

# Sports

## Lillard's big second half leads Blazers past Orlando Magic

■ Portland all-star guard scored 34 of his 41 points in the final two quarters

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ORLANDO, Fla. — Damian Lillard struggled in the first half then was back in All-Star form after halftime.

Lillard scored 34 of his 41 points in the second half, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Orlando Magic 128-114 on Thursday night.

CJ McCollum had 22 for the Trail Blazers and Jusuf Nurkic added 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Lillard was just 2 for 8 in the first half, then hit 11 of 15 shots in the final two quarters, going 5 of 8 from 3-point territory. He sat out the first four minutes of the final quarter and watched a 13-point lead shrink to just 102-99.

"It's not really about filling up the stat sheet," Lillard said. "There are opportunities to do it but I think it is more about impacting the game. Even when I am not making shots, I focus on how can I still impact the game."

Lillard and McCollum then re-entered with 7:54 left after Orlando cut a 13-point deficit to just 102-99 on Gordon's second 3-pointer of the quarter. The guards combined to score 22 of Portland's final 26 points to seal the win.

Nikola Vucevic led Orlando with 24 points and 11 rebounds. Terrence Ross had 21 points off the bench and Aaron Gordon and Evan Fournier had 17 apiece. The Magic shot 50 percent

from the field and made 12 3-pointers, but never could find a way to stop Portland.

"If you look at the offensive numbers, you ought to win this game," Magic coach Steve Clifford said. "But the biggest thing tonight was our defense. It started with the first five minutes when we made mistake after mistake. We just weren't good."

Lillard had 19 points in the third quarter, including 11 of the Blazers' last 13. Magic guards D.J. Augustin and Jerian Grant chased him around the perimeter and into the lane, but never could catch him. He had three 3-pointers and five driving layups, before taking a break to start the fourth quarter.

However, Portland couldn't shake the Magic, who trailed 91-80 going to the fourth period. But after Orlando cut it to three, Lillard and McCollum combined for eight straight points and Portland was back in front 110-99.

Backup center Zach Collins had 13 points in nine minutes to help the Blazers to a 58-48 halftime lead. He helped the Blazers overcome a slow start by Lillard (2 for 8) and McCollum (foul trouble).

Ross kept the Magic within striking distance with 12 points on 5-for-7 shooting. The Magic kept pace offensively, but were a step slow at the defensive end and Portland beat them to the basket repeatedly.

## LeBron's triple-double paces Lakers win

By Greg Beacham  
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — When Kobe Bryant took a court-side seat in the first quarter, Staples Center buzzed with excitement for the mere sight of the most popular athlete in this building's history.

The crowd even started a "Kobe! Kobe!" chant in the fourth quarter — and it was immediately drowned out by cheers when LeBron James

hit a 3-pointer.

With the symbol of the Los Angeles Lakers' past watching in approval, James and the Lakers' young core proved that their present and future is pretty tantalizing, too.

James had 28 points, 11 assists and 11 rebounds while leading a late rally for his first home victory with the Lakers, 128-111 over the previously unbeaten Denver

Nuggets on Thursday night.

LeBron and Kobe didn't get a chance to talk, but the longtime friendly rivals likely both left happy with the Lakers' new direction after James' first triple-double for LA.

"Of course I noticed him sitting right on the baseline over there," James said. "One of the all-time Laker greats. What he's done for this franchise in his 20-plus years

here speaks wonders for me. To be able to compete against him all those years, and for me to be able to share a jersey, the same jersey as him at this point, is pretty special."

With Bryant in attendance for the first time since LeBron's arrival in LA, Kyle Kuzma scored 22 points and JaVale McGee added 21.

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### WORLD SERIES

## Red Sox take 2-0 lead

By Jimmy Golen  
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — From playoff flop to October ace in two legacy-shifting starts, David Price earned his second postseason victory in a row and moved the Boston Red Sox halfway to yet another World Series title.

The Red Sox left-hander pitched six innings of three-hit ball, and major league RBI leader J.D. Martinez broke a fifth-inning tie during another two-out rally to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-2 on Wednesday night.

Game 3 is Friday in Los Angeles. The Dodgers need a win to avoid an 0-3 deficit that no World Series team has ever recovered from.

"This is the biggest stage in baseball," Price said after his longest postseason outing since signing a seven-year, \$217 million contract to come to Boston in 2016. "To be able to do that, it feels good, for sure."

Mookie Betts had three hits for the Red Sox, who have won 14 of their last 16 World Series games dating to a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals in 2004. They have won two more championships since then, in '07 and '13.

Not bad for a team that went the previous 86 years without a title.

And Price had battled a curse of his own.

The one-time Dodgers draft pick has pitched like an ace in the regular season but was 0-9 in his first 10 postseason starts before this October. Whether with Tampa Bay, Toronto, Detroit or Boston, his team had never won a playoff game he started before this year.

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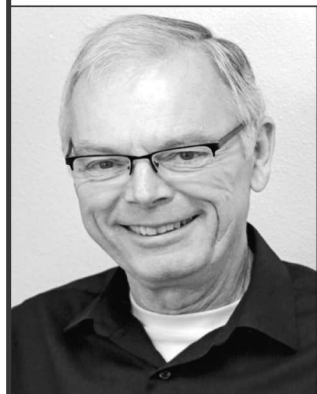


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