

Booker drops 38 as Suns hold off Bulls

Thompson, Warriors sink Thunder

CHICAGO, Feb 8, (AP): Devin Booker scored 38 points, and the NBA leading-Phoenix Suns hung on to beat the Chicago Bulls 127-124.

The Suns led by as many as 27 points in the third quarter and withstood a push down the stretch to win for the 13th time

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Feb 8, (AP): Results and standings from the NBA games on Monday.

Toronto	116	Charlotte	101
Miami	121	Washington	100
Golden State	110	Oklahoma City	98
Phoenix	127	Chicago	124
Utah	113	New York	104

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	32	21	.604	
Toronto	29	23	.558	2-1/2
Brooklyn	29	24	.547	3
Boston	30	25	.545	3
New York	24	30	.444	8-1/2
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	20	.636	
Charlotte	28	27	.509	7
Atlanta	25	28	.472	9
Washington	24	29	.453	10
Orlando	12	43	.218	23
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	34	21	.618	
Chicago	33	21	.611	-1/2
Cleveland	33	21	.611	-1/2
Indiana	19	36	.345	15
Detroit	12	41	.226	21
Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	37	18	.673	
Dallas	31	23	.574	5-1/2
New Orleans	21	32	.396	15
San Antonio	20	34	.370	16-1/2
Houston	15	38	.283	21
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	33	21	.611	
Denver	29	24	.547	3-1/2
Minnesota	28	25	.528	4-1/2
Portland	21	33	.389	12
Oklahoma City	17	36	.321	15-1/2
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	43	10	.811	
Golden State	41	13	.759	2-1/2
LA Clippers	27	28	.491	17
LA Lakers	26	28	.481	17-1/2
Sacramento	20	35	.364	24

in 14 games. They improved to 43-10 overall and a league-leading 21-5 on the road.

Booker hit the 30-point mark for the third time in four games. The All-Star made 14 of 23 shots, including five 3-pointers, in scoring more than 30 points for the third time in four games.

Chris Paul added 19 points and 11 assists. JaVale McGee finished with 16 points and eight rebounds, and Mikal Bridges scored 15.

Chicago's DeMar DeRozan scored 38, coming off a season-high 45-point performance in Sunday's loss to Philadelphia.

Zach LaVine added 32 points after missing the previous two games because of back spasms.

Malcolm Hill scored the final eight points, including a layup at the buzzer, to pull Chicago within three. But the Bulls, who came in tied for second in the Eastern Conference

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with defending NBA champion Milwaukee, lost for the third time in four games.

Phoenix was rolling along with an 88-61 lead midway through the third after Booker hit a 19-footer, then withstood a push down the stretch by Chicago.

A three-point play by DeRozan cut it to 113-104 with 5:56 left in the game. Jae Crowder quieted the crowd with a 3. Deandre Ayton scored on a hook and hit 1 of 2 free throws to make it a 15-point game with 4:42 left.

The Suns took control in the second quarter while building a 67-49 halftime lead.

Booker scored 22 in the half, going 8 of 10 from the field with three 3-pointers. The Suns went on a 17-3 run early in the second quarter to stretch a five-point lead to 19. And a three-point play by Bridges midway through the quarter bumped the lead to 58-37.

Warriors 110, Thunder 98

In Oklahoma City, Klay Thompson scored 21 points and Golden State beat Oklahoma City for its ninth straight win.

After the Thunder rallied late in the fourth quarter to cut their deficit to five, Thompson hit two 3-pointers - including one with just over a minute remaining - to put the Warriors up nine. Stephen Curry added 18 points, 10



Phoenix Suns' Deandre Ayton shoots over Chicago Bulls' Nikola Vucevic during the second half of an NBA basketball game on Feb 7, in Chicago. (AP)

assists and nine rebounds for the Warriors, who shot 50% from the field. Lu Dort scored 26 points and Darius Bazley matched a season high with 20 for Oklahoma City. Josh Giddey added 16 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists.

Heat 121, Wizards 100

In Washington, Bam Adebayo scored 21 points and Jimmy Butler had 19 as Eastern Conference-leading Miami cruised past Washington.

Miami (35-20) never trailed and won its third straight, improving to 3-2 on a six-game road trip. Corey Kispert equaled his career high with 20 points for the Wizards (24-29), who lost for the ninth time in 11 games. They are a season-low five games under .500 after opening 10-3.

The Heat shot 18 for 32 (56.3%) from 3-point range while the Wizards were just 7 for 31 (22.6%).

Raptors 116, Hornets 101

In Charlotte, N.C., Pascal Siakam had 24 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists as Toronto defeated Charlotte

for its sixth straight win.

Gary Trent Jr. scored 24 points, and Fred VanVleet and OG Anunoby each

had 20 for the Raptors, who began a stretch of eight of nine games on the road. Scottie Barnes added 15 as To-

ronto's starters accounted for all but 13 of the team's points.

Miles Bridges scored 25 to lead the Hornets, who lost their fifth consecutive game. LaMelo Ball, named as an All-Star Game replacement a few hours before tipoff, finished with 15 points and nine assists.

