

PRIME TIME

wednesday— (all times are kuwait local)

- 20:55 shakhtar vs atalanta/soccer ..... bein sports 3hd
- 20:55 zagreb vs city/soccer ..... bein sports 4hd
- 23:00 bayern vs spurs/soccer ..... bein sports 2hd
- 23:00 brugge vs real/soccer ..... bein sports 3hd
- 23:00 leverkusen vs juve/soccer ..... bein sports 4hd
- 23:00 atletico vs lokomotiv/soccer ..... bein sports 5hd
- 23:00 psg vs galatasaray/soccer ..... bein sports 6hd
- 23:00 olympiakos vs zvezda ..... bein sports 7hd

# Sports

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## NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Dec 10, (RTRS): Results and standings from the NBA games on Monday.

LA Clippers	110	Indiana	99
Boston	110	Cleveland	88
Toronto	93	Chicago	92
Sacramento	119	Houston	118

Milwaukee	110	Orlando	101
Detroit	105	New Orleans	103
Phoenix	125	Minnesota	109
Oklahoma	104	Utah	90
Memphis	110	GSW	102

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Atlantic Division					Northwest Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB		W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	17	5	.773	—	Denver	14	7	.667	—
Philadelphia	17	7	.708	1	Utah	13	11	.542	2-1/2
Toronto	16	7	.696	1-1/2	Oklahoma	11	12	.478	4
Brooklyn	13	10	.565	4-1/2	Minnesota	10	13	.435	5
New York	4	19	.174	13-1/2	Portland	9	15	.375	6-1/2
Central Division					Pacific Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB		W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	21	3	.875	—	LA Lakers	21	3	.875	—
Indiana	15	9	.625	6	LA Clippers	18	7	.720	3-1/2
Detroit	10	14	.417	11	Phoenix	11	12	.478	9-1/2
Chicago	8	17	.320	13-1/2	Sacramento	10	13	.435	10-1/2
Cleveland	5	18	.217	15-1/2	Golden State	5	20	.200	16-1/2
Southeast Division					Southwest Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB		W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	17	6	.739	—	Dallas	16	7	.696	—
Orlando	11	12	.478	6	Houston	15	8	.652	1
Charlotte	9	16	.360	9	San Antonio	9	14	.391	7
Washington	7	15	.318	9-1/2	Memphis	7	16	.304	9
Atlanta	6	17	.261	11	New Orleans	6	18	.250	10-1/2

## 2020 ACL groups drawn

## Quick turnaround for new Asian champions Al Hilal

HONG KONG, Dec 10, (RTRS): Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal did not have long to savour their Asian Champions League triumph before discovering they will face 2015 finalists Shabab Al Ahli Dubai and Uzbekistan's Pakhtakor in next year's competition after the group stage draw on Monday.

The club from Riyadh defeated Japan's Urawa Red Diamonds to win the trophy last month for the first time since the competition started in 2002.

Yokohama F Marinos' coach

runners-up in 2018, will take on Qatar's Al Duhail, Al Taawoun from Saudi Arabia and Sharjah from the UAE in Group C. Fellow Iranians Sepahan meet 2019 semifinalists Al Sadd from Qatar and Saudi Arabia's Al Nassr as well as a team from the playoffs in Group D.

Group A will also feature two teams from the playoff rounds as well as Al Wahda from the UAE and Iraq's Al Shorta.

The group phase kicks off on Feb 10 with the two top teams in each group advancing to the last 16, with the final due to be played over two legs on Nov 22 and 28.

**2020 Asian Champions League Draw:**

- Group A:** Al Wahda (UAE), Al Shorta (IRQ), playoff winner, playoff winner
  - Group B:** Al Hilal (KSA), Shabab Al Ahli Dubai (UAE), Pakhtakor (UZB), playoff winner
  - Group C:** Al Duhail (QAT), Al Taawoun FC (KSA), Sharjah FC (UAE), Persepolis FC (IRN)
  - Group D:** Sepahan (IRN), Al Sadd (QAT), Al Nassr (KSA), playoff winner
  - Group E:** Beijing Guoan (CHN), Chiangrai United FC (THA), playoff winner, playoff winner
  - Group F:** Ulsan Hyundai (KOR), Shanghai Shenhua (CHN), Perth Glory (AUS), playoff winner
  - Group G:** Emperor's Cup Winner (JPN), Suwon Bluewings (KOR), Guangzhou Evergrande (CHN), Johor Darul Ta'zim (MAS)
  - Group H:** Sydney FC (AUS), Yokohama F Marinos (JPN), Jeonbuk Motors (KOR), playoff winner
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## SOCCER

Ange Postecoglou will take the J-League champions to his native Australia after being drawn to face Sydney FC in Group H, which also features two-time champions Jeonbuk Motors from South Korea and a playoff winner.

