

SPORTS

Thompson returns, helps GSW beat Cavs



Ohio State forward E.J. Liddell (right) blocks a shot by Northwestern guard Ty Berry during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game in Columbus, Ohio on Jan. 9. (AP)

Badgers extend run

Buckeyes top Northwestern

COLUMBUS, Ohio, (AP) — E.J. Liddell scored a career-high 34 points and No. 13 Ohio State beat Northwestern 95-87.

Liddell scored 17 points in the first five minutes, including a career-high five 3-pointers in that span. He set a personal best in field goals made, finishing 12 of 20 from the field.

His production helped Ohio State (10-3, 4-1 Big Ten Conference) shoot 67% in the first half. The Buckeyes led 51-39 at halftime and matched their scoring output from a 67-51 loss at Indiana on Thursday.

BASKETBALL

The Wildcats (8-5, 1-3) trimmed the 12-point halftime deficit to six with 37 seconds left.

The Buckeyes made just one field goal in the final 6:13 but held off Northwestern's comeback bid at the free-throw line.

Ohio State knocked down 11 foul shots in the final three minutes and finished 26 of 27 from the line.

Malaki Branham added 24 points and shot 13 of 14 on free throws.

Three Wildcats scored at least 20 points as their losing streak extended to three. Ty Berry led Northwestern with 23 points while Chase Audige and Pete Nance each had 20.

Wisconsin 70, Maryland 69

In College Park, Md., Tyler Wahl scored a career-high 21 points, Johnny Davis added 19, and No. 23 Wisconsin survived Maryland's comeback to secure a victory.

The Badgers (13-2, 4-1 Big Ten) extended their winning streak to five despite squandering a 21-point lead against the struggling Terrapins.

Eric Ayala scored all 19 of his points in the second half for Maryland (8-7, 0-4), which is off to its worst start in league play since losing its first four ACC games in 1992-93.

Steven Crowl gave Wisconsin the lead for good with a 3-pointer with 4:03 remaining to make it 60-57.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan 10, (AP): Klay Thompson scored 17 points in his return from two devastating injuries that sidelined him more than 2 1/2 years, helping the Golden State Warriors beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 96-82.

Thompson was 7 of 18 from the field and 3 of 8 from 3-point range. He added three rebounds, an assist and a steal in 20 minutes, walking off the court to a thunderous ovation followed by chants of "Klay! Klay!" from the Chase Center crowd.

Stephen Curry had 29 points, five rebounds and five assists, and Jordan Poole added 14 points for Golden State. The Warriors snapped a two-game losing streak to tie Phoenix for the NBA lead at 30-9.

Lamar Stevens had 17 points and four rebounds for Cleveland.

Thompson missed 941 days and hadn't played since tearing the ACL in his left knee in Game 6 of the 2019 NBA Finals against Toronto. While rehabbing from surgery for that injury, he tore his right Achilles tendon screaming on his own in November 2020.

The five-time All-Star finally made his much-anticipated return, and reached two career milestones - 12,000 points and 1,800 3-pointers.

Grizzlies 127, Lakers 119

In Los Angeles, Memphis set a franchise record with its ninth straight victory, getting 16 points and a breathtaking block from Ja Morant against Los Angeles.

Morant's block came in the first quarter, when he soared from behind Avery Bradley as he tried for a layup, caught the ball with both hands and smacked it off the glass about halfway up the backboard. Morant also threw down an alley-oop dunk off a lob from Bane in the third quarter, nearly hitting his head on the rim after sitting out against the Clippers with left thigh

Doncic scores triple-double as Mavs end Bulls' winning streak



Golden State Warriors forward Andre Iguodala (9) drives past Cleveland Cavaliers forward Lauri Markkanen (24) during the second half of an NBA basketball game in San Francisco, on Jan. 9. (AP)

soreness.

Desmond Bane had 23 points, Jaren Jackson Jr. added 21 and Memphis won for the 12th time in 13 road games.

LeBron James scored 23 of his 35 points in the first half for Los Angeles. He made 14 of 19 shots and added seven assists.

Mavericks 113, Bulls 99

In Dallas, Luka Doncic had 22 points, 14 rebounds and 14 assists for his third triple-double of the season and Dallas beat Chicago, running its season-best winning streak to six and ending the Bulls' at nine.

Doncic, back in the lineup after missing the previous game with a right ankle sprain, had his first triple-double since Nov. 29. The Mavericks' streak is their longest since also winning six

straight in March-April 2016.

Dallas' Kristaps Porzingis missed his fifth straight game and coach Jason Kidd his second straight while in the NBA's health and safety protocol. The Mavericks were led by assistant coach

Sean Sweeney. Josh Green and Maxi Kleber had season highs with 18 points each for Dallas.

