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## NBA

## Blazers hold on to top Wizards

WASHINGTON — Damian Lillard scored 32 points, Gary Trent Jr. added 26 while hitting seven 3-pointers and the short-handed Portland Trail Blazers held on for a 132-121 victory over the Washington Wizards on Tuesday night.

Enes Kanter had 14 points and 15 rebounds for Portland, which improved to 2-2 on its six-game road trip.

Carmelo Anthony had 21 points off the bench and Robert Covington added 19 for the Blazers, who have been without starters C.J. McCollum (foot), Jusuf Nurkic (wrist) and Derrick Jones Jr. (foot) for at least three games each.

Interim starter Nassir Little was also out Tuesday with a sprained left knee.

Russell Westbrook had a triple-double with 17 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists for Washington, the only NBA team without five victories this season.

Bradley Beal scored 37 points and Rui Hachimura added 24 for the Wizards, who were attempting to record consecutive wins for just the second time.

But the Blazers leaped to an early 26-7 lead with an 18-0 run, even as Lillard started slowly. Trent made two 3-pointers during the spurt, and Hood and Covington each added one.

Lillard finally scored his first points on a baseline jumper with 3:45 during a first quarter that ended with Portland holding a 40-23 advantage.

— Associated Press

## ALPINE SKIING

## Shiffrin to return to speed events

Mikaela Shiffrin's long-awaited return to speed skiing will come at the world championships starting next week.

The American standout announced Tuesday that she plans to enter four events at the worlds in Cortina d'Ampezzo: combined, super-G, giant slalom and slalom.

It's the biggest program that Shiffrin has ever embarked on at a major championship — worlds or Olympics.

Before her father died last year, Shiffrin had expanded from her favored technical disciplines of slalom and giant slalom to also race — and excel in — the speed disciplines of super-G and downhill. So much so that she won the gold medal in the super-G at the last worlds in Are, Sweden, two years ago.

Since her extended break and her return to the World Cup circuit in November, though, Shiffrin has not entered a single speed race. But she has spent several days training super-G this week.

"I feel comfortable on the skis and it's super fun, so I'm really going into the speed section of world champs with the intention almost trying to take it as an opportunity for training," Shiffrin said.

Still, Shiffrin acknowledged that she probably won't be the favorite for the super-G, with that status belonging to Lara Gut-Behrami, the Swiss racer who has won four straight super-Gs this season.

After all, Shiffrin has not raced on the long boards since winning a super-G in Bansko, Bulgaria, more than a year ago.

— Associated Press

## PAC-12 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## For Beavers, fans a welcome sight at Utah

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There was a bit of a surprise awaiting the Oregon State women's basketball team on Sunday when the players learned that some of their families were on hand to watch them play for the first time this season.

That's because a handful of fans were allowed to be in attendance when Utah and Oregon State squared off in the Huntsman Center in Salt Lake City.

And while they weren't sitting behind the benches, but rather in the upper deck of the arena, it was still a strange occurrence at first.

"It was honestly, like, really weird, like I wasn't used to it anymore which is weird to say that it felt weird," said Oregon

State freshman Sasha Goforth, who celebrated her birthday by scoring 16 points and grabbing 10 rebounds for her first double-double as a Beaver in an 84-74 win.

"But then it made me so happy. I forgot how it felt to, like, have other people behind you, other than just your team and the bench, which is awesome. But just other people that are excited for you and excited to be there watching you, so it was really great."

Coach Scott Rueck had an old friend on hand as well. So he could understand how excited those players were who had family at the game. And how excited the parents were to see their daughters play, if just for a game.

"I was just so excited that some of them got to come," he

said. "I mean that has been one of the most unique, difficult things for all of us is not having people that have been with us our whole lives as we've competed — coaches and players."

The ability for a few people to be in attendance brought up an interesting question: If Utah can make it work, why not other places?

It made Rueck wonder. "They're sitting miles from us way up there, all our arenas are big, why can't we let families come," he said. "I don't understand it, personally, but it seems like there's a way to make it happen if people would let us. So it was really, obviously, exciting to get to see them and have them there. I know it meant a lot to our kids to have their parents come."