Chinese Super League champions Guangzhou Evergrande will challenge for a third title in Group F, where they were drawn to play Suwon Bluewings from South Korea and Johor Darul Ta'zim from Malaysia as well as the as-yet undetermined winner of Japan's Emperor's Cup.

Chiangrai United from Thailand will make their debut in the competition in Group E against China's Beijing Guoan and a pair of playoff winners. Group F features Chinese FA Cup winners Shanghai Shenhua, Ulsan Hyundai from South Korea, Australia's Perth Glory and another team from the playoffs.

Persepolis from Iran, who were



Arsenal's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (center), scores his side's third goal during the English Premier League soccer match between West Ham United and Arsenal at the London Stadium in London on Dec 9. Arsenal won 3-1. (AP) — See Page 26

## 'Mbappe must respect my choices'

PARIS, Dec 10, (RTRS): Paris St Germain striker Kylian Mbappe must respect the coach's choices, Thomas Tuchel said on Tuesday after the French international sulking following a last-minute substitution in a Ligue 1 match at the weekend.

Mbappe showed his discontent when Tuchel replaced him with Eric Choupo-Moting just before stoppage time in their 3-1 win at Montpellier, prompting the German to remind him who the boss is at the club.

"He has a specific mindset. When you win titles and have talent like him, you don't like to be substituted but he must accept my choices, it is necessary to show respect to the player who comes on," Tuchel told a news conference on the eve of PSG's final Cham-

pions League Group A game against Galatasaray.

Tuchel added that the Mbappe incident had been forgotten "a minute later".

"I'm not taking it personally," he said.

The French champions have already qualified for the knockout stage and with a five-point lead over second-placed Real Madrid, they have secured top spot in the group.

It gives Tuchel the possibility to rest several players and he will decide after Wednesday's training session if defender Thomas Meunier, midfielder Marco Verratti or winger Angel Di Maria, who will miss the following match if booked, will start. "I don't want to take risks," added Tuchel.

# Bjelica beats buzzer, Kings 'stun' Rockets



Boston Celtics guard Jaylen Brown (7) drives to the basket against Cleveland Cavaliers guard Collin Sexton (right), during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Boston on Dec 9. The Celtics won 110-88. (AP)

## Bucks extend NBA-best winning streak to 15 games

WASHINGTON, Dec 10, (RTRS): Nemanja Bjelica drilled a 3-pointer at the buzzer, and the Sacramento Kings claimed a 119-118 victory over the hosts Houston Rockets on Monday.

Bjelica drilled a 33-footer off an inbound pass from Cory Joseph to answer a driving layup from Rockets guard Russell Westbrook on the preceding possession. Bjelica scored over P.J. Tucker to cap his 17-point performance as the Kings finished 20 of 45 from behind the arc.

Westbrook scored a season-high 34 points, primarily on driving layups as the Kings offered scant rim protection. His basket countered a game-tying 3-pointer from Kings guard Buddy Hield (team-high



Sacramento Kings' Nemanja Bjelica (88) is fouled by Houston Rockets' P.J. Tucker (17) during the first half of an NBA basketball game on Dec 9 in Houston. (AP)

## BASKETBALL

26 points), whose trey matched a 3-pointer from Ben McLemore with 22.7 seconds left.

The Rockets had won 18 of 20 meetings against the Kings, who received 19 points and eight rebounds from Harrison Barnes. James Harden paired 27 points with 10 assists for the Rockets while Tucker grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds

### Pistons 105, Pelicans 103

Derrick Rose scored a team-high 21 points, capped by a last-second, game-winning jumper as Detroit won at New Orleans.

