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Anthony scores 25 as Blazers top Bulls to snap losing streak

■ In his fourth game with the Blazers, Carmelo Anthony tallies 4 three-pointers

CHICAGO (AP) — After waiting a year for an opportunity to return to the NBA, Carmelo Anthony proved he's still capable of a big performance.

Anthony scored 25 points in just his fourth game of the season, CJ McCollum added 21 and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Chicago Bulls 117-94 on Monday night.

Anthony was 10 for 20 from the field, including 4 of 7 on 3-pointers. He had averaged 13 points on 15-for-44 (34.1%) shooting in his first three games.

"It's a humbling situation for me, but it's a testament to the work I've been putting in," he said. "My body feels good, mentally I feel good."

Besides sharp shooting behind the 3-point line, the 10-time All-Star featured his usual mid-range game and even had a dunk.

"Vintage," McCollum said. "We pulled out some old, good

wine in there. Getting to his spots, hitting 3s, he got a dunk and he was talking like he always does on defense."

Anthony now has 25,615 career points to move ahead of Alex English (26,613) into 18th place on the NBA's career scoring list.

"You don't want to take none of that stuff for granted," he said. "When you've been away from the game, these small (milestones), they start to mean more and more."

Damian Lillard had 13 points and 12 assists as Portland snapped a four-game losing streak.

Zach LaVine had 18 points for Chicago, which has dropped two of three. LaVine was just 1 for 5 on 3-pointers two days after making 13 of 17 while scoring a career-high 49 points Saturday at Charlotte.

"We played against a good half-court defensive team,"

LaVine said. "We need to get out on transition more. They

just killed us on the other end. We couldn't keep up."

Anthony, who signed with the Trail Blazers on Nov. 19, got off to a fast start with 12 points in the first 6½ minutes of the game.

Chicago led 28-27 at the end of the first quarter before Portland took command early in the second. The Blazers led by 13 points before the Bulls scored 11 straight to pull within 50-48.

Portland closed the first half with a 12-6 spurt for a 62-54 halftime advantage.

The Trail Blazers further stretched the lead in the third, taking a 90-68 advantage — their biggest to that point — on Anthony's three-point play with 1:27 to go in the quarter.

Early in the fourth, Anthony hit a 3-pointer to move past English and give Portland a 100-77 lead.

The 35-year-old exited the game for good shortly after that. The United Center

crowd started chanting "We want Melo! We want Melo!" midway through the fourth.

"From fans that are Chicago Bulls fans, that's a big moment," he said. "To hear that chant, with me on another team, Portland, that's out West, they didn't have to do that."

The Trail Blazers led by as much as 28 points.

TIP-INS

- Trail Blazers: C Hassan Whiteside returned after missing the previous two games with a right hip contusion. He had 13 points and 12 rebounds in 22 minutes ... G Gary Trent Jr. sat out with a right hamstring strain.

UP NEXT

- Trail Blazers: Host the Oklahoma City Thunder on Wednesday night.
- Bulls: At Golden State on Wednesday night to begin a three-game West Coast trip.

Jackson dazzles as Ravens rout L.A. Rams, 45-6

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LOS ANGELES — Lamar Jackson basically hadn't allowed the football to touch the ground Monday night until he dropped an ordinary shotgun snap late in the first half at the Coliseum. He picked it up, split the pocket and sprinted away through the Rams' defense, going 35 thrilling yards before tripping right at the goal line.

Instead of celebrating, Jackson sprung up and remonstratively slapped both his hands on his helmet.

Baltimore's brilliant young quarterback wants to be perfect. He got awfully close in his "Monday Night Football" debut.

Jackson matched his career high with five touchdown passes and ran for 95 yards in another splendid all-around performance, and Baltimore routed Los Angeles 45-6 for its seventh consecutive victory.

Mark Ingram rushed for 111 yards and a TD and caught a scoring pass while the streaking Ravens (9-2) became the fourth team in the 21st century to score touchdowns on its first six drives in a game. With Jackson operating almost flawlessly at the controls, Baltimore embarrassed Aaron Donald and the previously solid Rams defense by racking up 480 yards with its evolving brand of high-octane football.

"We're clicking on all cylinders right now," Jackson said. "It's OK, but we're trying to win the Super Bowl."

BMS hoops action

Baker Middle School hosted an intramural boys basketball tournament Nov. 22, with two BMS teams competing against two teams from North Powder.

The Baker teams were Coach Jimmy Howerton's team and Coach Bryan Dalke's team. North Powder had a blue team and a white team.

Each game was 20 minutes with a running clock, and all shooting fouls were counted as 1 point for the shooting team.

In Game 1, Dalke's team lost to North Powder's blue team in overtime, 10-8. Brandon McCullough, Brycen Martin and Bryley Garvin all scored 2 points for Baker.

In Game 2, Howerton's team defeated the North Powder white team, 12-11. Christopher Luna scored 6 points and Patrick Bigler, Sage Joseph, and Graison Stone all scored 2 points.

In Game 3, Dalke's team lost to the North Powder white team 15-10. Ethan Morgan scored 4 points and Drake Hetterley scored 2 points for Baker.

In Game 4, Howerton's team defeated the North Powder blue team 18-16. Christopher Luna, Alex Palmer and Graison Stone scored 4 points each. Patrick Bigler and Ernesto Lopez-Villalvazo both scored 2 points.

Mariners sign deal with Evan White

SEATTLE (AP) — The Mariners have finalized a \$24 million, six-year contract with first baseman Evan White, a unusually large deal for a player who hasn't appeared in a game above Double-A.

Seattle announced the contract Monday after White completed a physical. The agreement includes options for 2026-28 and likely will cover all the years White would be eligible for salary

arbitration.

The 23-year-old was the 17th overall pick in the 2017 amateur draft out of Kentucky. From the time he joined the Mariners' system he's been regarded as the club's first baseman of the future because of his excellent defense and a solid bat at the plate.

"We love the player and we love the person. The combination made it very easy to want to sign him for the better

part of the next decade," Seattle general manager Jerry Dipoto said in a statement.

Seattle envisions White as a major part of its future core, along with fellow top prospects Jarrod Kelenic, Kyle Lewis, Logan Gilbert, Justin Dunn and Justus Sheffield.

White should have a chance to earn the starting job at first base — the Mariners used eight players there last year.

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