

No. 1 South Carolina women extend streak, roll past Georgia

Oregon beats Oregon State for second time in three days



Oregon's Chris Duarte (left), drives to the basket against UCLA's Jaime Jaquez Jr during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Eugene, Oregon on Jan 26. (Inset): The University of Oregon paid tribute to Kobe Bryant with a moment of silence before the UCLA Oregon NCAA college basketball game in Eugene, Oregon on Jan 26. (AP)

Duarte scores 24 points as No. 12 Oregon beats UCLA

Michigan State sweeps Minnesota with 70-52 win

LAS VEGAS, Jan 27, (AP): Malachi Flynn scored 21 points and No. 4 San Diego State staved off UNLV's second-half rally to win 71-67, remaining the country's only unbeaten team.

The Aztecs (21-0, 10-0 Mountain West) broke the school record for best start in the program's 99 seasons. San Diego State's 21st consecutive victory also tops the school record of 20 straight wins, set during the 2010-11 season and matched by the 2013-14 squad.

It was San Diego State's fifth straight win over UNLV and eighth consecutive road victory.

Trey Pulliam scored a career-high 18 points and Jordan Schakel contributed 11 points.

Bryce Hamilton scored 29 points to lead UNLV (11-11, 6-3). Reigning Mountain West Player of the Week Marvin Coleman chipped in with 11 points.

Michigan St 70, Minnesota 52
In Minneapolis, Cassius Winston had 18 points and eight assists to help Michigan State cruise to a second victory over Minnesota in three weeks.

Xavier Tillman added 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Spartans (15-5, 7-2), who bounced back from a loss at Indiana three days ago to stay in a first-place tie in the Big Ten with Illinois.

Michigan State held the Gophers (11-9, 5-5) to season lows in field goal percentage (28.1) and 3-point percentage (17.9).

Daniel Oturu led the Gophers with 19 points and Gabe Kalschauer chipped in 15 points, but the Gophers took their first home loss in Big Ten play after winning their first four.

Oregon 96, UCLA 75
In Eugene, Ore., Chris Duarte scored 20 of his 24 points in the first half and Oregon took full advantage of 23 UCLA turnovers.

The Ducks (17-4, 6-2 Pac-12) remained perfect at home, upping their record to 12-0.

Payton Pritchard added 19 points and six assists and Will Richardson finished with 17 points for the Ducks, who shot



Michigan State's Xavier Tillman (left), shoots over Minnesota's Daniel Oturu (25) during an NCAA college basketball game on Jan 26 in Minneapolis. (AP)

57% from the field. Jake Kyman led the Bruins (10-10, 3-4) with 20 points and Jalen Hill added 16 points.

Maryland 77, Indiana 76
In Bloomington, Indiana, Jalen Smith capped a last-minute comeback by making the go-ahead layup with 14 seconds left to give Maryland the win over Indiana.

The Terrapins (16-4, 6-3 Big Ten) trailed by six with 1:25 left in the game. But they held the Hoosiers scoreless and scored the final seven points to win their third in a row.

Indiana had a chance to win it but Trayce Jackson-Davis' short jumper bounced off the rim and Smith grabbed the rebound as the buzzer sounded.

Smith finished with a career-high 29 points. He also had 11 rebounds.

Devonte Green scored 16 points and Jackson-Davis had 13 to lead the Hoosiers (15-5, 5-4), who had won their previous two games.

Houston 68, S. Florida 49
In Houston, DeJon Jarreau had 12 points and six assists, Fabian White Jr added 11 points and Houston beat South Florida.

Caleb Mills had 11 points and Chris Harris Jr finished with nine points and

eight rebounds. Houston (16-4, 6-1 American) shot 42% in winning its fourth straight game.

Michael Durr had eight points and six rebounds and Antun Maricevic also scored eight points for South Florida (8-12, 1-6). The Bulls lost their fifth straight game.

Ohio St 71, Northwestern 59
In Evanston, Illinois, D.J. Carton scored 12 of his 17 points in the second half, helping Ohio State hold off lowly

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Northwestern for a sorely needed 71-59 win.

