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Raptors rally past Rockets

76ers top Nets as star point guards sit out in preseason

PHILADELPHIA, Oct 12, (AP): Furkan Korkmaz scored 27 points, Isaiah Joe added 20, and the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Brooklyn Nets 115-104 in a matchup of teams missing their star point guards.

Kyrie Irving was not with the Nets. He is unvaccinated, and he has had limited practice time because of a New York City coronavirus vaccination mandate.

Philadelphia's Ben Simmons made an offseason trade demand and has not been with the team in the preseason, but his representation at Klutch Sports is working with the team on a possible resolution. Philadelphia president Daryl Morey and coach Doc Rivers have been publicly optimistic since the start of training camp that Simmons eventually would return to the team.

"We've said from day one what we've wanted," Rivers said before the game. "We'd love to have him back. Other than that, honestly, there's nothing to report."



Korkmaz

Simmons, a 25-year-old Australian, still has \$147 million and four years left on his contract.

Irving finally practiced with the Nets this past Saturday at an outdoor practice. He joined the Nets for an indoor practice on Sunday after the Nets were told Friday that their training center is considered a private facility.

Nash wouldn't say how he would handle minutes at the position as he adjusts.

"This is all stuff that we have to figure out, and as I keep saying, navigate because it's kind of unprecedented," he said. "And we're just trying to take our time and not rush into any preconceived judgments of what we're doing and figure it out as we go." There was plenty of star power remaining without Irving and Simmons.

Andre Drummond scored 16 points and Joel Embiid scored 14 points on 6-for-8 shooting in just over eight minutes of action for Philadelphia.

Kevin Durant scored 23 points on 9-for-13 shooting and James Harden added 21 points on 8-for-14 shooting for Brooklyn.

Raptors 107, Rockets 92

In Toronto, OG Anunoby scored all 17 of his points in the first half and Malachi Flynn added 15 points in the second half, including a half-court shot just before the third-quarter buzzer for an 88-64 lead.

Christian Wood also scored 17 points for Toronto. Scottie Barnes and Svi Mykhailiuk added 10 points apiece.

Armoni Brooks led Houston's 28-point fourth quarter with five 3-pointers and 15 points. The rest of the Rockets went 4 for 20 from distance in the game.

Heat 104, Hornets 103

In Miami, Javonte Smart converted a go-ahead, three-point play with 7.8 seconds left as Miami rallied from a late 13-point deficit for its fourth straight victory.

Smart dove on the floor for a loose ball and passed it out to Marcus Garrett before getting it back with 11 seconds to play. Smart drove the right

side of the lane and made the layup while being fouled.

Miami trailed 101-88 with 4:19 to go before closing on a 13-0 run.

Bam Adebayo scored 18 points and Kyle Lowry had 15 points, five assists and three steals for Miami.

Miles Bridges had 22 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and LaMelo Ball added 19 points, eight rebounds and nine assists for Charlotte.

Grizzlies 127, Pistons 92

In Memphis, Ja Morant scored 24 points in 26 minutes and Jaren Jackson Jr. had 20 points and eight rebounds.

Morant was 10 of 13 from the field, and he had a game-high five assists.

De'Anthony Melton added 16 points, seven rebounds and four assists, and Tyus Jones made three of Memphis' 15 3-pointers, finishing with 15 points.

Jerami Grant and Hamidou Diallo each scored 13 points for Detroit. Frank Jackson added 12 points and Josh Jackson had 11 points, six

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rebounds and four assists. The Pistons turned it over 23 times.

Jazz 127, Pelicans 96

In Salt Lake City, Rudy Gobert had 19 points and 19 rebounds and made seven of eight shots as Utah topped New Orleans.

Donovan Mitchell scored 18 points, Jordan Clarkson scored 17 and Bojan Bogdanovic and Mike Conley each added 15 for the Jazz.

Devonte Graham scored 14 points for the Pelicans. Trey Murphy III, Jonas Valanciunas and Herbert Jones each scored 12 points for New Orleans.