Jazz 113, Knicks 104

In Salt Lake City, Donovan Mitchell had 32 points, seven rebounds and six assists to lead Utah over New York.

Mitchell also made four steals to help rally the Jazz to their third consecutive victory. Bojan Bogdanovic finished with 20 points. Mike Conley had 18 points and seven assists, and Jordan Clarkson scored 16.

Julius Randle scored 30 points to pace the Knicks. Mitchell Robinson added a season-high 19 points and a career-best 21 rebounds. R.J. Barrett had 23 points, seven rebounds and six assists, but New York lost its third straight.



Golden State Warriors guard Damian Lee (1) pushes past Oklahoma City Thunder guard Theo Maledon (11) in the first half of an NBA basketball game, on Feb 7, in Oklahoma City. (AP)

Virginia stuns Duke as Texas upsets Kansas

Arizona rolls past rival Arizona State

TEMPE, Ariz., Feb 8, (AP): Azuolas Tubelis had 19 points and 11 rebounds, Benedict Mathurin added 18 points and No. 4 Arizona pulled away in the second half for a 91-79 win over rival Arizona State.

Arizona (20-2, 10-1 Pac-12) has won four games in a row and nine of its last 10. The Wildcats swept the regular-season series with their in-state rival after their 67-56 win at home on Jan. 29.

Arizona got big minutes from bench

players Oumar Ballo and Pelle Larsson. Ballo finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Larsson added 14 points on 5-of-5 shooting, including 3 of 3 on 3-pointers.

Virginia 69, Duke 68

In Durham, N.C., Reece Beekman hit a 3-point shot with 1.1 seconds remaining as Virginia knocked off No. 7 Duke.

It was just the second 3-point shot on 12 attempts for the Cavaliers.

Jayden Gardner scored 17 points, Kadin Shedrick posted a career-high 16 points - many coming on a variety of dunks - and Armaan Franklin had 11 points. Virginia (15-9, 9-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) has won three games in a row.

Texas 79, Kansas 76

In Austin, Texas, Timmy Allen scored 24 points and his long jumper from just beyond the free throw line with 21 seconds left put No. 20 Texas ahead before Marcus Carr's free throws sealed a win over No. 8 Kansas.

Texas, one of the best defensive teams in the country, had to withstand a blistering shooting half from the top-scoring team in the Big 12.

Kansas led 76-72 before the Longhorns' Tre Mitchell, who had missed all five of his 3-point attempts, banked one in to get the Longhorns within one. Kansas then turned it over when Ochai

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Agbaji's lob to David McCormack bounced off the front of the rim.

N. Colorado 82, N. Arizona 60

In Greeley, Colo., Daylen Kountz had 22 points as Northern Colorado rolled past Northern Arizona.

Bodie Hume had 18 points and nine rebounds for Northern Colorado (12-11, 7-4 Big Sky Conference). Dalton Knecht added 13 points and six rebounds. Dru Kuxhausen had 12 points.

Jalen Cone had 22 points for the Lumberjacks (8-15, 4-8). Carson Towt added 10 points.

Nik Mains, who was second on the Lumberjacks in scoring coming into the matchup with 12 points per game, scored only 2 points. He failed to make a shot from behind the arc (0 of 4).

Southern 72, Alabama St 58

In Baton Rouge, La., Terrell Williams scored 17 points and Tyrone Lyons recorded 11 points and 13 rebounds to lift Southern to win over Alabama State, the Jaguars' eighth straight home victory.

Brian Whitley added 15 points and Jayden Saddler had 10 points and five steals for Southern (14-9, 8-2 Southwestern Athletic Conference).

Isaiah Range had 19 points, six rebounds and three blocks for the Hornets (7-17, 5-6). Juan Reyna added 15 points. Trace Young had eight rebounds. He also committed seven turnovers.

Grambling St 58, Ala. A&M 50

In Grambling, La., Eric Parrish recorded 11 points and 10 rebounds to lift Grambling State to win over Alabama A&M.

Cameron Christon had 12 points for Grambling State (10-13, 7-3 Southwestern Athletic Conference). Shawndarius Cowart added 10 points and seven rebounds. Malik Lamin had three blocks.



Arizona guard Dalen Terry shields the ball from Arizona State guard Jay Heath (5) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Feb 7, in Tempe, Ariz. (AP)

Ohio State outlasts Rutgers

Pointer and Aifuwa shine as LSU women beat Mississippi

OXFORD, Miss., Feb 8, (AP): Khayla Pointer and Faustine Aifuwa had a triple-double and double-double respectively and No. 14 LSU held off a late rally by Mississippi, defeating the Rebels 68-64.

Pointer had 16 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists for the Tigers (19-4, 7-3 SEC) and Aifuwa had 20 points and 14 rebounds. Alexis Morris added 17 points.

LSU led 59-47 after Aifuwa hit a jumper with 5:19 remaining. The Rebels chipped away at the lead and drew within 64-59 with 1:38 remaining.

