

PRIME TIME

wednesday— (all times are kuwait local)

- 07:00 atp 500 acapulco/tennis bein sports 9hd
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- 21:30 athletic vs valencia/soccer bein sports 3hd
- 21:30 malaga vs sevilla/soccer bein sports 1hd
- 21:30 getafe vs deportivo/soccer bein sports 4hd
- 23:30 atletico vs leganes/soccer bein sports 3hd
- 23:30 villarreal vs eibar/soccer bein sports 4hd

Sports

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Rockets sweep Jazz for 13th straight win

Warriors tame Knicks

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb 27, (AP): Time and again in the fourth quarter, Luc Mbah a Moute saw 7-foot-1 Rudy Gobert guarding him on the perimeter.

His eyes lit up. After all, he had a feeling this might happen and the Rockets forward took advantage.

Mbah a Moute scored 15 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter and James Harden had 26 points to lift the Houston Rockets to their 13th straight win, 96-85 over the Utah Jazz on Monday night.

Playing the second side of a back-to-back set at high altitude, nothing seemed to come easy for the Rockets but the Jazz committed 22 turnovers, many of them unforced, to ease the pressure.

Mbah a Moute saw Denver center Nikola Jokic guard him for a while on Sunday night admitted it threw him off.

BASKETBALL

Against the Jazz, he was ready.

The Jazz seemed determined to limit Harden and run the Rocket's top shooters off the 3-point line but Mbah a Moute exploited the open shots and lanes to the basket to keep the Jazz at bay.

Mbah a Moute went 7-for-7 and Chris Paul added 15 points for the streaking Rockets, who trailed by as many as 15 in the first half.

Coming in, it was a matchup of two of the hottest teams in the NBA. The Jazz had won 12 of 13 games but couldn't find easy baskets against the Rockets scrambling defense.

Gobert scored 17 and Donovan Mitchell had 16 to lead the Jazz, who were 7-of-29 from 3-point range - including the Jazz rookie who was 1-of-9.

Rockets missed 15 of their first 17 3-pointers themselves but the cold spell didn't last as Trevor Ariza hit back-to-back long balls to give the Rockets their first lead of the second half at 59-57. Stiffing defense helped stretch that to a 77-65 advantage early in the final period with Harden on the bench for much of a 14-2 run.

When Mitchell drove for a dunk with 4:30 left in the second quarter, the Jazz took their largest lead at 44-29.

The Rockets won all four meetings with the Jazz this season by double digits.

Warriors 125, Knicks 111

In New York, Klay Thompson had 26 points and Stephen Curry scored 14 of his 21 in the third quarter, when the Golden State Warriors ran another opponent off the floor on their way to a 125-111 victory over the New York Knicks



New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis (23) reacts after his slam dunk on offensive rebound in the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Phoenix Suns in New Orleans on Feb 26. (AP)

on Monday night.

Kevin Durant added 22 points and nine rebounds for Golden State, which trailed by one at halftime before outscoring New York 39-18 in the third.

The Warriors improved to 3-0 since the All-Star break and beat the Knicks for the eighth straight time, one shy of their longest winning streak in the series. They won nine straight in 1963-64.

Raptors 123, Pistons 94

In Toronto, DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry each scored 20 points, Serge Ibaka had 19 and Toronto routed Detroit for its seventh win in eight games.

Pascal Siakam added 11 points as the Raptors improved to 25-5 at home, the best record in the NBA.

The Eastern Conference leaders bounced back from Friday's overtime loss against Milwaukee, using spurts at the start of the second and third quarters to hand the slumping Pistons their third straight defeat and sixth in seven games.

Celtics 109, Grizzlies 98

In Boston, Kyrie Irving scored 25 points in three quarters of work and Boston beat Memphis.

Boston has won all three games coming out of the All-Star break. Terry Rozier finished with 15 points, and Jaylen Brown added 13.

After scoring a basket early in the second quarter, the Grizzlies went nearly eight minutes without a field goal. The Celtics rallied during Memphis' drought and used a 22-6 run to increase their lead to 55-30.

Boston (43-19) led by as many as 28 in the second half.

Nets 104, Bulls 87

In Brooklyn, Alan Crabb scored 21 points and Brooklyn snapped an eight-game losing streak with a win over Chicago.

Jarrett Allen and DeMarre Carroll each had 18 points for the Nets, and Joe Harris added 15.

Kris Dunn led the Bulls with 23 points and Lauri Markkanen had 19. Chicago has lost four straight and 13 of 16.