Utah led 95-65 after three quarters. The Jazz shot 51.1% from the field.

Kings 107, Trail Blazers 93

In Portland, Davion Mitchell scored 20 points and made 6 of 9 3-pointers to help Sacramento beat Portland.

Terence Davis scored 17 points and Harrison Barnes added 16 for the Kings, who made 17 of 45 threes. Sacramento's Buddy Hield and Tyrese Haliburton rested and Marvin Bagley III sat out with a sore right knee.

Anfernee Simons scored 24 points and Dennis Smith Jr. added 18 for Portland. Damian Lillard rested and C.J. McCollum was out with a sprained right ankle.

Timberwolves 128, Clippers 100

In Ontario, Calif., D'Angelo Russell had 19 points, seven rebounds and nine assists, and Karl-Anthony Towns added 17 points and nine rebounds to help Minnesota defeat the Los Angeles Clippers.

Towns, Russell, Anthony Edwards and Jaden McDaniels each scored double-digit points in the first half as Minnesota led 67-57 at the break. The Timberwolves shot 55.6% from the field before the break.

The Clippers scored the first 10 points of the third quarter at Toyota Arena, but Minnesota went on a 12-0 run to build a 79-67 lead. Edwards also finished with 17 points and McDaniels had 15 for Minnesota. Luke Kennard led Los Angeles with 18 points. Terance Mann added 15 points for the Clippers.



Houston Rockets center Christian Wood (35) attempts a lay up against Toronto Raptors forward Scottie Barnes (4) during the second half of an NBA preseason basketball game, on Oct 11, in Toronto. (AP)

NFL Standings

WASHINGTON, Oct 12, (AP): Standings from the NFL games on Monday.						
American Conference			National Conference			
East			East			
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Buffalo	4	1	0	.800	172	64
New England	2	3	0	.400	96	92
Miami	1	4	0	.200	79	154
NY Jets	1	4	0	.200	67	121
South			South			
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	132	130
Houston	1	4	0	.200	89	141
Indianapolis	1	4	0	.200	108	128
Jacksonville	0	5	0	.000	93	152
North			North			
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	136	117
Cincinnati	3	2	0	.600	114	100
Cleveland	3	2	0	.600	142	114
Pittsburgh	2	3	0	.400	94	112
West			West			
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
LA Chargers	4	1	0	.800	142	116
Denver	3	2	0	.600	102	76
Las Vegas	3	2	0	.600	113	120
Kansas City	2	3	0	.400	154	163
East			East			
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	4	1	0	.800	170	117
Philadelphia	2	3	0	.400	115	124
Washington	2	3	0	.400	123	155
NY Giants	1	4	0	.200	103	139
South			South			
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	4	1	0	.800	167	122
Carolina	3	2	0	.600	115	87
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	127	91
Atlanta	2	3	0	.400	105	148
North			North			
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	120	122
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	84	100
Minnesota	2	3	0	.400	113	109
Detroit	0	5	0	.000	98	138
West			West			
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Arizona	5	0	0	1.000	157	95
LA Rams	4	1	0	.800	141	116
San Francisco	3	0	0	1.000	117	119
Seattle	2	3	0	.400	120	126

Jackson leads Ravens back to overtime win over Colts



Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson (8) stretches for a failed attempt for a 2-point conversion during the second half of an NFL football game against the Indianapolis Colts, on Oct 11, in Baltimore. (AP)

Knight Riders advance to face Delhi

Kolkata eliminates Bangalore in IPL playoffs

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates, Oct. 12, (AP): Kolkata Knight Riders dashed Virat Kohli's hopes of winning an elusive Indian Premier League title as captain when they beat Royal Challengers Bangalore by four wickets in the playoffs.

Kolkata advanced to face Delhi Capitals on Wednesday, with the winner meeting three-time champion Chennai Super Kings in Friday's final.

Kohli announced long ago he was stepping down as Bangalore skipper after this season, and top-scored with 39 in his team's below-par total of 138-7.

