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Lillard, Blazers top Heat in Iguodala's debut with Miami

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PORTLAND — Andre Iguodala fell short in his first chance to get a win with the Miami Heat.

His next one will come against his former team.

Damian Lillard had 33 points and eight assists, Gary Trent Jr. scored 22 points and the Portland Trail Blazers beat Miami 115-109 on Sunday night.

Iguodala had two points in his first game since the NBA Finals.

“It felt good tonight,” Iguodala said. “I wanted to get a feel for where I was at. Honestly, I haven’t even played a pickup game or anything since the finals. I was trying to get a feel for where my mind was. Overall, I felt really good out there.”

For Iguodala and the Heat, the next game will be at Golden State, where he was a member of three championship teams and the MVP of the 2015 NBA Finals.

“I’ve played a lot of basketball games in my career, so the emotional highs and lows, I don’t have anymore,” Iguodala said of returning to play his former team. “For this team, more importantly, we want to win. This road



Bam Adebayo of the Miami Heat, left, reaches for the ball against Trevor Ariza of the Portland Trail Blazers in the fourth quarter on Sunday.

trip is tough with a lot of guys down. We’ve got new bodies and us getting a win is more important than how I feel.”

Hassan Whiteside had 11 points and 17 rebounds against his former team, including a pair of free throws with 11.5 seconds left that gave Portland a seven-point lead.

While Lillard has been the catalyst for everything, the Blazers have gotten a major shot in the arm from Trent. The former bench warmer

has averaged more than 14 points over the last five games and has shot above 51% on 3-pointers during that stretch.

“You just love to see it,” Lillard said. “I told him the other day, I don’t know if I’ve been more proud or happier for another player or a younger player since I’ve been in the league. A second-round pick, McDonald’s All-American and went Duke, but doesn’t get an opportunity right away. He had a lot to learn, his dad played in the league, and he did it.”

Trent’s play hasn’t gone unnoticed by opponents either, especially after he hit a 3-pointer with 2:08 left to put Portland up 110-103.

“He has really stepped up and played well,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “It’s not easy to be a role player with great players. That sounds easy but you have to do a lot of the little things. At the end of the clock teams are trying to get the ball out of the great players’ hands and you have to step up and he hit a big shot.”

PAC-12 MEN’S BASKETBALL

Beavers rally to upset No. 14 Ducks

By Gary Horowitz
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CORVALLIS — Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle knew there would be games when his team didn’t shoot the ball particularly well and would need to win with defense.

That’s exactly what happened in a 63-53 victory over No. 14 Oregon on Saturday night.

The Beavers (14-9, 4-7 Pac-12) held the Ducks (18-6, 7-4) without a field goal for nearly nine minutes in the second

half and overcame a 10-point deficit.

It was the third consecutive win for Oregon State in the 353rd edition of the Civil War, which is the most contested rivalry in college basketball.

“We said that in July when we brought everyone together that if we’re not shooting it, there’s going to be nights like that. We’ve got to hang our hat on ‘D,’” Tinkle said. “And that’s what the guys did tonight. If we put it all together, look out.”

Ethan Thompson scored 10 of his 15

points in the second half to lead Oregon State. Kylor Kelley, who is second in the nation in blocked shots, had 14 points, seven rebounds and two blocks, and leading scorer Tres Tinkle added 13 points.

Zach Reichle, who finished with 11 points, hit a key 3-pointer to give the Beavers a 55-50 lead with 1:17 remaining.

Oregon State made all six of its free throws in the final minute to seal the win.

POWDER VALLEY BASKETBALL

La Grande tops Badgers in boys, girls hoops

NORTH POWDER — La Grande’s boys and girls basketball teams both beat Powder Valley in nonleague games Saturday at North Powder.

Boys: La Grande 81, Powder Valley 47

The Tigers poured in 29 points in the third quarter Saturday to break open their nonleague road game against the Badgers.

La Grande went into the break up 37-27, then went off in the third as Cristian Mendoza had 11 points in the third and Kaleb Myer had 10 points. The quarter ended with LHS ahead 66-37.

Mendoza finished with 29 points and connected on five 3-pointers for the Tigers. Myer scored 16 points and Devin Bell added 12.

Roper Bingham and Ethan Stephens each scored 12 points to lead the Badgers.

Girls: La Grande 52, Powder Valley 28

La Grande led throughout, and was up 30-21 after three quarters before scoring 22 points in the final quarter.

Josi Krieger had eight points to lead the Badgers, and McKenzie Leggett added five points.

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