

PRIME TIME

wednesday — (all times are Kuwait local)

- 21:00 etienne vs nice/soccer bein sports 6hd
- 21:00 dijon vs montpellier bein sports 9hd
- 21:00 metz vs rennes bein sports 10hd
- 22:30 chelsea vs villa/soccer bein sports 3hd
- 22:30 leicester vs watford/soccer bein sports 4hd
- 22:45 aberdeen vs rangers/soccer bein sports 13hd
- 23:00 man u vs spurs/soccer bein sports 2hd, 11hd
- 23:05 psg vs nantes bein sports 6hd

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Bucks' winning streak reaches 12

76ers remain perfect at home



Juventus' Cristiano Ronaldo poses with the trophies for best Italian Serie A player during the Gran Gala soccer awards ceremony in Milan, Italy on Dec 2. (AP)

Ronaldo 'crowned' Serie A player of yr

MILAN, Dec 3, (AP) — Cristiano Ronaldo was named the Italian league's player of the year on Monday following his debut season at Juventus.

Ronaldo was at the Gran Gala del Calcio in Milan to collect his prize, instead of attending the Ballon d'Or ceremony in Paris where he was third in the voting for best player in the world.

The Juventus forward turned up about an hour before the main award was announced, arriving more than two hours after the other guests, and waited outside in the car until the moment came for him to go on stage to pick up the prize for his place in the team of the season.

"It's an honor to hold this award," Ronaldo said in Italian. "I thank my Juventus teammates. I'm very happy to play in Italy, it's a very difficult league. Thanks to everyone for having voted for me. I want to do as well this year, too."

For the first time at the Italian ceremony there were also awards

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for female players. Roma and Italy forward Manuela Giugliano won the top prize.

All the awards are voted for by a mix of footballers, coaches, referees and journalists.

Ronaldo signed for Juventus from Real Madrid in July 2018 and helped the Bianconeri to their eighth successive Serie A title.

The 34-year-old Ronaldo scored 28 goals in all competitions for Juventus, including 21 in the league.

Gian Piero Gasperini won the award for best coach after leading Atalanta to third place and a Champions League berth.

Atalanta were the team of the season, ahead of Juventus and Italian Cup winners Lazio.

"This award I share with the whole club, all the players, the whole of Bergamo because we did something really amazing, all of us together," Gasperini said.

"We did incredibly last season, it was unthinkable, including the Italian Cup final. It's because of that that we're getting all these awards."

Gasperini beat former Juventus coach Massimiliano Allegri and Bologna's Siniša Mihajlović.

Brescia's Sandro Tonali won the award for the best Serie B player after the 19-year-old forward helped to win the second division title last season.

MILWAUKEE, Dec 3, (RTRS) — Giannis Antetokounmpo totaled 29 points and 15 rebounds in 22 minutes Monday night as the hosts Milwaukee Bucks easily extended their winning streak to 12 games with a wire-to-wire, 132-88 rout of the New York Knicks.

Antetokounmpo recorded his 20th double-double in 21 games, getting his latest one in 15 minutes into the first half when the Bucks asserted their will. The only time Antetokounmpo failed to get a double-double was two nights ago, when he finished a rebound shy on Saturday in Milwaukee's 41-point win over Charlotte.

Antetokounmpo shot 10 of 14 from the floor, hit three 3-pointers and did not play for the final 16:54, spending the entire fourth quarter cheering on his teammates, including his brother Thanasis. D.J. Wilson added a career-high 19 points and Khris Middleton finished with 16 points for Milwaukee, which shot 55.8 percent and hit 16 3-pointers.

BASKETBALL

Julius Randle led the Knicks with 19 points, but New York's other four starters — Kevin Knox, Taj Gibson, R.J. Barrett, and Dennis Smith Jr — combined for 18 points on 5-of-33 shooting. The Knicks lost their seventh game in a row.

Suns 109, Hornets 104

Kelly Oubre Jr hit two 3-point baskets in the final minute to rescue Phoenix, which blew a big lead and then recovered to win at Charlotte.

Oubre finished with 23 points, missing the first seven of his 3-point attempts before hitting twice from long range in the last minute. Booker also had 23 points, while Dario Saric posted 16 points and 10 rebounds and Frank Kaminsky and Mikal Bridges both had 12 points.

