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GETTING READY FOR THE OFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUALIFIER 2018



The OFC Champions League Qualifier 2018 is set to kick off locally, on Saturday. It is for the National League champions of four countries — American Samoa, Cook Islands, Samoa and Tonga. The winner and runner-up of this tournament will advance to the second stage of the OFC Champions League 2018, which will be held in four locations to be confirmed at a later date. The four countries and their participating teams: American Samoa — Pago Youth; Cook Islands — Tupapa Maraerenga FC; Samoa — Lupe o le Soaga; and Tonga — Veitongo FC.

The Cook Islands team arrived on island Tuesday, while the other two teams, from Samoa and Tonga arrived yesterday. For the last two years, Utulei Youth represented American Samoa, but after Pago Youth won the FFAS National League in 2016, they earned this berth. This will be the third time Pago Youth has represented American Samoa in this tournament. There are three match days scheduled for the OFC Champions League Qualifier 2018, with Day 1 on Saturday, Jan. 20. Match Day 2 is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 23, while Match Day 3 is Friday, Jan. 26.

Games are at 12:00 pm and 3 p.m. on all three Match Days, and they will all be played at the Pago Park Soccer Stadium.

There is no opening ceremony planned for the games — so starting time is as noted — 12 p.m.

The games will be streamed live online, while Samoa News will be doing coverage with photos and brief highlights of the games, sponsored by Congresswoman Aumua Amata. If you have time, and the weather is great — be sure to drop in and see the games, starting Saturday and throughout next week. They should be exciting to watch with the quality of players participating.

[photo: TG]



Houston Rockets guard Chris Paul (3) tangles with Minnesota Timberwolves guard Jeff Teague (0) as he pivots during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, in Houston.

(AP Photo/Michael Wyke)

Gordon scores 30 as Rockets beat Timberwolves 116-98

HOUSTON (AP) — Eric Gordon scored in a variety of ways Thursday night. One shot stood out from the rest.

Gordon banked in a half-court heave at the end of the third quarter, part of a 30-point performance that helped the Houston Rockets to a 116-98 victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

“When I shot it, I thought it was going to go in somehow,” Gordon said. “It looked good from that distance, but it was good to get that one to go in. It felt good to knock down a shot like that.”

Gordon connected from a step behind the half-court line, sending Houston to the fourth with an 89-70 lead. After hitting the shot under heavy pressure from Andrew Wiggins, Gordon gave a high-five to Rockets owner Tilman Fertitta, who was sitting courtside near the play.

James Harden returned to the Rockets’ lineup after missing seven games with a left hamstring strain. He finished with 10 points on 3-for-15 shooting, and added seven assists, two steals and two blocks in 26 minutes. Houston went 4-3 in his absence.

“Other than missing a lot of shots that I normally make, I thought I was active, especially, defensively,” Harden said. “I was trying to create opportunities and get guys involved, and obviously, those guys had great games tonight.”

Chris Paul had 19 points, nine assists and six rebounds for the Rockets, and Clint Capela

added 20 points. Houston has won 15 of the past 17 meetings with Minnesota, including a 10-game winning streak at home.

Gordon made 11 of 19 shots, including 7 of 13 from 3-point range. He fell just short of his season-high 33 points against Utah on Dec. 18.

With Rockets small forward Trevor Ariza sitting out the first part of a two-game suspension for a postgame locker room incident Monday night in Los Angeles, Luc Mbah a Moute got the start and scored 14 points in 32 minutes.

Along with Ariza, reserve guard Gerald Green also served the first of a two-game suspension for the altercation with the Clippers.

“When we get the guys back, we can get there, but it’s just the matter of, can we get the same mentality when we get everybody together, can we defend and have a force that’s championship level?” Rockets coach Mike D’Antoni said. “We’ll see.”

Jimmy Butler led Minnesota with 23 points, and Karl-Anthony Towns added 22 points, 16 rebounds and five blocks. Wiggins finished with 16 points.

The Timberwolves struggled to contain Houston’s 3-point shooting. The Rockets hit 17 of 39 from beyond the arc while improving to 24-4 when making at least 15 3s. Minnesota has lost back-to-back games following a five-game winning streak.

“Things can change very quickly in this league,” Timber-

wolves coach Tom Thibodeau said. “We’ve slipped, we’ve got to play with more of an edge, and we’ve got to bounce back. The games keep coming.”

ALL-STAR HARDEN

Harden was voted a starter for the NBA All-Star Game for the second straight year. Harden also replaced Kobe Bryant in the starting lineup in both 2014 and 2015.

Harden has been named an All-Star in each of his six seasons with the Rockets, trailing only Hakeem Olajuwon (12 appearances) and Yao Ming (eight appearances).

“That’s some great company right there,” Harden said. “It’s an honor and it’s something that I never take for granted.”

CP3 STEALS

By picking off a bad pass from Jeff Teague, Paul earned his 1,958th steal, passing Derek Harper to move into 13th place on the NBA’s career steals list.

TIP-INS

Timberwolves: Towns fell one block shy of his career high, which he has accomplished three times. ... Former Rockets PG Aaron Brooks and C Cole Aldrich did not play in the game.

