

Bulls beat Ducks at inaugural women's Battle 4 Atlantis

South Carolina tops UConn in 1-vs-2 battle in The Bahamas



In this photo provided by Bahamas Visual Services, the South Carolina women's team poses with the trophy defeating UConn 73-57 to win the championship game at the Battle 4 Atlantis NCAA college basketball game at Paradise Island, Bahamas, on Nov 22. (AP)

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas, Nov. 23, (AP) Aliyah Boston had 22 points and 15 rebounds to help No. 1 South Carolina beat second-ranked UConn 73-57 to win the inaugural women's Battle 4 Atlantis championship.

This was the 61st meeting between the top two teams in the women's AP Top 25 poll and the sixth time it has happened in November. The No. 1 team holds a 38-23 advantage. The last meeting of the top two teams before Monday was between these same squads back in February, when then-No. 2 UConn won 63-59 in overtime.

The Gamecocks (6-0) outscored the Huskies 16-3 in the final quarter. Trailing by 52-50 late in the third quarter, South Carolina turned up its defense, holding UConn (3-1) without a field goal for 7:38 spanning the final two periods. South Carolina out-rebounded UConn 42-25.

Paige Bueckers scored 19 points to lead the Huskies, who had won nine of the 10 previous meetings between the schools.

BASKETBALL

S. Florida 71, Oregon 62

In Paradise Island, Bahamas, Elisa Pinzan had a career-high 26 points to go with 10 assists while South Florida scored 28 points off turnovers to beat Oregon in the third-place game at the inaugural women's Battle 4 Atlantis.

Sydni Harvey added 22 points for the Bulls (4-2), who repeatedly got their hands in passing lanes for deflections that kept interrupting the Ducks' attempts to establish any kind of rhythm.

Sydney Parrish scored 15 points to lead Oregon (3-2), which committed a season-high 25 turnovers.

Michigan 69, Oakland 58

In Ann Arbor, Mich., Naz Hillmon scored 12 of her 25 points in the fourth quarter after Michigan gave up most of an 18-point lead, and the Wolverines beat Oakland.

Hillman had 11 rebounds for her 36th double-double. Emily Kiser scored 11 points and Danielle Rauch 10 scored for Michigan (5-0).

Kahlajah Dean led Oakland (2-3) with 15 points.

for Cal (2-3).

USC 98, Dixie State 71

In Los Angeles, Boogie Ellis scored 19 points and No. 24 USC opened a double-digit lead less than three minutes into the game, rolling to a 98-71 victory over Dixie State.

Max Agbonkpolo scored a career-high 17 points and Isaiah Mobley added 14 for the Trojans (4-0). Chevez Goodwin had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Cameron Gooden and Frank Staine scored 17 each for the Trailblazers (1-4), while Hunter Schofield added 10 points and eight rebounds. Dixie State, which moved to Division I last season, was playing USC for the first time.

Kuwait's boccia tournament concludes, winners honored

KUWAIT CITY, Nov. 23, (KUNA) The second local boccia tournament concluded at Kazam Club on Tuesday, wrapping up competitions that involved 70 special needs' players.

Sheikha Sheikh Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah, the honorary president of the organizing club, Al-Tomouh Club, said in a statement that such competitions empower "our handi-

capped children with confidence and sharpen their gifts."

Rehab Bouesli, president of the club, said the games involved more than 70 male and female players from 14 schools and clubs.

Winning players were awarded by the the Deputy Director General of the Public Authority for Sports, Dr. Saqr Al-Mulla, Sheikh Al-Abdullah and Bouesli.

UCLA withstands Bellarmine rally to win at Empire Classic

Houston knocks off Butler 70-52

LAS VEGAS, Nov. 23, (AP) Peyton Watson had 19 points, Johnny Juzang added 13 and No. 2 UCLA beat Bellarmine 75-62 in the Empire Classic.

Watson shot 9 of 12 and had four rebounds, easily outpacing his 3.3 points average through four games this season.

David Singleton added 13 points on 5-of-8 shooting for the Bruins (5-0), who will face No. 1 Gonzaga in a rematch of last season's Final Four on Tuesday night. The Bulldogs won 93-90 in overtime on a buzzer-beater from Jalen Suggs.

Bellarmine (0-5) lost in double digits for the fourth time in five games and is coming off consecutive losses against the nation's top two teams. The Knights lost 92-50 at Gonzaga on Friday.

Dylan Penn led Bellarmine with 19 points and seven rebounds, while CJ Fleming had 12 points and made two 3-pointers.

Kentucky 86, Albany 61

In Lexington, Ky., TyTy Washington Jr. scored 20 points for the second straight game, Keion Brooks Jr. added 17 points and No. 10 Kentucky beat Albany 86-61 for its fourth consecutive victory.