Once ranked as high as No. 2 in the AP Top 25, the Buckeyes had dropped six of seven to plummet out of the poll altogether. But they got back on track behind their defense, holding the Wildcats to 26.7% shooting in the second half.

Justin Ahrens made four 3-pointers and scored 12 points for Ohio State (13-7, 3-6 Big Ten). Kaleb Wesson had 11 points and nine rebounds, and his brother Andre also scored 11 points.

Northwestern (6-13, 1-8) lost for the ninth time in 10 games. Miller Kopp



San Diego State's Adam Seiko (2) drives against UNLV's Bryce Hamilton (13) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game on Jan 26 in Las Vegas. (AP)

scored 20 points for the Wildcats, and Pat Spencer finished with 13.

Boo Buie made a 3-pointer to give Northwestern a 44-41 lead with 14:44 left. But Ohio State responded with a 14-2 run.

Carton opened the decisive stretch with consecutive baskets, including a fast-break layup that put the Buckeyes ahead to stay. Ahrens capped the run with two 3s, making it 55-46 with 11:30 to go.

California 52, Stanford 50
In Berkeley, California, Paris Austin made two free throws with 3.2 seconds remaining, and California held on to beat Stanford 52-50.

Austin finished with 15 points, Matt Bradley scored 14 and Kareem South added 13 for the Golden Bears (9-10, 3-3 Pac-12). Oscar da Silva had 13 points and seven rebounds for Stanford (15-4, 4-2). The loss knocks the Cardinal out of first place in the Pac-12.

California trailed by 11 with 12 minutes to go, then went on a 17-2 run over the next 6 1/2 minutes.

Austin had six points during the run but it was his free-throw shooting at the end that made the biggest difference. His two makes came after he had missed one of two.

Bryce Wills appeared to score at the buzzer but the basket was waved off by an official. After a brief review the call was upheld, allowing California to split the season series with its Northern California rivals.

Valpo 67, Evansville 65
In Valparaiso, Indiana, Mileek McMillan scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half, Javon Freeman-Liberty made 4-of-4 free throws in the final 29 seconds, and Valparaiso held on to beat Evansville 67-65.

Freeman-Liberty and Daniel Sackey finished with 12 points apiece for Valpo (11-10, 4-4 Missouri Valley Conference).

The Crusaders, who never trailed, led by as many as 18 points in the first half and took a 13-point lead into the break. A layup by Sackey made it 61-51 with four minutes to play but Evansville's Sam Cunliffe answered with a three-point play to spark a 10-2 run capped when he made back-to-back 3-pointers to pull the Aces within two with 1:08 remaining but they got no closer.

CORVALLIS, Oregon, Jan 27, (AP): Sabrina Ionescu scored 19 points and Satou Sabally added 16 to help No. 4 Oregon beat seventh-ranked Oregon State 66-57, sweeping the two-game Civil War series.

The Ducks (17-2, 7-1 Pac-12) dominated the final 20 minutes after trailing by three points at the half.

Oregon, which won Friday's game 76-64 in Eugene, swept Oregon State for first time since the 2009-10 season, a year before coach Scott Rueck became the Beavers' head coach and began to turn the program around.

Ionescu was emotional after the game in a TV interview about the death of Kobe Bryant, who had mentored her. "Everything I do, I do it for him. This season is for him," she said.

Mikayla Pivec scored 20 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Beavers (16-4, 4-4), who have lost three games in a row.

S. Carolina 88, Georgia 53
In Athens, Georgia, Aliyah Boston

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scored 15 points and South Carolina rode an overwhelming opening period to its 13th consecutive win, beating Georgia.

Destanni Henderson had 14 points for South Carolina (19-1, 7-0 Southeastern Conference). Boston had four of the Gamecocks' 11 steals. Tyasha Harris added 13 points and seven assists.

Stephanie Paul led Georgia (12-8, 3-4) with 13 points.

Louisville 83, Pittsburgh 49
In Louisville, Kentucky, Louisville saw six players score in double figures Sunday as the No. 5 Cardinals cruised to a victory over Pittsburgh.

The two teams came into the Yum Center heading in opposite directions, and a 14-0 first quarter run for the Cardinals (20-1, 9-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) ensured they continued on their respective paths. Louisville won its 12th straight, while the Panthers (3-16, 0-8) suffered their 12th straight loss.