DeMar DeRozan and Zach LaVine scored 20 points each for Chicago.

Nets 121, Spurs 119, OT

In New York, rookie Cam Thomas made a runner in the lane with 1.4 seconds left in overtime and Brooklyn beat San Antonio to snap a five-game home losing streak.

Kevin Durant scored 28 points for the Nets and James Harden had 26 points, 12 assists and seven rebounds. But both struggled after the Nets had a 10-point lead with four minutes to play in regulation, forcing the extra period.

The Spurs made Durant give up the ball on the Nets' final possession and he got it to Thomas, who gave Brooklyn its first home victory since Dec. 16.

Lonnie Walker IV scored 25 points for the Spurs, and Dejounte Murray had with 19 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds.

But the Spurs couldn't get up a good shot on the last possession of regulation or overtime in another frustrating loss.

Timberwolves 141, Rockets 123

In Houston, Karl-Anthony Towns scored a season-high 40 points, D'Angelo Russell added 22 points and

10 assists and Minnesota beat Houston for its fourth straight victory.

Towns scored 22 points in the first half as Minnesota built a 75-54 lead. He finished 15 of 25 from the floor and added nine rebounds and seven assists. Jarred Vanderbilt had career-highs of 21 points and 19 rebounds.

Christian Wood had 22 points and eight rebounds for Houston.

Clippers 106, Hawks 93

In Los Angeles, Amir Coffey tied a career high with 21 points. Serge Ibaka added 16 and Los Angeles beat Atlanta.

Coffey, undrafted out of Minnesota in 2019, is on a two-way contract with the Clippers and the G-League. He made 8 of 12 field goals and 5 of 8 3-pointers.

Bogdan Bogdanovic and Trae Young each had 19 points for Atlanta.

Raptors 105, Pelicans 101

In Toronto, Pascal Siakam had 29 points and 10 rebounds, Fred VanVleet scored 32 points and Toronto beat New Orleans for its season-high sixth straight victory.

BASKETBALL

VanVleet, who recorded his first career triple-double on Friday night against Utah, has scored 30 or more points six times in his past eight games.

Jonas Valanciunas had 20 points and 17 rebounds for New Orleans.

Nuggets 99, Thunder 95

In Oklahoma City, Nikola Jokic had 22 points and 18 rebounds to help Denver beat Oklahoma.

Austin Rivers scored a season-high 22 points and Jeff Green added 16 points. The Nuggets avenged a 108-94 loss to the Thunder on Dec. 22 in Oklahoma City.

Lu Dort scored 14 points for the Thunder. They have lost four straight.

Wizards 102, Magic 100

In Orlando, Fla., Kyle Kuzma had 27 points and a career-best 22 rebounds, Bradley Beal scored 20 points and Washington rallied in the fourth quarter to beat Orlando.

Washington snapped a two-game skid and beat Orlando for a second time this season.

Terrence Ross scored 32 points for NBA-worst Orlando.

Trail Blazers 103 Kings 88

In Portland, Ore., Anfernee Simons scored 31 points and Portland beat Sacramento.

Justus Nurkic had 14 points, 16 rebounds and nine assists to help the Trail Blazers snap a two-game losing streak.

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Jan 10, (AP) — Results and standings from the NBA games on Sunday.

Brooklyn	121	San Antonio (OT)	119	Minnesota	141	Houston	123
LA Clippers	106	Atlanta	93	Dallas	113	Chicago	99
Toronto	105	New Orleans	101	Golden State	96	Cleveland	82
Washington	102	Orlando	100	Portland	103	Sacramento	88
Denver	99	Oklahoma City	95	Memphis	127	LA Lakers	119

Eastern Conference				Western Conference			
Atlantic Division				Southwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
Brooklyn	25	13	.658	Memphis	28	14	.667
Philadelphia	22	16	.579	Dallas	22	18	.550
Toronto	20	17	.541	San Antonio	15	24	.385
Boston	19	21	.475	New Orleans	14	26	.350
New York	19	21	.475	Houston	11	30	.268
Southeast Division				Northwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	25	15	.625	Utah	28	12	.700
Charlotte	21	19	.525	Denver	20	18	.526
Washington	20	20	.500	Minnesota	20	20	.500
Atlanta	17	22	.436	Portland	15	24	.385
Orlando	7	34	.171	Oklahoma City	13	26	.333
Central Division				Pacific Division			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	26	11	.703	Golden State	30	9	.769
Milwaukee	26	16	.619	Phoenix	30	9	.769
Cleveland	22	18	.550	LA Lakers	21	20	.512
Indiana	15	25	.375	LA Clippers	20	21	.488
Detroit	8	30	.211	Sacramento	16	26	.381

Jump's 21 points leads Stanford past Gonzaga

South Carolina women rout Kentucky

COLUMBIA, S.C., Jan 10, (AP) — Aliyah Boston had 18 points and 15 rebounds as No. 1 South Carolina improved to 8-0 against ranked opponents this season with a 74-54 victory over No. 21 Kentucky.

