

Conley leads Grizzlies past Trail Blazers 92-83

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Mike Conley scored 23 points and keyed a fourth-quarter outburst as the Memphis Grizzlies pulled away for a 92-83 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Jaren Jackson Jr. finished with 14 points, and Mar-Shon Brooks added 13 as the Grizzlies snapped a two-game losing streak.

C.J. McCollum matched his season high with 40 points, while Damian Lillard was held to a season-low 14 points, connecting on only 4 of 18 shots.

The Trail Blazers' 83 points were a season low.

Portland had pulled within 79-78 on a reverse layup by Lillard with 5:27 left. But Memphis rattled off 13 straight points, including eight by Conley, stretching the lead to a game-high 14 points at 92-78, and the Grizzlies coasted home.

Neither team shot particularly well, but Lillard's misfires contributed to the Trail Blazers shooting 38 percent.

Memphis led 42-40 after a spirited first half that included jawing between

players and coaches complaining to officials. Portland held an early 11-point lead, but a strong second quarter from Memphis that included a 17-2 rally erased the advantage.

Neither team was shooting well — both at 36 percent — and that included 3-point range, where the teams were a combined 6 of 27.

Tip-ins

Trail Blazers: Maurice Harkless did not play, sitting out the game for rest. ... Portland is in the midst of playing three games in four nights. ... McCollum missed all five of his 3-pointers in Tuesday's loss to Houston. And he missed two more before connecting from long range late in the second quarter. That was only the second 3-pointer in the half for Portland. ... Lillard, the league's fourth-leading scorer, has reached double figures in every game this season.

Grizzlies: Coach J.B. Bickerstaff drew a technical in the first quarter when he complained about a no-call he believed was goaltending. ... Marc Gasol started



Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum (3) drives against Memphis Grizzlies guard Garrett Temple in the second half of an NBA basketball game on Wednesday in Memphis, Tenn.

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2 of 11 from the field, and ended the game 4 of 15. ... The Grizzlies have held all

but three opponents this season under their scoring average, including the Trail

Blazers, who entered the game averaging 112 points a game.

Up next
Trail Blazers: Host Toronto on Friday

Wrestling: Morin and Wooster also win big matches for Hermiston

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under weight.”

Other big wins for Hermiston came from Laly Morin, who earned an 11-6 decision over Adriana Bonner of Richland at 155 pounds, and Sally Wooster, who pinned Kamiakin's Addison Fountain in 5:53 after taking a 6-0 lead in the third round.

“I saw a lot of night,” Hermiston coach Andy Hall said. “Andrea Hernandez (115) fought really hard, and Jazmin went 2-0. She did as good as always. Our middleweights are battling for positions.”

Other Hermiston wrestlers did not have as good a night.

Pasco's Cassandra De La Mora pinned Schae Borrego in the second round at 145, and Kamiakin's Sarah Hamilton pinned Amree Braithwaite in 50 seconds at 145.

“From here, we go back and teach what we do,” Hall said. “Once is not enough.”

Hermiston returns to action Dec. 21 at the Columbia-Bur-bank Invite.



Makenzie Poston, of Richland, grimaces as she attempts to escape from the grasp of Hermiston's Halle Thomas during the MCC mixer at the Dawg House.

Staff photo by Kathy Aney

No. 7 Oregon women hold off South Dakota State 87-79

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Oregon coach Kelly Graves figured the Ducks would have to fight for a win at mid-major South Dakota State.

“This isn't a place you want to come play, but I think it makes us better,” Graves said. “They test you, they test you. Nobody that knows basketball would be surprised at that score. There's not one coach in Division I basketball that would be surprised at that

score. These guys are good, and we knew that.”

Satou Sabally scored a season-high 27 points and had six rebounds and No. 7 Oregon used a big second half to beat South Dakota State 87-79 on Wednesday night. Sabrina Ionescu added 26 points and eight rebounds to help the Ducks (8-1) avoid losing their second straight game. The then-No. 3 Ducks lost at Michigan State on Sunday.

Madison Guebert and

Myah Selland each scored 21 points for South Dakota State (6-4). Season scoring leader Macy Miller had 14.