Lakers 123, Hawks 104

In Atlanta, Brandon Ingram had 21 points and 10 rebounds, leading nine Los Angeles scorers in double figures, and the Lakers beat Atlanta for their third straight win.

Julius Randle added 19 points and 10 rebounds as the Lakers overcame 23 turnovers to keep their lead in double figures throughout the second half. Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 14 rebounds and 10 points.

Taurean Prince scored 24 for the Hawks in their fourth straight loss.

Pelicans 125, Suns 116

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis scored a season-high 53 points, grabbed 18 rebounds and blocked five shots as New Orleans extended its winning streak to six games with a victory over hapless Phoenix.

Jrue Holiday scored 20 points for the Pelicans, whose season-best unbeaten run has pulled them into a tie with Portland.

Nasri handed six-month ban

ZURICH, Feb 27. (RTRS): Former Arsenal and Manchester City midfielder Samir Nasri has been banned for six months for a doping offence, UEFA said on Tuesday.

The disciplinary board of European soccer's ruling body found the Frenchman "guilty of using a prohibited method in accordance with the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) prohibited list".

Nasri's lawyer said the case was the result of a drip treatment the player took at a Los Angeles clinic after falling ill and vomiting while on holiday in 2016.

The former France international was playing for Sevilla on loan from Manchester City at the time.



Boston Celtics guard Marcus Smart (36) tries to drive past Memphis Grizzlies guard Mario Chalmers (right), during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Boston on Feb 26. (AP)

land for fifth place in the Western Conference despite being without All-Star big man DeMarcus Cousins, who was lost for the season Jan. 26 with a torn Achilles.

Thunder 112, Magic 105

In Oklahoma City, Paul George scored 26 points to help Oklahoma City defeat Orlando.

George, who scored just five points on 1-for-14 shooting in a blowout loss to Golden State on Saturday, shot 9 of 20 against the Magic and Frank Vogel, his coach when he played for the Indiana Pacers.

Steven Adams scored 16 points and Russell Westbrook had eight points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists for the Thunder. Evan Fournier and Jonathan Simmons each scored 19 for Orlando, which lost its sixth in a row.

Mavericks 109, Pacers 103

In Dallas, Harrison Barnes scored 21 points, J.J. Barea added 19 and Dallas beat Indiana.

The Mavericks ended a four-game losing streak and stopped Indiana's four-game winning streak. They also swept the two-game season series.

Doug McDermott had 15 points for Dallas, and Dwight Powell added 10 points and 14 rebounds.

Myles Turner led Indiana with 24

points and 11 rebounds. Turner played high school ball nearby at Eules Trinity and his only college season at Texas.

Victor Oladipo scored 21 for the Pacers despite playing only 23 minutes be-

cause of foul trouble.

Timberwolves 118, Kings 100

In Sacramento, Calif, Karl-Anthony Towns had 26 points and 17 rebounds, and Minnesota pulled away in the sec-

ond half to beat Sacramento.

Andrew Wiggins scored 22 points, Jeff Teague added 20 and Taj Gibson had 15 to help the Timberwolves sweep the three-game season series.

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NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Feb 27, (RTRS): Results and standings from the NBA games on Monday

LA Lakers	123	Atlanta	104	New Orleans	125	Phoenix	116
Boston	109	Memphis	98	Oklahoma City	112	Orlando	105
Brooklyn	104	Chicago	87	Dallas	109	Indiana	103
Golden State	125	New York	111	Houston	96	Utah	85
Toronto	123	Detroit	94	Minnesota	118	Sacramento	100

Eastern Conference				Western Conference			
Atlantic Division				Northwest Division			
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	42	17	.712	Minnesota	37	26	.587
Boston	43	19	.694	Portland	34	26	.567
Philadelphia	32	26	.552	Oklahoma City	35	27	.565
New York	24	38	.387	Denver	33	27	.550
Brooklyn	20	41	.328	Utah	31	30	.508
Central Division				Pacific Division			
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB
Cleveland	35	24	.593	Golden State	47	14	.770
Indiana	34	26	.567	LA Clippers	31	27	.534
Milwaukee	33	26	.559	LA Lakers	26	34	.433
Detroit	28	32	.467	Sacramento	18	41	.305
Chicago	20	40	.333	Phoenix	18	44	.290
Southeast Division				Southwest Division			
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	35	25	.583	Houston	47	13	.783
Miami	31	29	.517	San Antonio	36	25	.590
Charlotte	27	33	.450	New Orleans	34	26	.567
Orlando	18	42	.300	Dallas	19	42	.311
Atlanta	18	43	.295	Memphis	18	41	.305