"I have given my 120% to this franchise and will continue giving it as a player on the field," Kohli said.

"It's a great time to regroup and restructure the franchise for the next three years ... for me loyalty matters and my commitment is with this franchise till the last day I play IPL."

Sunil Narine tormented Bangalore's top order with 4-21 that included the key wicket of Kohli when he tried a slog sweep against the West Indies spinner and was clean bowled.

Narine then clobbered three sixes in one over by Australian seamer Dan Christian as Kolkata reached a winning 139-6 in 19.4 overs.

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Narine made 26 off 15 balls before he was bowled by Muhammed Siraj in the 18th over but by then Kolkata had the result virtually in hand.

Kolkata spinners Varun Chakravarthy (0-20) and Shakib Al Hasan (0-24) built pressure with some tidy bowling despite Kohli and Devdutt Padikkal (21) combining in an opening stand of 49 runs off 31 balls.

But once Padikkal played on to Lockie Ferguson in the last over of the batting powerplay, Narine picked up the key wickets of Kohli, Srikrishna Bharat, AB de Villiers and Glenn Maxwell.

"We had a great start and probably should've tried to build on," Kohli said. "It was more about quality bowling instead of poor batting."

Kolkata's chase made a decent start of 41 by Shubman Gill (29) and Venkatesh Iyer (26) until both fell against Harshal Patel (2-19). Yuzvendra Chahal (2-16) also picked up two wickets but by the time Siraj's double strike came in the 18th over, Kolkata had the game sealed.

"Narine makes it look very easy, he bowled outstandingly well," Kolkata captain Eoin Morgan said. "It is a huge privilege when there are world-class spinners around, they continue to get better and better."

Gruden 'resigns' as Raiders coach over offensive emails

LAS VEGAS, Oct 12, (AP): Jon Gruden has resigned as coach of the Las Vegas Raiders after emails he sent before being hired in 2018 contained racist, homophobic and misogynistic comments.

Gruden released a statement Monday night, saying: "I have resigned as head coach of the Las Vegas Raiders. I love the Raiders and do not want to be a distraction. Thank you to all the players, coaches, staff, and fans of Raider Nation. I'm sorry, I never meant to hurt anyone."

He stepped down after The New York Times reported that Gruden frequently used misogynistic and homophobic language directed at Commissioner Roger Goodell and others in the NFL.

Special teams and assistant head coach Rich Bisaccia will take over on an interim basis.

It was a rapid downfall for Gruden, who is in the fourth year of a 10-year, \$100 million contract he signed with the Raiders in 2018. It started on Friday when the Wall Street Journal reported that Gruden used a racist term to describe NFL union chief DeMaurice Smith in a 2011 email to former Washington executive Bruce Allen.

The emails were discovered in a workplace misconduct investigation into the Washington Football Team but ended up costing Gruden his job when they also showed Gruden denounced the drafting of a gay player and the tolerance of players protesting during the playing of the national anthem among other issues.

Gruden apologized for his "insensitive remarks" about Smith, saying they were made out of frustration over the 2011 lockout. But the latest emails sent from between 2011-18 when Gruden was an analyst for ESPN show his use of derogatory language went well beyond that.

A league source confirms the accuracy of the emails and said they were sent to the Raiders last week. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the league hasn't made the emails public.

Raiders owner Mark Davis said

last week that the email about Smith was "disturbing and not what the Raiders stand for" and said the team was reviewing the additional emails. Davis issued a statement Monday saying only that he accepted Gruden's resignation.

The Times reported that Gruden used a gay slur to insult Goodell and said he was "clueless" and "anti-football." He also said Goodell shouldn't have pressured the Rams to draft "queers," a reference to Michael Sam, who was the first openly gay player drafted by an NFL team.

Raiders defensive end Carl Nassib came out as gay in June and is the first openly gay player to appear in an NFL game.

In a 2017 email, the Times said Gruden responded to a sexist meme of a female official by saying: "Nice job roger."

