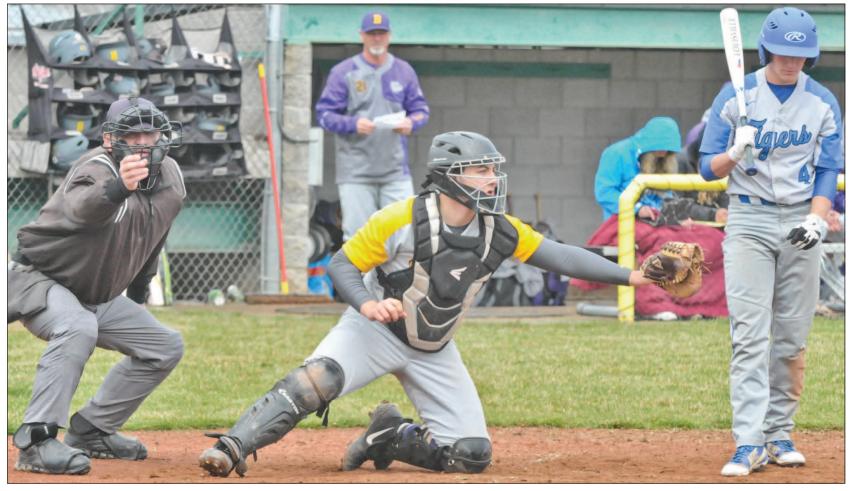
NBA PLAYOFFS

## Sports

BAKER BASEBALL



Mason Van Arsdall catches another strike from Baker pitcher Sam McCauley during the Bulldogs' first game against La Grande Friday afternoon.

### **Bulldogs lose GOL twinbill to La Grande**

By Gerry Steele

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Baker picked exactly the wrong time to suffer its first baseball losses of the season Friday.

The Bulldogs (10-2 overall and 2-2 in the Greater Oregon League) lost a GOL doubleheader 4-2 and 9-4 to La Grande at a rainy Baker Sports

"We just didn't hit the ball like we have been," said Baker coach Tim Smith.

"I told the boys after the games that adversity builds character. You're not going to win a championship without character."

Smith said the challenge for the Bulldogs is to successfully rebound from the pair of league losses.

"It's a reality check, but I think these kids can handle it," Smith said.

In Game 1, Baker led 2-0 before La Grande rallied with four runs in the fourth through sixth innings.

Baker managed just six hits behind

pitcher Sam McCauley.

"Sam pitched well. He struck out 12," Smith said.

"We just didn't give him the offensive support we needed to."

In the second game, Baker trailed 4-2 after five innings. La Grande then erupted for five runs in the sixth to complete the sweep.

"It stings," Smith said.

"We'll see how we respond." Baker travels to Burns Tuesday for a single nonleague game. The Bulldogs then play host to Ontario (3-1 in the GOL) Friday starting at 2 p.m.

First game 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 - 4

McCauley and Van Arsdall. LP — McCauley. Baker hits - Linscott, Bennett 2, Smith, Miller 2, Baker RBI - Bennett 2

Second game La Grande 1200150-9 Baker 1 1 0 0 0 2 0 - 4

Lay, Curry (6), Bennett (6) and Van Arsdall. LP - Lay Baker hits - Linscott, McCauley 2, Van Arsdall, Rohner Miller. Baker RBI - Linscott, McCauley, Miller

# **Blazers**

By Anne M. Peterson AP Sports Write

PORTLAND — After eight straight playoff losses over the past two years, the Portland Trail Blazers finally got a win.

Damian Lillard scored 30 points and the thirdseeded Blazers opened their series against the No. 6 Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday with a 104-99 victory.

"We know how it feels to win again," Lillard said. "Now we can just kind of move on from that and stay focused on this series."

Enes Kanter added 20 points and a career playoff-high 18 rebounds for the Blazers. CJ Mc-Collum added 24 points.

Russell Westbrook had 24 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds for his ninth career postseason tripledouble. Paul George, who was a game-time decision because of a sore shoulder, added 26 points and 10 rebounds despite a rough shooting night.

Westbrook appeared to hurt his right ankle in the final quarter and grimaced while trying to walk it off. Trainers attended to him on the bench at the next timeout but he returned and his layup closed the gap to 91-87 with just under 4 minutes left.

Asked about it afterward, Westbrook said: "We'll see."