Rockets: Rookie C Zhou Qi was sidelined by a right elbow injury despite participating in pregame warmups. Second-year players Troy Williams (right knee MCL sprain) and Chinanu Onuaku (sinus surgery) also did not play after entering with a questionable status.

UP NEXT

Timberwolves: Host Toronto on Saturday night.



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IN THE COMMUNITY

(Photos: Blue)



Philadelphia 76ers guard T.J. McConnell, right, drives past Boston Celtics forward Semi Ojeleye during an NBA basketball game between the Boston Celtics and the Philadelphia 76ers at the O2 Arena in London, Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018.
(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

Not-household-name players get All-Star votes from NBA peers

Semi Ojeleye, Cedi Osman and Royce O'Neale have never started in an NBA game. Cameron Payne last played in April. Matt Costello has scored two points in his NBA career.

They're not stars. Yet somehow, someone in an NBA locker room apparently thought they should start in this year's All-Star Game.

Only 10 players will start in Los Angeles on Feb. 18, but 249 players — roughly half the league — were listed on at least one ballot in the player portion of the All-Star selection process. And while some of the results might suggest not everyone took it seriously, making the list seemed to leave Philadelphia's Amir Johnson genuinely moved.

"That's pretty cool, man," Johnson said Thursday night when told that he got a vote. "That shows you how together we are. ... It's just everybody against the world. It's us against everybody." So guys like Ojeleye, Osman, O'Neale, Payne and Costello all got a vote from at least one player. Andre Iguodala, a recent NBA Finals MVP, did not.

The league is trying a new format for the All-Star Game this season, using captains to pick the rosters. LeBron James and Stephen Curry, the leading overall vote-getters from each conference, will pick their teams next week in a draft that isn't slated to be televised. It's part of the way the NBA is trying to make the game more competitive and relevant.

Players seem to have fun with the league's process.

"I'm not sure who voted, but put it out there — whoever voted for me, I really appreciate it," said 76ers guard T.J. McConnell, the proud recipient of two

starter votes from players.

All-Star balloting is broken up into three parts: Fan voting counts for 50 percent, media voting 25 percent and player voting the final 25 percent. Ballots are counted, then weighted, and from there the starters are picked. And it's important to note that what the majority of the players picked was largely in line with the results of fan and media balloting.

Players could vote for themselves. Since Johnson didn't know he got a vote, it would be reasonable to think he didn't go that route.

"I think it's dope," Johnson said after Philadelphia beat Boston. "Players do recognize who's doing well, who's improving around the league. You know, and it's pretty awesome to see." Of the 249 players who got a starter vote, more than half — 53 percent — appeared on no more than two ballots cast.

And 249 players getting at least one vote from their peers as a starter sounds like a lot, it is, but that total is also down a bit from last season when 283 players got onto ballots.

Some other notes on the All-Star voting:

THE CASE FOR MANU

Much like Dwyane Wade last year, if these were olden times — of two years ago — San Antonio's Manu Ginobili would be starting the All-Star Game. Ginobili was second in the fan balloting among Western Conference guards, behind only Golden State's Stephen Curry. Ginobili ranked eighth in player votes, and did not appear on any media ballots.

In this new system, with those things weighted and then factored together, Ginobili finished fourth overall in the West

guard race behind only Curry, James Harden and Russell Westbrook. Ginobili is a two-time All-Star, with appearances in 2005 and 2011.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Golden State's Draymond Green got the second-most votes from fans who voted for Western Conference frontcourt players. But Green isn't an All-Star starter, because he finished sixth in the media vote and seventh in the player vote.

"Disappointing, for sure," Curry told reporters after the numbers were released Thursday night.

ZHOU FANS

Dallas' Zhou Qi has played a total of 75 minutes in 14 games this season, averaging 1.2 points.

But it's a global game, with global voting, and it's likely that he got some social-media help from basketball fans in his homeland of China. He finished 21st overall in the Western Conference frontcourt fan balloting.

HAYWARD TRIBUTE

Boston's Gordon Hayward, whose season was derailed when he broke his ankle five minutes into the Celtics' season-opener at Cleveland, wasn't forgotten. He was picked as a starter on two player ballots, and finished 16th in the fan voting among Eastern Conference frontcourt players.

MEDIA VOTING

A total of 99 media members invited by the league to participate returned ballots. Cleveland's LeBron James and Milwaukee's Giannis Antetokounmpo were the only players to appear on all of their ballots, while Golden State's Kevin Durant was on 98, Boston's Kyrie Irving was on 96 and Houston's James Harden was on 94.



Oregon State's Tres Tinkle (3) drives past UCLA's Thomas Welsh (40) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Corvallis, Ore., Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018.

(AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez)

Tres Tinkle has 16 and Oregon State beats UCLA 69-63

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — A pair of back-to-back 3-pointers with under three minutes to go boosted the Beavers.

Tres Tinkle had 16 points and Oregon State snapped a two-game losing streak with a 69-63 victory over UCLA on Thursday night.

Stephen Thompson Jr. and Drew Eubanks each added 12 points for the Beavers (11-7, 3-3 Pac-12), who finished with all five starters in double figures.

