OREGON STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sun Devils nip Beavers, 75-73

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) —
Despite an off-shooting night,
Remy Martin scored 23
points and his 3-pointer with
37 seconds left broke a 68-all
tie and Arizona State held on
to beat Oregon State 75-73 in
a wild finish on Sunday night.

Martin's go-ahead 3 was the only one he made in a 1-for-6 effort from behind the arc; part of a 5-for-18 overall effort. He made up for it, however, sinking 12 of 16 free throws.

Martin and Holland Woods each sank a pair of foul shots in a 13-second span to seal the win for Arizona State (7-9, 4-6 Pac-12 Conference).

Oregon State's Ethan
Thompson made the first
of two free throws with 13
seconds left to bring the Beavers within 73-71. Rodrigue
Andela secured the offensive
rebound and threw it out to
Thompson, but a heads-up
steal by Jalen House forced
a tie-up between Woods and
Thompson and the possession
arrow favored Arizona State.



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Arizona State guard Remy Martin dishes off as Oregon State guard Jarod Lucas (2) and center Roman Silva defend during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, Sunday, Feb. 14, atTempe, Arizona.

Woods sank a pair of foul shots with five seconds to go.

With the win, head coach Bobby Hurley hit the century mark in victories as the Sun Devils' coach. Hurley is 10078 in six seasons at ASU.

The win was the Sun Devils' 12th straight at home against Oregon State (10-10, 6-8). Thompson led Oregon State with 18 points. Oregon State returns home to face Utah on Thursday, Feb. 18. The Sun Devils next head to Los Angeles to face 20th-ranked Southern California on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL AT ARIZONA

Duarte's late 3-pointer leads Ducks

By John Marshall AP Basketball Writer

TUCSON, Ariz. — Oregon's final shot was supposed to be by Will Richardson in the lane. When things broke down, the Ducks worked the ball around to Chris Duarte.

Left open, the senior guard delivered, giving Oregon a sixgame winning streak against one of the Pac-12's top teams.

Duarte hit a 3-pointer with 15.6 seconds left, Eugene Omoruyi scored 19 points and the Ducks held on to beat Arizona 63-61 on Saturday, Feb. 13.

"The play broke down. We were trying to get Will in the paint to make a play," said Oregon coach Dana Altman. "Will made a good read and Chris made a big shot."

The Ducks and Wildcats have played some high-level, high-scoring games in recent years.

Their first meeting this season started off as an offensive show in the first half before turning into a defensive struggle in the second.

The Ducks (12-4, 7-3 Pac-12) made the last stand.

With Oregon trailing 61-60, Richardson drove along the baseline and kicked the ball out to the wing, where Duarte knocked down a 3-pointer in front of the Ducks' bench. Oregon intentionally fouled with 1.1 seconds left and Arizona got the ball to Kerr Kriisa, who missed a 3-pointer after being harassed by LJ Figueroa.

"It was a contested shot," Arizona coach Sean Miller said. "The problem with Chris Duarte's shot in front of their bench, it wasn't contested. He was wide open. He makes a contested shot, which he probably would have, that's fine, but you can't be wide open and he was."

Azoulas Tubelis had 20 points to lead the Wildcats (14-7, 8-7).

The Ducks and Wildcats were supposed to meet in Eugene on Jan. 16, but that was postponed due to Oregon's COVID-19 issues.

Through all the starts and stops this season, Oregon had its top five scorers on the floor together for the first time all season Thursday against Arizona State. They played well together, building a 17-point lead before holding off the Sun Devils 75-64.

The Ducks started strong against Arizona with an early nine-point lead, went into an offensive funk and found their rhythm again before halftime.

The Wildcats started slow, got into a flow and rallied to tie it at 34-all by halftime.

"We were down 11-2 at home because they were more physical, they got second shots," Miller said.

The teams traded shots to start the second half, then traded clanks as the game grinded to a near halt.

The offensive struggles continued until Duarte squared up and drained the winning 3 after struggling with his shot most of the night.

"We had two options: Will in the lane and me in the corner and that's what happened," said Duarte, who had 10 points on 4-of-14 shooting. "He didn't have anything, was an unselfish player, kicked it out and I hit a 3."

