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## No. 19 Northwestern women trounce Michigan State 85-55

## Harris, No. 1 South Carolina earn first win over UConn

## No. 1 Baylor tops Texas for 21st straight Big 12 victory

Jones, Goldwire help No. 7 Duke beat No. 8 FSU 70-65

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 11, (AP): MaCio Teague scored 11 points, Devonte Bando added 10 and No. 1 Baylor defeated Texas 52-45 for its 21st straight victory — one short of the Big 12 record set by Kansas in 1997.

Baylor (22-1, 11-0 Big 12) wrestled control with a 13-0 push that put the Bears ahead 42-27 with 9:28 remaining. Five players scored for Baylor during that stretch. Texas helped out with three turnovers and failed to score for a period of 5:06.

Texas (14-10, 4-7) trailed by 16 with less than seven minutes left. Then Coleman and Jones hit consecutive 3-pointers, and Jones made a three-point play and suddenly the Longhorns found themselves down by seven.

But Jared Butler responded by making an open 3-pointer with 4:49 left after Baylor navigated through Texas' defensive press. Baylor led 22-16 after a first half of inept offense.

Matt Coleman led Texas with 11 points, and Andrew Jones scored 10. Texas shot a season low 30.5% from the field.

## Duke 70, Florida St 65

In Durham, NC, Tre Jones had 13 points to help Duke overcome a turnover-heavy performance to beat Florida State.

The Blue Devils (21-3, 11-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) were coming off a

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wild and emotionally draining overtime win against rival North Carolina on Saturday. And the teams entered this game tied for second in the ACC, sitting one game back in the loss column of No. 5 Louisville.

Big man Vernon Carey Jr had a quiet offensive night (10 points and 10 rebounds), but Duke got a boost with junior guard Jordan Goldwire matching his career high with 13 points on 5-for-5 shooting — including three 3s — after coming in averaging 4.0 points.

Trent Forrest finished with 18 points, nine rebounds and eight steals to lead the Seminoles (20-4, 10-3), who shot just 38%.

## Texas Tech 88, TCU 42

In Lubbock, Texas, Davide Moretti and Jahmi'us Ramsey each had 17 points and Texas Tech made a season-high 13 3-pointers while leading throughout in an 88-42 win over turnover-plagued TCU on Monday night.

Moretti made a 3 on the first shot of the game, after TCU's first turnover, to put the Red Raiders (16-8, 7-4 Big 12) ahead to stay. Tyler Edwards also had four 3s while scoring 14 points.

Kevin McCullar and T.J. Holyfield each had 10 points for the Red Raiders, who moved back into the Top 25 following a two-week absence. They have won three in a row since three losses in their previous four games, and this was their largest margin of victory ever in a Big 12 game.

Jaire Gray had 10 points and was the player in double figures for the Frogs (13-11, 4-7).

## Jackson St 67, Southern 51

In Jackson, Miss., Tristan Jarrett had 22 points as Jackson State beat Southern 67-51.

Roland Griffin had 18 points and seven rebounds for Jackson State (10-14, 7-4 Southwestern Athletic Conference), which won its fifth consecutive game.

Damiree Burns had 13 points for the Jaguars (9-15, 6-5). Ahsante Shivers added seven rebounds.

The Tigers evened the season series against the Jaguars with the win.

## Alabama St 57, Pine Bluff 49

In Pine Bluff, Ark., Brandon Battle scored 11 points, including a go-ahead layup, and Alabama State beat Arkansas-Pine Bluff 57-49 to win its fourth straight.

Leon Daniels had 16 points with eight rebounds and A.J. Farrar scored 11 points for the Hornets (7-17, 6-5 Southwestern Athletic Conference), who shot 43% from the field (17 of 40). Jacoby Ross scored nine points and D.J. Heath had six rebounds.



TCU's P.J. Fuller (4) dribbles around Texas Tech's Chris Clarke (44) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Feb 10 in Lubbock, Texas. (AP)



Baylor guard Mark Vital (11) scores against Texas during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Feb 10 in Austin, Texas. (AP)

Dequan Morris scored 13 points with three steals for the Golden Lions (3-20, 2-9), who shot 1 of 7 from long distance (8%) in losing their eighth straight game. Kshun Stokes added nine points and seven rebounds and Terrance Banyard had three blocks.