The Pistons in-bounded the ball with 14.7 seconds left and cleared out for Rose, who dribbled down the clock, penetrated and hit a jumper from just inside the foul line. The Pelicans called timeout with 0.3 seconds left, but their subsequent pass was deflected, and they lost their ninth straight game.

Langston Galloway added 16 points, Luke Kennard scored 14 and Andre Drummond had 13 points and 10 rebounds for Detroit. Brandon Ingram scored 31 and Jrue Holiday scored 20 to lead

### New Orleans.

### Bucks 110, Magic 101

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 32 points and grabbed 15 rebounds as Milwaukee extended their NBA-best winning streak to 15 games with a victory over visiting Orlando.

Khris Middleton scored 20 points and Donte DiVincenzo added 12 as the Bucks improved to 11-1 at home and matched the Los Angeles Lakers for best record in the NBA at 21-3.

Evan Fournier scored 26 points and Terrence Ross added 23 as the Magic saw their season-best four-game winning streak come to an end, but not before putting together a late run.

### Raptors 93, Bulls 92

Pascal Siakam scored 22 points, and visiting Toronto overcame an eight-point fourth-quarter deficit to defeat Chicago and end a three-game losing streak.

Kyle Lowry added 11 points and made the go-ahead layup with 50.9 seconds remaining for the Raptors, who have won 11 in a row against the Bulls. Norman Powell had 17 points, Serge Ibaka had 11 points and 14 rebounds, and O.G. Anunoby scored 10 for Toronto.

Zach Lavine scored 20 points —

all in the first half — and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Bulls, who have lost three straight.

### Celtics 110, Cavaliers 88

Kemba Walker scored 22 points, Gordon Hayward had 14 in his return from a hand injury, and Boston beat visiting Cleveland.

Jaylen Brown added 20 points, Jayson Tatum 19 and Daniel Theis 10 as all five Celtics starters scored in double figures. Boston improved to 10-0 at home and won for the sixth time in their past seven games.

Jordan Clarkson had 19 points and Tristan Thompson 17 for the Cavaliers, who lost their seventh straight and fell for the 13th time in their past 14 games.

### LA Clippers 110, Pacers 99

Paul George made seven 3-pointers to highlight a 36-point performance against his former team as Los Angeles held on to beat Indiana in Indianapolis.

George was booed by the crowd in his third game back at Bankers Life Fieldhouse after requesting a trade from Indiana, with which he spent his first seven NBA seasons. George was sent to Oklahoma City in exchange for Victor Oladipo and Domantas Sabonis in July 2017 before the Thunder traded him to the

### Clippers in the latest off-season.

Montrezl Harrell had 26 points and eight rebounds for the Clippers, who played without Kawhi Leonard (left knee soreness). Leonard sat out the latter half of a back-to-back set with a Wednesday showdown looming against his former team in Toronto, marking his first return to the city since he led the Raptors to the NBA title in June.

### Thunder 104, Jazz 90

Dennis Schroder scored 27 off the bench to lead Oklahoma City to a win over Utah in Salt Lake City.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander added 20 points and Chris Paul had 16 points and seven assists for the Thunder, who overcame 26 points from Utah's Donovan Mitchell.

The Thunder played without a pair of starters. Terrance Ferguson missed his third straight game due to right hip soreness while Danilo Gallinari missed a game for the first time this season after sustaining a left ankle sprain.

### Suns 125, Timberwolves 109

Devin Booker had 26 points and three 3-pointers, and Kelly Oubre Jr scored 24 points on his 24th birthday as hosts Phoenix pulled away from Minnesota.

Dario Saric had 20 points and was a rebound short of his fifth double-double in the last eight games, and Ricky Rubio added 16 points and 14 assists for the Suns, who beat Timberwolves for the second time in 17 days to get within one game of .500.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 33 points and 15 rebounds, Andrew Wiggins put up 23 points, and Jeff Teague had 16 points and four assists off the bench for the Timberwolves, whose season-high losing streak reached five games.

### Grizzlies 110, Warriors 102

Memphis used six 3-pointers to bolt to a 24-11 lead in the first 7:19 of the game, then never trailed thereafter in a victory over Golden State in San Francisco.

Rookie star Ja Morant returned from a four-game layoff caused by back spasms to lead the way with a game-high 26 points and seven assists. He helped the Grizzlies win for just the second time in their last 10 games.