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Young scores NBA season-best 56 pts in Hawks' loss to Blazers

Wolves rout Clippers 122-104 to snap 3-game skid

PORTLAND, Oregon, Jan 4, (AP): Anfernee Simons had a career-high 43 points and the Portland Trail Blazers overcame an NBA season-best 56 points by Atlanta's Trae Young, snapping a four-game losing streak in a 136-131 win over the Hawks.

Young shot 17 for 26 from the field, 7 for 12 from 3-point distance and 15 for 15 from the line for his career-high scoring total, and added 14 assists. His 56-point game eclipsed Kevin Durant's 51-point performance for the Nets at Detroit on Dec. 12. Golden State's Stephen Curry and Boston's Jaylen Brown have had 50-point games this season.

Young became the first player with 50-plus points and 14-plus assists in a game since James Harden with the Houston Rockets on Dec. 31, 2016. Portland starting center Jusuf Nukic had 21 points and 12 rebounds. Simons had a career-high nine 3-pointers, the most for a Portland player this season.

Grizzlies 118, Nets 104
In New York, Ja Morant scored 36 points and five players scored in double figures as Memphis extended its winning streak to five games with a win over Brooklyn.

Desmond Bane scored 29 points,

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Brandon Clarke added 16, and Jarrett Culver and Tyus Jones had 12 apiece.

Kevin Durant led the Nets with 26 points on 8-for-24 shooting from the field, including 2 for 8 from 3-point range. James Harden added 19 points in 5-for-14 shooting. Nic Claxton added 11 points and Blake Griffin and Bruce Brown each finished with 10 points as Brooklyn lost its third straight.

Morant scored 18 points in the third period and had a spectacular tomahawk dunk that drew a gasp from the Barclay Center crowd of more 17,000, which included NFL wide receiver Antonio Brown, whose career is on hold after leaving the field and his Tampa Bay teammates in the Buccaneers' win over the Jets on Sunday.

Pistons 115, Bucks 106

In Milwaukee, Saddiq Bey scored a career-high 34 points and Detroit ended Milwaukee's six-game winning streak.

Detroit owns the NBA's worst record (7-28) but beat the reigning NBA champions and ended its recent futility in the series. Milwaukee had won 12 consecutive regular-season matchups with the Pistons by an average margin of 16.7 points before Monday.

Josh Jackson scored 24 points, Cade Cunningham had 19 and Trey Lyles added 11 as all three Pistons came back from health and safety protocols. Hamidou Diallo added 11 points, nine rebounds and five assists.

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 31 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. Jrue Holiday scored 29. Bobby Portis had 12 points and 14 rebounds. Khris Middleton added 10 points.

Bulls 102, Magic 98

In Chicago, DeMar DeRozan scored 29 points, Zach LaVine added 27 and



Minnesota Timberwolves forward Josh Okogie, (left), shoots as Los Angeles Clippers guard Amir Coffey defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game, on Jan 3, in Los Angeles. (AP)

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Jan 4, (AP): Results and standings from the NBA games on Monday.

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	133	113		
Washington	124	121		
Memphis	118	104		
Detroit	115	106		
Chicago	102	98		
Utah	115	104		
Dallas	103	89		
Golden State	115	108		
Portland	136	131		
Minnesota	122	104		

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	23	12	.657	-
Philadelphia	20	16	.556	3½
Boston	18	19	.486	6
Toronto	16	17	.485	6
New York	17	20	.459	7

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	23	15	.605	-
Washington	19	18	.514	3½
Charlotte	19	19	.500	4
Atlanta	16	20	.444	6
Orlando	7	31	.184	16

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	25	10	.714	-
Milwaukee	25	14	.641	2
Cleveland	21	16	.568	5
Indiana	14	23	.378	12
Detroit	7	28	.200	18

Western Conference

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	24	14	.632	-
Dallas	19	18	.514	4½
San Antonio	14	21	.400	8½
New Orleans	13	24	.351	10½
Houston	10	28	.263	14

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	27	10	.730	-
Denver	18	17	.514	8
Minnesota	17	20	.459	10
Portland	14	22	.389	12½
Oklahoma City	13	23	.361	13½

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	29	7	.806	-
Phoenix	28	8	.778	1
LA Clippers	19	19	.500	11
LA Lakers	19	19	.500	11
Sacramento	16	22	.421	14

Chicago beat Orlando for its eighth straight victory.