Stanford 82, Utah 49

In Stanford, California, freshman Francesca Belibi scored a season-best 20 points to go with eight rebounds, and Stanford beat Utah to run its home winning streak at Maples Pavilion to 16 games dating to last season.

Fellow freshman Hannah Jump added 14 points as four others scored in double figures for the Cardinal (18-2, 7-1 Pac-12), who made 5 of 12 3-pointers in their decisive third quarter that put them ahead 55-38 going into the final 10 minutes. Stanford then shot 12 for 16 in the fourth.

NC State 76, N. Carolina 68
In Raleigh, North Carolina, Elissa Cunane had 22 points and 17 rebounds to help North Carolina State beat North Carolina.

Aislinn Konig added 16 points and Kai Crutchfield had 13 for the Wolfpack (19-1, 8-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who improved to 12-0 at home.

NC State avenged its only defeat of the season, a 66-60 loss at North Carolina on Jan 9.

Mississippi St 80, Mississippi 39

In Starkville, Mississippi, Jessica Carter scored 24 points and pulled down 11 rebounds and 10 Mississippi State routed Ole Miss 80-39 on Sunday.

The victory for the Bulldogs was the largest in the longtime series, besting the 31-point wins they had in each of the last two years.

The Rebels (7-13, 0-7 SEC) scored double digits in just one of the four quarters in the game. Mississippi State led 30-6 at the end of the first quarter and the rout was on.

UCLA 66, Washington St 50

In Los Angeles, Michaela Onyenwere scored 23 points and Chrisma Osborne added 16 as UCLA recovered from a slow start to earn a victory over Washington State.

The Bruins (18-1, 7-1 Pac-12) won despite shooting just 37% from the field and they did not make a 3-pointer in 15 attempts. UCLA improved to 11-0 at home and have won consecutive games after a double-overtime defeat at USC on Jan 17.

Borislava Hristova scored 14 points for Washington State (9-11, 2-6), which saw its losing streak extend to four games.

DePaul 92, Georgetown 66

In Chicago, Lexi Held hit five of DePaul's season-high 18 3-pointers and the Blue Demons rolled to a win over Georgetown.

Kelly Campbell had four 3s and 14 points and reserve Dee Bekelja had three and 13 points for DePaul (19-2, 9-0 Big East Conference), which has won 10 straight. Deja Church added 12

points, Chante Stonewall 11 and Sonya Morris 10. Stonewall had eight rebounds, Campbell had seven rebounds and eight assists and Church had three steals.

Florida St 79, Miami 61

In Tallahassee, Florida, Kiah Gillespie scored 18 points on 8-of-9 shooting and grabbed 10 rebounds to help Florida State defeat Miami for the second time this season.

Nicki Ekhomu led the Seminoles (17-3, 6-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) with 19 points and Nausia Woolfolk added 15 points.

Florida State closed the first quarter with a 7-0 run to grab an 18-10 lead. The Hurricanes battled back behind a couple of 3-pointers from Kelsey Marshall, the second tying the game at 22.

Texas A&M 72, Missouri 53

In College Station, Texas, Kayla Wells scored 18 points and N'dea Jones added a double-double as Texas A&M rolled to a victory over Missouri.

Wells made 5 of 14 shots from the floor and all six of her free throws for the Aggies (17-3, 5-2 Southeastern Conference), who

led 33-22 at halftime and broke the game open with a 22-11 third-quarter run. Jones finished with 10 points and 13 rebounds before fouling out, while Shambria Washington scored 11 with seven assists.

Iowa 74, Michigan St 57

In Iowa City, Iowa, freshman McKenna Warnock scored 15 of her career-high 22 points in the fourth quarter when Iowa broke open a close game and beat Michigan State for the Hawkeyes' eighth straight victory.

Warnock came off the bench to shoot 8 of 11 to better her previous high of 14 points and also matched her personal best of 10 rebounds. Kathleen Doyle made seven steals and added 20 points.

The Hawkeyes (16-3, 7-1 Big Ten) extended their home winning streak to 32 games, the second-longest active streak behind Baylor's 49 straight.