Boston, the 6-foot-5 junior All-American, was nearly unstoppable around the basket - she had 10 points and eight boards by halftime - and matched the school mark with her ninth straight game with double-figure points and rebounds.

Boston added five blocks and helped on defense against Kentucky star scorer Rhyné Howard, who made the game's first bucket but went on to finish 2-of-14 shooting for a season-lowtying nine points. Howard came in second in the Southeastern Conference in scoring, averaging 19.7 points.

Stanford 66, Gonzaga 50

In Stanford, Calif., Hannah Jump scored 21 points, including five 3-pointers, and No. 2 Stanford clamped down defensively to beat Gonzaga.

Jump, a junior taking on a bigger role this season for the defending national champions, scored 13 of her 21 points in the second half as Stanford led most of the day in a non-conference game that was scheduled at the last minute.

Cameron Brink had 14 points and 16 rebounds for Stanford (11-3) and Haley Jones added 15 points and seven rebounds.

Yvonne Ejim led Gonzaga (10-4) with 14 points.

USC 76, Arizona 67

In Los Angeles, Alyson Miura hit four of her career-high five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and finished with 15 points to help Southern California upset No. 4 Arizona.

Miura missed only one of her six 3-point shots and had a career-high six assists. Jordyn Jenkins added 14 points and Desiree Caldwell scored 12 for USC (8-4, 1-1 Pac-12).

Tennessee 70, Mississippi 58

In Oxford, Miss., Jordan Horston scored 20 points and had 11 rebounds



Gonzaga guard McKayla Williams (24) defends against Stanford guard Haley Jones (center), who shoots to score during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Jan. 9, in Stanford, Calif. (AP)

to lead No. 7 Tennessee over Mississippi, snapping the Rebels' 13-game winning streak.

The Lady Vols (15-1, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) built a 20-point lead early in the third quarter and Ole Miss (13-2, 1-1) could never pull back to within single digits.

BASKETBALL

Alexus Dye had 17 points and Tess Darby added 13 for Tennessee.

Michigan 76, Rutgers 47

In Ann Arbor, Mich., Naz Hillman and Leigha Brown each scored 19 points as No. 8 Michigan rolled past Rutgers.

Maddie Nolan added 14 points for the Wolverines (13-2, 4-1 Big Ten).

Lasha Petree scored 18 points and Shug Dickson added 14 points for the Scarlet Knights (7-10, 0-5), who lost their third straight.

Maryland 87, Minnesota 73

In Minneapolis, Chloe Bibby scored

23 points to lead a balanced offense and help No. 10 Maryland beat Minnesota.

Angel Reese added 19 points and 10 rebounds for Maryland (12-4, 4-1 in the Big Ten), while Ashley Owusu chipped in 15 points, six rebounds and eight assists with no turnovers. Diamond Miller had 12 points and six assists.

Deja Winters led Minnesota (8-8, 1-3) with 20 points on 6-for-12 shooting from beyond the 3-point line.

UConn 63, Creighton 58

In Storrs, Conn., Caroline Ducharme led a balanced attack with 17 points and 11th-ranked and depleted UConn defeated Creighton after a lengthy layoff.

The Huskies (7-3, 2-0 Big East Conference) had missed their last four games because of COVID protocols and had just seven players available to hand the Bluejays' (10-4, 5-1) their first league loss, ending a four-game winning streak.

LSU 76, Auburn 48

In Auburn, Ala., Khayla Pointer finished with 24 points, 10 rebounds and six assists to power No. 13 LSU to romp over Auburn in Southeastern Conference play.

Pointer sank 9 of 14 shots from the floor with two 3-pointers for LSU, which shot 46% overall and hit 3 of 7 from beyond the arc (43%). Hannah Gusters made 7 of 8 free throws and scored 13 off the bench. Faustine Aifuwa added 10 points and five boards.

N. Carolina 71, Virginia Tech 46

In Chapel Hill, N.C., Eva Hodgson knocked down 4 of 5 3-point attempts and Deja Kelly scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as No. 19 North Carolina bounced back from its first loss of the season to rout Virginia Tech.

The Tar Heels trailed from the outset in their 72-45 loss to No. 5 North Carolina State Thursday, but against the Hokies they took control early and built a 35-17 lead by intermission after allowing Virginia Tech just seven second-quarter points.

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