The Hornets leveled the season series against the Golden Lions with the win.

## Grambling St 80, Alcorn State 71

In Grambling, La., Cameron Christian had a career-high 20 points as Grambling State topped Alcorn State 80-71.

DeVante Jackson had 15 points and 11 rebounds for Grambling State (13-11, 7-4 Southwestern Athletic Conference), which earned its fourth consecutive victory. Prince Moss added 12 points. Ivy Smith Jr had 11 points.

Dominic Brewton scored a season-high 23 points for the Braves (10-12, 6-5). Corey Tillery added 12 points. Maurice Howard had 10 points.

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## Portland St 83, N. Colorado 71

In Greeley, Colorado, Alonzo Walker had 22 points as Portland State beat Northern Colorado 83-71.

Lamar Hamrick had 13 points and six rebounds for Portland State (12-13, 6-7 Big Sky Conference), which ended its four-game road losing streak. Sal Nuhu added 13 points. Holland Woods had 10 points.

Bodie Hume scored a career-high 26 points and had eight rebounds for the Bears (15-8, 8-4). Jonah Radebaugh added 13 points.

The Vikings improve to 2-0 against the Bears for the season.

## Miss Valley St 67, Alabama A&amp;M 61

In Itta Bena, Miss., Torico Simmons hit 11 of 13 free throws and scored 43% from the field (17 of 40). Jacoby Ross scored nine points and D.J. Heath had six rebounds.

Bethune-Cookman 87, Howard 68

In Daytona Beach, Florida, Isaiah Bailey scored 24 points as Bethune-Cookman topped Howard 87-68.

Bailey hit 8 of 10 from the free throw line. Leon Redd added 23 points and had five steals. Malik Maitland had 14 points for Bethune-Cookman (12-12, 6-4 Mid-Eastern Conference) while Wali Parks added 11 points.

## CSU 68, Md-Eastern Shore 67, OT

In Baltimore, Dejuan Clayton made seven assists and scored 20 points, including the game-winning jumper with 1 second left in overtime. Coppin State beat Maryland-Eastern Shore 68-67.

Da'Shawn Phillip's 3-pointer put the Hawks up 67-66 with 10 seconds to play before Clayton made his jumper and time expired.



Duke forward Wendell Moore Jr and Florida State forward Malik Osborne (10) struggle for possession of the ball during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Durham, North Carolina on Feb 10. (AP)

Michael Green added 21 points and seven rebounds for the Delta Devils (2-21, 2-9 Southwestern Athletic Conference).

Garrett Hicks had 18 points for the Bulldogs (6-16, 3-8). Jalen Johnson added 14 points and seven rebounds and Cameron Alford had 10 points. The Delta Devils improve to 2-0 against the Bulldogs for the season.

## Florida A&amp;M 79, NC A&amp;T 60

In Tallahassee, Florida, M.J. Randolph had 18 points to lead five Florida A&M players in double figures as the Rattlers beat NC A&T 79-60.

Evins Desir added 15 points for the Rattlers. Brendon Myles chipped in 12 and Rod Melton Jr and DJ Jones each scored 10. Melton Jr also had 11 rebounds and eight assists.

Florida A&M (9-13, 7-4 Mid-Eastern Conference) posted a season-high 21 assists and Florida A&M totaled a season-high 54 second-half points.

Ronald Jackson had 14 points for the Aggies (12-14, 8-3). Tyler Maye added 11 points. Andre Jackson had 10 points.

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## NC Central 58, Morgan St 57

In Baltimore, Jibri Blount grabbed

nine rebounds and scored 20 points, including the game-winning shot with 2.2 seconds left, and North Carolina Central Beat Morgan State 58-57 to win its fifth straight.

Malik Miller's layup with 14 seconds to play put the Bears up 58-57 before the Eagles called a timeout. Blount made a layup and a 3-pointer at the buzzer by Morgan State's Troy Baxter Jr missed.

## SC State 100, Delaware State 86

In Orangeburg, SC, Damani Applewhite scored 24 points, tying his season high, as South Carolina State defeated Delaware State 100-86.

Ian Kinard added 21 points and Rayshawn Neal had 19 points and six assists for South Carolina State (10-12, 5-5 Mid-Eastern Conference), which ended its four-game losing streak. Tashombe Riley added 13 points.

