

ROOKIES: Ohtani first player from Japan since Ichiro to win award

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kees third baseman Miguel Andujar was second with five firsts and 89 points, and Yankees second baseman Gleyber Torres was next with 25 points.

Ohtani was 4-2 with a 3.31 ERA and 63 strikeouts over 51 2/3 innings in 10 starts. As a designated hitter, he batted .285 with 22 homers and 61 RBIs and a .925 OPS in 367 plate appearances.

“Of course, getting hurt is never a good thing,” he said. “I was able to fight through it.”

He is the first Japanese player to win a rookie honor since Seattle’s Ichiro Suzuki in 2001 and the fourth overall, joining the Dodgers’ Hideo Nomo in 1995 and Seattle’s Kazuhiro Sasaki in 2000. Ohtani became the first player with 15 homers as a batter and 50 strikeouts

as a pitcher in the same season.

Acuna received 27 first-place votes and three seconds for 144 points. Soto got two firsts and 89 points, and Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Walker Buehler was next with one first and 28 points.

Acuna, in Japan with a major league All-Star team, declined to participate in a morning conference call about the vote, BBWAA secretary-treasurer Jack O’Connell said.

Acuna started the season at Triple-A and made his debut on April 25, the youngest player in the majors then at 20 years, 128 days. The Venezuelan hit .293 with 26 homers, 64 RBIs and 16 steals with a .917 OPS. He set a Braves record with eight leadoff homers this season and tied a franchise mark by homering in five straight games from Aug. 11-14.

Blazers win fourth straight over Boston

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PORTLAND — Damian Lillard had 19 points and 12 assists and the Portland Trail Blazers won their fourth straight game, beating the Boston Celtics 100-94 on Sunday night.



Jusuf Nurkic added 18 points and 17 rebounds for Portland. The Trail Blazers have won seven of their last eight games.

Jayson Tatum matched his regular-season career high with 27 points and Kyrie Irving added 21 for the Celtics. They finished 1-4 on their trip.

The Blazers led by as many as 21 points in the game, but the Celtics went on a 13-2 run to start the fourth quarter and pulled to 85-83. Marcus Morris’ 3-pointer tied it at 86 with 7:27 left, but Lillard answered with a basket to keep Portland out front.

The Blazers held on to the lead but Irving’s 3-pointer with 2:55 left closed the Celtics to 92-91. Al-Farouq Aminu answered with a 3-pointer for the Blazers. Aminu made another key 3 that put Portland up 100-94 with a minute left.

Kyrie Irving returned to the Celtics after missing Friday’s loss at Utah because he was at his grandfather’s funeral.

Celtics forward Daniel Theis, who suffered a plantar fascia tear on Oct. 27, was upgraded to “probable” before the game but coach Brad Stevens said he would only be available on a minute restriction. He played for five minutes and had two rebounds.

Lillard’s layup put the Blazers up 23-12 in the opening quarter and Portland led by as many as 12 points before Boston closed the gap to 28-26 on Terry Rozier’s floater. It didn’t last long and Meyers Leonard’s 3-pointer gave Portland a 40-31 lead midway through the second quarter.

Portland went into the break ahead 54-37, led by Nurkic with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

The Celtics got to 61-52 in the third quarter after Tatum’s 3-pointer, but CJ McCollum answered with a 3 for the Blazers. Kyrie Irving’s 3 closed the Celtics to 71-66, one of seven 3-pointers Boston hit in the third.

The Blazers went into the final quarter up 83-70.

The Celtics were coming off a 123-115 loss to the Jazz, which marked Gordon Hayward’s first trip back to Salt Lake City after going to Boston as a free agent in the summer of 2017. Hayward fractured his tibia in the Celtics’ opener and missed all of last season.

Rams hold off Seahawks

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AP Photo/Alex Gallardo

Los Angeles Rams defensive end Dante Fowler forces a fumble by Seattle Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson during the second half in an NFL football game Sunday in Los Angeles.



“It’s just been a tough week for the whole city, the whole area up there,” Goff said of the Rams’ weekday hometown, one hour northwest of downtown Los Angeles. “Hoping today provided a little bit of joy and regularity for those people.”

Todd Gurley rushed for 120 yards and a score as Los Angeles moved into commanding position for its second consecutive NFC West title, but only after plenty of late drama in a rivalry that’s never lacking in excitement.

