

PRIME TIME

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- 10:30 handball bein sports hd
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- 11:45 basketball..... bein sports 7hd
- 13:00 kashima vs ohor/soccer bein sports 3hd
- 14: 50 evergrande vs sanfrece/soccer. bein sports 2hd
- 17:20 al duhail vs esteghlal/soccer.... bein sports 3hd
- 17: 30 al ain vs al hilal / soccer..... bein sports 2hd
- 19:30 equestrian bein sports hd

Sports

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Harden drops 42 as Rockets dump Celtics

Thunder halt skid

BOSTON, March 4, (RTRS): James Harden scored 42 points before fouling out, and the visiting Houston Rockets extended their winning streak to five games with a 115-104 victory over the Boston Celtics on Sunday.

Before being whistled for his sixth foul with 1:44 left to play, Harden staved off a furious Boston rally with a driving layup and a 3-pointer over two defenders that extended the lead to 112-100. The Celtics, once down 71-43, scored the opening 10 points of the fourth quarter and had cut the margin to nine on a Marcus Smart second-chance basket at the 4:40 mark.

The Celtics rallied behind their reserves, with Jaylen Brown posting 15 points and six rebounds off the bench to lead the charge. Boston recorded a 31-9 advantage in bench points.

Eric Gordon matched his career high with eight 3-pointers and scored 32 points to complement

BASKETBALL

Harden, who was 6 of 18 on trays. Chris Paul added 15 points and 12 assists as Houston, which finished 21 of 51 from beyond the arc, improved to 12-0 this season when Paul records double-digit assists.

Thunder 99, Grizzlies 95

Russell Westbrook scored 22 points, including two big shots in the closing stretch, to lead Oklahoma City past visiting Memphis.

The win snapped a four-game losing streak for the Thunder, the team's first since an 0-4 start to begin the season, and kept them tied with Portland for third place in the Western Conference after the Trail Blazers won at Charlotte earlier in the day.

Avery Bradley scored 27 points to lead the Grizzlies, who have lost six of their last eight.

Pistons 112, Raptors 107, OT

Blake Griffin had 27 points and seven rebounds, and Detroit scored the final 10 points of overtime to defeat visiting Toronto.

Luke Kennard and Reggie Jackson had 19 points apiece for Detroit, which has won nine of its last 11 to reach the .500 mark at 31-31.

Andre Drummond had 15 points and 17 rebounds despite foul trouble. Wayne Ellington added 11 points for Detroit, which beat coach Dwane Casey's former team for the second time this season.

Trail Blazers 118, Hornets 108

Rodney Hood came off the bench to score 27 points, including 21 in the fourth quarter, as Portland knocked off host Charlotte.

The Trail Blazers bolted to a 15-point lead in the first quarter but then had to pull away again in the fourth quarter, going on a 15-2 run in the final six minutes. Hood scored 14 of 16 Portland points in one stretch of the quarter.

Portland won for the sixth time in its last seven games. Jeremy Lamb scored 23 off the bench to lead the Hornets.

Wizards 135, Timberwolves 121

Bobby Portis had 26 points and 12 rebounds, Bradley Beal scored 22 points and host Washington defeated Minnesota.

Reserve Jabari Parker added 22



Oklahoma City Thunder center Steven Adams (right), tries to get to the ball before Memphis Grizzlies guard Justin Holiday (left), in the first half of an NBA basketball game, on March 3 in Oklahoma City. (AP)

points for Washington, which had lost five of six.

Karl-Anthony Towns led the Timberwolves with 28 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists, his first sub-30 point effort in four games. Derrick Rose scored 18 points off the bench.

Clippers 128, Knicks 107

Landry Shamet made four 3-pointers in the first eight minutes as Los Angeles went on to rout visiting New York.

Shamet finished with 21 points, all on 3-pointers, and Danilo Gallinari added 20 for the Clippers, who were beginning a stretch of eight consecutive games at the Staples Center. The Clippers will be listed as the visiting team on Monday night when they return to their home floor to face the rival Lakers.

Noah Vonleh (17 points, 12 rebounds) and Mitchell Robinson (16 points, 13 rebounds) recorded double-doubles for the Knicks, who likewise were playing the opener of a back-to-back sequence.

Cavaliers 107, Magic 93

Jordan Clarkson scored 18 points off the bench, and Cleveland enjoyed a big fourth quarter to top visiting Orlando.

Collin Sexton had 17 points on 6-for-11 shooting. Kevin Love posted a double-double with 16 points and 14 rebounds, and Cedi Osman finished with 14 points and six boards.

Magic big man Nikola Vucevic led all scorers with 28 points on 13-for-16 shooting. He pulled down 13 rebounds



Detroit Pistons forward Blake Griffin (23) goes for a dunk over Toronto Raptors center Serge Ibaka (9) during the first half of an NBA basketball game on March 3 in Detroit. (AP)

and dished out six assists.

Hawks 123, Bulls 118

Alex Len scored a season-high 28 points and made two key free throws in the final seconds as visiting Atlanta hung on to beat Chicago.

Len picked up the scoring slack for the Hawks, who were without two starters and saw point guard Trae Young ejected in the third quarter. Len was 9 of 18 from the floor and made five 3-pointers to go along with nine rebounds and two blocked shots.

Lauri Markkanen led Chicago with 19 points and nine rebounds.

