

Sports

Blazers rout Rockets

■ Portland improves to 5-2 after second straight road victory

By Kristie Rieken
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Coach Mike D'Antoni got tired of answering question after question about what's wrong with the Houston Rockets after they were trounced again Tuesday night.

"I can sit up here and talk for the next five minutes, but we're not playing well. That's the bottom line," he said. "And we've got to figure out why and do a better job."

Damian Lillard and Jusuf Nurkic scored 22 points each, and the Portland Trail Blazers never trailed in a 104-85 rout of the struggling Rockets.

The Rockets dropped their fourth straight in their second game without James Harden, who is out with a hamstring injury, to fall to 1-5. After entering the season with eyes on a championship, the Rockets have rarely even been competitive, dropping their four home games by an average of more than 17 points.

While the Rockets certainly know they need to improve, they're also quick to point out the season is still young.

"We realize that it's early, and if you run off 10 wins in a row or something like that at some point, this would be an afterthought," Chris Paul said.

Now they face a season-long five-game road trip where they'll likely be without Harden and fellow

Collins, Swanigan boost Blazers

INDIANAPOLIS — The Portland Trail Blazers may not need to rely exclusively on their dynamic duo to throw scoring punches any longer.

Their new supporting cast trades jabs pretty well, too, and it could make a real difference to their long-term prospects.

With Damian Lillard struggling Monday and C.J. McCollum scoring just 17 points, the Blazers got 17 points from Zach Collins and the first career double-double from former Purdue star Caleb Swanigan to put away the Indiana Pacers 103-93.

"They've been great for us all season. They've been keeping us alive all season," McCollum said, referring to Portland's bench. "They're the difference between us being an average team and a really good team."

It's a series Portland has dominated. They've won three straight over Indiana and eight of the last nine, largely behind the play of Lillard who had scored at least 33 points in three of his six previous trips to Bankers Life Fieldhouse. And Lillard was coming off back-to-back 40-point games.

— Michael Marot, AP Sports Writer

starter James Ennis (right hamstring) for at least the first game and possibly more.

The Rockets are careful not to point fingers and insist everyone must be better to turn things around.

"We're going to figure this out together," Carmelo Anthony said. "It's not one person."

Portland led by double digits most of the night and was up by 23 entering the fourth quarter. Houston got within 15 with about two minutes left, but that was it in front of a crowd which began steadily streaming out midway through the third quarter.

CJ McCollum added 19

points for the Trail Blazers, who improved to 5-2 with their second straight victory.

Paul led Houston with 17 points and nine assists in his second game back after a two-game suspension for his role in a fight with the Los Angeles Lakers.

While getting Harden back will certainly give the Rockets a boost, Houston's problems extend beyond missing last year's MVP. The Rockets have been unable to get into any kind of rhythm on offense and look lost at times on defense. Their 3-pointers aren't falling, and when they get open looks, they seem to miss a lot of those, too.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Ducks 3rd, Beavers 8th in preseason hoops ranking

By Doug Feinberg
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Muffet McGraw and Notre Dame start the new season where they left off — atop women's college basketball.

The Irish were the unanimous No. 1 team in The Associated Press women's basketball preseason poll that was released Wednesday.

The defending national champions received all 31 first-place votes from a national media panel. It's only the second time that McGraw's team has been the preseason No. 1 team. It also occurred in 2016. The Irish return four starters from last season's team that battled through a bunch of ACL injuries before winning the school's second national championship. McGraw was honored that the team was ranked first, but feels that there are a lot of good teams in college basketball this year.

"Parity is creeping in. I think there are a lot of good teams that are on the radar

and some that are under it. It will be interesting to see," she said.

UConn was second in the poll, ending a run of 34 consecutive weeks at No. 1. The Huskies have been in the top five every week since Jan. 29, 2007. Oregon followed the Huskies, earning the best ranking in program history. The Ducks have lofty expectations this year.

"Look at what we've done in a few short years, that doesn't happen very often in a Power Five conference," Oregon coach Kelly Graves said. "It's hard to make a move in these conferences with established powers. I'm proud of what we've done and hope to keep it going. I felt this was a sleeping giant here. Everything was in place for us to be considered among the best programs. That's started to play itself out."

Baylor and Louisville were fourth and fifth.

Mississippi State, Stanford, Oregon State, Maryland and South Carolina rounded out the top 10 teams.

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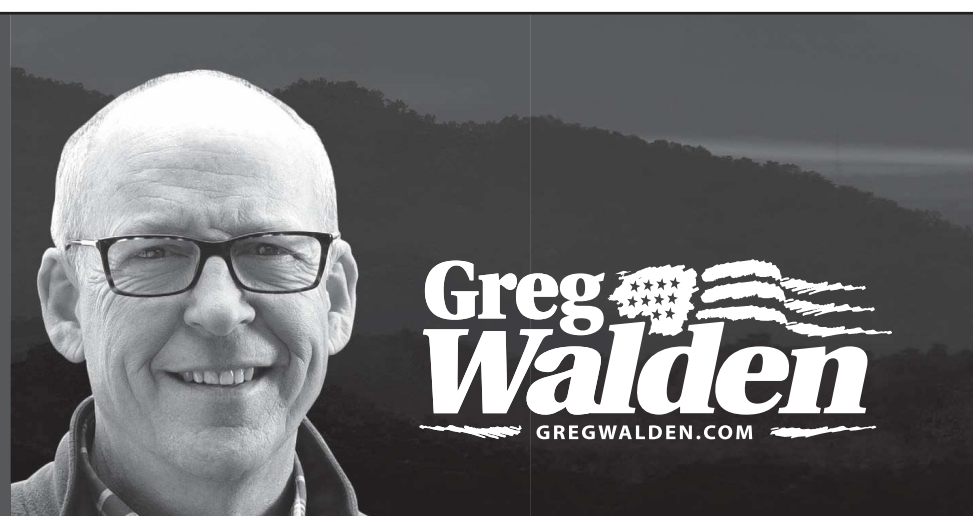
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