Gerald Everett and Tyler Higbee caught TD passes for the Rams, who survived a topsy-turvy game with just enough big plays. Although the perfect season ended last week in New Orleans, Los Angeles still has never lost back-to-back games under coach Sean McVay.

“It means a lot, (because) there’s a lot of tragedy that’s been going on,” said Aaron Donald, who had 2½ sacks of Wilson after evacuating his family during the week. “We’ve all been affected by it. We had to move ourselves, so to win a game like this, a divisional game, we’re trying to give people something to smile about.”

Fowler, the pass-rush specialist acquired from Jacksonville late last month, made up for his costly unsportsmanlike conduct penalty in the third quarter by stripping Wilson of the ball and then recovering the fumble, setting up Cooks’ run for a 12-point lead.

Wilson threw three touchdown passes, rushed for 92 yards and nearly rallied the Seahawks (4-5) all the way back after his fumble.

Wilson hit Mike Davis for a short TD catch to cap a 90-yard drive with 1:56 to play. After the Seattle defense held, he got the Seahawks to the Los Angeles 35 before throwing four straight incompletions in the final minute.

“I think the whole stadium was nervous on that last drive, (but) it didn’t work out,” Wilson said.

Wilson also threw TD passes to Nick Vannett and

Tyler Lockett, but the Seahawks have lost two straight after winning four of five.

Seattle took the lead with Lockett’s TD catch in the third quarter, but only because their drive was kept alive by an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Fowler after a third-down stop.

“I knew I had to go out there and redeem myself,” Fowler said.

Runaway loss

Rashaad Penny rushed for 108 yards and a touchdown in the injury absence of Chris Carson for the Seahawks, who had 273 yards rushing at the Coliseum after racking up 190 yards on the ground in their 33-31 loss to the Rams last month in Seattle. “On this day, we went nose to nose,” Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. “That’s a statement to guys running the football. That’s the whole thing fitting together.”

Gurley’s gains

Gurley scored his NFL-leading 17th touchdown in the second quarter on a 17-yard run. He also scored a TD in his franchise-record 13th consecutive game, extending his franchise record. He is the fourth player in league history to score a TD in each of his team’s first 10 games.

Sack machine

Donald has a career-high

12½ sacks already this season. He teamed up with Ndamukong Suh for a huge third-down sack at the Los Angeles 15 in the fourth quarter, forcing Seattle to kick a field goal.

Big gift

Rams left tackle Andrew Whitworth is donating his game check to the Ventura County Community Foundation’s Conejo Valley Victims Fund, which was set up to help the families of the 12 people killed on Wednesday night by a gunman in Thousand Oaks, the home of the Rams’ training complex. The Rams held a moment of silence before the game.

Injuries

Seahawks: Carson sat out with a hip injury, while starting right guard D.J. Fluker missed the game with a calf injury.

Rams: Receiver Cooper Kupp went down in the fourth quarter holding his left knee, which sidelined him earlier this season. McVay said the injury “doesn’t look good right now.”

Up next

Seahawks: A short week to host the Green Bay Packers on Thursday.

Rams: One of the biggest games of the regular season against the Kansas City Chiefs in Mexico City on Monday, Nov. 19.

Minshew leads Washington St. past Colorado

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BOULDER, Colo. — Gardner Minshew II overcame a slow start and three fourth-down failures to lead No. 10 Washington State past nose-diving Colorado 31-7 on Saturday.

The Cougars (9-1, 6-1 Pac-12, No. 8 CFP) won their sixth straight, but it wasn’t as easy as expected against the Buffaloes (5-5,



touchdowns during the Buffs’ 5-0 start, was rusty in his return from a right turf toe injury. He caught 10 passes for 102 yards, but cost his team dearly with back-to-back drops and a lost fumble in the second half.

Washington State led 10-7 at halftime, but linebacker Jahad Woods forced and recovered Travon McMillian’s fumble at the Colorado 32 on the second play of the second half and

Minshew threw a 1-yard dart to Renard Bell, sparking a 21-0 run that buried the Buffs.

Minshew, who was hardly pressured all afternoon, finished 35-of-58 passing for 335 yards and two TDs. He made it 24-7 on a 10-yard scramble in the fourth quarter. That drive was kept alive when Buffs safety Aaron Maddox was flagged for taunting Easop Winston on a key third down.

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

Thursday, November 15

Volleyball
Blue Mountain vs. Chemeketa (at Tacoma), 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 17

Football
Pendleton vs. Thurston (at Hillsboro Stadium), 5:30 p.m.

