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## Spurs snap Rockets' 11-game win run

### Cavs tame Mavs

SAN ANTONIO, April 2, (RTRS): LaMarcus Aldridge posted a double-double and received complementary scoring from Rudy Gay in the San Antonio Spurs' 100-83 win over the visiting Houston Rockets on Sunday.

The Spurs averted a season series sweep and snapped the Rockets' 11-game winning streak in the process, holding Houston to 33.8 percent shooting.

Aldridge finished with 23 points and

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14 rebounds for San Antonio, which desperately needed the victory to maintain pace in the hotly contested Western Conference postseason picture. The Spurs are fourth in the West, a half-game up on Oklahoma City.

Gay scored 21 off the San Antonio bench while the starting backcourt of Dejounte Murray and Danny Green combined for 25 points and 13 rebounds. James Harden led the Rockets with 25 points and eight assists.

### Jazz 121, Timberwolves 97

Ricky Rubio poured in 23 points on 5-of-6 shooting from beyond the arc to lead five teammates in double-figure scoring as visiting Utah romped past Minnesota in a game with major postseason implications for both teams.

Utah led by 11 at halftime and poured it on in the second half, forging as much as a 29-point lead in the fourth quarter to run away with the contest.

The victory allowed the Jazz to leapfrog Minnesota into sixth place in the Western Conference standings. Both



Phoenix Suns' Danuel House Jr. (front left), drives past Golden State Warriors' Draymond Green (23) during the first half of an NBA basketball game on April 1, in Oakland, California. (AP)

teams are part of a group of seven squads separated by four games for the No. 4-10 spots in the West, and just five of those teams will earn places in the postseason.

### Thunder 109, Pelicans 104

Russell Westbrook had a triple-double as Oklahoma City held on against host New Orleans, which is clinging on

to the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Westbrook finished with 26 points, 15 rebounds and 13 assists as the Thunder ended a three-game losing streak. Paul George added a game-high 27 points, and Carmelo Anthony had 16 points.

Anthony Davis had 25 points and

11 rebounds, and Ian Clark scored 16 for the Pelicans, who lost their fourth straight.

### Cavaliers 98, Mavericks 87

LeBron James racked up his 17th triple-double of the season with 16 points, 13 rebounds and 12 assists as Cleveland came from behind at home to beat Dallas. The Cavaliers were down by four points entering the fourth quarter but used a 13-0 run over a four-minute time-frame in the middle of the period to take charge.

With the win, Cleveland remains in third place in the Eastern Conference standings with five games to play. The Cavaliers can finish no better than third, but they are just a half-game up on Philadelphia and a game ahead of Indiana as those three teams battle for the Nos. 3-5 spots in the East.

### Warriors 117, Suns 107

Kevin Durant, Draymond Green and Quinn Cook hit 3-pointers during a 17-2, third-quarter flurry that helped host Golden State break open a close game in a victory over Phoenix.

Durant finished with 29 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists for the Warriors, who snapped a three-game home losing streak, their longest since January 2014. The Suns lost their 15th straight despite 22-point efforts from Marquese Chriss and Josh Jackson.

### Nuggets 128, Bucks 125, OT

Nikola Jokic had 35 points, 13 rebounds, five assists and three blocked shots to help host Denver recover from an 18-point, fourth-quarter deficit and post a crucial victory over Milwaukee. Jamal Murray recorded 27 points and seven assists, and Paul Millsap contributed 26 points, 13 rebounds and five assists for Denver. Will Barton had 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Nuggets, who moved within one game of the eighth-place Pelicans for the final Western Conference playoff spot.

### 76ers 119, Hornets 102

Ben Simmons put on a clinic with 20 points, 15 assists, eight rebounds, three steals and two blocks to lift Philadelphia past host Charlotte for a 10th straight win.

Marco Belinelli added a team-best 22 points on 9-of-10 shooting off the bench for the Sixers, who completed a four-game sweep of the season series with Charlotte.

### Trail Blazers 113, Grizzlies 98

Portland outscored visiting Memphis 43-24 in the third quarter, breaking open a tight game and then cruising to victory.

Damian Lillard scored 27 points and CJ McCollum added 20 points for the Trail Blazers, who won for the 17th time in 20 outings. Rookie Dillon Brooks scored 28 points for the Grizzlies.

