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McCollum leads Blazers past Spurs

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PORTLAND — The Trail Blazers expected that a team like San Antonio would mount a rally. The key was withstanding it.

CJ McCollum had 30 points, including seven 3-pointers, and Portland handed the Spurs their third straight loss with a 127-118 victory on Thursday night.

The Blazers led by as many as 21 points early in the third quarter but the Spurs rallied to tie it at 88 before the end

of the period.

"We never panicked. We know they're a good team, they're well coached, they're going to execute and play hard. We just wanted to get some stops and kind of stop the bleeding," McCollum said.

It was the second straight game that McCollum has had seven 3s, which match his career high. With his second 3-pointer, McCollum passed Terry Porter for third on Portland's all-time list.

Damian Lillard added 24 points and nine assists for the Blazers, who were

coming off a loss at home to Miami but have won seven of their last nine games overall.

The Blazers led 96-90 going into the final period and extended it to 108-97 when Lillard found McCollum in the corner for a 3-pointer with 7:39 to play. Rodney Hood's 3 gave the Blazers a 125-110 lead with just over two minutes left.

Hood, acquired by the Blazers in a Sunday trade with Cleveland, made his debut in Portland with 4:09 to go in the first quarter. He finished with 14 points.

Baseball hall of famer Frank Robinson dies at 83

By David Ginsburg and Ben Walker
AP Sports Writers

Crowding the plate, fearless and fearless, Frank Robinson hammered his way

into the Hall of Fame.

His legacy, however, was cemented that day in 1975 when he simply stood in the dugout at old Cleveland Stadium — the first black

manager in Major League Baseball.

Robinson, the only player to earn the MVP award in both leagues and a Triple Crown winner, died Thursday at 83. He had been in failing health and in hospice care at his home in the Bel Air section of Los Angeles. MLB said he was with family and friends at the time.

"Frank Robinson's resume in our game is without paral-

lel, a trailblazer in every sense, whose impact spanned generations," Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement.

Robinson hit 586 home runs — he was fourth on the career list behind only Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Willie Mays when he retired and now ranks 10th. An MVP with Cincinnati and Baltimore, he led the Orioles to their first World Series championship in 1966.

OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Stanford routs Beavers, 83-60

By Kyle Odegard
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — A key component of Stanford's game plan was to come out confident and attack the basket, Oscar da Silva said.

"I tried to be aggressive right from the get-go. I tried to take it at their bigs, get into their zone from the high post, and that worked really well," da Silva said.

The sophomore guard tied a career-high with 23 points and had nine rebounds and a career-high seven assists as Stanford handled Oregon State 83-60 on Thursday night.

Josh Sharma added 20 points and eight rebounds and Daejon Davis had 11 points with three 3-pointers for the Cardinal (12-10, 5-5), who have won four of their last five.

"We're growing up. Slowly but surely," said Stanford coach Jerod Haase, whose shirt was soaked from a postgame celebration. "Overall, we're trending the right way. The guys are playing hard, they're playing together, and they believe in what we're doing."

"The guys played well and I allow them to throw a lot of water on me when they do that."

Tres Tinkle scored 16 points and Stephen Thompson Jr. added 15 points for the Beavers (14-8, 6-4).

"Disappointing loss. Disappointing effort. We all need to take blame for it. We had a great opportunity tonight and Stanford came in and did a woodshed job on us," Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said.

Stanford shot 54 percent, including 8 for 15 on 3-pointers, compared to 38 percent and 1 for 12 from long range for Oregon State.

The Cardinal also outrebounded the Beavers 41-26.

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Ducks handle winless Cal at home

EUGENE (AP) — For one game at least, all was well in the basketball world for Oregon's Payton Pritchard.

The result was the second career double-double for the last remaining Duck from the Final Four run two years ago. Pritchard had 20 points and a career-high 10 rebounds to help Oregon outlast California 73-62 on Wednesday night.

Louis King added 12 points and Paul White and Kenny Wooten each had 11 for the Ducks (14-9, 5-5 Pac-12).

Freshman Will Richardson had a season-high nine assists.

"I thought Payton played great," Oregon coach Dana Altman said. "He went back and mixed it up and got boards. That was pretty impressive. I thought that was by far the best part of his game."

"Everybody likes hitting 3s and for him, he needed to hit a few, but he went back and got 10 pretty tough rebounds." Justice Sueing scored 17

points to lead the Golden Bears (5-17, 0-10), who lost their 11th consecutive game. Paris Austin and Connor Vanover each had 12 points, and Matt Bradley added 10.

Pritchard's 3-pointer gave Oregon its biggest lead at 60-44 with 5:52 left. The junior went 5 of 9 behind the arc and 7 of 14 overall.

Through the first half of the Pac-12 season, Pritchard's shooting had slumped to 31.8 percent and a mere 28.3 percent from the

arc.

Now, playing off the ball with Richardson running the point for the fourth game in a row, Pritchard rediscovered his touch.

"I shot it definitely a lot better today, so hopefully I can keep making strides now," Pritchard said. "I kind of just tightened up my form, not thinking as much, just playing ball."

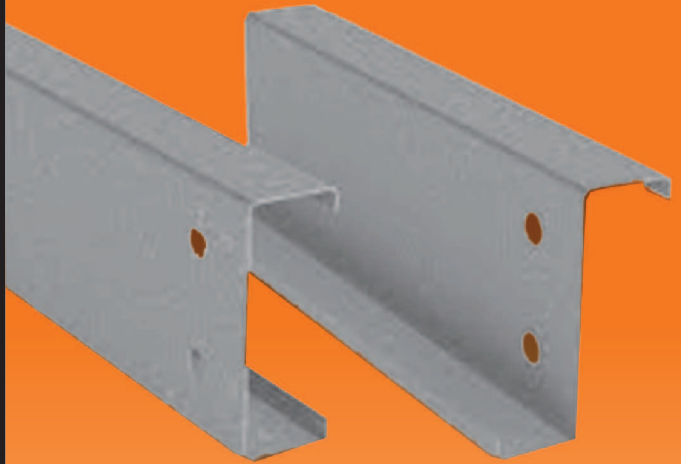
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