Aaron Holiday led the Bruins (13-6, 4-3) with 22 points. Thomas Welsh finished with 10 points and 13 rebounds. UCLA has now lost as many in league play as all of last season when the team went 15-3 in the Pac-12.

UCLA erased an 8-point deficit to tie the game at 48-48 after a layup from Alex Olesinski with 9:37 left. Thompson answered with a layup for the Beavers to keep the Bruins from pulling ahead.

The Bruins took a 54-53 lead on Chris Smith's layup with 6:40 to go and both teams wrestled for the advantage down the stretch. Kris Wilkes' layup put the Bruins up 58-57, but Seth Berger's basket put the Beavers back in front with 3:42 to go.

Tinkle's 3-pointer gave the Beavers a 62-60 lead before Thompson added his own 3 with 2:16 left.

"I think that maybe burst a bubble a little bit (for UCLA)," Oregon State coach Wayne Tinkle said. "But we didn't lose our composure defensively. They were attacking. They're such a talented team with so many weapons, that until that final five or six seconds, we knew we didn't have it in the bag."

After Eubanks' dunk for Oregon State, Wilkes hit a 3-pointer for UCLA to close the gap to 67-63 with 27 seconds left, but the Beavers closed it out with a pair of free throws.

UCLA coach Steve Alford agreed those two 3-pointers were crucial as the Beavers outscored the Bruins 10-5 over the last 3:42.

"I thought we did a good job on them all night long, but they made two clutch shots in the final three minutes," Alford said.

The pace was slow throughout the first half, with the score knotted at 13 with 7:48 to go after a layup from UCLA's Chris Smith. Kendal Manuel put Oregon State ahead with a 3-pointer.

Thompson and Eubanks hit back-to-back layups to put Oregon State up 31-26 at the break, and Berger's basket to open the second half pushed the Beavers' margin to seven points.

The pace favored Oregon State, which went into the game holding opponents to 65.2 points to lead the Pac-12. On the other side, UCLA was averaging 84 points per game, second in the Pac-12.

Holiday, who scored just four points in the first half, had seven in the first five minutes of the second. But UCLA struggled to close the gap until Holiday's 3-pointer got the Bruins within 41-38.

Berger's 3-pointer and a pair of free throws from Thompson stretched Oregon State's lead to 48-40.

Olesinski fouled out with 5:12 left in the game.

"We know in this conference we've got to win games at

home, so we've got to do whatever it takes," Tres Tinkle said afterward. "We have a great crowd that's behind us, but that said, moving forward with games here and on the road we have to know what it takes, know what to do to close games out, and get a win."

The Bruins were coming off a 68-59 loss at home to Colorado last Saturday. UCLA shot just 37.1 percent from the floor. The loss came after a 19-point victory over Utah that coach Steve Alford said was one of UCLA's best of the year.

UCLA's season has been inconsistent following the season-long suspension of Cody Riley and Jalen Hill, and the departure of LiAngelo Ball following a team trip to China where the three were arrested for shoplifting.

The Beavers lost 62-53 to then-No. 17 Arizona before a second loss to then-No. 11 Arizona State last Saturday.

BIG PICTURE

UCLA: Holiday is the little brother of Jrue and Justin Holiday, who are both playing in the NBA. ... The Bruins were without Ike Okwarabizie because of a concussion.

Oregon State: Tres Tinkle has scored in double figures in all the Beavers' games this season. ... Tinkle also had six rebounds, while Eubanks finished with seven.

QUOTABLE

"Loved our energy. Loved how we competed. We just didn't finish either half," Alford said.

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The Bruins head south on Saturday to face Oregon, which fell to USC 75-70 earlier on Thursday.

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THE TERRITORIAL REGISTRAR is satisfied that the claim, petition by the family and certificate of the village chiefs are in proper form.

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SIGNED: Taito S.B. White, Territorial Registrar

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The Pago Youth Soccer Team who'll be representing American Samoa in the OFC Qualifiers starting tomorrow at the FFAS Field in Pago Pago – are pictured here during practice yesterday evening at the Samoana High School field.

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Bryant scores 29, leads BYU past LMU 82-67

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Elijah Bryant scored 20 of his 29 points in the first half and BYU defeated Loyola Marymount 82-67 on Thursday night.

With Bryant making 7 of 9 shots, including 4 of his 5 3-pointers, the Cougars (16-4, 5-2 West Coast Conference) shot 67 percent and rolled to a 46-29 lead at halftime. Bryant had five points in an early 20-2 run that pushed the lead to 11 and the margin was in double figures for the last 14½ minutes. BYU opened the game making 11 of 13 shots.

The Lions (6-12, 1-6) slowly chipped away, pulling within nine, 70-61, on a 3-pointer by Donald Gipson with 6:11 to play. But LMU missed its next five shots and the Cougars made 5 of 6 free throws before T.J. Haws made a 3-pointer to seal the win.

Yoeli Childs had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Cougars, who had 13 of their 15 turnovers and 14 of their 17 fouls in the second half.

Steven Haney led LMU with 16 points, hitting five 3s.