Nikola Vucevic had 13 points and 17 rebounds for the Bulls. Coby White came off the bench to score 17 points.

Franz Wagner led Orlando with 22 points. Wendell Carter Jr. finished with 21 points and 10 rebounds for the Magic, who lost their sixth straight. Orlando has three wins since Nov. 17.

LaVine and DeRozan combined for 17 points in the third quarter, helping the Bulls hold off the Magic, Chicago last lost on Dec. 11, 118-92 to Miami.

Warriors 115, Heat 108

In San Francisco, Jordan Poole scored 32 points, Andrew Wiggins added 22 points and a key driving dunk with 4:34 remaining on a quiet night for Stephen Curry, and Golden State held off undermanned Miami.

Heat star Jimmy Butler was helped off the court with 3:14 left in the third quarter after hurting his right ankle going down awkwardly. Butler had 22 points, five rebounds and three assists. Curry had a season-low nine points.

Timberwolves 122, Clippers 104

In Los Angeles, Anthony Edwards scored 28 points to lead six players in double figures and Minnesota routed Los Angeles to end a three-game skid.

The Wolves gained a split in LA after losing by five to the Lakers a night earlier.

Serge Ibaka tied his season high with 17 points for the Clippers, who have dropped four of six.

Reserves Jaylen McDaniels added 18 points and Taurean Prince had 17 points for the Wolves.

76ers 133, Rockets 113

In Philadelphia, Joel Embiid had a triple-double with 31 points, 15 rebounds and 10 assists, leading Philadelphia over Houston.

Furkan Korkmaz scored 24 points and Isaiah Joe had 18 points for the Sixers. Garrison Mathews led the Rockets with 23 points.

Wizards 124, Hornets 121

In Washington, Kyle Kuzma had a season-high 36 points and 14 rebounds and Bradley Beal scored 35 points in Washington's win over Charlotte.

Charlotte (19-19), which lost to Phoenix by a season-high 34 points on Sunday, was led by Gordon Hayward's 27 points. Terry Rozier scored 25 points and Miles Bridges added 23 points and a season-high 14 rebounds.

Jazz 115, Pelicans 104

In New Orleans, Donovan Mitchell scored 29 points, Bojan Bogdanovic added 21, and Utah extended its road winning streak to nine games by beating New Orleans.

Arizona beats Washington after extended break

Davis leads Wisconsin past Purdue

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan 4, (AP): Johnny Davis scored a career-high 37 points to give No. 23 Wisconsin a 74-69 win over No. 3 Purdue.

The Badgers (11-2, 2-1 Big Ten) used a late 16-5 run to take control and win its third straight. Brad Davison added 15 points, and Davis also had 14 rebounds.

Wisconsin hadn't beat Purdue (13-2, 1-2) on its home court since 2014.

Purdue's Zach Edey took advantage of his size by scoring 24 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, while Jaden

Ivey added 14 points. But it wasn't enough to extend Purdue's 13-game home winning streak or make it five straight. Purdue hadn't lost since Dec. 9 at Rutgers. Wisconsin held Purdue to a season-low first-half point total (24). Ivey opened the second half by scoring eight straight points to help Purdue to a 34-32 lead.

An Ivey layup made it 49-42 with 11:11 to go, and it looked like the Boilermakers would coast. Instead, the Badgers charged back and then rallied again to take a 71-63 lead with 1

minute to play.

Arizona 95, Washington 75

In Tucson, Ariz., Ben Mathurin scored 27 points, Christian Koloko added 22 points and 10 rebounds, and Arizona returned from an extended break to beat Washington.

The Wildcats (12-1, 2-0 Pac-12) moved the ball well offensively in their first game in 16 days, shooting 55% and finishing with 28 assists on 33 made shots.

Kerr Kriisa finished with 21 points and Arizona went 12 for 25 from 3 for its best start since opening the 2015-16 season 13-1.

The Wildcats were a bit shaky at taking care of the ball for the second straight game, though, with 21 turnovers that

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Washington converted into 25 points and allowed them to hang around despite struggling from the perimeter.

Washington (5-6, 0-1) had played two games since Nov. 27 because of COVID-19 issues before Monday, including its own pause that led to the postponement of a Dec. 2 game at Arizona.

