

Sports



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Zach Schwin's marathon matches ended with his loss in three sets to his opponent from Weiser Monday.

Weiser shuts out Baker tennis teams

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Baker's boys and girls tennis teams hosted Weiser in a nonleague match at the Ash Grove Complex Monday.

The Idaho squad proved to be a tough visitor, stopping the Bulldogs 5-0 in each half of the competition.

"Weiser is a strong team," said Baker coach Kristin Schwin. "But despite the scores, I did see a lot of improvement from my players."

Baker's top two boys singles players had marathon matches.

Both Zach Schwin and Shane Cunningham went three sets before losing.

"They started their matches first and finished them last," Schwin said.

Baker travels to Pendleton for another nonleague match this afternoon.



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Singles player Hannah Johnson dropped a pair of matches against Weiser Monday.

- Weiser at Baker Girls singles**
 Bouiva (W) def. Johnson 6-3, 6-3
 McClelland (W) def. Treblecock 6-4, 6-1
 Bake (W) def. Pettit 6-0, 6-1
- Girls doubles**
 Soalen/Weldon (W) def. Dalke/Finley 6-4,

- 6-2
 Tolan/McClelland (W) def. Macia/Plummer 6-0, 6-1

- Boys singles**
 Licebake (W) def. Schwin 4-6, 6-4, 4-6
 Brush (W) def. Cunningham 6-2, 4-6, 4-6
 To'Omalatia (W) def. Barnes 6-1, 6-2

- Boys doubles**
 Westover/Price (W) def. Nemas/Davila 6-1, 6-1
 Tolman/Ikta (W) def. Lien/Cowan 6-2, 6-1

Warriors tops in West

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Golden State's most recent homestand included a 33-point loss to Boston and a startling defeat to last-place Phoenix, reminding the Warriors of the work that's ahead of them to win a fourth NBA championship in five years.

The Warriors passed their first challenge with a 3-1 record on this tough road trip, finishing in Minnesota with a clinic in half-court passing and shooting.

Stephen Curry scored 22 of his 36 points in the third quarter and Klay Thompson pitched in with 28 points, giving the Warriors more than enough production to beat the fading Timberwolves 117-107 on Tuesday and regain first place in the Western Conference.

"If we can do that the rest of the way to the playoffs, we will definitely solidify this No. 1 seed," Thompson said.

The Warriors had 39 assists on 44 made field goals and finished 19 for 42 from 3-point range.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL'S EARLIEST SEASON OPENER

Mariners debut in Tokyo with win

By Stephen Wade
AP Sports Writer

TOKYO — Ichiro Suzuki drew the loudest ovation back home in Japan and Domingo Santana delivered the biggest hit, launching a grand slam that led the Seattle Mariners over the Oakland Athletics 9-7 Wednesday in the Major League Baseball opener.

The game at the Tokyo Dome marked the earliest opening day ever — the summer sport actually started on the last day of winter. No doubt, most fans in North America were sound asleep when Oakland's Mike Fiers threw the first pitch at 2:36 a.m. PDT (6:36 p.m. local).

A year after the Cubs' Ian Happ homered on the very pitch of the season, the ball again was flying.

Tim Beckham also homered as several Seattle newcomers excelled. Khris Davis, who led the majors with 48 home runs last year, Stephen Piscotty and Matt Chapman connected for the A's.

A packed crowd of 45,787 was buzzing for its favorite star, sending cheers, chants and camera flashes for Ichiro bounding all around the park. Signs and Ichiro jerseys were plenty, too.

At 45, Ichiro became the second-oldest position player to start an opener, only a few

months younger than Julio Franco was for Atlanta in 2004.

Batting ninth and playing right field, Ichiro popped up and worked a walk his two times up. After taking his defensive spot in the bottom of the fourth inning, he was pulled to another ovation, with his Mariners teammates gathering in the diamond for hugs.

Ichiro is expected to play again Thursday when the two-game series finishes, and that might be the end of a sensational pro career that began in Japan in 1992 when he was 18. He stopped playing last May to become

a Mariners special assistant — after totaling 4,367 hits on both sides of the ocean — and struggled in spring training this year.

Santana, one of many Mariners new to the lineup, had no trouble at the plate. His opposite-field grand slam capped a five-run burst in the third for a 5-2 lead and Beckham's drive in the fifth made it 9-4.

Beckham got three hits and three times. Also making a nice debut for Seattle were Jay Bruce, who singled for MLB's first hit of the season, and Edwin Encarnacion, who scored twice.

McCollum out, Lillard leads Blazers to win

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND — Damian Lillard plans to take a bit more control over games in the absence of backcourt mate CJ McCollum.

Lillard had 30 points and 15 assists as the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Indiana Pacers 106-98 on Monday night in their first game since McCollum injured his left knee.

"I guess being a little more hands-on and managing what's going on out there, just knowing that a guy who averages 22 points isn't on the floor," Lillard said of his adjustment. "It doesn't mean I have to score more points, or dominate the ball, but just making sure that I've got control over what's happening out there a little bit more."

Jusuf Nurkic added 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Blazers, who led by as many as 21. Portland has won four of five and is holding onto fourth place in the Western Conference.

Myles Turner had a season-high 28 points and 10 rebounds for the Pacers, who missed out on clinching a playoff spot in the East. Indiana (44-27) has lost six straight on the road.

The Blazers (43-27) have won 10 in a row against the Pacers in Portland.

Bojan Bogdanovic's layup pulled the Pacers to 100-91 with just under three minutes left, and Turner made free throws to get Indiana closer. The teams traded free throws down the stretch, but Portland was stung when Nurkic fouled out.