Football

NCAA Football

Nov. 25
No. 1 Alabama (9-0) beat No. 4 LSU 29-0. Next: vs. No. 21 Mississippi State, Saturday.
No. 2 Clemson (9-0) beat Louisville 77-16. Next: at No. 24 Boston College, Saturday.
No. 3 Notre Dame (9-0) beat Northwestern 31-21. Next: vs. Florida State, Saturday.
No. 4 LSU (7-2) lost to No. 1 Alabama 29-0. Next: at Arkansas, Saturday.
No. 5 Michigan (8-1) beat No. 14 Penn State 42-7. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.
No. 6 Georgia (8-1) beat No. 11 Kentucky 34-17. Next: vs. Auburn, Saturday.
No. 7 Oklahoma (8-1) beat Texas Tech 51-46. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
No. 8 Ohio State (8-1) beat Nebraska 36-31. Next: at Michigan State, Saturday.
No. 9 UC (8-0) beat Temple 52-40, Thursday. Next: vs. Navy, Saturday.
No. 10 Washington State (8-1) beat California 19-13. Next: at Colorado, Saturday.
No. 11 Kentucky (7-2) lost to No. 6 Georgia 34-17. Next: at Tennessee, Saturday.
No. 12 West Virginia (7-1) beat No. 15 Texas 42-41. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.
No. 13 Florida (6-3) lost to Missouri 38-17. Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.
No. 14 Penn State (8-3) lost to No. 5 Michigan 42-7. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Saturday.
No. 15 Texas (6-3) lost to No. 12 West Virginia 42-41. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday.
No. 16 Utah (6-3) lost to Arizona State 36-20. Next: vs. Oregon, Saturday.
No. 17 Houston (7-2) lost to SMU 45-31. Next: vs. Temple, Saturday.
No. 18 Utah State (8-1) beat Hawaii 56-17. Next: vs. San Jose State, Saturday.
No. 19 Iowa (6-3) lost to Purdue 38-36. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.
No. 20 Fresno State (8-1) beat UNLV 48-3. Next: vs. Boise State, Friday, Nov. 9.
No. 21 Mississippi State (6-3) beat Louisiana Tech 45-3. Next: at No. 1 Alabama, Saturday.
No. 22 Syracuse (7-2) beat Wake Forest 41-14. Next: vs. Louisville, Friday, Nov. 9.

No. 23 Virginia (6-3) lost to Pittsburgh 23-13, Friday. Next: vs. Liberty, Saturday.
No. 24 Boston College (7-2) beat Virginia Tech 31-21. Next: vs. No. 2 Clemson, Saturday.
No. 25 Texas A&M (5-4) lost to Auburn 28-24. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.

Saturday, November 10

Arizona State 31, UCLA 28
Washington State 31, Colorado 7
Utah 32, Oregon 25
Stanford 48, Oregon State 17
California 15, USC 14

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
East	7	3	0	70.0	280	236			
New England	5	5	0	50.0	199	256			
Miami	3	7	0	30.0	137	251			
Buffalo	3	7	0	30.0	208	254			
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	30.0	208	254			
NFC									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Houston	6	3	0	66.7	216	184			
Tennessee	4	4	0	55.6	134	141			
Indianapolis	3	5	0	44.4	260	239			
Jacksonville	3	5	0	33.3	160	199			
North	W	L	T	Pct <td>PF <td>PA </td></td>	PF <td>PA </td>	PA			
Pittsburgh	6	2	1	72.2	279	209			
Cincinnati	4	5	0	44.4	235	288			
Baltimore	4	5	0	44.4	213	160			
Cleveland	3	6	1	35.0	218	263			
West	W	L	T	Pct <td>PF <td>PA </td></td>	PF <td>PA </td>	PA			
Kansas City	9	1	0	90.0	353	240			
L.A. Chargers	7	2	0	77.8	240	186			
Denver	3	6	0	33.3	205	213			
Oakland	1	8	0	11.1	147	272			
AFC									
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
Washington	5	3	0	66.7	176	175			
Dallas	3	5	0	44.4	181	171			
Philadelphia	4	4	0	44.4	198	183			
N.Y. Giants	2	7	0	22.2	177	228			
South	W	L	T	Pct <td>PF <td>PA </td></td>	PF <td>PA </td>	PA			
New Orleans	8	1	0	88.9	330	232			
Carolina	6	3	0	66.7	241	232			
Atlanta	4	5	0	44.4	244	254			
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	33.3	232	291			
North	W	L	T	Pct <td>PF <td>PA </td></td>	PF <td>PA </td>	PA			
Chicago	6	3	0	66.7	269	175			
Minnesota	5	3	1	61.1	221	204			
Green Bay	4	4	1	50.0	223	216			
Detroit	3	6	0	33.3	202	244			
West	W	L	T	Pct <td>PF <td>PA </td></td>	PF <td>PA </td>	PA			
L.A. Rams	9	1	0	90.0	335	231			
Seattle	4	5	0	44.4	219	192			
Arizona	2	7	0	22.2	124	225			
San Francisco	2	8	0	20.0	230	266			
Sunday, Nov. 11									
Kansas City 21, Arizona 14									
Buffalo 41, N.Y. Jets 10									
Chicago 34, Detroit 22									
Indianapolis 29, Jacksonville 26									

