

## Brogdon, Sabonis help Pacers beat Cavaliers in preseason game

## Durant, Harden lead Nets over Bucks; LeBron plays in loss

NEW YORK, Oct 9, (AP): Kevin Durant and James Harden were on the court, so the Nets looked somewhat like the team Milwaukee remembers from its last trip to Brooklyn.

The players who helped the Bucks win that game just watched this one.

The Nets beat the Bucks 119-115 in an exhibition rematch of last season's Eastern Conference semifinals, which the Bucks won by outlasting the Nets in a Game 7 that went to overtime.

Durant scored 18 points and Joe Harris had 15 on five 3-pointers. Harden shot 3 for 9 and scored eight as the two former MVPs got their first action of the preseason.

Later Friday, two others also got their first work as LeBron James and Russell Westbrook started for the Lakers in their 121-114 loss at Golden State.

The Nets and Bucks will meet again Oct. 19 in Milwaukee in the NBA season opener and that's when the Nets will see the real Bucks. Giannis Antetokounmpo, Khris Middleton and Jrue Holiday all watched Friday's game, along with Brook Lopez and key rotation players such as Bobby Portis and Pat Connaughton.

Jordan Nwora scored 30 points for Milwaukee and Elijah Bryant had 21 points and eight rebounds.

The game in Brooklyn was one of two Game 7 rematches on Friday's exhibition schedule. The Los Angeles Clippers lost to Dallas, the team they went the distance to beat in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs.

Kyrie Irving was ineligible to play but the Nets got good news about him. The team was told Friday that its training center is considered a private facility and doesn't fall under New York's coronavirus vaccination mandate. Professional athletes in the city must be vaccinated to play or practice in public venues.

Coach Steve Nash said Irving could join the team for practice this weekend, though wasn't sure if the All-Star guard would play Monday at Philadelphia because he hasn't practiced since they returned from training camp in San Diego last Sunday.

"At least he can practice, but I mean we want him here for the whole thing," Durant said.

Paul Millsap didn't play for the Nets because of health and safety protocols.

## Warriors 121, Lakers 114

In San Francisco, Steph Curry scored 30 points and Jordan Poole added 28 as Golden State beat Los Angeles.

LeBron James scored nine points on 4-for-12 shooting in over 17 minutes, and Russell Westbrook finished with



Arizona State running back Rachaad White (3) leaps over Stanford safety Alakai Gilman as Stanford linebacker Levani Damuni gives chase during the first half of an NCAA college football game on Oct. 8, in Tempe, Ariz. (AP)

## Arizona St defeats Stanford

## Cincinnati routs Temple for 23rd straight home victory

CINCINNATI, Oct 9, (AP): Desmond Ridder threw for 259 yards and three touchdowns and No. 5 Cincinnati routed Temple 52-3 for its 23rd straight home victory.

Jerome Ford ran for a career-high 149 yards and two scores to help the Bearcats (5-0, 1-0 American) avoid a letdown after their big victory at Notre Dame last week.

The home streak is the second-longest in the country, behind Clemson at 31.

Temple is the last team to beat the Bearcats at Nippert Stadium, edging them 35-24 in 2017.

Temple (3-3, 1-1) has played Cincinnati tough in recent years with the previous three meetings decided by a combined 20 points, including a 15-13 victory by the Bearcats in the last meeting in 2019.

## FOOTBALL

The Owls' only points came on a career-long 55-yard field goal by freshman Rory Bell.

## Arizona State 28, Stanford 10

In Tempe, Ariz., Deandre Pierce scored a 27-yard touchdown on a lateral off an interception and Arizona State rode its explosive run game to a win over Stanford.

The Sun Devils (5-1, 3-0 Pac-12) exploited one of the nation's worst run defenses, racking up 255 yards and three touchdowns on the ground. Jayden Daniels provided the balance, throwing for 175 yards and running for 76 more, including a 51-yard touchdown.

Stanford (3-3, 2-2) had no answer for Arizona State's run game and became one dimensional offensively after falling behind, limited to 9 yards rushing on 20 carries.

Tanner McKee threw for 356 yards and a touchdown, but had his first three interceptions of the season for Stanford.

seven rebounds and six turnovers. Carmelo Anthony scored four points on 1-for-7 shooting.

Despite shooting 3 for 14 from 3-point range, Curry was 9 for 10 from 2-point range. Poole shot 10 for 19, including 6 for 13 beyond the arc.

Fifty-six of Golden State's 97-shot attempts (57.7%) were from beyond the arc.

Dwight Howard had 23 points on 8-for-11 shooting from the field and 7-for-11 sniping from the line for the Lakers.

## Pacers 109, Cavaliers 100

In Cleveland, Malcolm Brogdon scored 27 points on 12-for-14 shooting and Domantas Sabonis had 14 points and 10 rebounds as Indiana beat Cleveland.

Chris Duarte and Myles Turner each scored 11 for the Pacers, who dominated the interior with a 50-30 rebounding advantage.

Ricky Rubio scored 14 points on 6-for-10 shooting for the Cavs in 18 minutes. Dylan Windler scored 12, Lauri Markkanen 11 and Collin Sexton 10 on 4-for-15 shooting.

Sexton is 14 for 41 in three preseason games.