The paper also said Gruden criticized Goodell and the NFL league for trying to reduce concussions, and said that Eric Reid, a player who had demonstrated during the playing of the national anthem,

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should be fired.

The newspaper said Gruden also mocked an article in 2017 about players calling on Goodell to support their efforts promoting racial equality and criminal justice reform.

"He needs to hide in his concussion protocol tent," Gruden wrote.

Gruden and Allen have a long relationship, having worked together in Oakland and Tampa Bay. The emails between the two and other men included photos of women wearing only bikini bottoms, including one photo of two Washington team cheerleaders.

Gruden also criticized President Barack Obama during his re-election campaign in 2012, and then vice president Joe Biden. Smith said earlier Monday that he appreciates that Gruden reached out to him following the initial report, but that the email is evidence that the fight against racism is ongoing.

"But make no mistake, the news is not about what is said in our private conversation, but what else is said by people who never thought they would be exposed and how they are going to be held to account," Smith wrote in a Twitter thread.



Las Vegas Raiders head coach Jon Gruden watches from the sideline during the second half of an NFL football game against the Chicago Bears, on Oct 10, in Las Vegas. (AP)

Ngata inducted

BALTIMORE, Oct 12, (AP): Lamar Jackson threw a 5-yard touchdown pass to Marquise Brown on the first possession of overtime to give the Baltimore Ravens a 31-25 victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

Jackson threw for a career-high 442 yards and four touchdowns, including a pair of short TD passes to Mark Andrews in the fourth quarter as the Ravens rallied from a 25-9 deficit. Andrews also caught the two 2-point conversions during that furious comeback.

The Ravens had to withstand a 47-yard field goal attempt by Rodrigo Blankenship on the final play of regulation, but the Indianapolis kicker missed, sending the teams to overtime.

The Ravens had their record-tying streak of 43 straight 100-yard rushing games snapped, and it looked like they were in big trouble after Jackson fumbled near the goal line in the third quarter. But after that turnover, Baltimore scored a touchdown on each of its final four possessions.

The Indianapolis kicking game was a big reason the game got to overtime. Blankenship missed an extra point in the third quarter, and with the Colts up 25-17, he had a 37-yard kick blocked by Calais Campbell with 4:29 remaining, giving the Ravens a chance to tie the game.

Jackson directed an 11-play, 75-yard drive that ended with a 4-yard touchdown pass to Andrews with 39 seconds remaining. Then the star quarterback flipped a 2-point conversion pass over the middle to Andrews to tie it.

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The Colts (1-4) made it back into field goal range, with the help of an unnecessary roughness penalty on Baltimore's Tavon Young with 13 seconds left, but Blankenship's kick sailed wide left.

Carson Wentz threw for a career-high of his own, 402 yards and two touchdowns. Jonathan Taylor scored on a 76-yard swing pass early in the first quarter, then added a rushing touchdown in the third as the Colts took a 22-3 lead.

The first half was fairly uneventful, but the Ravens started and finished it poorly. On third-and-15, Taylor took a swing pass, slipped into the Baltimore secondary and outran everyone for a touchdown just 2:01 into the game.

There was no more scoring until late in the second quarter, when the Ravens settled for Justin Tucker's 23-yard field goal. The Colts had enough time to drive back the other way, and after converting on fourth-and-11, they set up for a field goal. The kick was missed, but Baltimore's Marlon Humphrey had jumped offside. Blankenship made the re-kick from 37 yards for a 10-3 lead at the half.

Indianapolis got the ball first in the second half and took a 16-3 lead on Wentz's 42-yard scoring pass to Michael Pittman Jr. Jackson drove the Ravens back the other way, but on first-and-goal from the 1, Jackson lost the ball and Darius Leonard picked it up for the Colts. The Ravens inducted DT Haloti Ngata into their Ring of Honor at halftime. Ngata played nine seasons with the Ravens and helped the team to its victory in the 2013 Super Bowl.