

# Sports

## Rams hold off Seahawks, 36-31

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LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Rams were still reeling from the mass shooting less than five miles from their training complex when wildfires consumed the nearby hills, forcing a canceled practice and the evacuation of many players and coaches from their

homes.

At the close of a horrific week in Thousand Oaks, a comeback victory over the Seattle Seahawks somehow seemed both more trivial and even sweeter to these resilient Rams.

Brandin Cooks rushed for a 9-yard touchdown with 5:49 to play on the first snap after Dante Fowler

forced and recovered a fumble by Russell Wilson, and the Rams bounced back from their first loss of the season with a 36-31 victory Sunday.

Jared Goff was forced from his home during the week, but he passed for 318 yards and two touchdowns as the Rams (9-1) swept the season series with their

division rivals.

"It's just been a tough week for the whole city, the whole area up there," Goff said of the Rams' week-day 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.

## Blazers top Celtics for 4th straight win

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PORTLAND — Al-Farouq Aminu says he's grateful his teammates trust him in the big moments.

Aminu hit a pair of late 3-pointers and the Portland Trail Blazers won their fourth straight game, holding off the Boston Celtics 100-94 on Sunday night.

Damian Lillard had 19 points and 12 assists while Jusuf Nurkic added

18 points and 17 rebounds. The Blazers have won seven of their last eight games.

"It's good that we're continuing with it, that we trust each other in all situations, the beginning of the game and at the end of the game," Aminu said.

Jayson Tatum matched his regular-season career high with 27 points and Kyrie Irving added 21 for the Celtics, who finished their road

swing 1-4.

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.

Irving's 3-pointer with 2:55 left closed the Celtics to 92-91. Aminu came back with a 3-pointer from

distance for the Blazers. He made another key 3 that put Portland up 100-94 with a minute left.

Aminu finished with 11 points and nine rebounds.

"We gave ourselves a chance to win the game and to Aminu's credit, he was 1-for-5 going into those last two 3-pointers and the one was from about 28 feet, so you have to tip your cap off to him," Celtics coach Brad Stevens said.

### PAC-12 FOOTBALL

## Minshew leads Washington State by Colorado

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BOULDER, Colo. — The 10th-ranked Washington State Cougars weren't in any hurry to bury the Buffaloes.

Gardner Minshew II had all day to pick his targets and he overcame a slow start and three fourth-down failures to lead the Cougars past 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, 2-5), who lost their fifth straight despite the return of star receiver Laviska Shenault Jr.

Washington State led by three at the half and seven heading into the fourth quarter.

They did dominate the clock, however, winning the

time of possession by nearly 24 minutes and holding the Buffaloes to an average drive of just 1:38.

"We hogged the ball the whole game," Cougars coach Mike Leach said. "But I thought we could have capitalized on more stuff."

"Our defense was getting them off the field really fast, so hats off to them for getting us the ball," Minshew said.

Washington State led just 10-7 at the break 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 finally buried the Buffs.

Minshew, who was hardly pressured all afternoon as Colorado failed to register a

single sack for the first time all season, finished 35-of-58 passing for 335 yards and two TDs.

"I was off a little bit but I feel like we figured it out in the second half," said Minshew, who made it 24-7 on a 10-yard scramble in the fourth quarter on a drive was kept alive when Buffs safety Aaron Maddox was flagged for taunting Easop Winston on a key third down stop.

## No. 3 Oregon wins

EUGENE (AP) — Down by six points with two minutes to play, Oregon coach Kelly Graves chose "to let the flow go" rather than call a timeout.

It worked. Sabrina Ionescu had 26 points and 10 rebounds and Erin Boley made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 51 seconds left, helping the third-ranked Ducks top

No. 18 Syracuse 75-73 on Saturday.

Ionescu, a preseason All-America guard coming off her 11th career triple-double, hit back-to-back 3-pointers to spark an 11-0 run after the Orange had scored 10 straight points to take a 67-61 lead.

"I just did everything I could to not lose that game," Ionescu said.

## Tinkle leads OSU

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State made rebounding a point of emphasis, and crashed the glass with abandon against a Wyoming team dealing with frontcourt injuries on Saturday.

Tres Tinkle had 28 points, 11 rebounds and five assists as Oregon State defeated Wyoming 83-64 on Saturday afternoon.

Tinkle scored in double figures for the 37th straight game, tying him for fourth all-time for the longest streak of double figure-scoring in school history with Freddie Boyd. He now trails Mel Counts, who scored in double figures in all 89 college games he played, Gary Payton and Scott Haskin.

### AT A GLANCE

#### Baker seventh-graders defeat La Grande 84-15

Baker's seventh-grade boys basketball team defeated La Grande 84-15 Wednesday at BMS.

Baker was led by Hudson Spike with 16 points. Isaiah Jones added 15, Malaki Myer 12, Paul Hobson 11, Kaden Conklin 10, Grant Gambleton nine, Jerrod Long seven, Dash Bloomer four and Jayden Yencopal none.

Baker hosts Pendleton Thursday.

#### Oregon State women win

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon State is still getting used to playing with point guard Destiny Slocum, still learning to anticipate her speed and passes.

"Each day, we're getting more comfortable together," guard Mikayla Pivec said.

They seemed pretty comfortable in their season opener Friday night as Slocum had 15 points in her Oregon State debut, leading the eighth-ranked Beavers to a 79-54 victory over Cal Poly.

Pivec added 15 points, nine rebounds and three steals and Kat Tudor had 14 points with four 3s for the Beavers.

#### Idaho State rallies past BSU

BOISE (AP) — Chidi Udengwu hit two free throws as time expired as Idaho State battled back from 18 points down in the second half to spoil Boise State's season basketball opener, 72-70 on Saturday night.

Udengwu, a 6-foot-7 transfer from San Bernardino Valley Community College, scored five points in the final seven minutes of the game, including the second of two free throws with :54 left to tie the game at 70-70.

Idaho State trailed by 14 points at intermission and Boise State extended its advantage to as many as 18 points after Zach Haney scored at the basket to make it 50-32 with 16:45 remaining.

The loss snaps a 15-game win streak by the Broncos in home openers.

#### Gonzaga rolls to 104-67 victory

SPOKANE (AP) — Brandon Clarke provided the spark that third-ranked Gonzaga needed.

Clarke had 19 points, 13 rebounds and six blocked shots as Gonzaga beat Texas Southern 104-67 on Saturday night.

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