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Kuwait winners in the 15th World Special Olympics Games.

Kuwait grab four new medals at Special Olympics

Kuwait handball and badminton teams won on Wednesday four medals, two silver and two bronze, at the 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi. In handball, Kuwait got the silver

medal in Group C after losing the final to Oman 15-16. In badminton, Kuwait's mixed team won the silver medal after defeating Ireland. Men's doubles and women's doubles teams grabbed

the bronze medals of the same sport. Manager of Kuwait's handball team, Adel Al-Ashwak, expressed pleasure for this achievement and hailed the players' high spirits and

remarkable performance. This takes Kuwait's medals tally in the competition up to 22: seven gold, eight silver and seven bronze. The 2019 Special Olympics

World Summer Games is held in Abu Dhabi and Dubai from 14-21 March, the first to be held in a Middle Eastern country. It brings together 7,500 athletes from about 170 countries to compete in 24

sports. The Kuwaiti delegation consists of 76 athletes and managers. It is an event recognized by the International Olympic Committee and the Special Olympics Organization. (KUNA)



Miami Heat's Kelly Olynyk (center), competes for the rebound against San Antonio Spurs' LaMarcus Aldridge (right), and Derrick White during the first half of an NBA basketball game on March 20 in San Antonio. (AP)

Grizzlies top Rockets in OT despite Harden's 57

Cavaliers beat Bucks

WASHINGTON, March 21, (RTRS): Jonas Valanciunas' offensive rebound and free throw with 0.1 second left in overtime helped the hosts Memphis Grizzlies topple the Houston Rockets 126-125 on Wednesday.

Valanciunas paired a career-high 33 points with 15 rebounds and teamed with Mike Conley (35 points, eight assists) to help Memphis fend off James Harden and the rallying Rockets. Valanciunas corralled a miss by Conley before absorbing a foul from Houston center Clint Capela on the game's deciding play.

That followed an MVP-caliber stretch from Harden, who scored 18 of his game-high 57 points in the fourth quarter before adding eight points during a 28-second stretch in overtime.

Memphis averted a four-game season series sweep against Houston, which lost for just the third time since the All-Star break. Former Rockets forward Chandler Parsons drilled two 3-pointers in overtime to keep the Grizzlies in control despite Harden's efforts.

76ers 118, Celtics 115

Joel Embiid collected 37 points and a



Houston Rockets guard James Harden drives as Memphis Grizzlies guard Tyler Dorsey defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game on March 20 in Memphis, Tenn. (AP)

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, March 21, (RTRS): Results and standings from the NBA games on Wednesday.

Cleveland	107	Milwaukee	102	Memphis	126	Houston (OT)	125
Orlando	119	New Orleans	96	Miami	110	San Antonio	105
Philadelphia	118	Boston	115	Toronto	123	Oklahoma City (OT)	114
Utah	137	New York	116	Portland	126	Dallas	118
Chicago	126	Washington (OT)	120				

Eastern Conference				Western Conference			
Atlantic Division				Northwest Division			
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	51	21	.708	Denver	47	22	.681
Philadelphia	47	25	.653	Portland	44	27	.620
Boston	43	29	.597	Utah	42	29	.592
Brooklyn	37	36	.507	Oklahoma City	42	30	.583
New York	14	58	.194	Minnesota	32	39	.451
Central Division				Pacific Division			
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	53	19	.736	Golden State	48	22	.686
Indiana	44	28	.611	LA Clippers	42	30	.583
Detroit	36	34	.514	Sacramento	34	36	.486
Chicago	21	52	.288	LA Lakers	31	40	.437
Cleveland	19	53	.264	Phoenix	17	55	.236
Southeast Division				Southwest Division			
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	35	36	.493	Houston	45	27	.625
Orlando	34	38	.472	San Antonio	42	30	.583
Charlotte	31	39	.443	New Orleans	31	43	.419
Washington	30	42	.417	Memphis	29	42	.408
Atlanta	24	48	.333	Dallas	28	43	.394

Strong workout for Haskins

Kraft wants to block video release

WASHINGTON, March 21, (RTRS): New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft is seeking to suppress video evidence that authorities assert support the solicitation of prostitution charges filed against him, ESPN reported Wednesday.

Per the report, a motion was filed Wednesday by Kraft's attorneys with intentions to make sure the video, which he said has been described as "graphic and damning," never is released. The

mit that there is enough evidence to lead to a conviction at trial, along with other stipulations. CNN reported Wednesday Kraft will reject the offer.

Kraft entered a not guilty plea after being charged with two misdemeanor counts of soliciting prostitution at a day spa in Jupiter, Fla.

Much of the New York Giants' top brass - including head coach Pat Shurmur, offensive coordinator Mike Shula and senior vice-president of player personnel Chris Mara - took Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins to dinner Tuesday night, then studied his on-field drills at the Buckeyes' Pro Day the following day.

Draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah of the NFL Network summed up the action: "Strong workout for Haskins. Improved foot quickness, excellent anticipation and pace on the ball."

Haskins could be the choice if New York is ready to try to draft the replace-

ment for Eli Manning with the No. 6 overall pick, but there could be competition as other quarterback-needy teams assess their draft positions.

Haskins said he would soon meet with the Oakland Raiders (who hold the No. 4 pick), the Denver Broncos (No. 10), the Miami Dolphins (No. 13) and the Washington Redskins (No. 15).

Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Doug Baldwin told Sports Radio 950 KJR in Seattle that "more surgeries (are) on the way, most likely," while the NFL Network's Mike Garafolo cited a source in saying that Baldwin will meet with Dr William Meyers in Philadelphia in early April about a potential sports hernia.

Baldwin, 30, missed two games in September with a knee injury and a shoulder problem arose later in the campaign. He had surgeries to address both issues this offseason.

BASKETBALL

career-high 22 rebounds to go along with a late key block on Kyrie Irving as hosts Philadelphia averted a season sweep by Boston.

Jimmy Butler scored 15 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter for the 76ers, who have won six in a row overall. Irving scored 16 of his 36 points in the first quarter for the Celtics, who fell short against Philadelphia for just the third time in the teams' past 20 regular-season meetings.

Raptors 123, Thunder 114, OT Pascal Siakam scored 33 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead Toronto to an overtime win at Oklahoma City.

The Raptors dominated the extra session, outscoring the Thunder 13-4 after letting a 19-point, second-half lead slip away. Oklahoma City didn't score in the extra period until 31.5 seconds remained. Kawhi Leonard scored five of his 22 points in overtime, and Fred VanVleet finished with 23 points for the Raptors.

Cavaliers 107, Bucks 102 Collin Sexton scored 25 points, and Jordan Clarkson added 23 off the bench to lead host Cleveland over short-handed Milwaukee.

Coming into the game, Sexton had been the first rookie to score at least 23 points in six consecutive games since Tim Duncan did it twice for the San Antonio Spurs in 1998. Sexton now has accomplished the feat in seven straight games.

Heat 110, Spurs 105 Goran Dragic scored 22 points off the bench, and Dwyane Wade had a big basket and a steal in the final minutes as visiting Miami outlasted San Antonio to snap Spurs' nine-game winning streak.

After trailing by as many as 18 in the third quarter and by 13 with 9:50 to play, San Antonio charged back, pulling within 106-103 with 2:05 left. With Miami

S. American bid favourite for 2030 WC: CONMEBOL

BUENOS AIRES, March 21, (Agencies): A joint bid by Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile is favourite to win the right to host the 2030 World Cup, the president of the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL) said on Wednesday.

The original 2030 bid was by Argentina and Uruguay, with neighbours Paraguay and Chile joining later. "Today I think we are favourites to win," Alejandro Dominguez told reporters. "If we do our job at CONMEBOL and the countries do theirs then we are favourites to win."

Dominguez was speaking after a meeting with the presidents of the four bidding nations at the UN Conference on South-South Cooperation in Buenos Aires.

The bid is designed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the first World Cup which took place in Uruguay in 1930.

The four South American nations

are expected to face stiff competition, with Morocco, Spain, Portugal and England among countries to express interest in hosting the event.

FIFA will only allow natural grass fields at the 2023 Women's World Cup. The stipulation is contained in requirements sent to bidding nations and follows controversy

SOCCER

over the use of artificial turf at the 2015 tournament in Canada.

Some players launched a gender discrimination case - which was later withdrawn - over FIFA's use of turf four years ago because men's World Cup games have always been on grass. They claimed the artificial surface is less forgiving than grass and impacts the game because of concerns over injury.

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Trail Blazers 126, Mavericks 118 Damian Lillard scored 33 points and handed out 12 assists as Portland knocked off visiting Dallas.

Six players scored in double figures for the Trail Blazers, including Seth Curry with 20 off the bench. It was the fifth win in six games for Portland.

Luka Doncic scored 24 points and Justin Jackson contributed 21 for the Mavericks, who have lost 14 of their past 16 outings.

Jazz 137, Knicks 116 Donovan Mitchell scored 30 points in three quarters and Utah easily ran its winning streak to five games by rolling over host New York.

Mitchell helped the Jazz get their latest win by shooting 12 of 20 and hitting five 3-pointers.

FOOTBALL

report calls the motion a "warning shot" to prosecutors that Kraft's team will challenge that police had probable cause even to collect the video as evidence.

The Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday that prosecutors offered to defer prosecution for Kraft and the two dozen other men arrested in the case, but any defendant who accepts the offer must ad-