

Leeds United's Diego Llorente (second right), scores his side's opening goal during the English Premier League soccer match between Leeds United and Liverpool at the Elland Road Stadium in Leeds, England. (AP)

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Jazz split series with Lakers

Suns edge Bucks after foul in final second of OT

LOS ANGELES, April 20, (AP) — Jordan Clarkson scored 22 points, Joe Ingles added 21 with five 3-pointers and the Utah Jazz beat the Los Angeles Lakers 111-97 Monday night, splitting their series with the defending NBA champs.

Bojan Bogdanovic scored 19 points as NBA-leading Utah avenged the Lakers' 127-115 overtime victory on Saturday night. The Jazz rested Rudy Gobert, Mike Conley Jr. and Derrick Favors in the first game on the second night of a back-to-back set, but all three returned for the rematch at Staples Center.

Leading scorer Donovan Mitchell is still out for Utah, while LeBron James and Anthony Davis are still out for Los Angeles.

Talen Horton-Tucker scored a career-high 24 points for the Lakers, who dropped to 7-9 without both of their superstars and 14-16 since Davis went down on Valentine's Day.

Kyle Kuzma scored all of his 17 points in the first three quarters for Los Angeles, and Dennis Schröder had 15 points and six assists. The Lakers have alternated wins and losses for 12 consecutive games since March 28.

BASKETBALL

Clarkson hit nine of his 14 shots and Ingles went 8 for 11 against the NBA's top defensive team for Utah, which never trailed in its fifth victory in seven games. The Jazz doubled their halftime lead to 20 points in the third quarter with 13 from Ingles, who hit three 3-pointers in that stretch.

Suns 128, Bucks 127 OT

In Milwaukee, Devin Booker made a free throw with 0.3 seconds left after getting fouled on a jump shot to give the Phoenix Suns a 128-127 overtime victory over the Milwaukee Bucks.

After Khris Middleton had tied the game on a 3-pointer with 22.1 seconds left, Jae Crowder inbounded a pass to Booker, who attempted to get free for a shot while getting hounded by Jrue Holiday.

As Booker finally put up a shot from in front of Phoenix's bench just before the buzzer, P.J. Tucker also approached him. Tucker was called for the foul.

Warriors 107, 76ers 96

In Philadelphia, Stephen Curry hit 10 3-pointers and scored 49 points to extend his sizzling stretch, leading the Golden State Warriors to a 107-96 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

Curry's 3 that tied the game at 86-all gave him 11 straight games with 30 or more points, topping Kobe Bryant for the most by any player 33 or older. Curry, who turned 33 last month, also has the longest 30-point game streak by a Warriors player since Wilt Chamberlain in 1964.

Curry had his fifth 40-point game in April and topped Bryant and Michael Jordan for most 40-point games in a month by a player 33 or older.

Nuggets 139, Grizzlies 137 2 OTs

In Denver, Nikola Jokic scored 47 points, including a go-ahead 3-pointer late in the second overtime, and the Denver Nuggets rallied to beat the Memphis Grizzlies 139-137.

Jokic added 15 rebounds and eight assists, Will Barton scored 28 and Michael Porter Jr. 21 for the short-handed Nuggets. Denver played without its top two point guards — Jamal Murray, who has a torn ACL in his left knee and Monte Morris.

Morris recently missed 11 games with a left quad injury but returned April 4 and played eight games. He hurt his left hamstring in Friday night's win at Houston and will likely miss multiple games, coach Michael Malone said before the game against the Grizzlies.