Terrell Brown Jr. had a nice night against his former team, scoring 28 points in the arena where he played last season. Emmitt Matthews Jr. added 16 points, but the rest of the Huskies had a hard time finding the mark, finishing 7 for 24 from the 3-point arc.

Georgiev improves, stops 33 shots

Rangers sit atop NHL after Kreider, Strome help defeat slumping Oilers

NEW YORK, Jan 4, (AP): Chris Kreider scored his 20th goal, Ryan Strome had a goal and two assists, and the New York Rangers beat the slumping Edmonton Oilers 4-1 for their third straight win.

Alexis Lafreniere and Barclay Goodrow each had a goal and an assist, and Adam Fox had two assists to help the Rangers win for the fourth time in six games (4-1-1). They moved into first place atop the Metropolitan Division and the NHL; they're tied with Washington with 48 points but hold the edge with more wins in regulation.

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Alexandar Georgiev, playing for the first time in 2 1/2 weeks, stopped 33 shots to get his first win since Dec. 10 against Buffalo. He improved to 6-3-2 with a 2.72 goals-against average this season. Ryan McLeod scored for Edmonton, which fell to 2-8-2 over their last 12 games since starting the season 16-5-0. Mikko Koskinen had 24 saves.

The Rangers held Oilers stars Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl - the NHL's top two point scorers at 53 and 52, respectively - off the scoresheet. McDavid had seven shots on goal, and Draisaitl had two.

On the Rangers' third power play of the game, they took advantage after extended puck possession in the offensive zone to push the lead to 3-1. Kreider deflected Fox's point shot between Koskinen's legs. The goalie thought he stopped the puck but it slowly trickled behind and over the



New York Rangers' Alexis Lafreniere (13) celebrates his goal against the Edmonton Oilers during the first period of an NHL hockey game, on Jan 3, in New York. (AP)

line at 3:32. It was Kreider's 12th power-play goal, trailing Draisaitl by one for the league lead.

The Oilers were pressing on their power play midway through the third, but Georgiev made a stellar glove stop on McDavid's attempt from the right side. With the puck loose in front, he then denied Zach Hyman with 8 1/2 minutes left to draw chants of "Georgie! Georgie!" from the crowd.

Strome then made it 4-1 as his centering pass from the right side deflected off the skate of Oilers defenseman Tyson Barrie and past Koskinen for his eighth goal with 5:49 left.

The Rangers led 1-0 after 20 minutes and doubled their lead early in the second period.

NHL Standings

WASHINGTON, Jan 4, (AP): Standings from the NHL games on Monday.

Eastern Conference						Western Conference									
Atlantic Division						Central Division									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	34	21	8	5	47	109	101	St. Louis	33	19	9	5	43	116	91
Florida	32	21	7	4	46	122	95	Nashville	33	20	11	2	42	101	89
Toronto	31	21	8	2	44	104	76	Minnesota	31	19	10	2	40	116	98
Boston	28	16	10	2	34	80	73	Colorado	28	18	8	2	38	119	93
Detroit	33	15	15	3	33	90	112	Winnipeg	31	15	11	5	35	95	91
Buffalo	33	10	17	6	26	89	116	Dallas	29	15	12	2	32	82	85
Ottawa	29	9	18	2	20	79	107	Chicago	32	11	17	4	26	74	108
Montreal	34	7	23	4	18	73	123	Arizona	30	6	21	3	15	63	117
Metropolitan Division						Pacific Division									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
NY Rangers	34	22	8	4	48	101	85	Vegas	35	22	12	1	45	127	107
Washington	34	20	6	8	48	119	89	Anaheim	35	17	11	7	41	107	98
Carolina	31	23	7	1	47	106	66	Calgary	30	17	7	6	40	98	67
Pittsburgh	31	18	8	5	41	99	81	Edmonton	33	18	13	2	38	111	107
Philadelphia	32	13	13	6	32	85	106	Los Angeles	33	16	12	5	37	91	89
Columbus	30	15	14	1	31	99	105	San Jose	33	17	15	1	35	94	102
New Jersey	33	13	15	5	31	96	116	Vancouver	34	16	15	3	35	89	95
NY Islanders	28	10	12	6	26	64	80	Seattle	33	10	19	4	24	92	122

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.



Wisconsin's Johnny Davis (1) is defended by Purdue's Isaiah Thompson (11) during the second half of an NCAA basketball game, on Jan 3, in West Lafayette, Ind. (AP)

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