

Afena-Gyan lifts Roma to 5th, spoils Shevchenko's debut

## Napoli finally beaten as Inter revive Serie A title bid

## James ejected as Lakers rally to win over Pistons

Suns roll past Nuggets 126-97

DETROIT, Nov. 22, (AP): LeBron James was ejected early in the third quarter after drawing blood by hitting Isaiah Stewart in the face, leaving Anthony Davis and Russell Westbrook to rally the Los Angeles Lakers to a 121-116 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Davis had 30 points, 10 rebounds and two big blocked shots late on 20-year-old Detroit rookie Cade Cunningham. Westbrook had 26 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds.

Cunningham, the No. 1 overall pick in the draft, had 13 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists to become the youngest player in franchise history with a triple-double.

James was sent to the locker room after his left elbow and hand appeared to make contact with Stewart's face when they were tangled up while boxing out for a rebound. Detroit's center had to be held back more than once, keeping him separated from the NBA superstar, and he also was ejected.

## BASKETBALL

Westbrook was assessed a technical foul after the officials reviewed the play and the fallout from it.

James had 10 points and five assists in his second game back in the lineup. After missing eight games with an abdominal strain, he played Friday night in a 130-108 loss at Boston.

## Suns 126, Nuggets 97

In Phoenix, Cam Johnson scored a career-high 22 points, Deandre Ayton added 21 and fast-starting Phoenix beat Denver for its 12th straight victory.

The Suns scored 48 points in the first quarter for a 20-point lead, shooting 17 of 22 (77.3%) from the field, including 7 of 8 from 3-point range.

Johnson, Devin Booker and Jae Crowder all hit two 3-pointers during the early run. The Suns haven't lost since Oct. 27 against Sacramento when Harrison Barnes made a 3-pointer at the buzzer. It's the longest winning streak for the franchise since they won 17 straight during the 2006-07 season.

Denver star forward Nikola Jokic missed his second straight game with a sprained right wrist. The Nuggets have lost four straight to fall to 9-8.

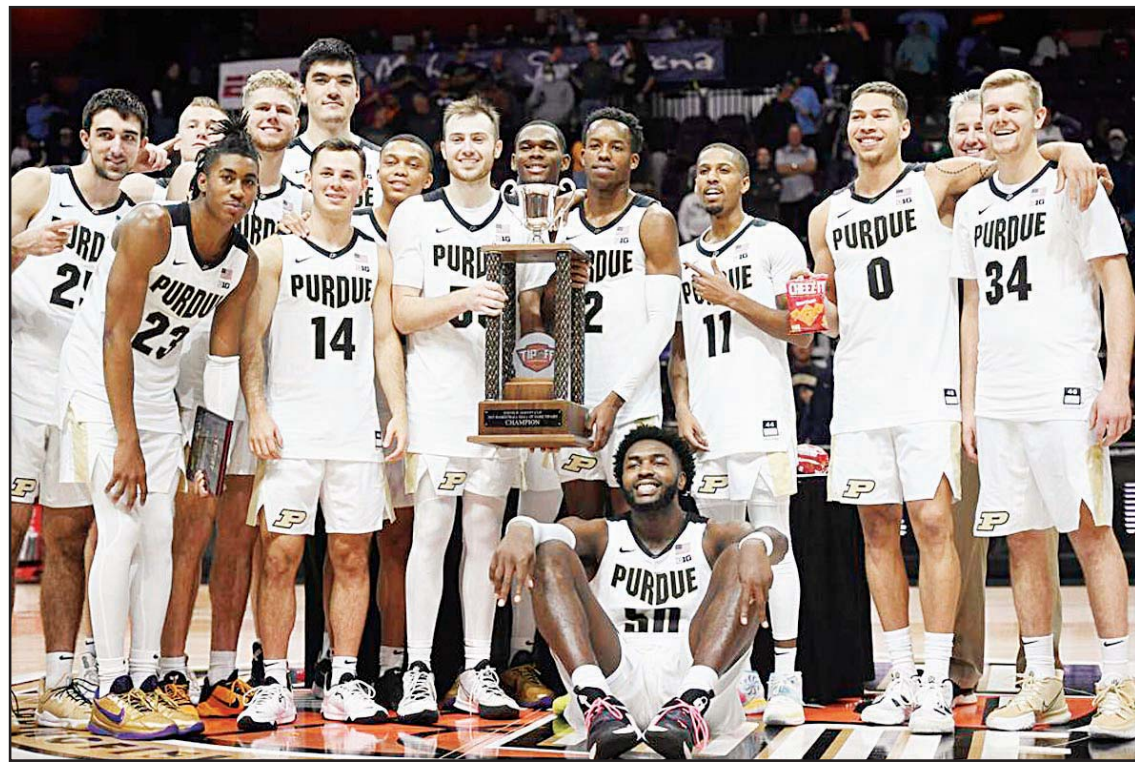
## Warriors 119, Raptors 104

In San Francisco, Jordan Poole had his second straight 30-point performance with 33, Andrew Wiggins added 32 points and seven rebounds and NBA-leading Golden State beat Toronto to improve to 15-2.