### Pacers 111, Clippers 104

Victor Oladipo scored 30 points and delivered a season-high 12 assists to lead visiting Indiana past Los Angeles.

Oladipo hit 11 of 17 shots. Myles Turner scored 24 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Pacers, who won their fifth consecutive game, including three in a row on the road.

### Pistons 108, Nets 96

Reggie Jackson scored 12 of his season-high 29 points in the fourth quarter as Detroit withstood Andre Drummond's ejection and beat host Brooklyn.

Drummond posted his 59th double-double of the season with 13 points and 14 rebounds. He missed a chance for a league-leading eighth 20-20 game after getting ejected for an incident with Quincy Acy.

With 21 seconds remaining in the third quarter, Detroit's Ish Smith missed a short jumper, and before Brooklyn's Joe Harris could get the rebound, Drummond and Acy jostled for position. Drummond took exception and shoved the Brooklyn forward. After officials reviewed the incident, both players were tossed, and Drummond ripped off his jersey as he headed toward the locker room.

### Bulls 113, Wizards 94

Lauri Markkanen scored 23 points, and Chicago won its second game in a row, topping Washington, which was without John Wall.

Wall returned from a two-month absence Saturday and helped the Wizards clinch a playoff berth with a win over the Hornets. Washington's All-Star guard missed 27 games recovering from a knee injury. He had 15 points and 14 assists against the Hornets but was given Sunday off.

### Kings 84, Lakers 83

Buddy Hield scored 19 points, and his tiebreaking dunk with 37 seconds left led Sacramento past host Los Angeles.

Bogdan Bogdanovic added 15 points on 6-of-7 shooting for the Kings, who halted a four-game slide. De'Aaron Fox had 14 points and six assists and Willie Cauley-Stein contributed 11 points and seven rebounds for Sacramento.

Julius Randle scored 19 points for the Lakers, who fell for the seventh time in their past nine contests.

### Hawks 94, Magic 88

Dewayne Dedmon, Mike Muscala and John Collins each had double-doubles as Atlanta held off visiting Orlando in a battle between the two teams with the worst records in the Eastern Conference.

Dedmon finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Collins had 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Muscala came off the bench to score 13 points and grab 10 rebounds for the Hawks, who snapped a five-game losing streak. Tyler Dorsey scored a team-high 19 points.

## NBA Results / Standings

WASHINGTON, April 2, (RTRS): Results and standings from the NBA games on Sunday.

Philadelphia	119	Charlotte	102	Oklahoma City	109	New Orleans	104
Chicago	113	Washington	94	Utah	121	Minnesota	97
San Antonio	100	Houston	83	Denver	128	Milwaukee (OT)	125
Indiana	111	LA Clippers	104	Golden State	117	Phoenix	107
Atlanta	94	Orlando	88	Portland	113	Memphis	98
Detroit	108	Brooklyn	96	Sacramento	84	LA Lakers	83
Cleveland	98	Dallas	87				

Eastern Conference				Western Conference					
Atlantic Division				Northwest Division					
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB		
Toronto	55	21	.724	Portland	48	29	.623	-	
Boston	53	23	.697	2	Oklahoma City	45	33	.577	3-1/2
Philadelphia	46	30	.605	9	Utah	44	33	.571	4
New York	27	50	.351	28-1/2	Minnesota	44	34	.564	4-1/2
Brooklyn	25	52	.325	30-1/2	Denver	42	35	.545	6
Central Division				Pacific Division					
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB		
Cleveland	47	30	.610	Golden State	56	21	.727	-	
Indiana	46	31	.597	1	LA Clippers	41	36	.532	15
Milwaukee	41	36	.532	6	LA Lakers	33	43	.434	22-1/2
Detroit	37	40	.481	10	Sacramento	25	53	.321	31-1/2
Chicago	26	51	.338	21	Phoenix	19	59	.244	37-1/2
Southeast Division				Southwest Division					
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB		
Washington	42	35	.545	Houston	62	15	.805	-	
Miami	41	36	.532	1	San Antonio	45	32	.584	17
Charlotte	34	44	.436	8-1/2	New Orleans	43	34	.558	19
Orlando	22	54	.289	19-1/2	Dallas	23	54	.299	39
Atlanta	22	55	.286	20	Memphis	21	56	.273	41



Los Angeles Lakers forward Julius Randle (left) and Sacramento Kings forward Skal Labissiere reach for a rebound during the first half of an NBA basketball game on April 1, in Los Angeles. (AP)

## Swede downs Park in marathon playoff

# Brilliant Lindberg claims 1st major title

LOS ANGELES, April 2, (AFP): Sweden's Pernilla Lindberg held her nerve to claim her first major title on Monday, winning the ANA Inspiration on the eighth hole of a thrilling playoff duel with South Korean star Park In-bee.

