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**One win short**

Washington ended Columbus' 16-game winning streak with a 5-0 decision that left the Blue Jackets one shy of tying the NHL record.

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**BULLDOGS 95, DONS 80**

SATURDAY: GONZAGA AT PORTLAND, 6 P.M. (KHQ)



JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED



Gonzaga guard Nigel Williams-Goss, right, shoots over San Francisco forward Matthew McCarthy in Zags' 95-80 win. Associated Press

'Phenomenal' guard picks apart Dons' defense

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SAN FRANCISCO - Nigel Williams-Goss is feeling much better, thank you.

That was evident as the junior guard torched San Francisco for a career-high 36 points, 11 rebounds and six assists to carry the fifth-ranked Zags to a 95-80 victory in front of a packed house of 3,814 at War Memorial Gym.

Scary thing is, Williams-Goss still isn't at full strength after battling an illness during the Pacific game last Saturday and the ensuing few days.

"Definitely the hardest game I've ever played in," Williams-Goss said of Pacific. "I'm still not 100 percent. I

started feeling better Tuesday or Wednesday."

He was in bed most of Sunday and Monday. He practiced some on Tuesday and was able to do quite a bit more on Wednesday.

Thursday? He had one of the better individual performances in school history.

"Phenomenal," said coach Mark Few, after his team improved to 15-0, 3-0 in the WCC. After a brief pause, Few added, "Phenomenal in a lot of ways. Eleven rebounds, six assists, one turnover, 12 of 15 (from the field), that's a big-time game."

Maybe as impressive as his stat line - he eclipsed his season-high of 23

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Gonzaga forward Killian Tillie, center, fights for a loose ball during the first half. Associated Press



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Gonzaga forward Kiara Kudron, left, reaches for a rebound.

Gonzaga rallies for WCC win

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Gonzaga's 0-2 record in the West Coast Conference wasn't exactly the kind of start Zags' coach Lisa Fortier had hoped for - especially after a 9-2 nonconference season that included stunning then-No. 11 Stanford on the Cardinal's home court.

Fortier said earlier this week that her team had a brief loss in identity as the Zags struggled in their opening conference games. It seemed like no one really knew exactly what to make of the two disappointments.

"I didn't really know what happened. We struggled offensively knocking down shots and rebounding obviously," senior

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DEFENSE, SHOOTING LIFT EAGLES

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Times have changed at Reese Court. Now it's the other guys who live and die with the 3-point shot.

On Thursday night that was Montana State, which was stifled early and late as Eastern Washington took a solid 82-64 Big Sky Conference win over the Bobcats.

MSU made things interesting in the second half, but Eastern got a career-high 25 points and 10 rebounds from forward Jacob Wiley to improve to 10-5 overall

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Thomas' injury leaves Seattle vulnerable

By Tim Booth

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. - Until a month ago, the Seattle Seahawks never knew what it was like without Earl Thomas on the field.

Now they're finding out how much Thomas means to everything they try and accomplish defensively.

"Earl's a unique player. He's an extraordinary player, he's proven that," coach Pete Carroll said. "No matter what position a guy plays, you miss that unique

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