

# Sports

## Carmelo Anthony has season-high 24 to help Blazers top Philadelphia

PORTLAND (AP) — Philadelphia 76ers' coach Doc Rivers knew exactly what was coming when Carmelo Anthony got rolling for Portland.

Anthony scored a season-high 24 points off the bench, including 16 in the fourth quarter, and the Trail Blazers beat the Sixers 118-114 on Thursday night.

"Once Carmelo gets it going, he's still Carmelo. He reminded us of that tonight," Rivers said.

Damian Lillard had 30 points in Portland's fourth win in five games.

Joel Embiid led the 76ers with 35 points and nine rebounds, and Ben Simmons added 23 points and 11 boards. The loss snapped a four-game road winning streak.

The Eastern Conference-leading Sixers had won six of seven, with the only defeat during that span coming a week ago to the Trail Blazers, 121-105. It was just the second loss at home for Philadelphia.

"I thought tonight was just one of those games where we felt like we had to win



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The Portland Trail Blazers' Gary Trent Jr. (2) defends against the Philadelphia 76ers' Shake Milton (18) during a Feb. 4 game at Philadelphia. In a rematch Thursday, Feb. 11, at Portland, the Blazers won 118-114.

the game," Anthony said. "I got hot in the fourth quarter and made some shots, got a great rhythm, gave our team a different spark, some momentum, some energy, and we won the game."

After a back-and-forth game, the 76ers held the edge going into the final period but Anthony hit three consecutive

3-pointers to give the Blazers a 102-97 lead with 8:28 left.

Anthony added a pair of jumpers that made it 108-101. The Sixers came back to narrow the gap to 108-107 on Seth Curry's pull-up jumper and Simmons' layup.

Tobias Harris' free throws knotted the game at 109 before Gary Trent Jr.'s 3-pointer

put the Blazers back in front. Lillard added a basket to make it 114-109 with 1:15 left.

Embiid's pull-up closed the margin, then Curry's 3-pointer tied it at 114 with 22.1 seconds left. Tripped by Harris, Anthony made a pair of free throws with 3.1 seconds remaining.

### OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Duarte, Ducks top Sun Devils

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TEMPE, Ariz. — Oregon has fought through pauses, long breaks between games and practices without its full roster.

The Ducks may finally be rounding a corner and could turn themselves into a contender in the Pac-12 race.

Eugene Omoruyi had 18 points and 10 rebounds, Chris Duarte added 18 points and Oregon outlasted shorthanded Arizona State 75-64 on Thursday night.

The Ducks (11-4, 6-3 Pac-12) shook off some early offensive struggles with a big run late in the first half and stretched the lead to 16 early in the second to keep themselves in the Pac-12 race.

"It's exciting because we've got our whole team now and if we can avoid any more pauses, I think we can get better and better and better," Oregon coach Dana Altman said.

The Sun Devils (6-9, 3-6) were missing two key players, lost their leading scorer early in the second half and had a hard time finding an offensive rhythm after returning from their second COVID-19 pause.

Arizona State used a late run to pull within seven before running out of steam to lose for the seventh time in nine games. Remy Martin led the Sun Devils with 30 points, but hobbled leading scorer Josh Christopher (back and leg) had no points in 17 minutes.

Both teams are trying to get back on track after twice being hit with COVID-19 issues.

The Ducks played one game in three weeks before returning to split against the Pac-12's Washington schools last week.

The Sun Devils were back after their second coronavirus pause cost them two games, but were missing wing Marcus Bagley and forward Chris Osten to ankle injuries. Forward Taeshon Cherry also missed his eighth straight game due to personal reasons, leaving the Sun Devils with eight scholarship players.

"We feel good," said Oregon's LJ Figueroa, who had 16 points. "When everyone's touching the ball, we're playing easy."

### OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Arizona pulls away late to hold off OSU Beavers, 70-61

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — James Akinjo and Benedict Mathurin had 14 points each on Thursday night, and Arizona bounced back from two straight road losses for a 70-61 win over Oregon State.

Mathurin helped the Wildcats (14-

6, 8-6 Pac-12) pull away for good with back-to-back baskets, a layup and a 3-pointer, that made it 63-54 with 3:26 left. Christian Koloko capped the run with a dunk and Arizona led by no less than eight in the final two minutes.

Jarod Lucas and Ethan Thompson had 13 points each for the Beavers (10-9, 6-7). Gianni Hunt added 12 points and Warith Alatishe scored 10.

Arizona never trailed after the first two minutes of the game, but Oregon State kept it close through

most of the second half, cutting the deficit to 58-54 at the end of a 10-1 run on Lucas' four-point play converted on a deep 3-pointer with 5:04 left.

Oregon State committed 26 fouls to Arizona's 12, and the Wildcats

capitalized by outscoring the Beavers 23-6 at the foul line, 14-1 in the second half.

Azuolas Tubelis had 10 rebounds to go with six points for Arizona, which outrebounded Oregon State 47-34.

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