Maryland 70, Northwestern 61

In College Park, Maryland, Stephanie Jones had 14 points and 11 rebounds, and Maryland defeated Northwestern in a duel between Big Ten contenders.

Taylor Mikesell scored 14, and Ashley Owusu and Blair Watson had 13 points apiece for the Terrapins, who took charge with a 12-5 run in the fourth quarter after the Wildcats closed to 48-46.

The game was a rematch of a Dec 31 meeting in which the Wildcats rolled to an 81-58 victory. Maryland was 8-0 against Northwestern before this season.

Arkansas 79, Florida 57

In Fayetteville, Arkansas, Makayla Daniels scored 19 points on 8-of-10 shooting and Arkansas beat Florida.

The Razorbacks (16-4, 4-3 Southeastern Conference) have won three of their last four.

Taylah Thomas scored 13 points with seven rebounds, Amber Ramirez scored 12, A'Tyanna Gaulden — off the bench — added 12 and Alexis Tolefree 10. Arkansas shot 32 of 56 (57%) and committed just 10 fouls.

Lavender Briggs led Florida (11-9, 2-5) with 17 points and eight rebounds and Kiara Smith scored 10. The Gators have lost four straight.

Tennessee 63, LSU 58
In Knoxville, Tennessee, Renna Davis scored 30 points, making all 10 of her free throws, and Tennessee beat LSU.

Tennessee took the lead for good after Davis scored six straight points in the final minute of the first half. The Lady Tigers stayed within single digits and trailed 58-55 with 1-1/2 minutes left before Tennessee's Jazmine Masengill hit a short jumper and Davis, with 16 seconds left, made two free throws.

S. Dakota 79, Oral Roberts 56
In Vermillion, South Dakota, Monica Arens and Ciara Duffy scored 18 points apiece and South Dakota beat Oral Roberts.

The Coyotes (19-2, 8-0 Summit League) have won eight straight games, their last loss coming at now top-ranked South Carolina, 73-60, on Dec 22.

TCU 73, W. Virginia 60

In Fort Worth, Texas, Kianna Ray scored 19 points, Jaycee Bradley added 14 for TCU.

Jayde Woods had 11 points, six rebounds and five assists for TCU (14-4, 5-3 Big 12).

World champion Tănăk crashed heavily

Neuville wins season-opening Monte Carlo Rally

MONACO, Jan 27, (AP): Belgian driver Thierry Neuville won the season-opening Monte Carlo rally, finishing ahead of six-time world champion Sébastien Ogier and overnight leader Elfyn Evans.

Ogier had won the past six Monte Carlo rallies, including the race's closest-ever finish when he beat Neuville by just 2.2 seconds last year.

Driving a Hyundai i20 in the mountains above Monaco, Neuville dominated four special stages to jump from third place overnight and beat Ogier by 12.6 seconds, and Evans by 14.3.

In doing so, he became the first Belgian to win the prestigious race since Jacques-Edouard Leduc in 1924.

Neuville, who is seeking his first world title, cemented his win with a maximum five bonus points after winning the closing Power Stage by .016 from Ogier, who took four points.

Ogier felt confident driving a Toyota Yaris for the first time after re-joining Citroën last year and then splitting from the French manufacturer.

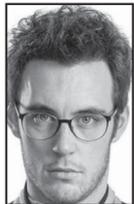
"We can be happy with the start

to the season because it's never easy with a new car," said Ogier, who is team-mates with Britain's Evans. "I haven't managed to extract the maximum potential from the Toyota but it was a good rally despite everything."

World champion Ott Tänăk crashed heavily in Friday's fourth special, but the Estonian and his co-driver Martin Järveoja walked away unharmed before being kept in hospital overnight for observation.

"Basically, we hit some bump that I did not recognize during the race and I guess were just a bit too fast," Tänăk said, recalling the crash. "I've actually not investigated the car after but yes, obviously, all the safety equipment did its job."

Next up it's Rally Sweden from Feb 13-16.



Neuville



San Diego State's Adam Seiko (2) drives against UNLV's Bryce Hamilton (13) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game on Jan 26 in Las Vegas. (AP)