

SPORTS



Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) shoots against Phoenix Suns forward Jae Crowder during the second half of an NBA basketball game in San Francisco, on Dec. 3. (AP)

Houston routs Bryant

Purdue tops Iowa in Big Ten opener

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 4, (AP) — Jaden Ivey scored 19 points, Trevion Williams had 13 points and 18 rebounds, and No. 2 Purdue held off a late Iowa rally to win 77-70 in the Big Ten opener for both teams.

Mason Gillis added 12 points off the bench for the Boilermakers (8-0).

The Hawkeyes (7-1) were without leading scorer and rebounder Keegan Murray, who injured his ankle in Monday's victory at Virginia. Murray is averaging 24.6 points and 8.9 rebounds per game. His twin brother, Kris Murray, started in his place.

Patrick McCaffery led Iowa with 15 points. Tony Perkins scored 14 and Murray 12 for Iowa.

Kansas 95, St. John's 75

In New York, Christian Braun had a career-high 31 points, Ochai Agbaji scored 23 and Kansas emphatically turned back a second-half charge to beat St. John's in the first basketball game at the new UBS Arena, home of the NHL's New York Islanders.

BASKETBALL

Senior forward David McCormack was a force inside with 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Jayhawks (6-1), who have bounced back from a one-point loss to Dayton last week with consecutive double-digit wins.

Texas 88, UTRGV 58

In Austin, Texas, Christian Bishop scored 17 points and Texas used suffocating defense in the second half to beat Texas Rio Grande Valley.

Bishop, a senior transfer from Creighton, is a backup who played 14 minutes. He made all nine of his free throws.

Timmy Allen and Tre Mitchell scored 13 points each for Texas (6-1). RayQuan Taylor led UTRGV (4-5) with 15 points, and Justin Johnson scored 12.

Houston 111, Bryant 44

In Houston, Tramon Mark tied a career high with 22 points, Josh Carlton added 17 and Houston routed Bryant for its third straight win.

Kyler Edwards had 12 points and 10 rebounds, and Marcus Sasser scored 12 points for Houston (7-1), which won its 30th straight home game. The Cougars shot a season-high 62% and made 10 of 23 3-pointers.



Purdue guard Jaden Ivey (23) reacts after a dunk against Iowa during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in West Lafayette, Ind., on Dec. 3. (AP)

Bueckers rallies UConn past Seton Hall

Boston leads No. 1 South Carolina to 65-44 victory over Kansas State

COLUMBIA, S.C., Dec. 4, (AP) — Aliyah Boston had 21 points and 17 rebounds to lead No. 1 South Carolina to its first 9-0 start in six years with a 65-44 victory over Kansas State in the Big 12/SEC Challenge.

Boston, the 6-foot-5 All-American, has been on a tear since the Gamecocks won the Battle 4 Atlanta event last month, averaging 20 points and 10 rebounds her past six games. Earlier this week, she scored a career best 29 points on 13-of-13 shooting.

Boston wasn't quite as accurate this time - 9 of 11 from the field - but was every bit as dominant in going against another of the game's top forwards in 6-6 Ayoka Lee, who had double-doubles in her previous six games.

Lee and the Wildcats, though, could not match up with South Carolina, even with the Gamecocks missing injured starting point guard Destanni Henderson.

Warriors end Suns' win streak

Clippers beat Lakers

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4, (AP) — Stephen Curry bounced back from one of the worst shooting nights of his career and scored 23 points, and the Golden State Warriors convincingly ended the Phoenix Suns' 18-game winning streak with a 118-96 victory.

The Warriors (19-3) limited the Suns (19-4) to a season low for scoring and slipped past Phoenix for the best record in the NBA.

The Suns were within 83-74 following a dunk by JaVale McGee early in the fourth quarter but never got closer. Gary Payton II scored on consecutive possessions, added a breakaway two-handed dunk, then followed with a short jumper to put Golden State ahead by 20.

Three days after going 4 of 21 while missing 11 of 14 3-point tries in a 104-96 loss in Phoenix, Curry shot 8 of 20 with six 3s, five rebounds and five assists.

BASKETBALL

Andrew Wiggins added 19 points as Golden State extended its home winning streak to 11. Draymond Green had nine points, nine assists and nine rebounds.

Clippers 119, Lakers 115

In Los Angeles, Luke Kennard scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half and hit two clutch 3-pointers in the final minutes, sending the Clippers over the Lakers.

Paul George scored 19 points for the Clippers, who never trailed and never pulled away in the city rivals' first meeting of the season. They played a choppy, chippy game appropriate for two clubs hovering around .500 while dealing with major injury problems that have slowed the development of two rosters harboring NBA title ambitions.

LeBron James had 23 points and 11 rebounds in his first game back from a one-game absence under the NBA's health and safety protocols.

76ers 98, Hawks 96

In Atlanta, Joel Embiid scored 28 points, including a jumper with 42 seconds remaining that gave Philadelphia its first lead of the second half, and the 76ers took a comeback win over Trae Young and Atlanta.

Embiid snapped a 96-all tie with the 13-foot jumper. Seth Curry then stole a pass from John Collins. Danilo Gallinari missed a potential winning 3-pointer as time expired.

Cavaliers 116, Wizards 101

In Washington, Darius Garland had 32 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds, and Cleveland went on a 19-0 run spanning part of each half in a rout of Washington.

