

Sports

OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON OPENER

Ducks top Fresno State

EUGENE (AP) — Oregon's roster is almost completely made over from last season's Sweet 16 team.

As the No. 15 Ducks' most experienced player, Payton Pritchard stepped up Tuesday night. He had 24 points with seven rebounds and seven assists in a 71-57 victory over Fresno State in the season opener for both teams. It was his 110th consecutive start.

"He's one of the best point guards in the country, obviously," said Anthony Mathis, a senior transfer for the Ducks who played with Pritchard in high school.

Chris Duarte, a junior college transfer and one of nine additions to the roster, added 16 points in his first game with Oregon, and Francis Okoro added 12 points and 10 rebounds for his first career double-double as the Ducks outrebounded the Bulldogs 45-31. Okoro is one of three returning players from last year's team.

"I thought Francis set a good tone for us (on rebounds)," Oregon coach Dana Altman said. "He did a very good job."

Oregon took control with a 21-6 run to end the first half



Chris Pietsch / Associated Press

Oregon's Francis Okoro, center, dunks between Fresno State's Nate Grimes, left, and Oregon's Payton Pritchard during the first half Tuesday in Eugene.

at a 38-27 advantage.

After Fresno State scored the opening basket of the second half, Oregon scored

the next 10 points, six by Pritchard and the other four on assists by the senior to finish fast breaks.

OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL SEASON OPENER

Tinkle leads Beavers to win

By Gary Horowitz
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — It was just a typical game of filling the stat sheet for Oregon State's Tres Tinkle.

Tinkle scored 25 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and had seven assists, leading the Beavers to an 87-67 victory over Cal State Northridge on Tuesday night in the season opener for both teams.

The 6-foot-7 forward was an all-Pac-12 selection last season and contemplated an early entry into the NBA Draft, but opted to return for his senior year. That decision could translate into the Beavers' first NCAA Tournament appearance since the 2015-16 season.

For now, there's much work ahead.

"I think everyone's excited to finally play someone different and it finally counts," said Tinkle, who was 10 of 17 from the field. "But obviously I think there was some nerves in there, even from me."

CSUN coach Mark Gottfried called Tinkle a difficult matchup "because not a lot of teams will have a guy that big that can defend him on the perimeter."

"He's got a chance to play at the next level," Gottfried said. "He's got size, he can

shoot the ball well, he passes it well, too. His passing may be underappreciated."

Kylor Kelley, who was second in the nation in blocked shots last season, added 18 points, eight rebounds and four blocks for the Beavers, who return four starters from last season's squad that finished 18-13 and tied for fourth in the Pac-12.

The Beavers received a lift from their bench. Freshman guard Jarod Lucas scored seven points and hit a 3-pointer with 8:23 remaining after the Matadors cut the lead to nine points.

"Good first win. A lot of good things, some not so good things," OSU coach Wayne Tinkle said. "But we knew how scrappy CSUN is. Obviously some big games in front of us, so I was pleased to see our guys answer the call."

Terrell Gomez led CSUN with 19 points, Elijah Harkless scored 15 and Darius Brown II 13 points.

The Matadors were missing sophomore forward Lamine Diane, who is academically ineligible and did not accompany the team to Corvallis. He averaged 24.2 points and 11.8 rebounds last season and was the Big West Conference player of the year.

Club Volleyball tryouts Saturday, Sunday

Tryouts for the Oregon Club volleyball 2020 season, open to girls from fifth through 12th grades in Baker and Union counties, are planned for this Saturday and Sunday in the main gym at Baker High School, 2500 E St.

The tryout schedule (girls are encouraged, but not required, to attend both sessions):

12U and 14U

- Saturday, Nov. 9, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 10, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

16U and 18U

- Saturday, Nov. 9, 10 a.m. to noon
- Sunday, Nov. 10, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

There is no fee to try out. Girls who are picked for a team and choose to play are required to pay dues.

The season for the 16U and 18U levels starts in early February, and the 12U and 14U levels start in mid-February.

More information is available by calling Stephanie at 541-518-9284.

Warriors surprise Blazers, 127-118

By Janie McCauley
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Those familiar chants of "M-V-P!" weren't for Stephen Curry this time but rather a rookie named Eric Paschall who delivered a special performance on his 23rd birthday.

Not to mention the Warriors' first win at new Chase Center — finally.

Everyone can exhale now.

Paschall hit a key 3-pointer with 4:05 remaining and finished with 34 points and 13 rebounds, leading injury-plagued Golden State to a 127-118 victory against Damian Lillard and the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night.

"That was a little crazy. For a rookie you hear MVP, that's a 'wow' mo-

ment," Paschall said. "I thank Dub Nation for believing in me."

Without all their injured stars, the young Warriors more than hung tough — they shined — against a Western Conference contender as Klay Thompson cheered from the sideline. Golden State (2-5) improved to 1-4 at home — the team hasn't started 0-5 in its own building since

losing its initial six home games in 1997-98.

Lillard, no longer playing in his hometown of Oakland when he visits the Bay Area, notched his fourth 30-point performance in the first seven games with 39 points on 15-for-26 shooting, including five 3-pointers. Blazers center Hassan Whiteside added 22 points and 11 rebounds.

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