Bulls 102, Celtics 96

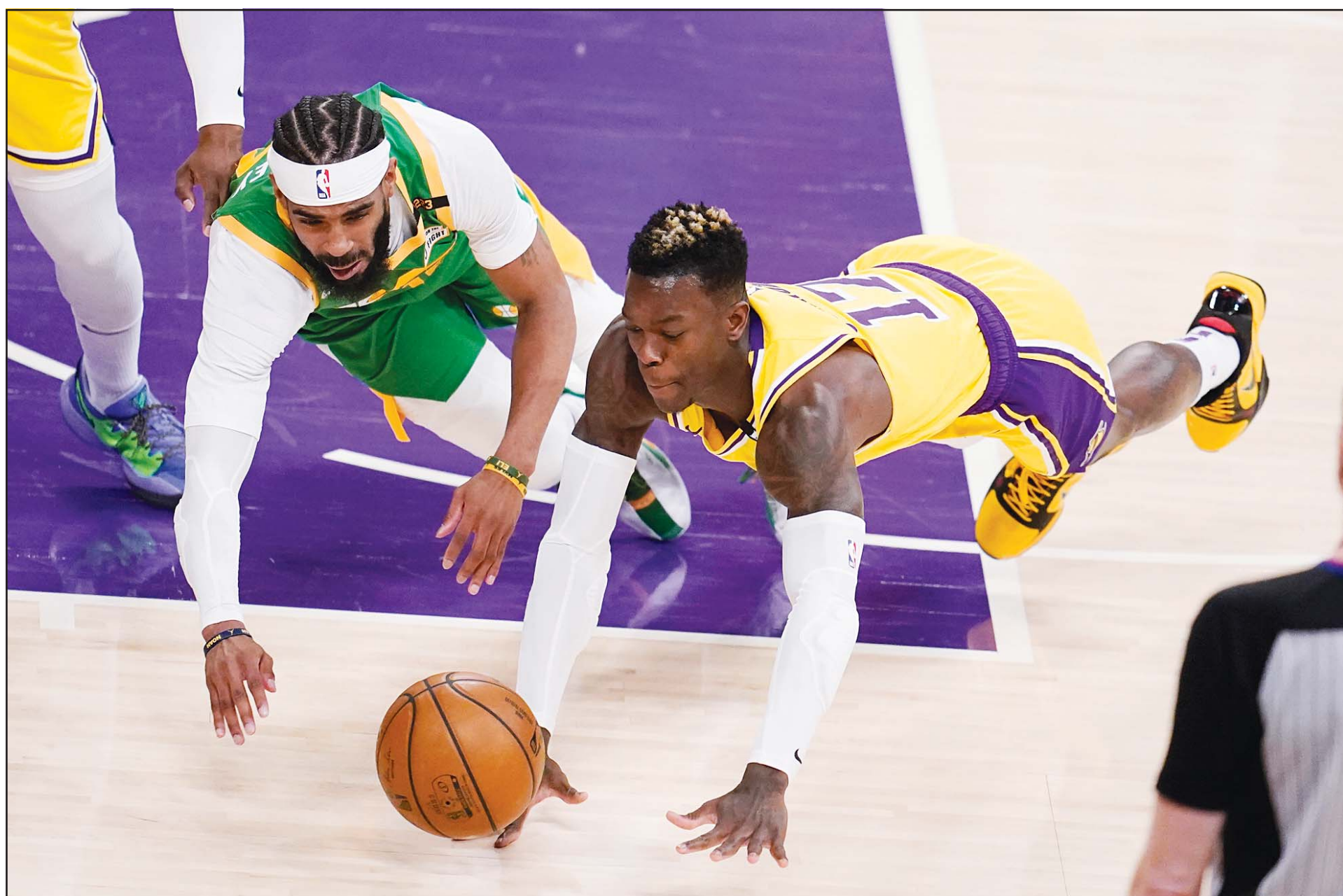
In Boston, the Bulls have a difficult road to travel if they want to secure a spot in the playoffs.

But they feel like replicating their defensive effort from the past two games might be the thing that helps them get there.

Nikola Vucevic had 29 points and nine rebounds, and the Chicago held off the Boston Celtics 102-96.

Heat 113, Rockets 91

In Miami, the Miami Heat were missing their three leading scorers, and still had more than enough to get past the Houston Rockets.



Los Angeles Lakers guard Dennis Schroder, (right), dives for the ball next to Utah Jazz guard Mike Conley during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles. (AP)

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, April 20, (AP) — NBA results and standings on Monday.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	109	105	.684	-
Chicago	102	96	.515	8-1/2
Golden State	107	91	.541	8-1/2
Miami	113	91	.554	8-1/2
Washington	119	107	.527	15-1/2
San Antonio	109	94	.538	-
Phoenix	128	127	.500	OT
Denver	139	137	.503	20T
Utah	111	97	.531	LA Lakers

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	39	18	.684	-
Brooklyn	30	19	.609	1
Boston	31	27	.534	8-1/2
New York	31	27	.534	8-1/2
Toronto	24	34	.414	15-1/2

Southwest Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	31	26	.544	-
Miami	30	28	.517	1-1/2
Charlotte	28	28	.500	2-1/2
Washington	24	33	.421	7
Orlando	18	39	.316	13

Central Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	35	22	.614	-
Indiana	26	31	.456	9
Chicago	24	33	.421	11
Cleveland	20	37	.351	15
Detroit	18	40	.310	17-1/2

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	30	25	.538	-
Memphis	29	27	.518	1
San Antonio	28	28	.500	2
New Orleans	25	32	.439	5-1/2
Houston	15	43	.259	16

Northwest Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	43	15	.741	-
Denver	37	20	.649	5-1/2
Portland	32	24	.571	10
Oklahoma City	20	38	.345	23
Minnesota	15	43	.259	28

Pacific Division				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	41	16	.719	-
LA Clippers	40	19	.678	2
LA Lakers	35	23	.603	6-1/2
Golden State	29	29	.500	12-1/2
Sacramento	23	34	.404	18

Kendrick Nunn scored a season-high 30 points, Duncan Robinson and Goran Dragic each added 19 and Miami beat Houston 113-91 on Monday night.