Blazers prevail as Lillard duels with Doncic

DALLAS (AP) — Portland star Damian Lillard didn't wait until just before the buzzer for another game-defining shot, or get anywhere close to the career high he tied in the previous meeting with Dallas.

The dynamic guard still carried his team late, overcoming another dazzling performance by Luka Doncic.

Lillard hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer in the final minute after a big Dallas rally, and the Trail Blazers held off Doncic and the Mavericks for a 121-118 victory Sunday night.

"I think we earned this win," said Lillard, who finished with 34 points and 11 assists. "We played the kind of game we played, against what we've been up against through the game, it's rewarding in the end."

Doncic scored 44 points two nights after getting a career-high 46 in a victory over New Orleans, but it wasn't enough to extend the Mavericks' four-game winning streak, tied for their longest this season.

Lillard connected on the go-ahead 3 after Doncic assisted on a tying 3-pointer from Dorian Finney-Smith after the Mavericks trailed by 13 midway through the fourth quarter.

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The Mavericks were down three again when Doncic missed a potential tying shot from beyond the arc with less than five seconds left. Doncic was 14 of 20 from the field, including 5 of 8 from deep, and 11 of 12 on free throws. He also had nine assists and seven rebounds.

"It didn't matter if I felt confident or not," Doncic said of his final shot. "I thought it was in. It went in and out, so I was disappointed and that's on me. I should have hit the shot."

Doncic set a pair of franchise records with his 14th consecutive game of at least 25 points and the highest two-game total at 90 points.

The Trail Blazers won their fourth consecutive game with help from a 45-point third quarter, matching the franchise record for that period while outscoring Dallas by 15 to wipe out a seven-point deficit early in the period.

The Mavericks got close late with a 12-0 run that Lillard ended with a layup before Finney-Smith's tying shot.

Lillard wasn't nearly as dazzling as his previous meeting with Dallas, when he tied a career high with 61 points in the Florida bubble last summer.

Instead, the NBA's fourth-leading scorer shook off some early frustration over non-calls on several drives by scoring 16 points with five assists in the third quarter after getting called for a technical foul late in the first half.

Lillard's step-back 3 for the lead from above the key came with 32 seconds remaining in the 10th straight game between these teams decided by fewer than 10 points.

AUTO RACING

McDowell bucks big odds to win the Daytona 500

By Jenna Fryer AP Auto Racing Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Michael McDowell was glued to Brad Keselowski's bumper, watching and waiting for his chance to win the Daytona 500.

Joey Logano was the leader, the laps were winding down and yet no one had the nerve to pull out of traffic. McDowell was certain Keselowski would go for it eventually, and when he did, McDowell would play his hand.

On the final lap, Keselowski attempted to dart around Logano, but Logano threw a block on his teammate that crashed them both. McDowell stayed right where he was, flat in the gas, and drove through a crash scene for a stunning upset.

"I knew he would go for a race-winning move and my plan was to let him make that move," McDowell said. "I knew I didn't want to make my move too early, so I was committed to the (Keselowski) bumper and when he made the move, the hole opened up."

A 100-1 underdog when the race began Sunday afternoon, McDowell won for the first time in 358 Cup starts when the checkered flag finally flew about 15 minutes after midnight. The race was stopped by rain for almost six hours and ended nine hours after the green flag waved at Daytona International Speedway.

"There's been lots of years where I was wondering what the heck am I doing and why am I doing it?" McDowell said. "I always knew if I just kept grinding that one day everything will line up and go right."

NASCAR's season opener was stacked with storylines. Denny Hamlin was trying for a record third-consecutive Daytona 500 victory, and the team he started with Michael Jordan was debuting with driver Bubba Wallace.

Kyle Larson was back after nearly a year in exile for using a racial slur, and reigning Cup champion Chase Elliott was going for his first Daytona 500 win.

And all the way at the back of the field, 1990 Daytona 500 winner Derrike Cope made what he said would be his final NAS-CAR start. At 62 he was the oldest driver in the field, and his upset victory 31 years ago was considered the biggest in race history.

McDowell didn't take that title from Cope, partly because McDowell is a strong superspeedway racer capable of mixing it up with the usual suspects. If he could ever find himself in the right place at the right time, McDowell figured he could steal a win.





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