Washington 16, Tampa Bay 3
New Orleans 51, Cincinnati 14
Tennessee 34, New England 10
Cleveland 28, Atlanta 16
L.A. Chargers 20, Oakland 6
Green Bay 31, Miami 12
L.A. Rams 36, Seattle 31
Dallas 27, Philadelphia 20
Open: Minnesota, Denver, Baltimore, Houston

Monday, Nov. 12

N.Y. Giants 27, San Francisco 23

Oregon Prep Scores

Playoffs, Quarterfinals - Saturday, Nov. 10
OSAA Class 3A
Vale 36, Burns 14
Amity 58, Nyssa 13
OSAA Class 2A
Monroe 48, Lakeview 7
Lost River 21, Neah-Kah-Nie 0
OSAA Class 1A
Dufur 64, Canas Valley 20
Hosanna Christian 46, Adrian/Jordan Valley 36
Wallowa 62, Lowell 14

Basketball

National Basketball League									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Toronto	12	1	92.3	—					
Boston	7	5	58.3	4½					
Philadelphia	8	6	57.1	4½					
Brooklyn	6	7	46.2	6					
New York	4	9	30.8	8					
Southeast Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Charlotte	6	6	50.0	—					
Orlando	5	7	41.7	1					
Miami	5	7	41.7	1					
Atlanta	3	9	25.0	3					
Washington	3	9	25.0	3					
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Milwaukee	9	3	75.0	—					
Indiana	8	5	61.5	1½					
Detroit	6	5	54.5	2½					
Chicago	4	9	30.8	5½					
Cleveland	1	11	8.3	8					
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Southwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
San Antonio	7	4	63.6	—					
Memphis	7	4	63.6	—					
New Orleans	6	5	50.0	1					
Houston	4	7	36.4	3					
Dallas	4	8	33.3	3½					
Northwest Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB					
Portland	9	3	75.0	—					
Denver	9	3	75.0	—					
Oklahoma City	7	5	58.3	2					
Utah	6	6	50.0	3					
Minnesota	4	9	30.8	5½					
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct <td>GB </td>	GB					
Golden State	11	2	84.6	—					
L.A. Clippers	7	5	58.3	3½					
Sacramento	7	6	53.8	4					
L.A. Lakers	6	6	50.0	4½					
Phoenix	2	10	16.7	8½					

Portland 9, 3 75.0 —
Denver 9, 3 75.0 —
Oklahoma City 7, 5 58.3 2
Utah 6, 6 50.0 3
Minnesota 4, 9 30.8 5½
Pacific Division

Golden State 11, 2 84.6 —
L.A. Clippers 7, 5 58.3 3½
Sacramento 7, 6 53.8 4
L.A. Lakers 6, 6 50.0 4½
Phoenix 2, 10 16.7 8½

Saturday’s Games

Toronto 128, New York 112
L.A. Clippers 128, Milwaukee 126, OT
New Orleans 119, Phoenix 99
Chicago 99, Cleveland 98
Memphis 112, Philadelphia 106, OT
Washington 116, Miami 110
Golden State 116, Brooklyn 100
San Antonio 96, Houston 89
Dallas 111, Oklahoma City 96
L.A. Lakers 101, Sacramento 86
Sunday’s Games
Charlotte at Detroit, 3:30 p.m.
Orlando at Houston, 7 p.m.
Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.
Boston at Portland, 9 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Monday’s Games
Orlando at Washington, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tuesday’s Games
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Houston at