Poole shot 10 for 13 and made eight 3-pointers. Stephen Curry had 12 points and eight assists after sitting out at Detroit on Friday night to rest his sore hip.

## Clippers 97, Mavericks 91

In Los Angeles, Paul George scored 12 of his 29 points in the third quarter



Purdue poses with the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Championship trophy at the end of an NCAA college basketball game against Villanova, on Nov. 21, in Uncasville, Conn. (AP)

Purdue rallies to beat Nova 80-74

## Arizona's defense shuts down Michigan for win

LAS VEGAS, Nov. 22, (AP): Christian Koloko had 22 points, seven rebounds and four blocked shots to lead Arizona to a dominating 80-62 win over No. 4 Michigan in the Roman Main Event.

Benedict Mathurin added 16 points for Arizona (5-0), which put together an impressive all-around performance.

Michigan (4-2) couldn't get anything to fall from the perimeter, shooting 1 of 14 from 3. Eli Brooks led the Wolverines with 14 points.

Arizona was active defensively all night and used its free-flowing movement on offense to set up easy shots. The Wildcats made 4-of-21 from 3, but hit 64% of its 2-point shots, including several alley-oops or point-blank baskets off penetration.

## Purdue 80, Villanova 74

In Uncasville, Conn., Zach Edey scored 21 points and Purdue overcame an 11-point second-half deficit to beat Villanova and win the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament.

Caleb Furst and Isaiah Thompson each added 12 points for the Boilermakers (5-0), who dominated underneath, outscoring the Wild-

cats 38-18 in the paint and outrebounding them 38-26.

Justin Moore had 19 points, Caleb Daniels added 17 and Collin Gillespie had 14 for Villanova (3-2). The Wildcats led 33-31 at half-time, scored the first five points in the second half and were up 57-46 after a 3-pointer by Daniels.

But Purdue outscored the Wildcats 34-17 over the last nine minutes.

## BASKETBALL

## Tennessee 89, N. Carolina 72

In Uncasville, Conn., Freshman Zakai Zeigler scored 18 points to lead Tennessee over North Carolina in the consolation game of the Hall of Fame Tip-Off tournament.

Santiago Vescovi added 17 points and nine rebounds for the Vols (3-1), who bounced back from a 71-53 loss to Villanova on Saturday.

Brady Manek hit six 3-pointers and scored 24 points for the Tar Heels (3-2), who fell to Purdue in Saturday's opening round. Armando Bacot had 16 points and 12 re-

bounds.

North Carolina had won 10 of the previous 11 matchups between the programs, a series that dates to 1911. The Volunteers' last win over the Tar Heels came in 1949.

**St. Bonaventure 70, Marquette 54**

In Charleston, S.C., Jaren Holmes had 19 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, Osun Osunniyi added 16 points and 11 rebounds and St. Bonaventure beat Marquette to win the Charleston Classic.

Osunniyi - who went into the game as the NCAA's active leader in blocks per game (2.73) and had four on Sunday - made 8 of 10 from the field. Jalen Adayaw had 14 points on 7-of-11 shooting and Kyle Lofton added 12 points, four assists and two steals.

Marquette missed its first nine field-goal attempts in the second half as Holmes and Adayaw scored six points apiece in a 16-2 run that gave St. Bonaventure (5-0) a 49-27 lead with 13 minutes to go. The Bonnies led by double figures the rest of the way.

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**Bulls 109, Knicks 103**

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MILAN, Nov. 22, (AP): And then there were none.

Serie A leader Napoli lost for the first time this season as Inter Milan reinvigorated its Italian title bid with a 3-2 win.

Inter, the defending champion, cut the gap on Napoli and AC Milan to four points after 13 rounds and ended Napoli's status as the last remaining unbeaten team across Europe's five major leagues.

Dries Mertens, who had set up a pulsating finale with his club-record 137th goal for Napoli, missed the chance to equalize in injury time when he blazed his shot over.

Spalletti's players wore jerseys paying tribute to soccer great Diego Maradona, who died on Nov. 25 last year.

