

# Sports

## McCollum finishes with flourish in Blazers' win

■ Guard makes 12 of last 14 shots as Blazers beat Clippers

By Joe Reedy  
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LOS ANGELES — Portland's CJ McCollum missed his first seven shots against the Los Angeles Clippers. He got hot though in the second half and cooled off the Clippers.

McCollum made 12 of his last 14 shots from the field and finished with 35 points Tuesday night, and the Trail Blazers took control in the fourth quarter and beat the Clippers 125-104 to snap their five-game winning streak.

"He never lost confidence, took the shots that were there and got us over the hump," Portland coach Terry Stotts said. "I think he was confident that the looks he had (in the first half) were good. He's too good of a shooter to not take the next one."

McCollum — who has six games this season where he has scored 35 points or more — took control of the game during the fourth quarter as the Trail Blazers broke things open with a 21-5 run. Portland led 95-94 with 8:50 remaining before going on a 15-3 spurt that included 13 straight points by McCollum, including three 3-pointers.

Three of McCollum's four best games against the Clippers have come this season. The sixth-year guard is averaging 25.8 points against the Clippers this season as the Blazers took three of four. "I knew I missed a lot of open shots. I just ride the wave though and understand the kind of player that I am," McCollum said. "I took my

time and had some great looks that started to fall."

It was a successful start to a three-game road trip for Portland, which moved into a tie for fourth with Oklahoma City in what is becoming a tightly bunched Western Conference playoff race. The Clippers, who have won eight of their last 11, fell to seventh and are a half-game ahead of Utah for a half.

Damian Lillard scored 20 points and Jusuf Nurkic added 20 points and 12 rebounds for his 31st double-double of the season.

The Clippers — who were on the end of back-to-back games — led for most of the first 30 minutes before the Trail Blazers went on an 11-3 run to go up 75-68 with 4:55 remaining in the third quarter. McCollum and Lillard completed the run with 3s. Los Angeles slowly crept back and was within one in the fourth before Portland took control.

"I've seen that movie. I always tell you guys, when he sees the ball go in a few times, he can get going," Lillard said of McCollum. "At that point, my job is to just try to make it last as long as possible. It lasted long enough to get us up in double digits, and we were able to pull away."

Montrezl Harrell had 22 points and Lou Williams added 18 for the Clippers.

"For three quarters it was a winnable game. We ran out of gas in the fourth," Williams said. "We've had some pretty emotional wins the past couple weeks and we used a lot of energy on those games."

There were four lead changes until the Clippers scored eight straight points to take a 19-12 lead with 4:08 remaining in the first quarter. They would be up by as many as eight (43-35) midway through the second quarter until the Blazers went on a late run to close the quarter and get within 52-50 at halftime.

"I thought we had a chance in the first half to have a 10- to 12-point lead. I thought once we didn't have that, I felt like the second half could be rough," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

### TIP-INS

• Trail Blazers: Guard Rodney Hood did not play due to right hip soreness. ... Evan Turner, who has been plagued by soreness in his left knee, saw action for only the third time in the past 10 games. He had two points in 10 minutes.

• Clippers: Ivica Zubac had 10 points and 16 rebounds for his sixth double-double of the season and second with the Clippers. He had 12 rebounds during the first half, which is the most by a Clipper this season. It is also the most for Los Angeles since DeAndre Jordan had 12 in the first half against Denver on April 7, 2018.

### UP NEXT

• Trail Blazers: Travel to the New Orleans Pelicans on Friday. Portland has won both meetings this season.

• Clippers: Host the Chicago Bulls on Friday. Los Angeles has won six straight over Chicago.

### WEST COAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

## St. Mary's upsets Gonzaga

By John Marshall  
AP Basketball Writer

LAS VEGAS — Saint Mary's heard for weeks about the NCAA Tournament bubble. First four in, first four out, fortunate to be included in the field of 68.

Tired of all the chatter, the Gaels put an emphatic end to it, popping the bubble by taking down a team no one outside their program thought they could beat.

Saint Mary's ended the nation's longest winning streak and Gonzaga's six-year reign as West Coast Conference Tournament champions,

grinding out a 60-47 victory in the title game on Tuesday night.

"We were told to pull off a miracle by people who don't know us," said Saint Mary's forward Hunter, who had 12 points and 15 rebounds. "We didn't need a miracle. We knew we could beat them."

Saint Mary's (22-11) all but shut down the nation's highest-scoring team by slowing the game and forcing Gonzaga to grind out possessions instead of playing fast and free.

The Gaels held Gonzaga's leading scorer Rui Hachimura

in check and limited the Zags (30-3) to 2-of-17 shooting from 3-point range to end the nation's longest winning streak at 21 games.