Cleveland won its fourth straight game, and this streak has been pretty emphatic. The Cavaliers beat Orlando by 13, Dallas by 18 and Miami by 26.

The Cavaliers led by as many as 36 points in the third. It was 99-72 after three before Washington cut into the margin in the fourth.

BASKETBALL

UConn past Seton Hall in the teams' Big East opener.

The Huskies (4-1) bounced back in their first game since losing on Nov. 22 to No. 1 South Carolina at the Battle 4 Atlanta in the Bahamas.

Christyn Williams added 17 points for UConn, Aaliyah Edwards scored 12 points and Olivia Nelson-Ododa had 10.

Lauren Park-Lane led Seton Hall (3-3) with 20 points and five assists. Mya Jackson scored 14 points and Sidney Cooks had 13.



Norway's Aleksander Aamodt Kilde competes during a men's World Cup super-G skiing race, on Dec. 3, in Beaver Creek, Colorado. (AP)

Odermatt settles for 2nd, Ganong takes 3rd

Kilde returns with WCup super-G win

BEAVER CREEK, Colo., Dec. 4, (AP) — A big day for Aleksander Aamodt Kilde - winning a World Cup super-G race less than a year after tearing a knee ligament - suddenly turned bittersweet: The Norwegian ski racer watched his good friend and teammate, Kjetil Jansrud, slide into the protective fencing after falling.

Jansrud, a five-time Olympic medalist, injured a ligament in his knee but was able to get up and ski the rest of the way down the hill. He even made it over to congratulate Kilde before limping away.

"Sitting in the leader chair doesn't really mean anything when your buddy's crashing into the net and you see him get injured," Kilde said. "Hopefully, he's doing OK, but we'll see."

Kilde, the 2019-20 overall World Cup champion, finished a tricky and technical Birds of Prey course in 1 minute, 10.26 seconds to edge Swiss racer Marco Odermatt - the super-G winner the day before - by a scant 0.03 seconds. American Travis Ganong wound up third - he was second on the slope and his time held up for his first

World Cup super-G podium.

A day after not finishing a super-G, Kilde made one slight adjustment: Toning down his aggressiveness.

"Today, it worked really well and I'm happy with my performance," said Kilde, who is dating U.S. skiing star Mikaela Shiffrin.

This was Kilde's third race back since tearing his ACL during a training crash last January. He said this victory

the snow and bounced into the fence.

Kilde shielded his eyes as medical personnel attended to Jansrud, who was eventually able to stand and click back into his boots.

The Norwegian team said in a statement released Saturday morning - in Norwegian and translated - there was damage to the cruciate ligament and Jansrud would return home with the team Monday to be reevaluated. The team said it was too early to say anything about surgery. There was no timetable for a return.

Ganong became the first American to earn a spot on a super-G podium at Beaver Creek since 2015, when Ted Ligety was second and Andrew Weibrecht third. Ligety was part of the broadcast team for Friday's race.

The 33-year-old Ganong said starting early helped him even if he didn't have a course report.

"I actually love going early because I can kind of turn my brain off," Ganong said. "That's more when I have these special runs, is when I'm like more relaxed and just performing."

SKIING

validates that he's on the right path with the Winter Olympics in Beijing two months away. The 29-year-old Kilde joins Bjarn Solbakken (2003) and Aksel Lund Svindal (2008) as the only Norwegian racers to capture a World Cup super-G in Beaver Creek.

"Amazing feeling," Kilde said. "Just incredible." Following the race, Kilde's thoughts were with Jansrud, who spun out while setting up for a hard turn. He slid, hit his shoulder on

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NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, (AP): Results and standings from the NBA games on Friday.			
Cleveland	116	Washington	101
Miami	113	Indiana	104
Philadelphia	98	Atlanta	96
Brooklyn	110	Minnesota	105
Houston	118	Orlando	116
New Orleans	107	Dallas	91
Utah	137	Boston	130
LA Clippers	119	LA Lakers	115
Golden State	118	Phoenix	96

Eastern Conference			
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	16	6 .727	—
Boston	12	11 .522	4-1/2
Philadelphia	12	11 .522	4-1/2
New York	11	11 .500	5
Toronto	10	13 .435	6-1/2
Southeast Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	14	9 .609	—
Washington	14	9 .609	—
Charlotte	13	11 .542	1-1/2
Atlanta	12	11 .522	2
Orlando	5	19 .208	9-1/2
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	8 .652	—
Milwaukee	14	9 .609	1
Cleveland	13	10 .565	2
Indiana	9	16 .360	7
Detroit	4	18 .182	10-1/2
Western Conference			
Southwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	12	10 .545	—
Dallas	11	10 .524	-1/2
San Antonio	7	13 .350	4
New Orleans	7	18 .280	6-1/2
Houston	6	16 .273	6
Northwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	15	7 .682	—
Portland	11	12 .478	4-1/2
Minnesota	11	12 .478	4-1/2
Denver	10	11 .476	4-1/2
Oklahoma City	6	16 .273	9
Pacific Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	19	3 .864	—
Phoenix	19	4 .826	-1/2
LA Clippers	12	11 .522	7-1/2
LA Lakers	12	12 .500	8
Sacramento	9	14 .391	10-1/2

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