The Heat were playing without Jimmy Butler, Bam Adebayo and Tyler Herro - a trio that averages 55 points per game - and outscored Houston 59-36 after halftime.

Wizards 119, Thunder 107

In Washington, Bradley Beal scored 30 points, Davis Bertans was made six 3-pointers in his return from paternity leave, and the Washington Wizards beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 119-107.

Bertans, who missed the previous two games while his wife gave birth to a son, finished with 21 points. The Wizards have won five straight,

'We cannot lose this match' UEFA president Ceferin urges SL owners to reverse decision

MONTREUX, Switzerland, April 20, (AP) — In a direct appeal to the owners of the English clubs in the Super League project, UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin urged them Tuesday to change their minds out of respect for soccer fans.

Ceferin both cajoled and criticized the six-club English group - made up of American billionaires, Middle East royalty and a Russian oligarch - less than 48 hours after the Super League was launched in alliance with three clubs from each of Italy and Spain.

"Gentlemen, you made a huge mistake," Ceferin said in a speech to European soccer leaders at the UEFA annual meeting. "Some will say it is greed, others (will say) disdain arrogance, flippancy or complete ignorance of England's football culture. It does not matter."

"What does matter is that there is still time to change your mind. Everyone makes mistakes," Ceferin urged them to turn back out of respect for fans in England, aiming another barb at what he earlier called "a few selfish people." "Come to your senses," he said. "Not out of love for football because I imagine some of you don't have much of that." Ceferin also lavished praise on UEFA executive committee colleague Nasser al-Khelaifi, the president of French champion Paris Saint-Germain. PSG has so far resisted offers



Ceferin

matching a season high, and seven of eight to claw back into playoff contention in the Eastern Conference.

Russell Westbrook had 13 points, 17 assists and 11 rebounds for Washington. His 26th triple-double this season was only in doubt because of his dreadful shooting; Westbrook missed nine straight shots in the second half before a 3-pointer that gave the Wizards a nine-point lead with 3:47 left. He has 172 triple-doubles, closing in on Oscar Robertson's record of 181.

Darius Bazley scored a career-high 26 points for Oklahoma City, which extended its season-worst skid to 11 games. The Thunder have lost 14 of 15 since leading scorer Shai Gilgeous-Alexander was sidelined with a foot injury last month. Oklahoma City was even more undermanned without Lu Dort, who sat after scoring 29 points Sunday night against Toronto.

Spurs 109, Pacers 94

In Indianapolis, Derrick White and Jakob Poeltl took advantage of their early mismatches by delivering a

quick knockout punch and leading the San Antonio Spurs to a 109-94 victory over short-handed Indiana.

White scored 16 of his 25 points in the first quarter, while Poeltl finished with 16 points and seven rebounds in the Spurs' second straight win.

Malcolm Brogdon and Caris LeVert

scored 18 to lead the Pacers, who have lost three in a row. This time, the Pacers played without two-time All-Star Domantas Sabonis (sore lower back) and defensive player of the year candidate Myles Turner (right foot). T.J. Warren, who will miss the rest of the season with a stress fracture in his left foot.

Pistons 109, Cavaliers 105

In Detroit, Frank Jackson scored 20 points, including a tiebreaking baseline drive in the final minute, lifting the Detroit Pistons to a 109-105 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Jackson was fouled on his basket with 29 seconds left. He missed the free throw but the Cavaliers couldn't secure the rebound. Josh Jackson grabbed it and then scored to go up 107-103 with 16.5 seconds remaining, giving the Cavaliers their fifth loss in six games.

Collin Sexton scored 28 points and Darius Garland added 23 for the Cavaliers. The backcourt scored the final 20 points for Cleveland, which is fading in the race for the play-in tournament in the Eastern Conference.



Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, (right), goes for a shot during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Philadelphia 76ers in Philadelphia. (AP)

Leeds United 'deny' Liverpool top 4 spot

LEEDS, England, April 20, (AP) — Liverpool conceded an 87th-minute equalizer to draw at Leeds 1-1 on Monday, denying Jurgen Klopp's team a spot in the top four of the English Premier League.

Which position Liverpool finish might not matter anymore, given the team are one of the 12 clubs behind the creation of a controversial Super League that is threatening to split the historic structure of European soccer.

The breakaway league could potentially launch as early as next season, rendering meaningless the race for Champions League qualification that currently involves Liverpool, Chelsea and Tottenham — three of the six rebel English clubs.

Liverpool stayed in sixth place, outside the Champions League places, after Spain defender Diego Llorente scored with a header from an inswinging corner to earn Leeds a point that the team's second-half fightback might have deserved.

Sadio Mane stroked the ball into an empty net in the 31st minute from a squared pass from Trent Alexander-Arnold to give Liverpool the lead and put the deposed champion on course for a fourth straight victory.

Earlier Tuesday in a speech that seemed to blame the club owners and absolve players, FIFA president Gianni Infantino said he can only "strongly disapprove" of the Super League.