'It's an incredibly sad day'

England bids farewell to Banks

STOKE-ON-TRENT, England, March 4, (RTRS): Thousands of fans joined luminaries of English football for a final farewell on Monday to Gordon Banks, a steelworker's son who became one of the world's greatest goalkeepers and will forever be remembered for a miraculous save against Pele.

Team mates from England's 1966 World Cup win and members of former clubs Stoke City and Leicester rode in a cortege from the Stoke stadium to a church funeral for Banks who died aged 81 last month of cancer.

"As a goalkeeper, he's one of the few superstars of our position," Leicester and Denmark goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel, who was a pallbearer at the funeral, told Reuters.

"Great keeper; great man. It's an incredibly sad day."

Banks was best known for the stunning one-handed save from a Pele bullet header that bounced awkwardly in front of him during England's group-stage game against Brazil at the 1970 World Cup.

"With the luck of the gods, the angle at which I'd managed to lift that ball was perfect, and it ballooned in the air and over the bar," the genial and down-to-earth Banks said in one of the many recountings begged by fans and media.

Footage shows Banks chuckling afterwards, as England's Bobby Moore jokingly chides him for not catching

Fellini leading Chinese charge

SEOUL, South Korea, March 4, (AP): Former Manchester United star Marouane Fellaini has already started scoring in China and now the Belgian international is turning his attention to the Asian Champions League.

Fellaini left the Premier League club in January after more than five years at Old Trafford to join Shandong Luneng for a reported fee of around \$14 million.

While the trademark bushy hairstyle has gone, Fellaini showed on his debut on Friday that his nose for goal remains. The 31-year-old midfielder's close-range strike gave Shandong a 1-0 win over Beijing Renhe on the opening day of the Chinese Super League season and he now heads to South Korea to face Gyeongnam FC on Tuesday for the

start of the group stage.

"It was tough because I was here for just one month and my fitness was not 100 percent," Fellaini said after the game. "The Chinese league is difficult, it's new for me so I have to improve and know the game. It's physical, a lot of challenges."

The main Chinese challenge in the continental competition may come from Shanghai SIPG, crowned league champion for the first time in November. Semifinalists in 2017 and with former Brazilian internationals Hulk and Oscar, Shanghai kicked off the Chinese season with a 4-0 win over local rival Shanghai Shenhua. The club's Asian campaign starts at home to Japanese champion Kawasaki Frontale.

the ball.

His achievements went far further than stopping Pele.

Banks won 73 national caps, played nearly 500 times for Leicester and Stoke, won two League Cups and was six times FIFA keeper of the year be-

fore a car crash blinded him in one eye.

He remained in Stoke, a former mining and pottery city, where he would watch games, attend charity events and take a weekly walk round Trentham Gardens.

"He donated his tie to a charity event I was involved in and we raised 200 pounds (\$265.56). Such a gentleman," reminisced Phillip Steele, 76, next to a statue of Banks at the hilltop stadium decked in flags, scarves, footballs and flowers.

About 2,000 fans were at the Bet365 stadium to watch proceedings on a big screen. Others lined the route of the funeral procession, which paused outside the old Victoria Ground where Banks plied his trade before reaching Stoke minster.

Goalkeepers Jack Butland and Joe Hart also helped to carry Banks's coffin into the church, where fellow 1966 World Cup winner and hat-trick hero Geoff Hurst gave one of the speeches.

"Gordon Banks contributed to the worst moment of my football career," Hurst quipped, recalling a penalty of his that Banks stopped in Stoke's 1972 League Cup semifinal against West Ham.

"He was a superstar on the field — but off the field he was an ordinary guy, no airs and graces."

In a largely working-class city obsessed with football, Banks was viewed as a reminder of simpler days before the Premier League's megamillions.



Leicester City goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel, (right), Chesterfield's Joe Anyon, (left), and Stoke City Jack Butland, (rear left), lead out mourners as they carry the coffin of former goalkeeper Gordon Banks at Stoke Minster, in Stoke on Trent, England on March 4. Banks died on Feb 12 aged 81. (AP)

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, March 4, (RTRS): Results and standings from the NBA games on Sunday.

Portland	118	Charlotte	108
Houston	115	Boston	104
Atlanta	123	Chicago	118

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	46	18	.719
Philadelphia	40	23	.635
Boston	38	26	.594
Brooklyn	32	33	.492
New York	13	50	.206

Central Division			
W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	48	15	.762
Indiana	41	23	.641
Detroit	31	31	.500
Chicago	18	46	.281
Cleveland	16	48	.250

Southeast Division			
W	L	PCT	GB
Orlando	30	35	.462
Charlotte	29	34	.460
Miami	28	34	.452
Washington	26	37	.413
Atlanta	22	42	.344

LA Clippers	128	New York	107
Cleveland	107	Orlando	93
Detroit	112	Toronto (OT)	107
Washington	135	Minnesota	121
Oklahoma City	99	Memphis	95

Western Conference

Northwest Division			
W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	42	20	.677
Oklahoma City	39	24	.619
Portland	39	24	.619
Utah	36	26	.581
Minnesota	29	34	.460

Pacific Division			
W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	44	19	.698
LA Clippers	36	29	.554
Sacramento	31	31	.500
LA Lakers	30	33	.476
Phoenix	13	51	.203

Southwest Division			
W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	38	25	.603
San Antonio	35	29	.547
New Orleans	29	36	.446
Dallas	27	35	.435
Memphis	25	40	.385