## Gardner-Webb 86, High Point 55

In Boiling Springs, NC, Jaheam Cornwall made 8 of 13 3-pointers and matched his career high with 24 points and Gardner-Webb beat High Point 86-55.

Nate Johnson scored 17 points and Justin Jenkins added 15 for the Bulldogs (10-14, 6-6 Big South Conference), who led 47-20 at halftime and finished making a season-high 16 of 34 3-pointers (47%).

## Hampton 80, UNC-Asheville 70

In Hampton, Va., Ben Stanley had 25 points as Hampton defeated UNC-Asheville 80-70.

Jermaine Marrow had 18 points and seven assists for Hampton (11-13, 6-5 Big South Conference). Edward Oliver-Hampton added 13 points. Davion Warren had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

## Longwood 57, Campbell 56

In Farmville, Va., Leslie Nkereuwen scored on a layup with just under three minutes to play for Longwood's final points and the Lancers made it hold up for a 57-56 win over Campbell.

Christian Wilson had 9 points off the bench and JaShaun Smith blocked three shots to carry.

## Colgate 79, Boston U. 63

In Boston, Jordan Burns scored 15 points with six assists and made a career-high five steals and Colgate pulled away in the second half to beat Boston University 79-63 to win its fourth straight.

Rapolas Ivanauskas scored 15 points and blocked two shots for the Raiders (20-6, 11-2). Tucker Richardson scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds and Nelly Cummings scored 11 points.

## USC Upst 66, Charleston S'thern 52

In Spartanburg, SC, Bryson Moxone had 14 points and 14 rebounds to lift South Carolina Upstate to a 66-52 win over Charleston Southern on Monday night.

Moxone hit 4 of 6 3-pointers to help USC Upstate get its second victory in the 10-game series.

COLUMBIA, South Carolina, Feb. 11, (AP): South Carolina's Tyasha Harris really thought coming in she wasn't bothered by her losing history against UConn.

Then Harris and the top-ranked Gamecocks won — and her attitude and emotions changed quickly.

"Yes, this feels pretty good," she said with a grin. "My mind kind of changed."

Harris had 19 points, Aliyah Boston dominated underneath and South Carolina held UConn to a record-low two points in the opening quarter on the way to a 70-52 win — its first-ever win over the fifth-ranked Huskies.

Harris, a senior who was a freshman starter on South Carolina's national championship team in 2017, was 0-4 in her career against the Huskies (20-3). When the game ended, she thought about all the former Gamecocks who'd never celebrated a win in eight previous games over UConn.

"I see all the people who started before us, people who hadn't beat UConn and I see how happy they are," Harris said.

Things could get even happier before this season is over. It was South Carolina's 17th straight win

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and their ninth victory in 10 games against ranked opponents.

So are the Gamecocks the clear-cut favorite for another national crown?

"I feel like we're up there," Harris said.

The Gamecocks (23-1) came in 0-8 all-time against UConn, seven of those defeats with national championship coach Dawn Staley in charge.

But South Carolina took control immediately with its suffocating defense, limiting the Huskies to 1-of-16 shooting to lead 11-2 at the end of the first period.

Since women's basketball changed to quarters in 2015-16, UConn's fewest points in a first quarter was 8 against Tulane in February 2016. The Huskies fewest in any quarter was 6 in a loss to Baylor earlier this year.

Boston, the 6-foot-5 freshman, finished with 13 points and 12 rebounds, her 10th double-double this season. She also had three of South Carolina's eight steals and made her first 3-pointer this season.

She had nine rebounds and two blocks the first 10 minutes as she continually altered shots whenever the Huskies tried to come inside.

That early blitz was enough to energize the sold-out crowd of 18,000-plus and push the Gamecocks to their 17th straight victory — and their ninth win in 10 games this season against ranked opponents.

UConn coach Geno Auriemma said his team's awful first quarter put

them on their heels. He thought the Gamecocks sped up his young team, changing shots, defending hard on the perimeter and taking them out of rhythm.

"If things don't go right early on, it's hard to right the ship," Auriemma said.

South Carolina eventually increased the lead to 52-31 early in the second half. UConn cut it to 11 points when Crystal Dangerfield — who led the Huskies with a career-high 28 points — made a jumper to start the fourth quarter. But Boston hit a basket and Mikiah Herbert Harrigan made a three-pointer to build back South Carolina's lead.

