this week.

The 30-year-old Stenhouse's victory at Talladega last spring was the first Cup win of his career and put a Roush car in the playoffs, which was no small feat for the organization.

"I would like to back up what we were able to do last year with qualifying on the pole and then winning the race," he said. "That is what we came down here to do. We feel very confident in our race cars when we come here."

Roush could use a jolt of confidence. Once considered among the top teams in the garage, Roush drivers won 15 races in 2005 and had five cars finish in the top 10 in the standings.

But that domination declined over the ensuing decade, and Roush's top drivers all moved on to different teams.

Although Stenhouse added a second victory last season, at Daytona in July, the organization has not won anything but restrictor-plate races since 2014.

Now Kenseth has come on board to share the No. 6 Ford with Trevor Bayne, who has seen a drop in



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Ricky Stenhouse Jr. celebrates after winning the Geico 500 NASCAR Monster Cup series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway, in Talladega, Ala. Stenhouse Jr. returns to Talladega where he got his first Cup series win last spring, hoping to rebound from a slow start.

performance through the first nine races.

Stenhouse has been better, but has had to go to a backup car in three of the first nine races this season because he crashed in practice sessions. He has one top-5 finish this season, is 19th in the standings, and needs to improve on 1.5-mile tracks to legitimately contend for a championship.

Stenhouse is embracing the return of Kenseth, who worked with him some in what is now the Xfinity Series.

"He would run a couple races with us throughout the year and he was in our Cup cars," Stenhouse said. "I leaned on Matt a lot my rookie year in the Nationwide Series. I called him and would ask him questions

trying to figure out when I was struggling. I really had to get back on track.

"I think he did a really good job with me on that. So fast forward to now, after he left and went to (Joe Gibbs Racing) and drove different race cars, for me I am looking forward to his feedback on how our cars drive relative to another organization that is clearly one of the class of the field."

Kenseth's debut will be next month at Kansas Speedway, a 1.5-mile track. Roush is hoping he'll have a positive impact on both Bayne and Stenhouse.

"Our goal is to have Trevor continue to grow and mature on the track," Roush team president Steve Newmark said. "We hope that Matt's assistance with all of this will elevate not only Trevor's performance, but also Ricky's performance."

Kenseth, who was not pleased with his exit at the end of last season from a full-time ride, said he's motivated to help the organization improve.

"I feel like I can be a real asset in a lot of different ways besides just driving," Kenseth said. "I'm really competitive, obviously, with whatever I do and if I'm not in the car, there's nothing I want more than Ricky or Trevor to be out there running up front and improving and doing better and working hard at it and hopefully being successful."

AP Auto Racing Writer Jenna Fryer contributed to this report.

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