“We don't take this as a moral victory,” Guebert said. “We're right there, and that's very frustrating, to know that you're right there and you're that close to beating a Top 10 school. We can't be content with that.”

Down 45-40 at the half, Oregon was 11 for 20 from the field in the third quarter. The Ducks led by seven late

in the period, and the Jack-rabbits cut it to two with under a minute to play in the game. Ionescu hit a deep 3-pointer with 46 seconds to play to seal it.

Ionescu had 16 second-half points.

“We just stepped it up in that second half and we knew we had to make stops,” Ionescu said. “We got in the locker room and talked about the things we needed to do. We knew that if we could make a run we could

keep going from there. My team got me the ball where I was comfortable shooting.”

South Dakota State was up 49-40 in the third, Oregon's second-largest deficit of the season. From that point, the Ducks outscored the Jackrabbits 25-11 to finish the quarter.

Big picture

Oregon returns home for six straight games, which includes the start of the Pac-12 schedule. ... South Dakota State has faced four

ranked teams in its nonconference schedule, beating No. 21 Drake.

Stat of the night

Sabally entered the game averaging 14.3 points. She scored Oregon's first ten points of the game and had hit her scoring average by halftime.

Up next

Oregon: Hosts No. 5 Mississippi State on Dec. 18.
South Dakota State: Hosts Savannah State on Friday night.

SCOREBOARD

LOCAL SLATE
Thursday, Dec. 13
Boys Basketball
Umatilla at Pilot Rock, 7:30 p.m.
Blue Mountain at S. Puget Sound, 8 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Umatilla at Pilot Rock, 6 p.m.
Boys Wrestling
Richland, Kennewick at Hermiston, 6:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 14
Boys Basketball
Riverside at Stanfield, 6 p.m.
Blue Mountain vs. Edmonds (at S. Puget Sound), 6 p.m.
Putnam at Pendleton, 6:30 p.m.
Elgin at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.
Irrigon at Mac-Hi, 7:30 p.m.
Arlington at Echo, 7:30 p.m.
College Place (WA) at Helix, 7:30 p.m.
Heppner at Imbler, 7:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Crane, 7:30 p.m.
Pasco at Hermiston, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Weston-McEwen vs. Wallowa (at Pilot Rock), 1 p.m.
Elgin at Pilot Rock, 5:30 p.m.
Pasco at Hermiston, 5:45 p.m.
Arlington at Echo, 6 p.m.
College Place (WA) at Helix, 6 p.m.
Heppner at Imbler, 6 p.m.
Riverside at Stanfield, 7:30 p.m.
Irrigon at Mac-Hi, 7:30 p.m.
Boys Wrestling
Hermiston at Tri-State Invite, 10 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 15
Boys Basketball
Blue Mountain vs. Portland (at S. Puget Sound), noon

Culver at Heppner, 4 p.m.
Ione at Horizon Christian, 5 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Nixyaawii, 5:30 p.m.
Helix at Echo, 5:30 p.m.
Weston-McEwen at Alycia Jenkins Memorial Tourney, 7 p.m.
Wallowa at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m.
Hermiston at Davis, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball
Wallowa vs. Weston-McEwen at Pilot Rock Tourney, 1 p.m.
Culver at Heppner, 2:30 p.m.
Helix at Echo, 4 p.m.
Condon/Wheeler at Nixyaawii, 4 p.m.
Bonanza at Pilot Rock, 5:30 p.m.
Hermiston at Davis, 5:45 p.m.
Boys Wrestling
Hermiston at Tri-State Invite
National Hockey League
NHL
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	32	24	7	1	49	130	91
Toronto	31	21	9	1	43	113	85
Buffalo	31	18	9	4	40	95	91
Boston	31	17	10	4	38	85	79
Montreal	31	15	11	5	35	97	101
Detroit	32	14	14	4	32	93	107
Ottawa	32	13	15	4	30	106	125
Florida	29	11	12	6	28	96	105
Metropolitan	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	30	18	9	3	39	112	92
Columbus	30	16	12	2	34	102	102
N.Y. Islanders	30	14	12	4	32	85	88
Pittsburgh	30	13	11	6	32	101	98
N.Y. Rangers	30	14	13	3	31	88	98
Carolina	29	13	12	4	30	72	81
Philadelphia	29	12	13	4	28	91	107
New Jersey	29	10	13	6	26	88	105

