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# Sports

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## LeBron rallies Lakers past Bulls

Spurs lose again

**CHICAGO, Nov 6, (RTRS):** LeBron James registered a triple-double with 30 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists, and the Los Angeles Lakers stormed back from a 19-point second-half deficit for a 118-112 win over the hosts Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Quinn Cook added 17 points off the bench for Los Angeles, which won its sixth game in a row. Anthony Davis finished with 15 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots in his return to his hometown. The Lakers outscored the Bulls 38-19 during the fourth quarter.

Zach LaVine led the Bulls with 26 points on 9-for-18 shooting, adding seven rebounds and seven assists. Otto Porter Jr and Coby White had 18 points apiece, and Wendell Carter Jr posted a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

**Celtics 119, Cavaliers 113**

Gordon Hayward highlighted his career-high-tying 39-point performance by making all nine shots he attempted in the first half as Boston recorded a road victory at Cleveland.

### BASKETBALL

Hayward finished 17 of 20 from the field and added eight assists and seven rebounds to propel the Celtics to their fifth straight win. Kemba Walker went 6 of 8 from 3-point range to highlight his 25-point outing.

**Hornets 122, Pacers 120, OT**

Devonte' Graham, fouled on a 3-point shot attempt, made two of three free throws to break a tie with 1.7 seconds left in overtime and cap a career-best scoring effort, giving Charlotte a victory over visiting Indiana.

After Indiana's Jeremy Lamb forged the fourth tie of the extra session by hitting a 19-footer with 5.2 seconds remaining, Graham drew a foul from JaKarr Sampson outside the arc and calmly produced the game-winning points.

**Nuggets 109, Heat 89**

Jamal Murray scored 21 points, Will Barton had 15 points and 10 rebounds in his return to the lineup, and hosts Denver beat Miami by 20.

Denver won without Millsap and Gary Harris for most of the second half. Harris missed the entire second half due to a left ankle injury. Millsap was cut on his forehead in a third-quarter collision. He got it wrapped, came back and hit his free throws but then went to the locker room and did not return to the game.

**Hawks 108, Spurs 100**

Trae Young returned from an ankle



Indiana Pacers' T.J. McConnell (9) and Charlotte Hornets' Malik Monk (1) race for the ball, with McConnell ending up with possession during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, NC on Nov 5. (AP)

McMenemy ousted in Indonesia after four straight defeats

## Iraq told to play this month's qualifiers at neutral venue

### 'Unique agreement' closes pay gap in Australia: FFA

**SYDNEY, Nov 6, (RTRS):** Australian soccer's governing body said on Wednesday it has reached agreement with the players' union on a new collective bargaining agreement (CBA) that "closes the pay gap" between the men's and women's national teams.

Football Federation Australia (FFA) said the four-year deal would ensure the "Matildas", who reached the 2019 women's World Cup last 16, and the Socceroos would receive a 24% share of an agreed aggregate of generated revenues in 2019-20, rising by 1% each year.

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Players will receive an increased share of prize money for FIFA World Cup qualification, up to 40% from 30%, with the share rising to 50% if they progress to the knock-out stage.

"Football is the game for everyone, and this new CBA is another huge step toward ensuring that we live the values of equality, in-

clusivity and opportunity," FFA Chairman Chris Nikou said in a statement.

"For the first time, player remuneration will be directly tied to the revenues generated by our National Teams — this will create a sustainable financial model that incentivises players and FFA to collaborate and grow the commercial pie together."

Under the deal, the FFA and Professional Footballers Australia (PFA) also agreed a new three-tiered centralised contract system for the Matildas that will see the country's top female players earn the same as the men's team.

FFA's parental leave policy will be also reviewed to offer higher levels of support for Matildas during pregnancy and when returning to national team duty.

"This is truly a unique agreement," added Nikou. "Every national team, from the Socceroos and Matildas, down to the youth national teams as well as the Cerebral Palsy National Teams have been contemplated in this new CBA."

Pay disparity between men's and women's professional footballers has been in the spotlight since the US women's team sued governing body US Soccer in March alleging gender discrimination in earnings and working conditions.

In June, the Australian women's team launched a campaign calling for prize-money parity ahead of the Women's World Cup.

The US women's team received \$4 million for winning the World Cup in France out of the tournament's total prize-money pool of \$30 million. In the 2018 men's tournament in Russia, winners France banked \$38 million from a pool of \$400 million.

### Copa Libertadores final moved to Peru

**ASUNCION, Nov 6, (RTRS):** The Copa Libertadores final between Flamengo and River Plate has been moved to Lima in Peru from Santiago because of unrest in the Chilean capital, the South American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL) said on Tuesday.