It was another Argentine who scored the winning goal. Lautaro Martinez scored Inter's third on a counterattack in the 61st minute, set up by compatriot Joaquin Correa.

Inter goalkeeper Samir Handanovic preserved the result with a brilliant save to deny Mario Rui in injury time, forcing the ball onto the crossbar, before Mertens' miss.

The visitors had struck first in the 17th when Piotr Zielinski won the ball off Nicolò Barella and ran forward to score from Lorenzo Insigne's pass.

Hakan Calhanoglu equalized with a penalty in the 25th, awarded after Kalidou Koulibaly was penalized through VAR for hand ball, and Ivan Perisic headed Inter's second before the break.

## SOCCER

There was a lengthy delay early in the second half following a clash of heads between Napoli's Victor Osimhen and Inter's Milan Skriniar. Osimhen was unable to continue and went off with what looked a cheekbone injury.

Martinez scored but Mertens ensured a lively finale when he pulled one back in the 78th with a brilliant shot under the crossbar.

There was another holdup for another clash of heads, between Ospina and Inter striker Edin Dzeko. Both continued with bandaged heads to see the late drama.

Roma coach José Mourinho was facing the prospect of a third straight league game without a win until he brought on Felix Afena-Gyan at Genoa.

The 18-year-old Afena-Gyan scored twice in a 2-0 win to lift Roma to fifth and spoil Andriy Shevchenko's debut as Genoa coach.

Hampered by injuries and coronavirus infections, Roma failed to impress until Henrikh Mkhitaryan set up Afena-Gyan for the breakthrough in the 82nd.

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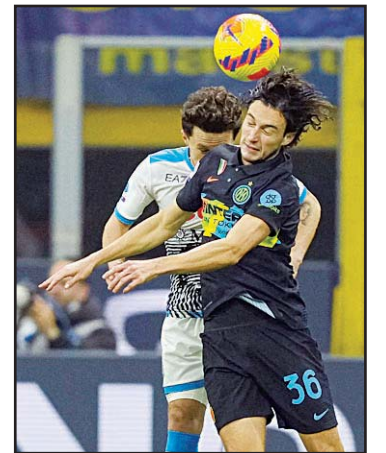
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Napoli's Mario Rui (left) and Inter Milan's Matteo Darmian jump for the ball during the Serie A soccer match between Inter Milan and Napoli at San Siro Stadium, in Milan, Italy, on Nov. 21. (AP)

## Brest stun Lens

## Nice climb to second place

PARIS, Nov. 22, (AP): Amine Gouiri scored twice as Nice rallied past Clermont 2-1 to climb to second place in the French league, 11 points behind leader Paris Saint-Germain.

In the latest round to be marred by fan violence, a game in Lyon was abandoned with the score at 0-0 after Marseille midfielder Dimitri Payet was hit on the head by a bottle of water thrown from the stands while taking a corner kick. Payet collapsed to the ground in the fifth minute but was able to get up after receiving treatment.

The referee ordered players to head back to the locker room with play suspended. After a wait of about 75 minutes, a stadium announcement said play would resume but Marseille players stayed in their dressing room. About two hours after kickoff, it was announced that the game had been abandoned.

## SOCCER

Against Clermont, Nice winger Gouiri equalized with a volley in the 77th. He then raised his tally to eight league goals this season by controlling a corner in the 82nd before guiding the ball into the far corner.

Clermont had a fourth straight loss to fall into the relegation zone. The hosts had dominated the first half and took the lead in the 17th when Florent Ogier headed in a free kick from Jason Berthomier.

Nice goalkeeper Walter Benitez limited the damage by saving efforts from Vital Nsimba in the fifth minute, Jim Allevinah in the seventh, Johan Gastien in the 12th and Salis Abdul Samed in the 40th.

Also Sunday, Brest earned a third straight win in the French league by stunning Lens 4-0 to move away from the relegation zone. Lens dropped to fourth place, two points behind Nice.

Benin striker Steve Mounie opened the scoring in the third minute by heading home a deflected cross from Jeremy Le Douaron.

Brest captain Brendan Chardonnet doubled the lead in the 13th by diverting in a corner with his back.

Romain Favre notched his fifth goal this season with a curling shot from the edge of the box to make it 3-0 in the 33rd.

Le Douaron put the result beyond doubt in the 69th by holding off Kevin Danso to fire into the top corner.

Lens was down to 10 men in the 74th when substitute Arnaud Kalimundo was sent off for a tackle from behind on Ronael Pierre-Gabriel.



