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# Sports

# **Nurkic leads Trail Blazers past Sixers, 130-115**

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PHILADELPHIA — Jusuf Nurkic and Enes Kanter took advantage of Joel Embiid's absence.

Nurkic scored 24 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, Kanter had 16 and eight, and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Philadelphia 76ers 130-115 on Saturday.

"It was an early game. Whoever wakes up first wins," Nurkic joked of the 1 p.m. start.

The Sixers struggled in their second game without Embiid, the All-

Star center who is expected to miss at least a week with a sore left knee. Ben Simmons had 29 points and 10 assists and Tobias Harris scored 20.

"They're not the same team without Embiid, obviously, he's a big part of what they do," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "I thought we really played well defensively."

The Blazers had a 53-33 rebounding edge, including 19 offensive boards. Damian Lillard had 17 points as seven players reached double figures.

"We just didn't rebound well

enough against a team like this," Simmons said. "It's a group effort rebounding. I think just all of us combined, I don't think we did enough."

Without Embiid, the Sixers couldn't keep up in a matchup between the fourth-place teams in each conference. The Blazers (36-23) have won three in a row, including a 22-point victory over Golden State before the All-Star break. Philadelphia (38-22) is 4-4 this month.

"Obviously, once you have Joel out here you slow the game down a little bit and feed him the ball, you let him do his thing," Simmons said. "But it's obviously different playing without him and trying to find a flow and to not really get that."

Portland opened the second half on a 17-6 run to build a 76-62 lead. Maurice Harkless had consecutive dunks and CJ McCollum also had a dunk in that stretch. Jake Layman's dunk off an alley-oop pass from Lillard extended the lead to 99-80, and the Blazers were up 100-82 going into the fourth.

The Sixers never challenged in the final quarter.

WEEK AHEAD IN HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

#### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

■ Boys basketball: Class 1A quarterfinals at Baker High School: 1:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 28 ■ Girls basketball:

Class 1A quarterfinals at Baker High School: 1:30 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

■ Boys basketball: Class 1A consolation semifinals 9 a.m., 10:45 a.m.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

■ **Girls basketball:**Class 1A consolation semifinals 9 a.m.,
10:45 a.m.; Class 1A semifinals 6:30 p.m.,
8:15 p.m.

■ Boys basketball: Class 1A semifinals noon, 1:45 p.m.; Class 4A first round: Marist Catholic at Baker, 8:30 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

■ Girls basketball:
Class 4A first round:
Seaside at Baker,
4 p.m.; Class 1A
consolation 9:45 a.m.;
Class 1A third place
1:15 p.m.; Class 1A title
9 p.m.

■ Boys basketball: Class 1A consolation 8 a.m.; Class 1A third place 11:30 a.m.; Class 1A title, 7 p.m.

AT A GLANCE

#### Baker eighthgrade girls win

LA GRANDE — Baker's eighth-grade girls basketball team finished its season Tuesday undefeated after topping La Grande 59-18.

Jozie Ramos led Baker with 17 points. Rylee Elms added 10, and Macey Moore eight.

#### Baker seventhgrade girls drop two games

Baker's seventh0grade girls basketball team lost two games last week.

Baker traveled to
Burns and lost 42-17.
Baker then traveled to La
Grande and fell 40-11.

# Duke women place second

NEW ORLEANS, La.

— The fourth-ranked
Duke women's golf team
turned in a second place
finish at the Allstate
Sugar Bowl Intercollegiate Championship,
which was being played
at the 6,239-yard, par
72 English Turn Golf &
Country Club in New

Orleans, La.
Duke, coached by
Baker graduate Dan
Brooks, carded rounds
of 286, 296 and 296 for a
14-over-par, 878, to finish
only two strokes behind
Texas (876). Top-ranked
Southern California
(887), Florida (888) and
South Carolina (888)
rounded out the top five
teams.

## Portland State stops Idaho St.

PORTLAND (AP) — Deante Strickland had a career-high 20 points as Portland State got past Idaho State 99-93 on Thursday night.

Strickland shot 5 for 6 on 3-pointers. He added six assists.

Club Price

Michael Mayhew had 17 points for Portland State (12-14, 7-8 Big Sky Conference), which earned its fifth straight home victory. Holland Woods added 16 points and eight assists. Rashaad Goolsby had 15 points and nine rebounds for the hosts.





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