Harris had a double-double, too, with a game-high 11 assists. Zia Cooke, another freshman, had 15 points for the Gamecocks.

The Huskies have been a thorn in Staley's side as she's built the Gamecocks into a championship program the past 12 years.

It was UConn who ended South Carolina's last run at No. 1 with an 87-62 victory in 2015. And despite Staley's success — she's led the team to four Southeastern Conference crowns and the 2017 national championship — she acknowledged it "absolutely" bothered her not to beat the signature program in women's hoops.

"I'm happy our team won, for a lot of reasons," Staley said.

## Northwestern 85, Michigan St 55

In Evanston, Ill., Lindsey Pulliam scored 31 points and No. 19 Northwestern beat Michigan State 85-55 for its third straight win.

Pulliam, a junior guard, also scored her 1,500th career point to become the first player in program history to reach that mark the fastest.

Veronica Burton scored nine of her 23 points in the first quarter, including a go-ahead pull-up jumper amid a 17-0 run that put the Wildcats up for good, 10-9. Northwestern (20-3, 10-2 Big Ten Conference) made 4 of 5 3-pointers (80%) and led 24-14 at the end of the first quarter.

Pulliam scored seven straight points to open the second quarter and Northwestern led by as many as 24 before taking a 47-28 halftime lead. Pulliam scored 14 points in the second quarter.

Northwestern outscored the Spartans 19-8 in the third quarter and led by as many as 32 points with 1:32 left in the fourth.

Burton had 11 rebounds and Northwestern dominated down low, outscoring the Spartans 40-18 in the paint and scoring 24 points off of 16 Michigan State turnovers. Sydney Wood had four steals and made five assists.

Nia Clouden scored 12 points with seven rebounds for Michigan State (11-12, 4-8), which has lost five straight. Kayla Belles scored 12 points and Taryn McCutcheon had nine with eight rebounds.



South Carolina forward Aliyah Boston (4) battles for a rebound against Connecticut guard Anna Makurat (left), during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Feb 10 in Columbia, South Carolina. (AP)

## South Carolina remains No. 1

## NC State jumps UConn to No. 4 in women's 'Top 25'

NEW YORK, Feb. 11, (AP): North Carolina State jumped to No. 4 in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, its best ranking in 20 years.

The Wolfpack, who moved up three places on Monday, have their highest spot in the AP Top 25 since Jan. 10, 2000, when they were third. NC State has a huge game against No. 9 Louisville on Thursday night, when a win would give the Wolfpack a two-game lead in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"It's great and I'm happy for the players. They've worked extremely hard and made a lot of sacrifices

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so it's great for them to garner that recognition." NC State coach Wes Moore said. "But they don't give out trophies in February. We've got to stay focused in the process, one game at a time."

South Carolina remained No. 1, receiving 27 first-place votes from a 30-person media panel. Baylor stayed No. 2, getting the other three first-place votes. Oregon was a solid third.

UConn, despite suffering its worst home loss in 15 years in a game against the Ducks a week ago, extended its streak of top-five appearances, coming in fifth. The Huskies

have been a top-five team for a record 253 consecutive weeks dating to February 2007.

UConn was able to hang on to its top-five ranking because the two teams directly behind it in the poll — Louisville and Stanford — also lost this week. UConn faces South Carolina on Monday night.

Mississippi State, UCLA, Stanford, Louisville and Maryland rounded out the top 10 teams in the poll.

Oregon State dropped two spots to No. 11 after edging Arizona State on a last-second shot on Friday night and then losing to Arizona on Sunday.

No. 17 Iowa will visit 10th-ranked Maryland on Thursday night for a chance to take control of the Big Ten. The two teams are tied atop the conference with two losses each. Maryland has been playing extremely well lately, with nine consecutive wins. The last loss came at Iowa on Jan. 9 — a 66-61 defeat. No. 19 Northwestern also has only two conference losses, with those coming against Iowa and Maryland.

Gonzaga saw its 21-game winning streak snapped by Saint Mary's on Saturday. The Zags fell four spots in the poll to 15th. While the team still has a comfortable lead in the West Coast Conference, the loss could hurt its chances of hosting the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament.