

Sports

Blazers edge Raptors

■ Carmelo Anthony has game-winning basket

By Ian Harrison
Associated Press

TORONTO — With Damian Lillard double-teamed, Carmelo Anthony stepped up to sink the game-winning basket for the Portland Trail Blazers.

Anthony made a clutch shot with four seconds remaining and Portland rallied to beat the Toronto Raptors 101-99 Tuesday night.

“A guy with his type of ability, it’s just a matter of opportunity,” Lillard said. “He had one guy guarding him and he got to his spot. Once he got to his spot and I saw him raising up, I thought it was going in.”

Anthony scored 28 points, Lillard had 20 and Hassan Whiteside added 14 points and 16 rebounds for his sixth straight double-double as the Trail Blazers snapped a four-game losing streak in Toronto and won for the second time in 10 meetings with the defending champion Raptors.

“This is a big confidence booster for us, a big morale boost,” Anthony said.

Blazers coach Terry Stotts agreed.

“I was really proud of the way our team competed tonight, particularly in the fourth quarter,” Stotts said.

BAKER GIRLS BASKETBALL

Bulldogs shake off slow start to roll over Vale

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Baker started slowly Tuesday night against Vale, but once the points started coming they added up fast.

As they have several times this season, the defending Class 4A state champion Bulldogs went on a rapid scoring run to reverse momentum and take control.

After missing its first four shots and falling behind 4-0 to the Class 3A Vikings, Baker scored 13 straight points. The Bulldogs led 16-9 after the first quarter, and Vale only briefly got as close as 6 points the rest of the way.

The 50-28 win in Baker’s final nonleague game before starting Greater Oregon League play Friday at fourth-ranked La Grande boosted the second-ranked Bulldogs’ season record to 12-2.

Baker coach Mat Sand attributed the Bulldogs’ slow start, and occasional periods of “sloppy” play thereafter, to some new offensive and full-court press strategies he wanted to add to their repertoire before the league schedule starts.

“We’ve got a lot of work to do, but the season is always progressive,” Sand said. “I want us to be peaking by mid to late February.”

Baker went scoreless for almost half of the first quarter.

Freshman post Zoie Ramos broke the scoring drought with a 14-foot jumper with 4:26 left in the quarter to cut Vale’s lead to 4-2.

Just 15 seconds later, senior point guard Sydney Younger scored from 10 feet to tie the game, and Baker

was on its way.

Senior Isabella Nemeč had the next two baskets, the second a three-pointer, and Baker led 9-4. Younger had a layin, and senior Anna Carter capped the 13-0 run, over 3 minutes, with a pair of free throws.

Baker’s full-court press yielded several steals in the first quarter as Vale struggled against the Bulldogs’ aggressive defense.

Matyson Siddoway’s steal and layin to start the second half cut Baker’s lead to 22-16. But the Bulldogs dominated the rest of the third quarter, outscoring the Vikings 14-3. Senior Lauren Benson ended the quarter in dramatic fashion by swishing a three-pointer at the buzzer to boost Baker’s lead to 36-19.

The Bulldogs shrugged off foul trouble. Baker drew its seventh foul of the second half just 4 minutes in, but Vale made 7 of 15 free throws in the second half. The Vikings made just three field goals in the final two quarters.

Baker, meanwhile, had one of its best performances at the foul line, making 8 of 9 shots, led by Ramos’ 5 for 5.

Younger led Baker with 16 points. Ramos added 13, and Benson, Nemeč and Sydney Keller had 5 points each.



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Baker’s Anna Carter goes for a basket against the defense of Vale’s Ashley Jacobs Tuesday night in the Baker gym. The Bulldogs won 50-28.

SCOREBOARD

NFL PLAYOFFS

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 11
All Times PST
Minnesota at San Francisco, 1:35 p.m. (NBC)
Tennessee at Baltimore, 5:15 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 12
Houston at Kansas City, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
Seattle at Green Bay, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 19
AFC, 12:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC, 3:40 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
NFC champion vs. AFC champion, 3:30 p.m. (FOX)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	25	9	.735	—
Toronto	24	13	.649	2½
Philadelphia	24	14	.632	3
Brooklyn	16	20	.444	10
New York	10	27	.270	16½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Miami	26	10	.722	—
Orlando	17	20	.459	9½
Charlotte	15	24	.385	12½
Washington	12	24	.333	14
Atlanta	8	29	.216	18½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	24	11	.686	—
Dallas	23	13	.639	1½
San Antonio	15	20	.429	9
Memphis	16	22	.421	9½
New Orleans	12	25	.324	13
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Denver	25	11	.694	—
Utah	24	12	.667	1
Oklahoma City	21	16	.568	4½
Portland	16	22	.421	10
Minnesota	14	22	.389	11

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
L.A. Lakers	30	7	.811	—
L.A. Clippers	26	12	.684	4½
Sacramento	15	23	.395	15½
Phoenix	14	23	.378	16
Golden State	9	29	.237	21½

Tuesday’s Games
Detroit 115, Cleveland 113
Portland 101, Toronto 99
Oklahoma City 111, Brooklyn 103, OT
Memphis 119, Minnesota 112
Sacramento 114, Phoenix 103
L.A. Lakers 117, New York 87

Today’s Games
All Times PST
Miami at Indiana, 4 p.m.
San Antonio at Boston, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 4 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.

Chicago at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
New York at Utah, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Golden State, 7 p.m.

Thursday’s Games
Boston at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Portland at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 6:30 p.m.

Friday’s Games
Atlanta at Washington, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Charlotte at Utah, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Dallas, 6:45 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.

PREP BASKETBALL

Tuesday’s Games

BOYS
Burns 44, Lakeview 33
Chiloquin 74, Gilchrist 48
Chiloque Place, Wash. 65, McLoughlin 54
Creswell 70, La Pine 43
Damascus Christian 74, Country Christian 34
Days Creek 52, North Douglas 31
Henley 75, Modoc, Calif. 35
Huntington 36, Harper 35
Ione/Arlington 83, Echo 17
Jordan Valley 55, McDermitt, Nev. 35
Ontario 34, Payette, Idaho 34
Prairie City 57, Mitchell/Spray 34

GIRLS
Bend 48, Redmond 18
Hermiston 47, Richland, Wash. 44
Jordan Valley 72, McDermitt, Nev. 34
Ontario 34, Hornedale, Idaho 32
Pendleton 56, La Grande 53, 2OT
Riverside 53, Lyle, Wash. 19

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