Svitolina into 4th round, ends 15-year-old Kostyuk's run

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Elina Svitolina ended 15-year-old Marta Kostyuk's run at the Australian Open, met her at the net for a warm embrace and offered some words of encouragement.

With the temperature hitting 40 degrees Celsius (104 Fahrenheit) for the second straight day, fourth-seeded Svitolina reached the fourth round at the season-opening major for the first time with the 6-2, 6-2 win on Rod Laver Arena.

"She's a great fighter," Svitolina, one of five women in contention for the No. 1 ranking, said of her fellow Ukrainian. "We're going to hear a lot more about her."

Players were bothered and spectators clamored for shade and mist-spraying fans in searing heat at Melbourne Park, which had organizers on the verge of enforcing the tournament's extreme heat policy before temperatures dropped quickly after peaking around 2 p.m. local time.

Play can be suspended at the Australian Open if the temperature 40 Celsius (104F) and a combination of factors — including temperature, humidity and breeze — reaches an unbearable limit.

Alize Cornet, who needed a medical timeout and a doctor to take her blood pressure as she struggled with heat stress in her 7-5, 6-4 second-round loss to Elise Mertens, was among those suggesting the extreme heat policy needs reviewing.

"I started to feel dizzy. ... I was feeling super, super hot. I kind of felt that I could faint at any moment," she said, adding that while precautions were taken by tournament officials, "playing in this condition is of course very dangerous for the health of the player."

"The limit of not playing the match is really high. ... I think this limit should be a little bit lower."

No. 3-seeded Grigor Dimitrov beat No. 30 Andrey Rublev 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 in just over three hours in an afternoon match on Rod Laver Arena and said "the heat didn't scare me at all today — that's a good sign."

His fourth-round opponent was to be decided later in the match between local hope Nick Kyrgios and 2008 finalist Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

Kyle Edmund was the first man into the fourth round, overcoming Nikoloz Basilashvili 7-6 (0), 3-6, 4-6, 6-0, 7-5 in 3 ½ hours on open court in the peak of the heat. No. 10 Pablo Carreno Busta had a 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 win over No. 23 Gilles Muller.

Kostyuk entered the tournament ranked No. 521 — a number that will likely be halved next month — and had wins over 25th-seeded Peng Shuai and Olivia Rogowska to become the youngest player to win main-draw matches at the Australian Open since Martina Hingis in 1996.

The step-up to facing a top 10 player was too much for Kostyuk on Friday.

She had nine double faults, including on match point, and only put 37 percent of her first serves into play.

Svitolina, the only seeded player still in contention in her quarter, had five aces, only 11 unforced errors and didn't serve a double fault in the 59-minute match.

Kostyuk sobbed into a towel in the tunnel soon after leaving the court, but could joke about the defeat when asked later what she could take out of the experience.

"Well, a lot," she said. "How much you have to pay Svitolina to have one-hour lesson? I got it for free."

Kostyuk received entry into qualifying because of her junior girls' victory last year at the Australian Open. She won all three qualifying matches, then her first two in the main draw.



Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov celebrates after defeating Russia's Andrey Rublev in their third round match at the Australian Open tennis championships in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. (AP Photo/Dita Alangkara)

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FILE - In this Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 file photo, Duke's Marvin Bagley III (35) dribbles while North Carolina State's Abdul-Malik Abu (0) guards during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Raleigh, N.C. Oklahoma, 's Trae Young, Duke, 's Marvin Bagley III and Arizona, 's Deandre Ayton lead the list of top performers in college basketball as the season crosses its midway point. (AP Photo/Gerry Broome, File)

Oklahoma's Young, Duke's Bagley lead list of top performers

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Duke's Marvin Bagley III and Arizona's Deandre Ayton have met every expectation as college freshmen with star potential.

And Oklahoma's Trae Young has managed to top them both.

Those rookies are among a standout group across college basketball as the season crosses its midway point.

Here's a look at the season's top performers so far with Selection Sunday less than two months away:

TRAE YOUNG, OKLAHOMA

The 6-foot-2 freshman leads the country in both scoring (29.5 points) and assists (9.8) for the fourth-ranked Sooners, who were picked to finish sixth in the Big 12.

"This is what you dream of when you're a kid growing up, playing college basketball at a high level — and winning," Young said after going for 43 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists against TCU last weekend.

Young is the only player with two 40-point games this season through Wednesday's games and tied an NCAA Division I single-game record with 22 assists against Northwestern State.

"It's very hard for a guy to be consistently at that high level through 15 ballgames," Sooners coach Lon Kruger said. "Normally you start maybe just expecting it to happen, you get that big dropoff here or there. And it hasn't happened with him."

MARVIN BAGLEY III, DUKE

He can be a force any time he takes the court.

The possible No. 1 overall NBA draft pick already has more 30-point games than any other freshman in school history. He also became the first Duke player in 38 seasons under Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski to have a 30/20 game (32 points, 21 rebounds against Florida State).

Bagley ranks in the top 15 nationally in scoring (22.0 points) and rebounding (11.7) while ranking second with 15 double-doubles — already a freshman record for the fifth-ranked Blue Devils.

