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Bucks rout Trail Blazers 143-100

By Jim Hoen
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Giannis Antetokounmpo figured the Portland Trail Blazers might be tired on the second night of a back-to-back. He was right.

Antetokounmpo matched his season high with 33 points and finished an assist short of a triple-double in three quarters as the Milwaukee Bucks defeated Portland 143-100 on Wednesday night.

Antetokounmpo added 16 rebounds and nine assists in 30 minutes as the Bucks

avenged an early season loss to Portland in a rematch of teams off to fast starts.

“We did the job tonight setting the tone for the entire team,” Antetokounmpo said. “We know they were coming off a back-to-back, so we wanted to come out with energy and get an early lead.”

Milwaukee, which lost at Portland 118-103 on Nov. 6, led the entire way and picked up its 13th win in 17 games. The Blazers were coming off a 118-114 victory Tuesday night in New York against the Knicks.

CJ McCollum and Damian

Lillard each had 22 points for the Trail Blazers, who entered with the best record in the Western Conference and slipped to 12-6.

“We’re professionals,” Lillard said. “We’re not the first team on a trip like this and it’s not our first time. We aren’t going to lean on that and make an excuse about being tired. It’s early in the season. We haven’t even played 20 games yet. There were a lot of things that we could’ve done to be much better, whether we were tired or not.”

Milwaukee led 31-20 after one quarter and extended it to 72-50 at the half. The Bucks led 109-79 entering the final period. The 43-point margin of victory was the Bucks’ largest since defeating

Charlotte by 50 point, 137-87, on Jan. 10, 2000.

Khris Middleton had 21 points and Malcom Brogdon and Eric Bledsoe added 16 points apiece for the Bucks, who outrebounded Portland 59-39.

The Bucks gained control early, scoring the first six points en route to a 26-7 lead. Portland trimmed the lead to 31-20, but the Bucks used a 9-0 run to boost the advantage to 53-32 with 4:56 left in the half.

Antetokounmpo, who had 25 first-half points on 11-of-14 shooting, sandwiched a pair of baskets around a Portland turnover in the final 2.9 seconds to put the Bucks up 72-50 at the break.

“We just came out and played hard,” Brogdon said.

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Turkey shoot winners

By Rick Rienks
For the Baker City Herald

Frost coated my car. That sight told me how best to dress for this day's adventure. I assembled my choice of firearms for our Annual Powder River Turkey Shoot on Sunday.

Heading east from the 302 overpass I passed a four-point buck standing like a lawn ornament in a field on the south side of the road. As the highway wound its way up the hills, there were dark patches in the shadows rimmed with frost. Where the sun touched pavement, the roadway was dry.

At the pistol range, the 50-yard metallic chicken shoot was in progress. Despite a total of about 12 shooters and some spectators, the chickens seemed totally unconcerned and most held their ground, though one spun 90 degrees, showing its narrow section to the firing line after the shooting started. Perhaps watching others fall over made it nervous. After the shooting was over one chicken fell over spontaneously. Probably due to extreme age.

The results:

- 1st relay — Ray Berryman and Elwood Wirth tied. They decided to split the prize.
- 2nd relay — Elwood Wirth won after a three-way shoot off.
- 3rd relay — Christy Witham won

The Lucky .22 shoot was a try for high score shooting from 10 yards at the back of a paper with the scoring grid hidden. All that was required was to hit the paper in the first place. Most did.

- 1st relay — Buck Buckner won
- 2nd relay — Vic Savage won

The competitors then moved to the 200-yard rifle firing line where they took on metallic turkey heads. At that distance the targets were visible but very small. Shooting in four relays took some time and a fire barrel was lit to take the chill off. This was slow precision shooting, which required time to run the four relays.

Winners were:

- 1st relay — Keith Jensen
- 2nd relay — Adam Brooks
- 3rd and 4th relays — Elwood Wirth

Our group shifted to the north end of the 200-yard firing line as the running deer target was prepared. This was for the scoped rifles. The deer target ran a distance downwards on a cable, and each shooter had one turn, taking two shots. At the end of the run the target was winched back up to the start and ready for the next shooter. After completing this course of fire, we moved up 100 yards for the iron-sighted rifles. Some suggested it would be easier to take a shot while the deer backed up the hill.

Winners were:

- 200-yard scoped rifle — Vic Savage
- 100-yard iron sight — Doug Sharrah

As the event wound down and we departed, I thought the cold wasn't that cold, the surroundings were beautiful and the group was a fine bunch of folks to spend the day with. We met some new friends and gained a new member as well. Driving home across the flats I did notice that deer were no longer loitering in the field.



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