Gonzaga's 18-game WCC tournament title game, dating to the 2012 streak, also came to an end, and so too could its bid for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Instead of waiting for Selection Sunday, Saint Mary's left no doubt, getting back to the NCAA Tournament after a one-year absence with its first WCC title in nine years.

Jordan Ford had 17 points and Tanner Krebs scored 13 for the Gaels.

"Where we were at the beginning of the year until now, I get a lot of satisfaction out of that," Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett said.



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"Bucksville," a 2012 film, will be shown Thursday at Churchill School.

## Film inspired by director's dream showing at Churchill

By Lisa Britton

For the Baker City Herald

Every once in a while, Chel White's dreams give him the nugget of a story he transforms into a movie.

Such was the case with "Bucksville," which will be shown at Churchill School Thursday, March 14.

"I had a dream about this vigilante group that had an older generation and a younger generation," White said. "The dream was a kernel of a concept."

He worked with writer/producer Laura McGie to expand the story.

"She had great ideas on how to flesh it out and bring in women characters," White said.

White directed "Bucksville," which was filmed in 2009, finished in 2012, and released on DVD in 2014.

The plot follows main character Presley French, whose father was a founder of a vigilante group called The Lodge. When leadership and ideals change, young French questions his involvement — but finds it

may be difficult to escape.

"It's a dark movie, but has its moments of lightness," White said.

He rates it as a "soft R."

For the screening, doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the film starts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5. Parking is available on the east side of Churchill, off 16th Street near Broadway Street.

Although he will not attend in person, White will hold a question-and-answer session via Skype after the movie.

White co-founded Portland-based Bent Image Lab in 2002. He's been making films for 35 years.

This isn't his first time bringing films to Baker City — he has presented at the "We Like 'Em Short" film festival, which takes place in August every year.

To stay updated on more screenings at Churchill, visit the website [www.churchillbaker.com/](http://www.churchillbaker.com/). Click on "events."

To hear a podcast with White, go to [www.churchillbaker.com/podcast.html](http://www.churchillbaker.com/podcast.html).

## Portland protester arrested after city's mayor complains

PORTLAND (AP) — A member of the right-wing Proud Boys group was arrested Tuesday in Oregon after being indicted last month on assault charges.

The arrest came a day after the mayor of Portland complained that law enforcement was essentially ignoring violent protests in the city.

Protests occur often in Portland and police have at times struggled to contain violent clashes.

"In what city is it legal to engage in a street brawl?" Mayor Ted Wheeler asked Monday at a news conference.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported that 23-year-old Donovon Lyle Flippo of Vancouver, Washington, was booked Tuesday in connection with a June attack.

He faces charges of third-degree assault, a felony, and fourth-degree assault, a misdemeanor. It wasn't clear if he had an attorney.

Flippo and another Proud Boys member were

indicted in connection with the June 8 assault of a man who said the pair shouted homophobic slurs at him. The other Proud Boys member hasn't yet been arrested.

A request for comment Tuesday evening from police about the timing of Flippo's arrest wasn't immediately answered.

On Monday, Wheeler called for a change to laws if they don't allow police officers to arrest brawlers and vowed that anyone fighting will not go unpunished.

Wheeler also said prosecutors were being too timid and not enforcing existing law.

Wheeler mentioned an Oct. 13 fight outside a downtown bar in which members of the right-wing group Patriot Prayer and left-wing Antifa used fists, batons and even bear mace. Police were present but did not attempt any arrests.

Wheeler said officials in Multnomah County District Attorney Rod

Underhill's office told mayor aides that prosecutors could do nothing because the law allows for "mutual combat" between people fighting.

"That was an unacceptable answer for me," Wheeler said. "C'mon folks, we're overcomplicating this. You're not allowed to fight on the streets of the city."

The police department is under scrutiny after it was revealed last month that a lieutenant in charge of containing protests texted repeatedly with the leader of Patriot Prayer, detailing the movement of a rival protest group.

Brent Weisberg, a spokesman for Underhill, said prosecutions are "incredibly complex" and some elements have been oversimplified "by individuals other than prosecutors."

Sometimes prosecutors cannot determine the initial aggressor, he said, making it legally and ethically questionable to file charges.

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## Gov. Brown wants prepaid mail ballots

By Sarah Zimmerman  
Associated Press

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown is pressing Oregon lawmakers to pass a measure paying for prepaid postage on mail-in ballots, a move she says would boost voter turnout in a state that boasts one of the highest electoral participation rates in the country.

"While Oregon's vote by mail system is one of the most innovative ways any state has increased voter access, it's also hobbled by something less modern: the postage stamp," the governor testified on Monday.

California and Washington state have already passed measures requiring election officials to provide prepaid mail ballots.

The governor notes that postage stamp can still act as a "functional barrier" for some people, particularly low-income and young people who are less likely to have stamps. Voters can turn in their ballots for free at their county clerk's office.