Marvin Williams scored 22 points off the bench for Charlotte. The Hornets received 15 points and 13 assists from Graham. Terry Rozier had 13 points while P.J. Washington and Cody Zeller both finished with 11 points.

76ers 103, Jazz 94

Tobias Harris scored 26 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and Al Horford added 17 points to lift hosts Philadelphia past Utah.

Joel Embiid contributed 16 points and 11 rebounds while Ben Simmons had 14 points, nine assists, eight rebounds and four steals for the Sixers, who improved to a league-best 10-0 at home. The Sixers won their fourth game in a row.

Rudy Gobert paced the Jazz with a season-high 27 points to go along with 12 rebounds while Donovan Mitchell added 18 points. Joe Ingles had 13 points, eight assists and eight rebounds.

Hawks 104, Warriors 79

Trae Young scored 24 points and helped Atlanta break its 10-game losing streak with a win over visiting Golden State. It was the largest margin of victory for Atlanta this season, easily besting the previous high of 17 points against Detroit on Oct 24.

Young reached the 20-point mark for the 18th time this season, and ex-



Memphis Grizzlies forward Solomon Hill (44) drives against Indiana Pacers guards Malcolm Brogdon (7) and Jeremy Lamb (26) in the second half of an NBA basketball game on Dec 2 in Memphis, Tenn. (AP)

tended his streak of making at least 10 field goals to six games. Rookie De'Andre Hunter scored 18 points but left the game with five minutes remaining and went to the locker room with a hand injury. Golden State got 24 points from Eric Paschall, who has scored in double figures in 11 straight games, the most by a Warriors rookie since Klay Thompson went 14 straight in 2012. Paschall added nine rebounds and six assists.

Pacers 117, Grizzlies 104

Seven Pacers players scored in double figures, Domantas Sabonis flirted with a triple-double, and visiting Indiana defeated Memphis.

The Pacers shot 50 percent from the floor, and 16 of 38 (42.1 percent) from behind the 3-point arc. Central to the outstanding night from long range, reserves Justin Holiday and Aaron Holiday had 15 and 11 points, respectively. They combined to make eight of Indiana's 3-pointers. Malcolm Brogdon, who scored a team-high 19 points, also led the squad with nine assists.

Grizzlies center Jaren Jackson Jr led all scorers with 31 points, marking his first 30-plus-point effort of the season.

Bulls 113, Kings 106

Lauri Markkanen stalled a Sacramento flurry with four free throws, and Zach LaVine buried a rally-killing 3-pointer with 1:15 remaining as visiting Chicago held off the Kings.

In ending a three-game losing streak, the Bulls led by as many as 19 points and were still up 92-79 with 9:01 remaining before Sacramento, much as it had done Saturday in a dramatic win over Denver, came on strong.

LaVine had a game-high 28 points and Markkanen 20 to pace the Bulls, who lost at Golden State and Portland to begin a three-game western swing. Buddy Hield totaled a team-high 26 points for the Kings.

Rapinoe wins women's award

Messi claims record sixth Ballon d'Or

PARIS, Dec 3, (RTRS) — Lionel Messi claimed a record sixth Ballon d'Or award, beating Liverpool's leading nominees and Cristiano Ronaldo to lift soccer's most prestigious individual trophy.

The Argentine, who won the Liga title with Barcelona but only managed third place in the Copa America with his country, added to his 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2015 trophies. He finished above Dutchman Virgil

van Dijk and Portugal's third-placed Ronaldo, who has won the award five times.

"I am very lucky, I am blessed. I hope I will continue for a long time," Messi told reporters. "I realize that I'm lucky even if one day it will be time to retire," added the 32-year-old.

"It will be tough but I still have some years ahead of me. Time flies so I will enjoy football and my family."

Senegal's Sadio Mane, who along with runner-up Van Dijk and fellow Liverpool nominees Alisson Becker of Brazil and Egypt's Mohamed Salah, helped the Merseyside club win the Champions League, came fourth in the poll of international journalists.