#### SCOREBOARD

Mac-Hi

#### **TELEVISION**

Monday, April 15 Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 5 p.m. (TNT) Cleveland at Seattle, 7 p.m (ROOT) LA Clippers at Golden State, 7:30 p.m. (TNT)

**Tuesday, April 16**Orlando at Toronto, 5 p.m. (TNT)
Cleveland at Seattle, 7 p.m (ROOT)

**Wednesday, April 17** Cleveland at Seattle, 3:30 p.m (ROOT) Florida at Florida State, 4 p.m. (ESPN2)

Indiana at Boston, 4 p.m. (TNT) Utah at Houston, 6:30 p.m. (TNT) Thursday, April 18

Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 5 p.m. (TNT) Seattle at LA Angels, 7 p.m (ROOT) Golden State at LA Clinners 7:30 n.m. (TNT) Friday, April 19

Alabama at Florida, 2 p.m. (ESPN2) Toronto at Orlando, 4 p.m. (ESPN) Boston at Indiana, 5:30 p.m. (ABC) Portland at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m Seattle at LA Angels, 7 p.m (ROOT)

Saturday, April 20 Alabama at Florida, 11 a.m. (ESPN)

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Greater Oregon League Baseball			
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La Grande	3	1	
Ontario	3	1	
Baker	2	2	

Friday games La Grande 4, Baker 2 La Grande 9. Baker 4 Ontario 9, Mac-Hi 1

La Grande Baker Friday games La Grande 20, Baker 0

La Grande 23. Baker 0 **BRIDGE** 

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Boston 4, Baltimore 0 Chicago White Sox 5, N.Y. Yankees 2 Tampa Bay 8, Toronto 4 Minnesota 6, Detroit 4

#### Today's Games

Baltimore (Straily 0-1) at Boston (Velazquez 0-0), 8:05 a.m. Toronto (Shoemaker 3-0) at Minnesota (Perez 1-0), 4:40 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Cahill 1-1) at Texas (Miller 0-1), 5:05 p.m Kansas City (Fillmyer 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Santana 0-1), 5:10 p.m. Cleveland (Bauer 1-1) at Seattle (Kikuchi 0-0), 7:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Boston (Sale 0-3) at N.Y.Yankees (Paxton 1-2), 3:35 p.m. Pittsburgh (Lyles 1-0) at Detroit (Boyd 1-1), 3:40 p.m. Baltimore (Bundy 0-1) at Tampa Bay (TBD),

Toronto (Sanchez 1-1) at Minnesota (Gibson 0-0), 4:40 p.m. L.A. Angels (Harvey 0-1) at Texas (Minor

1-1), 5:05 p.m. Kansas City (Lopez 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-2), 5:10 p.m Houston (McHugh 2-1) at Oakland (Montas

Cleveland (Bieber 1-0) at Seattle (Leake 2-0), 7:10 p.m.

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St. Louis 9, Cincinnati 5 Atlanta 7, N.Y. Mets 3

**AllTimes PDT** 

N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 1-1) at Philadelphia

(Nola 1-0), 4:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Darvish 0-2) at Miami (Richards 0-1), 4:10 p.m. St. Louis (Hudson 0-1) at Milwaukee (Peralta 1-0), 4:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Castillo 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-0), 7:10 p.m. Colorado (Senzatela 0-0) at San Diego (Luc

chesi 2-1), 7:10 p.m. Tuesday's Games Pittsburgh (Lyles 1-0) at Detroit (Boyd 1-1)

N.Y. Mets (Matz 1-0) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 1-1), 4:05 p.m. San Francisco (Rodriguez 1-2) at Washington (Strasburg 1-0), 4:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Quintana 1-1) at Miami (Lopez 1-2), 4:10 p.m.

Arizona (Ray 0-1) at Atlanta (Fried 2-0), St. Louis (Flaherty 1-0) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 1-1), 4:40 p.m. Colorado (Gray 0-3) at San Diego (Margevi-

cius 1-1), 6:10 p.m. Cincinnati (Mahle 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 2-1), 7:10 p.m

#### **NBA PLAYOFFS** FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary) AllTimes PDT Eastern Conference Milwaukee 1, Detroit 0 Sunday, April 14: Milwaukee 121, Detroit 86

Wednesday, April 17: Detroit at Milwaukee, 5 p.m. Orlando 1. Toronto 0

Saturday, April 13: Orlando 104, Toronto 101 Tuesday, April 16: Orlando at Toronto, 5

Brooklyn 1, Philadelphia 0 Saturday, April 13: Brooklyn 111, Philadel-Monday, April 15: Brooklyn at Philadelphia,

Boston 1, Indiana 0 Sunday, April 14: Boston 84, Indiana 74 Wednesday, April 17: Indiana at Boston, 4 p.m.

Western Conference Golden State 1, L.A. Clippers 0 Saturday, April 13: Golden State 121, L.A.

Monday, April 15: L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio 1, Denver 0 Saturday, April 13: San Antonio 101, Tuesday, April 16: San Antonio at Denver,

Portland 1, Oklahoma City 0 Sunday, April 14: Oklahoma City at Portland, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16: Oklahoma City at Portland, 7:30 p.m.

Houston 1, Utah 0 Sunday, April 14: Houston 122, Utah 90 Wednesday, April 17: Utah at Houston



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