As freshman teammate Trevon Duval put it: "Something good always happens when you throw it inside to Marvin."

DEANDRE AYTON, ARIZONA

Preseason Associated Press All-American Allonzo Trier got the early attention, but the 7-1 Ayton has been dominant for the No. 14 Wildcats.

The freshman is averaging 20.2 points while ranking in the top 10 nationally in rebounding (11.3) and double-doubles

(13). He's shooting nearly 64 percent from the field with enough power and athleticism to finish through contact. But he's shown good touch, too, making 71 percent of his free throws and knocking down eight 3-pointers.

His best stat lines came against Alabama (29 points, 18 rebounds) and then-unbeaten Arizona State (23 points, 19 rebounds, three blocks).

TRA HOLDER, ARIZONA STATE

Holder's rise has made the No. 16 Sun Devils one of the season's biggest stories.

The 6-1 senior has upped his output across the board. He's averaging 19.3 points (up from 16.2 last year), 4.8 rebounds (3.7) and 3.8 assists (3.2) while shooting a career-best 84 percent from the line and 41 percent on 3s. He's also been big in marquee matchups, scoring 29 in a win at Kansas , 31 against Arizona and a season-high 40 against Xavier .

With Holder leading the way, Arizona State reached No. 3 in the AP Top 25 last month for its highest ranking since 1980-81.

JALEN BRUNSON, VILLANOVA

The 6-2 preseason AP all-American has been as steady and efficient as they come for top-ranked Villanova.

Brunson is averaging 18.8 points and 5.3 assists while shooting 58 percent. He also ranks in the top 10 nationally in assist-to-turnover ratio (3.52) and has just 27 turnovers despite averaging 30.7 minutes in 18 games.

Brunson's play, along with the leap by Mikal Bridges (17.4 points), has lifted Villanova to No. 1 for a third straight season.

"If you thoroughly examine him, you would think he is a robot," Xavier coach Chris Mack said last week. "He's a phenomenal player that just dominates the court."

OTHER PLAYERS OF NOTE:

JOCK LANDALE, ST. MARY'S — The 6-11 Australian ranks among the national leaders in scoring (22.0), rebounding (10.4), shooting percentage (.662) and double-doubles (13) — including a 26-point, 12-rebound performance in Thursday's win at No. 13 Gonzaga . It's an example of why KenPom has Landale second to Oklahoma's Young in its national player of the year rankings.

JEVON CARTER, WEST VIRGINIA —

The senior point guard does more than just score. The Big 12's reigning defensive player of the year ranks second nationally in steals (3.4) while averaging 16.7 points, 6.3 assists and 5.2 rebounds.

McLaughlin's 6 free throws help USC hold off Oregon 75-70

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Seeing the ball in Jordan McLaughlin's hands any time brings a smile to Southern California coach Andy Enfield's face, and especially when the game's on the line.

McLaughlin scored the Trojans' last eight points, including six consecutive free throws, to help hold off Oregon for a 75-70 victory on Thursday night.

"He steadies us on every play of every game," Enfield said. "He's the best point guard in the Pac-12 and one of the top point guards in the United States, so to me he's the best."

Chimezie Metu and Bennie Boatwright had 18 points each for USC (14-6, 5-2 Pac-12 Conference), which snapped a 14-game losing streak against the Ducks (12-7, 2-4) that dated to 2009. McLaughlin finished with 11 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

It also was the first win for the Trojans in Eugene in eight years.

"We brought it up, the little things we talk about," McLaughlin said of the losing streak, "but we want to go out and win every game. We were able to come out with a big one tonight."

USC closed the game on a 14-5 run over the final five minutes. McLaughlin put the Trojans ahead 71-68 with two free throws and iced it with four more in the last 23 seconds.

"A lot of people fold under pressure, but one of the reasons I came to this university was to help rebuild this program and bring it to where it is now," McLaughlin said. "I love those moments."

Payton Pritchard led Oregon with 18 points, and Paul White had 14. MiKyle McIntosh added a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The Ducks trailed 69-68 when McIntosh made a strong drive, but slipped under the basket for a turnover with 40.2 seconds left. McLaughlin's first

two of six free throws followed moments later as Oregon never recovered.

"MiKyle tried to get the ball to the basket and fell down, and I don't know what you can say about that," Oregon coach Dana Altman said. "It was a strong drive and he just lost his footing."

USC won the rebounding battle 36-26 and finished 26 of 59 from the field for 44.1 percent. The Ducks were 26 of 54 for 48.1 percent and 11 of 11 at the foul line.

The Trojans missed their first eight shots but didn't flinch, hitting their next seven during a 14-0 run to build an early 10-point lead. Oregon came back behind White's 10 consecutive points off the bench to trail 36-35 at the half.

Altman said his team was victimized by two stretches of poor defense, including that 14-point spurt, which made the difference for USC.