## Bulls 121, Pelicans 85

In Chicago, Zach LaVine scored 21 points in 28 minutes, Lonzo Ball added 19 against his former team and Chicago routed New Orleans.

## BASKETBALL

Ball was 5 for 6 on 3-pointers and had five rebounds, four assists and two steals. Nikola Vucevic had 16 points, 10 rebounds and four of the Bulls' 14 steals.

Rookie Trey Murphy III scored 17 points for New Orleans. Naji Marshall had 16 and Jonas Valanciunas 14.

## Heat 109, Spurs 105

In San Antonio, Max Strus scored 28 points and Tyler Herro added 26 in Miami's win over San Antonio.

Omer Yurtseven had 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Heat.

After Luka Samanic's short shot with 1:22 left, Strus converted a layup to give the Heat a 103-102 lead they never relinquished.

Bam Adebayo, Jimmy Butler and Kyle Lowry didn't play for Miami. Herro shot 12 for 25 from the field and missed on all but one of five attempts from 3-point range.

Keldon Johnson scored 23 points and Bryn Forbes 16 for San Antonio.

## Mavericks 122, Clippers 114

In Dallas, rookie Eugene Omoruyi scored 19 points and Kristaps Porzingis added 15 points as Dallas beat Los Angeles.

Luka Doncic and Dwight Powell scored 14 points apiece. Powell played 16 minutes and Doncic 18.

After the Clippers scored 41 points in the third quarter, Dallas countered with a 31-17 run in the final period for the win.

Luke Kennard scored 19 points on 5-for-6 shooting from 3-point range. Isaiah Hartenstein had 16 points and eight rebounds, and Reggie Jackson scored 14 for the Clippers.

## Timberwolves 114, Nuggets 112, OT

In Denver, Jaylen Nowell dunked in the final seconds of regulation to force overtime and scored with 10 seconds remaining the extra period to lead Minnesota over Denver.

Nowell finished with 12 points. He threw down a dunk with three seconds left in regulation to tie the score at 101-all and force OT. Michael Beasley scored 13 for Minnesota, and Karl-Anthony Towns added 12.

Nahshon Hyland scored 21 for Denver, Michael Porter Jr. added 16 points and Nikola Jokic had 10 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds.



Brooklyn Nets' LaMarcus Aldridge blocks a shot by Milwaukee Bucks' Georgios Kalaitzakis (18) during the first half of a preseason NBA basketball game on Oct 8, in New York. (AP)

## Mercury rally past Aces, advance to WNBA Finals

## Taurasi, Griner shine

LAS VEGAS, Oct 9, (AP): When Phoenix Mercury coach Sandy Brondello was asked what was the difference in the fourth quarter, she had a simple response: It was Diana Taurasi.

Taurasi scored 14 of her 24 points in the fourth quarter, and Brittney Griner had 28 points and nine rebounds to lead the Mercury past the Las Vegas Aces 87-84 in Game 5 of the semifinals to advance to the WNBA Finals for the first time since 2014.

"Diana making shots," Brondello said. "That's what changed it. That gave us hope. I thought we played with pretty good poise. That comes from developing chemistry, but Diana Taurasi, that was pretty big."

Taurasi was 0 for 5 from 3-point range going into the fourth quarter with the Mercury trailing 66-58. The Aces, who were down 44-42 at halftime, used a 14-2 run to begin the third quarter for a 10-point lead, the largest of the game.

Phoenix went on a 10-0 run of its own to begin the fourth, capped off by back-to-back 3s from Taurasi to give the Mercury a 68-66 lead with 7:31 remaining.

"We were in the huddle (going into the



Phoenix Mercury guard Skylar Diggins-Smith (4) drives to the basket past Las Vegas Aces guard Kelsey Plum (10) during the first half of Game 5 of a WNBA basketball playoff series on Oct 8, in Las Vegas. (AP)

fourth) and we just yelled, 'three possessions.'" Phoenix guard Skylar Diggins-Smith said. "People were saying, 'chip away, chip away.' We didn't need to chip away. We were right there."

Taurasi, who shot 5 for 15 in Game 4 on Wednesday, made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:12 left to give the Mercury an 84-81 lead.

Aces guard Chelsea Gray responded with a 3 just 6 seconds later to tie it.

"I think that it's a good learning experience for us, hopefully," Las Vegas coach Bill Laimbeer said. "They have two outstanding, mentally-strong players in Taurasi and Griner. They willed that onto their team. ... We need to acquire that trait. Whether it is we grow up, or whether we acquire something, but it's something that this team has consistently lacked throughout the course of the year."

Gray and Kelsey Plum scored 22 points each for Las Vegas, and A'ja Wilson added 21 points and 10 rebounds. The Aces made the Finals last season in the Florida bubble before being swept by the Seattle Storm.

## BASKETBALL

"Really hard to gather my thoughts right now. We were so close," said Plum, the league's Sixth Player of the Year. "I wouldn't want to do it with another group, and I do know we'll be back. I have no doubt in my mind, and the result will be different."

They Paddy made two of three free throws with 4.8 seconds left to give the Mercury an 86-84 lead, and Griner added one from the line to close the scoring. Griner also had a block on Wilson with 0.7 seconds remaining to secure the win.

"Speechless," Griner said. "I'm just proud of the team. It doesn't matter how you get it. We got the win."

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