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	31	20	10	1	41	98	78
Winnipeg	30	19	9	2	40	107	83
Colorado	31	17	9	5	39	112	94
Dallas	31	16	12	3	35	86	84
Minnesota	30	16	12	2	34	95	88
St. Louis	29	11	14	4	26	82	97
Chicago	33	10	18	5	25	93	124
Pacific	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	32	20	10	2	42	113	90
Anaheim	33	17	11	5	39	87	97
San Jose	32	16	11	5	37	102	98
Vegas	33	18	14	1	37	99	93
Edmonton	31	17	12	2	36	88	91
Vancouver	33	14	16	3	31	98	111
Arizona	29	13	14	2	28	76	80
Los Angeles	32	11	19	2	24	71	98

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
Tuesday's Games
Toronto 4, Carolina 1
Buffalo 4, Los Angeles 3, OT
Vancouver 3, Columbus 2
Boston 4, Arizona 3
Washington 6, Detroit 2
Minnesota 7, Montreal 1
Nashville 3, Ottawa 1
Winnipeg 6, Chicago 3
St. Louis 4, Florida 3
Edmonton 6, Colorado 4
Wednesday's Games
Vegas 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Chicago 6, Pittsburgh 3
Calgary 6, Philadelphia 5, OT
Anaheim 6, Dallas 3
Thursday's Games

Arizona at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Carolina at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
Florida at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Vegas at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Boston at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Arizona at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Colorado at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Edmonton, 6 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Calgary at Minnesota, 10:30 a.m.
Anaheim at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 4 p.m.
Detroit vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 4 p.m.
Buffalo at Washington, 4 p.m.
Los Angeles at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
National Basketball Association
NBA
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Toronto	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	23	7	.767	—
Philadelphia	19	10	.655	3½
Boston	17	10	.630	4½
Brooklyn	11	18	.379	11½
New York	8	21	.276	14½

Southeast Division

Charlotte	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	14	13	.519	—
Orlando	12	15	.444	2
Miami	11	16	.407	3
Washington	11	17	.393	3½
Atlanta	6	21	.222	8

Central Division

Milwaukee	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	18	9	.667	—
Indiana	18	10	.643	½
Detroit	13	13	.500	4½
Cleveland	7	21	.250	11½
Chicago	6	22	.214	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division
WLPctGB

Memphis	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	16	11	.593	—
Dallas	15	11	.577	½
New Orleans	15	15	.500	2½
San Antonio	14	14	.500	2½
Houston	12	14	.462	3½

Northwest Division

Denver	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	18	9	.667	—
Oklahoma City	17	9	.654	½
Portland	15	13	.536	3
Utah	14	15	.483	5
Minnesota	13	15	.464	5½

Pacific Division
WLPctGB

Golden State	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	19	10	.655	—
L.A. Clippers	17	10	.630	1
L.A. Lakers	17	10	.630	1
Sacramento	15	12	.556	3
Phoenix	4	24	.143	14½

Tuesday's Games
Houston 111, Portland 104

San Antonio 111, Phoenix 86
Toronto 123, L.A. Clippers 99
Wednesday's Games
Boston 130, Washington 125, OT
Charlotte 108, Detroit 107
Cleveland 113, New York 106
Indiana 113, Milwaukee 97
Memphis 92, Portland 83
New Orleans 118, Oklahoma City 114
Dallas 114, Atlanta 107
Utah 111, Miami 84
Sacramento 141, Minnesota 130
Toronto 113, Golden State 93
Thursday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 5 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Chicago vs. Orlando at Mexico City, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Atlanta at Boston, 4 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Indiana at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
Washington at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Miami at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Utah vs. Orlando at Mexico City, 2 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 4 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Houston at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 7 p.m.