

Sports

Blazers start road trip with win

By **Brian Mahoney**
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The bad beginning to the road trip is behind them and the Trail Blazers are ready for the rest.

Even if Milwaukee and Golden State are two of the toughest stops on the NBA schedule.

“Now we got the back end of it, against two of the best teams on their home floor,” Damian Lillard said. “Good challenge, good test for us.”

CJ McCollum scored 31 points, Lillard had 29 points, eight assists and six rebounds, and Portland beat the New York Knicks 118-114 on Tuesday night.

Jusuf Nurkic finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who have won two straight after dropping the first two games on their trip that now heads to its difficult conclusion.

Portland plays Milwaukee on Wednesday and closes it at Golden State on Friday.

Both teams are 8-1 at home.

Portland’s star guards provided most of the offense in a game that was close most of the way, and Evan Turner helped the Trail Blazers finally pull it out when he put back a missed shot with Portland clinging to a two-point lead and 9.5 seconds remaining.

“Evan’s tip at the end was big time,” Blazers coach Terry Stotts said. “They defended Damian well on the shot. It was a hell of a play, especially with the bodies that were down there.”

Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 32 points for the Knicks, who dropped their sixth straight. They were a bit better than the previous games of the skid, when they yielded 126.2 points per game, but not good enough to stop the early Western Conference leaders at 12-5.

“I’ve been through a lot of losing streaks. The most important thing is not to fall apart. Stay together and keep fighting,” Knicks center

Enes Kanter said. “Don’t make any excuses. If you’re going to lose a game, just make them feel us first.”

Hardaway has scored 30 or more points in three straight games.

The Knicks changed lineups again, going back to veteran Kanter over rookie Mitchell Robinson at center, and got off to a good start.

The Knicks’ lead was 35-33 after Nik Stauskas threw in a 40-footer to beat the first-quarter buzzer. New York opened a 10-point lead early in the third, and that seemed to wake up the Blazers, who outscored the Knicks 24-10 to end the period and take an 89-85 lead to the fourth.

OREGON MEN’S BASKETBALL

Oregon Ducks hold off Green Bay, 83-72

By **Ron Richmond**
Associated Press

EUGENE — The stat sheet doesn’t lie, and Oregon coach Dana Altman didn’t mince words while ticking off the unsatisfactory numbers even after his team won.

“Our focus, our attention to detail, I didn’t think was very good,” he said, “and that shows in the percentages, especially in the second half.”

“I hope guys will put pressure on themselves so that we can get better after a win.”

Bol Bol had 21 points and nine re-

bounds, Payton Pritchard added 18 points and No. 21 Oregon held off Green Bay 83-72 on Tuesday night.

The Ducks (4-1) won the game at the foul line, making 33 of 42 free throws to just 9 of 18 for the Phoenix (3-3). Green Bay had a 27-22 edge in field goals, including 9-6 on 3-pointers.

“I was disappointed in our focus at times, in our coverage defensively and our toughness,” Altman said. “Defensively, we’re not making good decisions. We sell out and give up some easy baskets.”

“We’ve got a tremendous amount of

work to do.”

Bol was the catalyst in the first half with 15 points as the Ducks led 38-29, and Pritchard scored 16 in the second half. Paul White and Will Richardson had 10 points apiece.

Bol was 8 for 12 from the field, including a 3-pointer, and all nine of his rebounds were on the defensive end before he fouled out late.

“Bol’s a terrific scorer,” Altman said. “I just didn’t think he posted up very hard. I thought they pushed him around a little bit.”

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Rams nip Chiefs, 54-51, in dramatic, record-setting Monday night game

By **Greg Beacham**
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Even before the fourth lead change of the fourth quarter, well before the 1,001st yard of combined offense was tallied, the Kansas City Chiefs and the Los Angeles Rams already knew this was a classic.

Two powerhouse NFL teams at the peak of their brilliance dueled deep into the night at an ecstatic Coliseum, racking up eye-popping numbers that stretched the box score and credulity.

There were 14 touchdowns, including three by defensive players. There were 56 first downs. There were 105 points, with 50 from each team — the first time that’s ever happened in an NFL game.

In the final moments, the Rams did just enough to leave with a win they’ll savor for years.

And if these teams meet again at the Super Bowl in 2 1/2 months, the Chiefs will remember the sting from coming up just short.

Jared Goff threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Gerald Everett for the go-ahead score with 1:49 to play, and the Rams outlasted the Chiefs for a 54-51 victory Monday night in a showdown that somehow surpassed the hype.

“It was a crazy game, crazy game,” said Goff, who passed for 413 yards and four touchdowns and even ran for another score. “It seemed like whoever had the ball at the end was going to win the game. There was times where we felt like we were going to put the knife in and finish them, and there were times where it was the other way around, where we had to claw back into it.”

Patrick Mahomes passed for a career-high 478 yards with six touchdown passes in his latest jaw-dropping effort for the Chiefs (9-2), but he also threw two interceptions in the final 1:18 as the Rams

(10-1) claimed the highest-scoring Monday night game ever played.