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ACROSS

- 1 Oil cartel acronym
5 Kin of fate
10 Is in the red
14 Eruption output
15 Mountain-climbing aid
16 True thing
17 Secluded valley
18 U-turn from income
19 Do a secretarial chore
20 Two things to cut
23 Gumbly's buddy
24 Intervals in music
25 Canoe tipper-overs
28 Word in BTU
30 Out of the storm, nautically
31 Brother of Moses
33 Package ornament
36 Three things to cut
40 "Get it, cat!"
41 Bay window
42 Elaborate solo
43 Sandwich fish
44 Big name in baby food
46 Don Draper, for one
49 Cut up in the office?

- 51 Three things to cut
57 Trackball relatives
58 Tequila source
59 Square measurement
60 Desktop pic
61 Clichéd
62 Small shopping place
63 Scout's construction
64 Itching for action
65 Boundaries
DOWN
1 "Three Sisters" sister
2 Able start?
3 "... happily ___ after"
4 Like some fancy beds
5 Stands in the mall?
6 Intense, as pain
7 Do-over
8 Biblical wise men
9 Little bit of nerve?
10 Counterbalance
11 Seriously thin people
12 Acclamation
13 Some editorial marks
21 OK gesture
22 Daily routine (with "the")

- 25 Sprint against others
26 Burn-soothing ointment
27 Executive's cherry on top
28 1,509-mile-long river
29 Word with "neither"
31 "Heat of the Moment" band
32 Dug in
33 Cutting comment
34 "The Grapes of Wrath" migrant
35 Sport or don
37 Hill for a pitcher

- 38 Filler of many coffee cups
39 Gin or spades
43 Type of show or scout
44 Immoderately desirous
45 Bedtime, poetically
46 Allow through
47 Make frozen glass clear
48 City in Georgia
49 Intelligent
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53 Opposin' kin
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56 Enjoys grub

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THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY



Happy Birthday: The best way to move forward is without anger. Temptation and excessive behavior will not help you get ahead or reach your goals. Getting along and fitting in will be your ticket to finding your way to a better lifestyle. Refuse to get caught up in someone else's dreams when you should be striving to reach your own. Your numbers are 1, 7, 15, 27, 30, 34, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your plans simple and within your financial means. You'll be tempted to indulge, but nothing good is likely to transpire if you do. Helping others can be rewarding. Offer suggestions and hands-on help, but nothing more. Romance is highlighted. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll face uncertainty when dealing with relationships. Say little, but observe every detail that develops. Knowing what you are up against will help you make wise choices. Intelligence coupled with stamina will help you come out on top. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take on a new position or check out the online job market. An interest you have can be turned into a profit if you apply your skills to something you enjoy. Keep moving until your responsibilities are complete. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Short trips, business meetings and discussing future plans will spark new ideas and bring you closer to those you want to work alongside. Improving your current lifestyle, beliefs or direction will lead to fond memories. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money matters will escalate, and interesting offers will entice you. Contracts and negotiations must be handled shrewdly if you want to come out on top. You'll be inclined to overlook an important detail. Don't celebrate until you have a signed agreement.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be inclined to take on too much. Persuasive individuals may try to take advantage of you and your skills. Don't offer anything that will jeopardize your chances to promote what you want to achieve. An intelligent approach to handling others is encouraged. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't be fooled by what's happened in the past. Someone will lead you astray if given the chance. Focus on the present and how best to deal with your personal life and the changes you want to bring about. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Domestic issues will surface if you let your emotions run wild, leading to false assumptions and overreacting. Take a moment to collect your thoughts and to consider what role you have played in making matters better or worse.**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Face existing problems head-on. Take a closer look at what's happening and you will find a way to make positive adjustments that are within your budget. Don't trust anyone who tries to persuade you to spend more than necessary. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look at every angle and consider the best way to get the most for the least. Excess will cause problems that could deter you from reaching your goals. Go big, not small, when forced to make a decision. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Knowing what you want to do and being able to pull it off will be difficult if you don't follow the rules. Instead, be sure to take the time to give the attention required to do things right the first time. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let the changes going on around you throw you off guard. Stick to your plans and let your intuition help you make the best decisions. Stability will lead to greater recognition and respect. A personal change should be made secretly.***



MAN COMES UP SHORT LEARNING HOW TO DATE IN HIGH SCHOOL

DEAR ABBY: At what point does a man finally give up hope of finding a mate and accept that he may end up alone?

I'm 29. I never had a chance to date in high school. My family farms, and when I was 14, my grandfather could no longer help my dad. Dad couldn't take care of things alone, so I would go out and help him the minute I got home from school every day. Between the farm work and keeping up with my studies, I had to grow up fast. I graduated with a 3.5 grade point average, but because I had no time for dating, this part of my development has always been off.

I have been set up by family and friends, tried meeting people in groups and on online dating sites. So far, it has been to no avail. My last actual date was two years ago. Friends tell me I'm a good guy, so I can't figure out what has gone wrong.

I never regretted helping my dad when he needed me, but I wish it hadn't come at such a steep social price. Am I doomed to a lonely life because I "did the right thing" when I was in high school? -- MIDWEST FARMER

DEAR FARMER: A quick online search would show you there are women who would be very interested in meeting someone like you. Go back online and start researching dating sites for farmers and ranchers. While I can't guarantee you'll meet your match, it would be a good place to start. I wish you the best and hope you will let me know I have guided you in the right direction.