"It was amazing," said Van Dijk. "There are a couple of players like him (Messi) who are fantastic. I'm proud of what I've achieved with Liverpool and Holland. It's going to be tough (to win the award) when these guys are around." Messi, whose stellar career was rewarded



Barcelona soccer player Lionel Messi holds the trophy of the Golden Ball award ceremony in Paris on Dec 2. Messi won the Ballon d'Or for the sixth time. (AP)



Chicago Bulls guard Zach LaVine (8) shoots while defended by Sacramento Kings forward Richaun Holmes during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game on Dec 2 in Sacramento, Calif. The Bulls won 113-106. (AP)

'Fight against racism needs more work'

PARIS, Dec 3, (RTRS) — UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin says European soccer's governing body is trying to tackle the problem of racism in the game but concedes it could do more.

A series of racist incidents have tainted European soccer recently, with Italian striker Mario Balotelli threatening to walk off the field after receiving alleged abuse from Hellas Verona fans last month while Shakhtar Donetsk forward Taison was shown a red card for reacting to racist jeers during a match.

England's Euro 2020 qualifier against Bulgaria in October was halted twice after fans at Sofia's Levski

Stadium taunted visiting black players with Nazi salutes and monkey chants.

"I am not so naive to think that we've done all we can and now everything is finished. We haven't," Ceferin told the Daily Mirror <https://www.mirror.co.uk/sport/football/news/aleksander-ceferin-insists-uefa-fa-care-21011392>.

"We are trying and we care. We are not just some guys in Nyon sitting eating fancy food and driving Ferraris," Ceferin said UEFA had discussed the issue with European governments but added that it would take time win the battle against racism in football.

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with another trophy, and Ronaldo, had between them won 10 consecutive Ballon d'Or awards until Croatia's Luka Modric prevailed in 2018.

Megan Rapinoe earlier won the women's Ballon d'Or after leading the United States to a record-extending fourth World Cup title in France this year as they retained the trophy.

The 34-year-old midfielder, the standout player at the June-July tournament, succeeded Norway's Ada Hegerberg who did not take part in the World Cup.

Rapinoe was not present at the ceremony in the Theatre du Chatelet, where the show 'An American In Paris' is on.

"I'm so sad I can't make it tonight. It's absolutely incredible congrats to the other nominees. I can't believe I'm the one winning in this field, it's been an incredible year," Rapinoe said in a recorded message.

"I want to thank my team mates and the US federation."

Dutchman Matthijs de Ligt, a key player in Ajax Amsterdam's thrilling run to the Champions League semifinals and now at Juventus, won the Kopa trophy for the best Under-21 male player.

Alisson, one of the four Liverpool players in the top seven for the men's Ballon d'Or, was awarded the new Yashin trophy for the best male goalkeeper of the year. There was, however, no trophy for the best female Under-21 player or keeper.

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Dec 3, (RTRS) — Results and standings from the NBA games on Monday.

Phoenix	109	Charlotte	104	Indiana	117	Memphis	104
Philadelphia	103	Utah	94	Milwaukee	132	New York	88
Atlanta	104	Golden State	79	Chicago	113	Sacramento	106

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Toronto	15	4	.789	—
Boston	14	5	.737	1
Philadelphia	15	6	.714	1
Brooklyn	10	10	.500	5-1/2
New York	4	17	.190	12

Central Division

W	L	PCT	GB	
Milwaukee	18	3	.857	—
Indiana	13	7	.650	4-1/2
Detroit	7	13	.350	10-1/2
Chicago	7	14	.333	11
Cleveland	5	14	.263	12

Southeast Division

W	L	PCT	GB	
Miami	14	5	.737	—
Orlando	8	11	.421	6
Charlotte	8	14	.364	7-1/2
Washington	6	12	.333	7-1/2
Atlanta	5	16	.238	10

Western Conference

Northwest Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Denver	13	4	.765	—
Utah	12	9	.571	3
Minnesota	10	9	.526	4
Oklahoma	8	11	.421	6
Portland	8	12	.400	6-1/2

Pacific Division

W	L	PCT	GB	
LA Lakers	17	3	.850	—
LA Clippers	15	6	.714	2-1/2
Phoenix	9	10	.474	7-1/2
Sacramento	8	11	.421	8-1/2
Golden State	4	18	.182	14

Southwest Division

W	L	PCT	GB	
Dallas	13	6	.684	—
Houston	13	6	.684	—
San Antonio	7	14	.333	7
Memphis	6	14	.300	7-1/2
New Orleans	6	14	.300	7-1/2