LSU went to the line four times in the next minute and a half, each time making 1 of 2, but the Rebels gained no ground, themselves making only 1 of 4 free throws. A layup by Mississippi's Angel Baker cut the margin to four at

game's end. Pointer scored eight points in the first six minutes of the third quarter, helping LSU build a 44-35 lead. Layups by Aifuwa and Alexis Morris pushed the lead to 11 at 49-38. Pointer finished with eight points in the quarter and LSU took a 51-44 lead into the final period.

Ohio State 61, Rutgers 57

In Columbus, Ohio, Taylor Mikesell

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made six 3-pointers and scored 26 points to help No. 21 Ohio State beat Rutgers for coach Kevin McCuff's 100th Big Ten victory.

Mikesell made two free throws with 24.2 seconds left for a 59-56 lead. Rutgers missed a long 3-pointer but Tyia Singleton grabbed the offensive rebound and was fouled at 3.3.

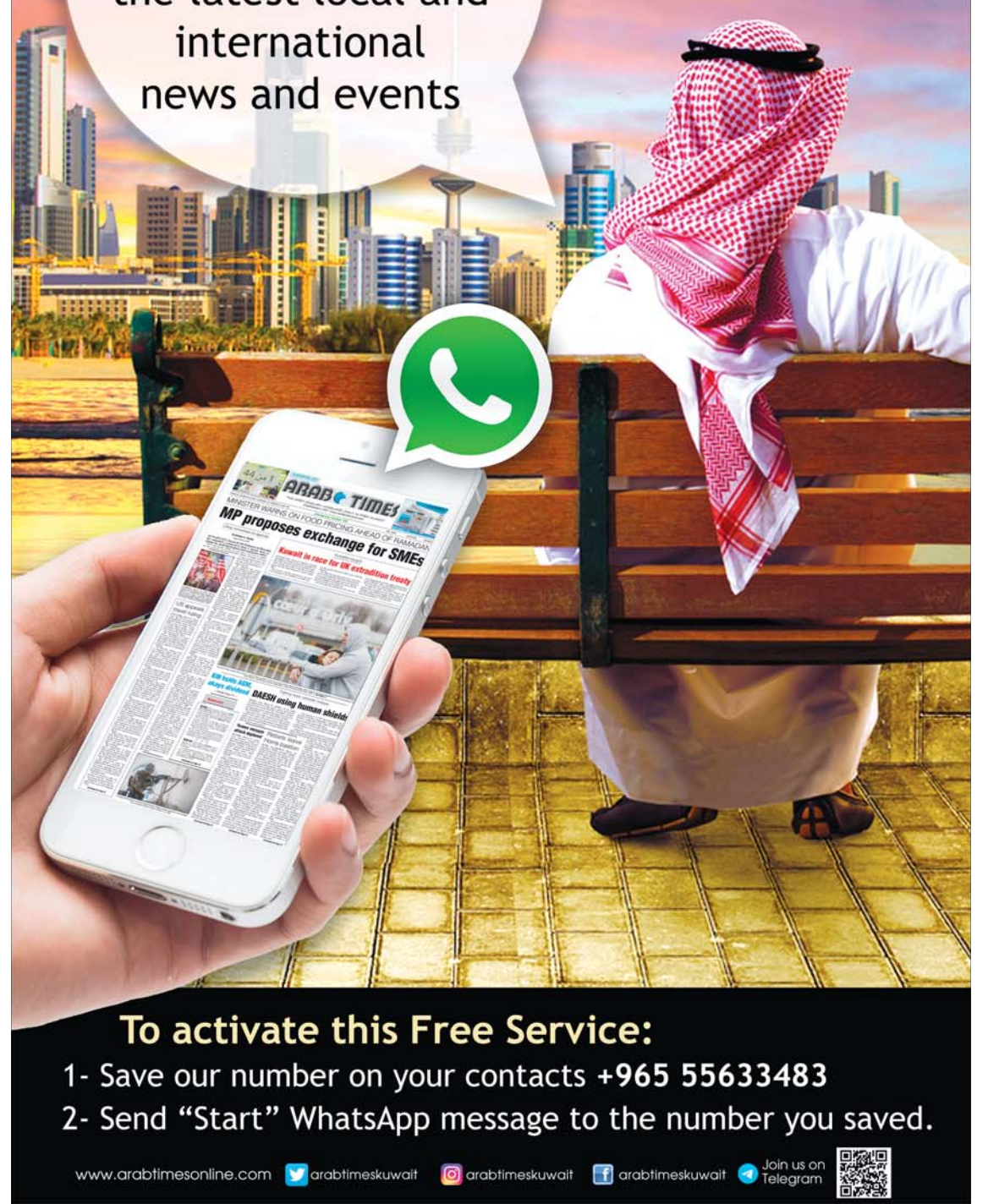
She made the first free throw and intentionally missed the second but it didn't hit the rim, and Jacy Sheldon sealed it with two free throws at 1.9.



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