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DEAR ABBY: Recently, my friends threw me a party for my 34th birthday. A number of them brought their children (ages 2 to 6 years) to the Saturday afternoon event.

When I began opening my gifts, several of the children started throwing tantrums because they were not being given gifts. I thought this might be a good learning opportunity to gently teach the children that it was not their birthday, but someone else's special day. However, some of the parents began insisting that I let the crying (and by this point, screaming) children open my gifts(!). Instead, I stopped opening gifts, put all the presents up on a shelf and began serving cake and ice cream and handing out balloons and other party favors.

This satisfied some of the children, but others were still screaming. One of the parents then began berating me, saying that I was "the biggest child" for not "sharing." Needless to say, the party ended early and with some hurt feelings. Was I wrong to not allow small children to tear open my fragile and expensive birthday gifts? -- IT'S MY SPECIAL DAY

DEAR SPECIAL DAY: You did nothing wrong. The parents of the children who were throwing tantrums were wrong. They should have removed their offspring until they regained control of themselves rather than demand you allow their little angels to tear apart your packages. Your mistake was in not having an adults-only party, but after this experience, I'm sure it's one you won't be making again any time soon. Those parents owe you an apology.

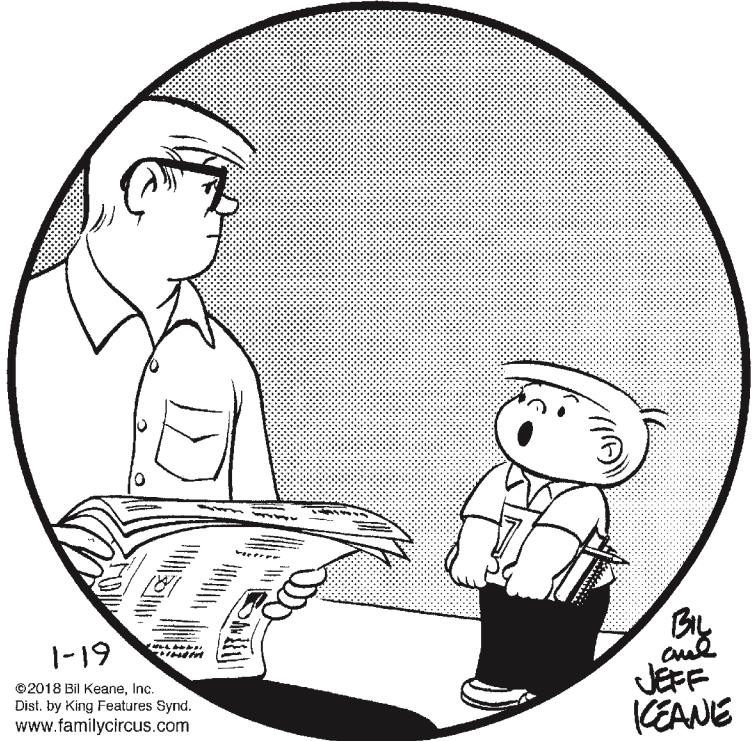
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COME VISIT ME SOMETIME, OK, FELLA?

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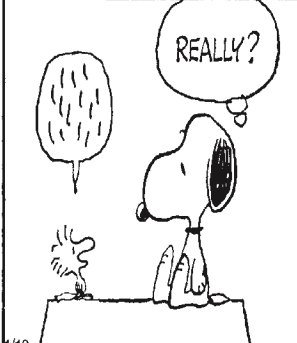
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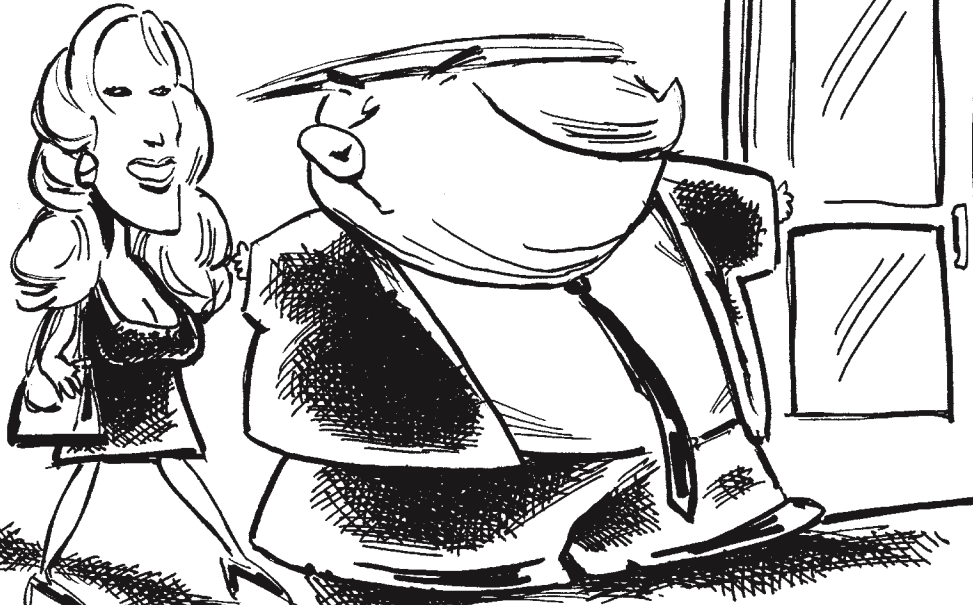
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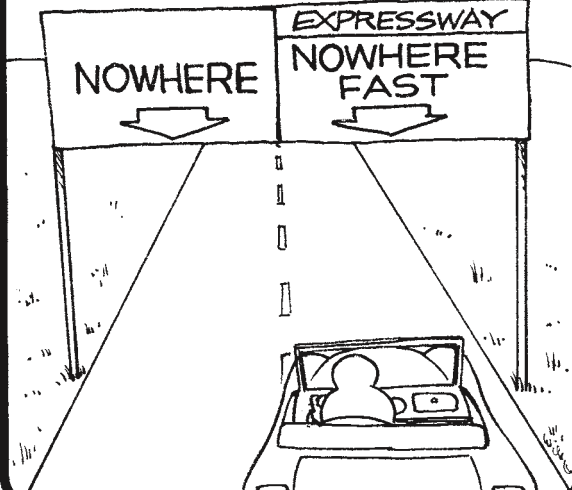
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Hagar the Horrible