The Wildcats (4-1) led throughout but played at a slower pace than usual in building a 46-35 advantage early in the second half. A few spurts, including an 8-0 run to make it 61-39 with 8:28 remaining, put the game out of reach.

Washington went 7 of 14 from the field and 2 of 3 on 3-pointers. Sahvir Wheeler scored 15 points, Kellan Grady made three 3s for 14 points and Oscar Tshiebwe had 14 rebounds and 12 points.

Kentucky shot 32 of 59 (54%), controlled the boards 48-24 and outscored Albany 36-28 in the paint to offset a season-high 17 turnovers.

De'Vondre Perry scored 18



UCLA guard Jaylen Clark dunks against Bellarmine during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Nov 22, in Las Vegas. (AP)

points and Trey Hutcheson had 12 for the Great Danes (0-5), who shot 34% and made 6 of 13 from the foul line.

Houston 70, Butler 52

In Las Vegas, Fabian White Jr. scored 21 points and No. 12 Houston rode a dominating first half to a 70-52 win over Butler in the opening round of the Maui Invitational.

The Cougars (4-0) overwhelmed Butler early, scoring the game's first 17 points while building a 21-point halftime lead. They weren't quite as locked in at either end of the floor to start the second half, allowing the Bulldogs (3-2) to creep back in it before pulling away down the stretch.

Next up for Houston is a spot in Tuesday's semifinals against Wisconsin.

Bryce Bolden had 16 points for Butler, which had 20 turnovers that led to 27 Houston points.

Ohio St. 79, Seton Hall 76

In Fort Myers, Fla., Meechie Johnson Jr. made a game-winning 3-pointer with 2.3 seconds left and Ohio State beat No. 21 Seton Hall 79-76 in the Fort Myers Tip-Off.

Seton Hall guard Jamir Harris stole it and raced for a fast-break

layout to tie it at 76 with 15.9 seconds left. Ohio State elected not to call a timeout and Johnson made his team's 11th 3-pointer - from NBA range.

Seton Hall got it to Tyrese Samuel for a decent look at the buzzer but it bounced hard off the backboard.

BASKETBALL

E.J. Liddell led Ohio State (4-1) with 28 points, making all 10 of his free throws and shooting 8 of 17 from the floor. Justin Ahrens scored 11 of his 17 points in the first half and Kyle Young had 12 points and eight rebounds. Johnson was 2 of 5 from the field for eight points.

Florida 80, California 60

In Fort Myers, Fla., Colin Castleton scored 16 points, Tyree Appleby added 15 and No. 23 Florida handled California 80-60 in an opening game of the Fort Myers Tip-Off.

Myreon Jones added 13 points and Phlandrous Fleming Jr. 11 for the Gators (5-0), who will meet Ohio State for the title on Wednesday after the Buckeyes knocked off No. 21 Seton Hall in the first game.

Jordan Shepherd scored 15 points

Windies 224-9, trail Lanka by 162 after Day 3

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, Nov 23, (AP) The West Indies was 224-9, trailing Sri Lanka by 162 runs, when the third day of the first test was cut short by persistent drizzle on Tuesday.

Only 38 overs were played, and the better part of two sessions lost.

The West Indies resumed on 113-6

in reply to Sri Lanka's 386 and rallied in the morning through overnight batsmen Kyle Mayers and Jason Holder, who added 50 to their partnership.

They combined for 63 before Mayers was caught on 45 by Sri Lanka captain Dimuth Karunaratne off spinner Dhanajaya de Silva.

Holder was out for 36, caught by Dushmantha Chameera at point off left-arm spinner Praveen Jayawickrama, leaving the tourists 175-8.

Rakheem Cornwall and Joshua da Silva led West Indies to lunch, but in the fifth over afterwards, Cornwall mistimed a pull at a short ball by Suranga Lakmal and top-edged it to square leg.

He made a valuable 39 from 58 balls with five boundaries and a six over midwicket to raise the team's 200.

CRICKET

Cornwall and da Silva combined for 49, their team's second best partnership.

The rain arrived at that moment and never really left, but the umpires waited for 3 1/2 hours.

More rain is forecast on days four and five.

If and when play resumes, Sri Lanka can take the new ball.

Da Silva was 11 not out from 70 balls with Jeremy Solozano next man in to make his test debut.

Spinners Praveen Jayawickrama and Ramesh Mendis have taken three wickets apiece.



West Indies batsman Joshua Da Silva plays a shot during the day three of their first Test cricket match against Sri Lanka in Galle, Sri Lanka, on Nov 23. (AP)

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