Marseille's Dimitri Payet (right), is surrounded by his staff as he leaves the field after being injured by an object thrown by a Lyon supporter during the French League One soccer match between Lyon and Marseille, in Decines, near Lyon, central France, on Nov. 21. (AP)

## Bueckers, UConn hold off South Florida 60-53

## Maryland hands Baylor first loss of season

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Nov. 22, (AP): Ashley Owusu scored 24 points and No. 3 Maryland handed No. 6 Baylor its first loss of the post-Kim Mulkey era, 79-76.

The Terrapins (6-0) led 76-65 before a furious Baylor rally nearly forced overtime. The Bears had the ball down by three, but Sarah Andrews missed a 3-pointer in the final seconds.

The Terrapins passed their first big test of the young season, and they did it without guard Katie Benzan, who missed the game because of an illness. This was just the beginning of a stretch in which Maryland faces Baylor, No. 5 North Carolina State and No. 7 Stanford in the span of a week.

## BASKETBALL

## UConn 60, S. Florida 53

In Paradise Island, Bahamas, Paige Bueckers had 21 points and seven assists to help Connecticut hold off South Florida in the Battle 4 Atlantic semifinals.

Freshman Azzi Fudd added a season-high 18 points on six 3-pointers for the Huskies (3-0), who had to fight to the final minutes to maintain a perfect mark against the Bulls (3-2). UConn squandered a 13-point second-quarter lead and an eight-point margin midway through the third, then found itself trailing in the final seconds of that quarter after giving up an 11-0 run.

**S. Carolina 80, Oregon 63**

In Paradise Island, Bahamas, Zia Cooke scored 20 points and Laeticia Amihere added 18 to help South Carolina rout Oregon in the Battle 4 Atlantic semifinals.

This was the first meeting between

## Shuster wins US curling trials, will defend gold in Beijing



From left, Team Shuster's John Landsteiner, Matt Hamilton, coach Sean Beighton, Chris Plys and John Shuster pose with their gold medals after winning their match against Team Dropkin during the third night of finals at the US Olympic Curling Team Trials at Baxter Arena in Omaha, Neb., on Nov. 21. (AP)

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scored 28 points with 15 rebounds, both career highs, Tamari Key had a triple-double and Tennessee made 6 of 8 free throws in overtime to defeat Texas.

Key scored 10 points, grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds and matched her career-high with 10 blocked shots for her second career triple-double and the fifth in school history.

**Auburn 59, Ga. Tech 51**

In Atlanta, Honesty Scott-Grayson scored 18, Aicha Coulibaly added 14 and Auburn used a big first half to topple Georgia Tech.

## CURLING

The Americans seemed headed for another disappointing finish in Pyeongchang, opening with a 2-4 record before winning five straight elimination matches to take the gold.

Team Shuster posted a 9-1 record in pool play at the trials this year but lost the finals opener 8-4 to the team of Corey Dropkin, Joe Polo, Mark Fenner and Tom Howell. Again on the brink of elimination, Shuster won 7-3 on Saturday night to force Sunday's decisive game.

Team Shuster scored two points in the sixth end to take a 3-1 lead and followed it with single points in the seventh and eighth even though Dropkin had the last-rock advantage known as the hammer.



Los Angeles Lakers guard Russell Westbrook (0) is defended by Detroit Pistons guard Cade Cunningham during the first half of an NBA basketball game, on Nov. 21, in Detroit. (AP)

## NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22, (AP): Results and standings from the NBA games on Sunday.									
LA Clippers	97	Dallas	91	Phoenix	126	Denver	97		
LA Lakers	121	Detroit	116	Golden State	119	Toronto	104		
Chicago	109	New York	103						
Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Atlantic Division					Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	12	5	.706	—	Dallas	9	7	.563	—
New York	9	8	.529	3	Memphis	8	8	.500	1
Boston	9	8	.529	3	San Antonio	4	11	.267	4-1/2
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	3	New Orleans	3	15	.167	7
Toronto	8	10	.444	4-1/2	Houston	1	15	.063	8
Southeast Division					Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	11	6	.688	—	Utah	11	5	.688	—
Charlotte	10	8	.556	2	Denver	9	8	.529	2-1/2
Atlanta	8	9	.471	3-1/2	Portland	9	8	.529	2-1/2
Orlando	4	13	.235	7-1/2	Minnesota	7	9	.438	4
Central Division					Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB		W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	12	5	.706	—	Golden State	15	2	.882	—
Cleveland	11	6	.647	-1/2	Phoenix	13	3	.813	1-1/2
Milwaukee	9	8	.529	3	LA Clippers	10	7	.588	5
Indiana	7	11	.389	5-1/2	LA Lakers	9	9	.500	6-1/2
Detroit	4	12	.250	7-1/2	Sacramento	6	11	.353	9