by Chris Brown



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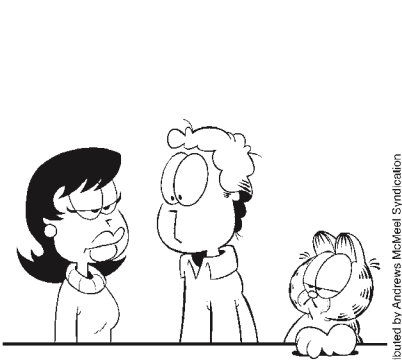
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Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum drives as Indiana Pacers guard Victor Oladipo defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018. The Trail Blazers won 100-86.

(AP Photo/Craig Mitchell/lyer)

Lillard leads Trail Blazers past Pacers 100-86

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland’s home court was once one of the NBA’s toughest for visitors — but was a source of frustration for the Trail Blazers earlier this season.

But they appear to have their home mojo back, as the Blazers won their fifth consecutive home game Thursday night, beating the Indiana Pacers 100-86.

Damian Lillard scored 26 points and Jusuf Nurkic had 19 points and a season-high 17 rebounds to lead Portland (24-21). C.J. McCollum scored 16 points and Shabazz Napier 13 for the Blazers.

Just six weeks ago, the Blazers lost six consecutive games during a late-November, early December stretch. But starting Dec. 28 with a victory over Philadelphia, Portland has returned to its winning ways in Moda Center.

“Overall our team has just locked in a little bit more,” Lillard said. “We had a rough

stretch. We’re not the first team or the last team that’ll have that. The important thing when you have times like that is to stay together and stay with it. I think we’re just in a better place on the floor as a group.”

Several wins during this streak looked like Thursday’s, a game in which Portland had most of the answers during the fourth quarter. Tied at 74 after three quarters, the Blazers out-scored Indiana 26-12 during the final period to pull out the win.

“In the third quarter, I thought we gave them a lot of opportunities,” Portland coach Terry Stotts said. “In the fourth quarter, it was good to see the lead expand without having very many mistakes.”

Portland took control late in the third quarter, when the Blazers held Indiana scoreless for more than five minutes. It was part of Portland’s 21-2 run, during which Shabazz Napier scored eight points to help erase a six-point deficit and give the Blazers an 89-76 lead midway through the fourth quarter.

Napier kick-started the rally during the final seconds of the third quarter, when he made a backcourt steal, then hit a corner 3-pointer as time expired to tie the game at 74.

Victor Oladipo and Darren Collison scored 23 points each for Indiana (24-21).

Indiana coach Nate McMillan had an eye on the stat sheet in assessing what went wrong for the Pacers. Portland outrebounded Indiana 57-46, and scored 24 second-chance points to the Pacers’ 10.

“That’s the hustle game you have to win,” McMillan said. “We have to give help to our bigs down in the paint. They outworked us, and won that game.”

Nurkic had one of his most productive games as a Blazer, missing his career high by three rebounds. Nurkic got going early, hitting his first three shots during the first five minutes. Stotts said he didn’t recall running plays for Nurkic, saying he was doing it all on effort.

“When he got in the paint, he was finishing early,” Lillard said of Nurkic. “He played strong. Even on the defensive end, he was contesting shots at the rim. . When he plays that way on both ends, we’re a much better team.”

Indiana was without forward Myles Turner, the team’s second-leading scorer this season. Turner has missed five consecutive games with a right elbow injury.

McCollum sprinted from the floor to the locker room early in the fourth quarter with a brief bout of nausea, but returned a few minutes later.

Portland led 52-47 at half-time, and the difference was a pair of buzzer-beaters: McCol-lum’s 3-pointer at the end of the first quarter, and Lillard’s desperation layup off a drive to finish the second quarter.



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