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Courtesy Bryan Byerly

Oregon State's Sasha Goforth during a game against Utah on Sunday in Salt Lake City, Utah. Goforth had a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds in the Beavers' 84-74 victory.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Defensive autonomy

Oregon's culture under Mario Cristobal attracted Tim DeRuyter to join Ducks

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EUGENE —

Tim DeRuyter has been a defensive coordinator or head coach for the last 19 seasons, but for the first time in five years he'll have autonomy.

Oregon's new defensive coordinator, DeRuyter was officially introduced on Monday, 10 days after he was hired away from Pac-12 North foe Cal, where he spent the last four seasons.

DeRuyter did for the Bears what he's done at numerous stops in his career, performing a massive statistical turnaround upon his arrival and in many ways, overachieved in results based on the caliber of talent he inherited thanks to player development, scheme and play-calling. But those last two factors were not entirely under DeRuyter's

control at Cal, where Justin Wilcox has purview over the defense and Peter Sirmon, a former play-calling defensive coordinator, has been involved over the past three seasons.

There won't be shared responsibilities or constructs for DeRuyter to work within in terms of defensive game-planning at Oregon.

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Nati Harnik/AP file

Then Fresno State coach Tim DeRuyter watches players warm up for an NCAA college football game against Nebraska in 2016. DeRuyter was officially introduced as Oregon's new defensive coordinator this week.

## GOLF

## Reed's reputation from Bahamas the ultimate penalty

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The violation was so egregious that Rickie Fowler, glancing at the replay on television, quickly raised his eyebrows and said: "Whoa! What was THAT?"

It was Patrick Reed.

This was just over a year ago in the Bahamas, the day Reed infamously used the back of his wedge to scoop away sand — twice — from behind his golf ball in a waste bunker, improving his line of play. Only when he was shown video evidence did Reed accept the two-shot penalty, but not before suggesting the camera angle made it look worse than it was.

The penalty, as it turns out, was worth more than two shots.

There is no greater punishment in golf than being stuck with a reputation for cheating.

Reed was always going to have a hard time living down that incident.

It followed him to Australia, where the fans were so abusive his caddie got into it with a spectator and was replaced for the final day of the Presidents Cup. It stayed with him in the chill environment of Kapalua, where a spectator yelled "CHEATER!" after Reed hit a putt in a playoff. A few weeks later in San Diego, Reed asked police to remove hecklers.

The verbal abuse was silenced by golf not having fans because of the pandemic.

And then more outrage involving Reed, fueled mightily by social media, arrived during an otherwise idyllic Saturday afternoon at Torrey Pines.

Moving past this one will be almost impossible.

As far as the PGA Tour is concerned, Reed did nothing wrong on the 10th hole of the third round at the Farmers Insurance Open. And according to the Rules of Golf, which relies on facts over reputation, the tour was right.

"He operated the way the rules permit him to operate," said John Mutch, the tour's se-

nior tournament director.

This was about optics. Mostly, it was about Reed.

He pulled his approach from a fairway bunker into thick grass left of the 10th green.

Approaching where a volunteer had marked the spot with a tiny flag, Reed asked if the ball bounced. "No, I didn't see it bounce," the volunteer replied.

He turned to his playing partners, PGA Tour rookie Will Gordon and second-year player Robby Shelton, and told them, "They said it didn't bounce," and that he would check for an embedded lie. Crouching over, he marked the spot with a tee, put the ball in

the palm of his hand and kept probing the turf for about 5 seconds when he called for an official. And then he poked around for another five seconds.

"I believe it broke ground, but I'm going to let you make that call," Reed told Brad Fabel, the rules official.

Fabel didn't immediately know what he was talking about because Reed had placed the ball about 8 feet away. Reed showed him where the ball was, Fabel poked around and agreed there was a "lip," meaning the ball had broken the plane of the soil.

Free drop.

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