The highest-scoring game in the league this season was an offensive fantasia of ingenious scheming from mastermind coaches Andy Reid and Sean McVay — along with 21 combined penalties to keep things interesting. The second half was an extended thriller featuring 59 combined points.

Both teams scratched out fourth-quarter leads, only to see them evaporate. Mahomes hit Tyreek Hill with a 73-yard TD pass just when the Rams appeared to be pulling away early in the fourth, and Goff replied with two late TD passes to Everett, a backup tight end with 31 career catches before this game.

“It was a whirlwind,” McVay said. “I feel like I might need a couple of beverages to relax tonight, but it was great. This is what you love so much about the game.”

And this game was ultimately decided by defense: Marcus Peters and Lamarus Joyner came up with late interceptions as the Rams stopped Mahomes’ final efforts.

“It’s always fun to play against real good teams,” Mahomes said. “You get to go out there and have fun ... (but) it’s the same as when we played New England. You can’t make mistakes against great teams. You need to limit your mistakes, but be aggressive.”

The Coliseum’s first Monday night game since 1985 was staged on short notice after the NFL moved the matchup from Mexico City to Los Angeles six days ago due to poor field conditions at Azteca Stadium. The Rams used the opportunity to give free tickets to thousands of first responders and families recovering from the dual tragedies of nearby wildfires and a mass shooting in Thousand Oaks.

Those fans got an incred-

ible treat for their reward — and if the video-game-like spectacle they saw turns out to be a Super Bowl preview, Atlanta will get an All-Madden-level show as well.

“It was just cool,” said Todd Gurley, whose 13-game touchdown streak somehow ended in this offensive showcase. “It was a last-minute game and everybody (came) out in support. Had the families here, had the responders, so it was just a great overall crowd and it was good for the city.”

This game has loomed in capital letters on the NFL’s regular-season schedule ever since these teams confirmed their status as offensive powerhouses in September. The Rams and Chiefs are the league’s biggest favorites along with New Orleans and



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Lohner retired from his job as police chief on May 11 of this year after 12 years in the position.

Addison, 53, claims the defendants violated his constitutional right to free speech in retaliation for an editorial he wrote in 2008 while he was working as a reporter for the former Baker City weekly newspaper, The Record-Courier. Addison also claims that Baker City and Lohner interfered with his job opportunities, defamed him and deprived him of due process because of the editorial.

Published under the headline, “How About a Favorable Interpretation of the 4th Amendment,” Addison’s editorial criticized the police department’s use of its drug-detecting dog, Turbo, during the 1A state basketball tournament in Baker City in March 2008. He called the action a violation of the constitutional protection against unreasonable search and seizure.

In a newspaper interview after Addison filed his lawsuit, Lohner stated that the editorial was inaccurate. He said Turbo and his handler were not at the school to conduct a search, but rather to walk through the school as a public relations demonstration for the police department’s K-9 program. Lohner has denied harassing Addison because of the editorial.

The three-person Court of Appeals panel, which heard the case in July, affirmed U.S. District Judge Michael H. Simon’s ruling that Lohner was not protected in his role as a police officer “to retaliate against individuals for their protected speech.”

The panel found that there is “a genuine dispute of material fact” to be decided by a jury regarding whether there was adverse action against Addison because of Lohner’s campaign against him over a period of years, “which included contacting two of Addison’s employers (the Baker County Press and New Directions Northwest), manipulating Addison’s local law enforcement ‘fact file’ for the purpose of frightening Addison’s employers, and directing police officers to cite and ticket Addison.”

Addison ultimately was fired from his job at New Directions Northwest because of the harassment, the judges pointed out.

The case had been set to go to trial in April, but was postponed after Lohner appealed Simon’s ruling denying him qualified immunity.

Addison’s attorney, Clifford S. Davidson of Portland, said Monday that he and his client look forward to settling the case “either at trial or otherwise.”

ABBY

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Aaron Schierman, owner of Lone Pine Cafe, will be serving secret-recipe chili and cornbread. This chili was made famous by the late Joe Dethloff, Abby’s grandpa. The cornbread will be provided by Sweet Wife Baking.

A silent auction will run during the chili feed, and live music will also be part of the fundraiser.

Cost will be \$10 for a handmade pottery bowl, chili and cornbread. Without a bowl, cost of the meal will be a freewill donation.

Winter sports workshop set

A free workshop for people who want to get in shape for skiing and other winter sports is set for Wednesday, Nov. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the YMCA Fitness Center, 3715 Pocahontas Road.

Kim Zinn, a physical therapist and certified athletic trainer, will

present the workshop, which is open to ages 12 and older, and to YMCA members as well as non-members. Participants should wear workout clothes and bring a yoga mat if possible.

To RSVP, call 541-523-9622 or stop by the Fitness Center.

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Dance to live music of the “High Street Band” following the auction!

Tickets still available for “Preview” at Betty’s Books, The Sycamore Tree and Saint Alphonsus Medical Center—Baker City

Family Day

Saturday, December 1, 2018
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Admission: Canned food or unwrapped toy

Events are held at the Baker County Event Center
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