Lindberg, who had led for all four rounds of the tournament, drained a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-four 10th to set up her victory over seven-time major winner Park at the Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California.

The 31-year-old's birdie left Park needing to make an awkward 10-footer to force an extra playoff hole, but the 2013 champion missed to hand Lindberg the win.

"I just know I'm a grinder. Towards the end yesterday I felt 'This is mine, I'm going to do this'," said

Lindberg, who has registered only a handful of top-10 finishes on the LPGA Tour after more than 180 tournaments.

"I just knew I could so I just kept fighting away. I couldn't believe it when that last putt went in," added Lindberg, whose previous best finish at a major was a share of fifth at the 2015 US Women's Open.

Lindberg celebrated her victory with the traditional dive into the Popple's Pond hazard at the 18th green — and was joined in the water by her parents, Jan and Gunilla.

"The only reason I'm playing golf is because of them," Lindberg said.

"It's so great that they were here. I've probably given my dad I don't know how many heart attacks over the past few days.

"But I'm so happy they're here

and I get to celebrate this with them."

The playoff had extended into Monday after Lindberg and Park finished in near-darkness on Sunday, unable to land a decisive blow through four extra holes.

Their duel resumed at just after 8:00am local time Monday on the par-four 10th, with Lindberg coming within a couple of inches of draining a monster birdie putt that would have completed victory.

Lindberg had to settle for a par however which left Park a 25-foot birdie putt for the championship.

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The 29-year-old seven-time major winner's effort rolled up short however, leaving her with a tap-in which she duly converted.

Play then moved to the par-three 17th, but in a sign of mounting tension, both players fluffed their tee shots.

Park's seven iron off the tee kicked into the bunker at the front of the green before Lindberg then squandered an opportunity to capitalise by sending her tee shot into the deep rough.

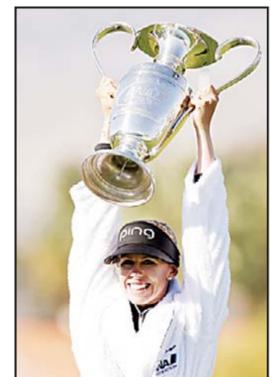
Both players then chipped onto the green to leave themselves with long putts to make par.

Park ramped up the pressure on Lindberg by draining her putt from 15ft, leaving Lindberg a 12-footer to

stay in the match.

The Swede rose to the challenge magnificently, rolling in the putt to take it to a seventh playoff hole at the 531-yard par-five 18th.

After both players found the fairway off the tee, Lindberg then ripped her second shot onto the green to leave herself with a long eagle putt.



Pernilla Lindberg of Sweden, holds up her trophy after winning on the 10th hole during the eighth playoff round to win the LPGA Tour ANA Inspiration golf tournament over Park In-bee, of South Korea, at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California on April 2. (AP)

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## Lawrence ends Derby's woeful run

LONDON, April 2, (AFP): Wales international Tom Lawrence's delightful freekick ended Derby County's eight-match winless run with a 1-0 victory over fellow Championship play-off chasing contenders Preston North End on Monday.

Lawrence struck in the 53rd minute to give fifth-placed Derby a three-point advantage over Middlesbrough and Bristol City.

Both can draw level with Derby — who have a superior goal differ-

ence — on points later on Monday if 'Boro beat relegation-threatened Burton away and City defeat mid-table Brentford at home.

"This was a massive result for us," said Derby manager Gary Rowett.

"We needed this win."

Preston — who are 10th but only two points off sixth-placed Middlesbrough — had missed a glorious chance to take the lead in the first half when Alan Browne's penalty hit the post.