

Ball is Life: continued from B1

close games. In games decided by four points or less the team is 2-4. If we throw in the Utah loss, a game the Blazers lost in overtime after a missed game winner at the end of regulation, they end up 2-5 in these close games.

All teams have stretches like this because weird things happen at the end of games. But what is potentially concerning for the Blazers is that in these games things have slowed down a little too much. As the ball moves a little less and isolation play becomes more common, the Blazers have struggled. It's too early to be full-on worried but the Blazers need to be more mindful of their late game play early on if they are serious about finishing in the top four of the West.

But despite any late-game struggles, the Blazers have positive signs of life that show this team is better than their record reflects. One area where the Blazers have been absolutely stellar is in rebounding. As a team they are first in rebound differential with +7.5. The next closest team is the Celtics at 5.5. The Blazers currently have a three-headed rebounding monster of Davis, Aminu and Nurkic who are at 8.3, 8.1 and 7.8 boards per game. And if Swanigan works his way into the lineup, whether this season or in the future, he seems insistent on keeping these numbers up.

As the NBA has become more and more three point centric, the Blazers are showing that they can keep up with the best of them. The Blazers are currently fifth in three-

point percentage and are holding opponents to the fourth lowest team three point percentage in the league.

Ultimately, the Blazers should be ahead of where they are now. This is not a group that gained a lot of new faces in the offseason but is the same group that finished last year with some rookies thrown in. But they can still get there. Dame and CJ are going to get more than 50 points a night and they will see if it is enough to get a win.

The Blazers have the pieces to be a winning team. If they put those pieces together they can be a top four team in the West, win a first-round playoff series and then inevitably lose to the Warriors in the next round. It's going to be a fun ride.

# GOLF Scores

## Middlefield Men's Club

**Monday 11/6/2017**  
**Game: 2, 3 Points**  
 First Place: 110  
 Gary Ingram, Rick LeBrun, Jim Lehl, Jerry Pennington

**Second Place:** 100  
 Jim Cunningham, Frank Gates, Darrell Lee, Larry Strickland

**Third Place:** 95  
 Tom Marx, Jake Cox, Leon Hayes, Larry Zuvich

**Fourth Place:** 95  
 Phil Hamilton, Steve Moir, Keith Rowling, Rich-

ard Vargas  
**Fifth Place:** 95  
 Steve Lindholm, Dave Tooker, Mel Gowing, Larry Eymann

Low Gross: Jake Cox 77, Gary Ingram 78  
 Low Net: Jim Lehl 65, Darrell Lee 67, Gary Ingram 67  
 Closest to the Pin: #5 Larry Zuvich, #7 Larry Eymann, #14 Larry Zuvich

**Middlefield Men's Club**  
**Thursday 11/9/2017**  
**Game: Scramble with Tie Breakers**  
**First Place:** -6  
 Bob McCarty, Phil Jones, Gary Ordway, Frank Gates

**Second Place:** -4  
 Gary Ingram, Gary

Welch, Jim Hoover, Russell Bryce  
**Third Place:** -4  
 Jake Cox, Adrian Chatigny, Don Hanly, Darrell Lee

**Fourth Place:** -3  
 Bill Avery, Pat Rickard, Lynn Ferrin

**Fifth Place:** -2  
 Richard Vargas, Steve Moir, Jim Lehl

**Sixth Place:** -1  
 Larry Emery, Rick LeBrun, Larry Eymann, Phil Hamilton

**Seventh Place:** -1  
 Ricky Ambrose, Jim Cunningham, Leon Hayes, Dave Tooker


Closest to the Pin: #5 Bob McCarty, #7 Gary Ordway, #14 Jake Cox

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**Bowler Of The Week**



**Patsy McNally**  
 Age: 70  
 Years Bowling: 50  
 High Game: 278  
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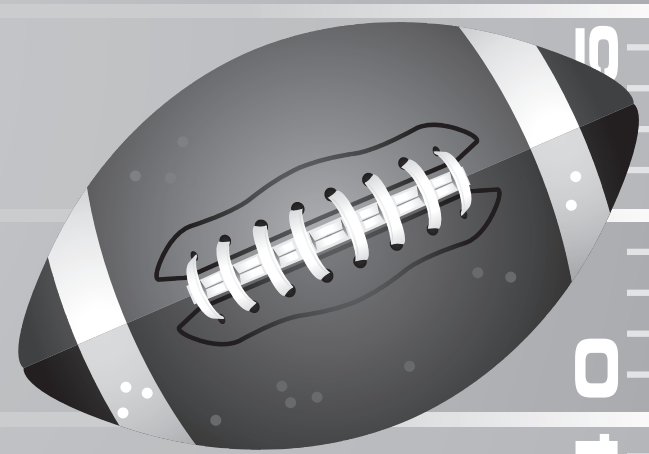
TEAMS	Won	Loss
Stewart Strikers	20	4
Ally Cats	18.5	5.5
Party Patrol	17	7
Teen Vamps	14.5	9.5
Purple Unicorns	12	12
Luna Chicks	11	13
Super Sernas	11	9
Bomb Squad	9	15
Red Hots	8	16
Controller Bowlers	5	19
Ladybugs	5	7
Team to Beat	0	0

High Scratch Games:  
 Josh Stewart 225, Fayth Stewart 184

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WASHINGTON	AT	NEW ORLEANS
NEW ENGLAND	AT	OAKLAND
CINCINNATI	AT	DENVER
BUFFALO	AT	LA CHARGERS

**TIEBREAKER:**  
 PHILADELPHIA AT DALLAS

Total Points for the Sunday Night Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DAN This Week Stats:11-1 Season Stats:88-38



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 Tie-Breaker:48

NIC This Week Stats:9-3 Season Stats:79-47



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 Tie-Breaker:55

LARRY This Week Stats:10-2 Season Stats:74-52



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 Tie-Breaker 34

LUANN This Week Stats:5-7 Season Stats:69-57

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 Tie-Breaker:46

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Fill out the form below for your choice of winners. The TIE-BREAKER game is the Sunday night game. Guess the total points of this game. In the event of a tie-breaker tie, the winner will be determined by a drawing. Entries must be received by Friday, 5 pm at the Cottage Grove Sentinel, 116 N. 6th Street, (P.O. Box 35), Cottage Grove, Oregon 97424. Mailed entries must be postmarked by Friday. Employees of the Cottage Grove Sentinel and their families are not eligible to win. In the event of multiple winners, final weekly winner will be drawn at random from preliminary winners.

**ATTENTION: Tiebreaking Process - the designated tie-breaker game will be judged on total points ONLY. Please estimate the total points for the tie-breaker game.**

One entry per family.

This Week Stats:11-1 Season Stats:81-45



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 Tie-Breaker 50

LARRY This Week Stats:6-6 Season Stats:77-49



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 Tie-Breaker 52