The Nov 23 final was scheduled to be held at the national stadium, but violence has convulsed Santiago during the last few weeks as protests that began over a rise in metro fares have amplified and spread.

Millions have since marched against inequality in the biggest protests seen in Chile since it returned to democracy in 1990.

Representatives of both Copa finalists and the Argentine and Brazilian football associations met at continental governing body CONMEBOL's headquarters for almost five hours before deciding the game will now take place in the Peruvian capital.

"We understand that the most viable option for everyone, and with guarantees from the Peruvian government, is that (the game is played) in Lima," said Alejandro Dominguez, CONMEBOL's President.

Dominguez said officials had not yet decided where the match will take place but media said the most likely venue was the Monumental stadium, with a capacity of 80,000.

The decision comes six days after President Sebastian Pinera said Chile was withdrawing as host of the Nov 16-17 APEC trade summit and the COP25 climate summit set for Dec 2 to 13.

The move deals another blow to beleaguered CONMEBOL, forced last year to move the second leg of the Copa final between Argentine rivals Boca Juniors and River Plate to Madrid, after River fans attacked the Boca coach as it neared the stadium.

**ZURICH, Nov 6, (RTRS):** Global soccer's governing body FIFA said on Wednesday it has told Iraq to play two 2022 World Cup qualifiers they were due to host this month at a neutral venue due to the security situation in the country.

Iraq played their first competitive match on home territory for eight years last month when they hosted Hong Kong in a World Cup qualifier in the southern city of Basra where this month's games were also scheduled to be played.

However, they must again look for an alternative venue for their matches against neighbours Iran on Nov 14 and Bahrain five days later.

FIFA said in an emailed statement to Reuters that it took the decision jointly with the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) "following an assessment of the current security situation in Iraq".

"The Iraqi Football Association has been requested to nominate a neutral venue for the said matches," it added.

Iraqi security forces shot dead at least 13 protesters on Monday and Tuesday, dispensing with weeks of relative restraint in favour of trying to stamp out demonstrations against political parties that control the government.

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In the southern oil-rich province of Basra, security forces forcibly dispersed a sit-in overnight but there were no deaths reported, security sources said. Protesters had camped out in front of the provincial government building.

Iraq, whose only appearance at the World Cup was in 1986, top Group C in the second round of Asian qualifiers with seven points from three games, ahead of Bahrain on goal difference.

The eight group winners advance to the third round of qualifying along with the four runners-up with the best records.

Meanwhile Scotland's Simon McMenemy has been fired as head coach of the Indonesia national team, the country's football federation announced on Wednesday.

The Indonesian football federation (PSSI) made the announcement via social media and the 41-year-old's removal comes after four straight defeats in qualifying for the 2022 World Cup.

Indonesia are appearing in qualifying for the World Cup for the first time in more than seven years but have lost to Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia and the United Arab Emirates and are bottom of their qualifying group.



Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James (left), drives to the basket past Chicago Bulls' Zach LaVine during the first half of an NBA basketball game on Nov 5 in Chicago. (AP)

### NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Nov 6, (RTRS): Results and standings from the NBA games on Tuesday.

Charlotte	122	Indiana (OT)	120	LA Lakers	118	Chicago	112
Boston	119	Cleveland	113	Oklahoma	102	Orlando	94
Atlanta	108	San Antonio	100	Denver	109	Miami	89

  

Eastern Conference				Western Conference				
Atlantic Division				Northwest Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	
Philadelphia	5	1	.833	—	Denver	5	2	.714
Boston	5	1	.833	—	Minnesota	4	2	.667
Toronto	4	2	.667	1	Utah	4	3	.571
Brooklyn	3	4	.429	2-1/2	Portland	3	4	.429
New York	1	6	.143	4-1/2	Oklahoma	3	4	.429
Central Division				Pacific Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	
Milwaukee	5	2	.714	—	LA Lakers	6	1	.857
Indiana	3	4	.429	2	Phoenix	5	2	.714
Detroit	3	5	.375	2-1/2	LA Clippers	5	2	.714
Cleveland	2	5	.286	3	Golden State	2	5	.286
Chicago	2	6	.250	3-1/2	Sacramento	2	5	.286
Southeast Division				Southwest Division				
W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT	GB	
Miami	5	2	.714	—	Dallas	4	2	.667
Charlotte	4	3	.571	1	Houston	4	3	.571
Atlanta	3	3	.500	1-1/2	San Antonio	4	3	.571
Washington	2	4	.333	2-1/2	Memphis	1	5	.167
Orlando	2	5	.286	3	New Orleans	1	6	.143