Wesley Matthews' layup closed the gap to 102-97, but Al-Farouq Aminu made free throws on the other end and Portland held on.

McCollum, averaging 21.3 points per game this season, got hurt during Saturday's loss at San Antonio. He has a popliteus strain and will be re-examined in a week, the team said.

Bulldogs split a pair with Nyssa

NYSSA — Baker split a pair of nonleague ballgames at Nyssa Tuesday.

The Bulldogs defeated Nyssa 19-5 in baseball, but lost 13-3 in softball.

No other information was available.

SCOREBOARD

TELEVISION

- All Times PDT**
Wednesday, March 20
 NCAA tourney, 3:30 p.m. (TruTV)
 Boston at Philadelphia, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
 Tampa Bay at Washington, 4:30 p.m. (NBCSN)
 NCAA tourney, 6 p.m. (TruTV)
 Toronto at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)
 Winnepeg at Anaheim, 7 p.m. (NBCSN)
 Dallas at Portland, 7 p.m. (CSN)
- Thursday, March 21**
 NCAA tourney, 9 a.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, 9:30 a.m. (TruTV)
 NCAA tourney, 10:20 a.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 10:50 a.m. (TBS)
 NCAA tourney, 11:30 a.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, noon (TruTV)
 NCAA tourney, 12:50 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 1:20 p.m. (TBS)
 NCAA tourney, 3:45 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 4 p.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, 4:15 p.m. (TBS)
 NCAA tourney, 4:15 p.m. (TruTV)
 NCAA tourney, 6:15 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 6:45 p.m. (TBS)

- NCAA tourney, 6:55 p.m. (TruTV)
- Friday, March 22**
 NCAA tourney, 9 a.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, 9:30 a.m. (TruTV)
 NCAA tourney, 10:20 a.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 10:50 a.m. (TBS)
 NCAA tourney, 11:30 a.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, noon (TruTV)
 NCAA tourney, 12:50 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 1:20 p.m. (TBS)
 NCAA tourney, 3:45 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 4 p.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, 4:15 p.m. (TBS)
 NCAA tourney, 6:15 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 6:45 p.m. (TBS)
 NCAA tourney, 6:55 p.m. (TruTV)
- Saturday, March 23**
 NCAA tourney, 9 a.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, 11:30 a.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, 2 p.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, 3 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 4 p.m. (TBS)
 NCAA tourney, 4:30 p.m. (TruTV)
 Colorado at Chicago, 5 p.m. (NBCSN)
 NCAA tourney, 5:30 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 6:30 p.m. (TBS)
- Sunday, March 24**
 NCAA tourney, 9 a.m. (CBS)
 Philadelphia at Washington, 9:30 a.m. (NBC)
 NCAA tourney, 11:30 a.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, 2 p.m. (CBS)
 NCAA tourney, 3 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 4 p.m. (TBS)
 NCAA tourney, 4:30 p.m. (TruTV)
 Colorado at Chicago, 5 p.m. (NBCSN)
 NCAA tourney, 5:30 p.m. (TNT)
 NCAA tourney, 6:30 p.m. (TBS)

Boston	43	28	.606	7
Brooklyn	37	36	.507	14
New York	14	57	.197	36

Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	34	36	.486	—
Orlando	33	38	.465	1½
Charlotte	31	39	.443	3
Washington	30	41	.423	4½
Atlanta	24	48	.333	11

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Milwaukee	53	18	.746	—
Indiana	44	28	.611	9½
Detroit	36	34	.514	16½
Chicago	20	52	.278	33½
Cleveland	18	53	.254	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	45	26	.634	—
San Antonio	42	29	.592	3
New Orleans	31	42	.425	15
Memphis	28	42	.400	16½
Dallas	28	42	.400	16½

Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Denver	47	22	.681	—
Portland	43	27	.614	4½
Okl. City	42	29	.592	6
Utah	41	29	.586	6½
Minnesota	32	39	.451	16

Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Golden State	48	22	.686	—
L.A. Clippers	42	30	.583	7
Sacramento	34	36	.487	14
L.A. Lakers	31	40	.437	17½
Phoenix	17	55	.236	32

Monday's Games	
Cleveland 126, Detroit 119	
Utah 116, Washington 95	
Denver 114, Boston 105	
Toronto 128, New York 82	
Miami 116, Oklahoma City 107	
San Antonio 111, Golden State 105	
New Orleans 129, Dallas 125, OT	
Chicago 116, Phoenix 101	
Portland 106, Indiana 98	

Tuesday's Games	
Philadelphia 118, Charlotte 114	
Houston 121, Atlanta 105	
Golden State 117, Minnesota 107	
Milwaukee 115, L.A. Lakers 101	
Brooklyn 123, Sacramento 121	
L.A. Clippers 115, Indiana 109	

Today's Games	
All Times PDT	
Boston at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.	
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 4 p.m.	
New Orleans at Orlando, 4 p.m.	
Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.	
Houston at Memphis, 5 p.m.	
Washington at Chicago, 5 p.m.	
Miami at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.	
Toronto at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m.	
Dallas at Portland, 7 p.m.	

Thursday's Games	
Denver at Washington, 4 p.m.	
Minnesota at Charlotte, 4 p.m.	
Utah at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.	
Dallas at Sacramento, 7 p.m.	
Detroit at Phoenix, 7 p.m.	
Indiana at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.	

Friday's Games	
Memphis at Orlando, 4 p.m.	
Denver at New York, 4:30 p.m.	
L.A. Clippers at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.	
Oklahoma City at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.	
San Antonio at Houston, 5 p.m.	
Miami at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.	
Brooklyn at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.	

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct.	GB	
x-Toronto	50	21	.704	—
x-Philadelphia	46	25	.648	4

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