

Nets rout Bulls in Eastern showdown

Lakers stumble, fall to Kings 125-116

CHICAGO, Jan 13, (AP): Kevin Durant scored 27 points, James Harden had 25 points and a season-high 16 assists and the Brooklyn Nets in a matchup between the Eastern Conference's top two teams.

Durant had 17 points in the third quarter. The second-place Nets outscored East-leading Chicago by 20 in the quarter to silence a raucous crowd and came away with the win with all three of its superstars in the lineup for just the second time this season.

Kyrie Irving scored nine points in his third game. The seven-time All-Star has refused to get the COVID-19 vaccine and is barred from suiting up in New York due to the city's mandate.

But Durant dominated over 30 minutes and finished with nine assists. Harden hit five 3-pointers. Patty Mills scored 21 points and was 6 of 8 from beyond the arc, helping Brooklyn come out on top after losing five of seven.

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Jan 13, (AP): Results and standings from the NBA games on Wednesday.

Washington	112	Orlando	106
Boston	119	Indiana	100
Charlotte	109	Philadelphia	98
Miami	115	Atlanta	91
New York	108	Dallas	85
Houston	128	San Antonio	124
Cleveland	111	Utah	91
Sacramento	125	LA Lakers	116
Brooklyn	138	Chicago	112

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Brooklyn	26	14	.650	—
Philadelphia	23	17	.575	3
Toronto	20	18	.526	5
Boston	21	21	.500	6
New York	21	21	.500	6
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	26	15	.634	—
Charlotte	23	19	.548	3-1/2
Washington	22	20	.524	4-1/2
Atlanta	17	23	.425	8-1/2
Orlando	7	35	.167	19-1/2
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	27	12	.692	—
Milwaukee	26	17	.605	3
Cleveland	24	18	.571	4-1/2
Indiana	15	27	.357	13-1/2
Detroit	9	31	.225	18-1/2
Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	29	14	.674	—
Dallas	22	19	.537	6
San Antonio	15	26	.366	13
New Orleans	15	26	.366	13
Houston	12	31	.279	17
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	28	14	.667	—
Denver	20	19	.513	6-1/2
Minnesota	20	21	.488	7-1/2
Portland	16	24	.400	11
Oklahoma City	13	27	.325	14
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	31	9	.775	—
Golden State	30	10	.750	1
LA Clippers	21	21	.500	11
LA Lakers	21	21	.500	11
Sacramento	17	27	.386	16



Chicago Bulls' DeMar DeRozan (11) fouls Brooklyn Nets' Kevin Durant (7) as Coby White also defends during the second half of an NBA basketball game on Jan 12, in Chicago. (AP)

BASKETBALL

Kings 125, Lakers 116

In Sacramento, Calif., De'Aaron Fox scored 29 points, Chimezie Metu made a clutch 3-pointer with 46.7 seconds remaining and Sacramento beat Los Angeles to end a five-game skid.

Harrison Barnes added 23 points and seven rebounds for the Kings.

LeBron James had 34 points, seven rebounds and six assists for the Lakers. He was 13 of 29 from the field, 3 of 12 from 3-point range, and made 5 of 10 free throws.

Knicks 108, Mavericks 85

In New York, RJ Barrett scored 32 points, Mitchell Robinson had a season-high 19 and New York snapped Dallas' winning streak at six games.

Robinson threw down three dunks in a powerful third quarter for the Knicks, who won for the fourth time in five games and returned to .500 at 21-21. He shot 9 for 10 from the field and had 10 rebounds.

Julius Randle finished with 17 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists. Boeod in the last game after holding his thumb down to the crowd last week.

Hornets 109, 76ers 98

In Philadelphia, Gordon Hayward made his first nine shots and scored 30

points and Charlotte beat Philadelphia to snap a 16-game losing streak in the series.

Hayward was 9 of 9 in first half -- that included four 3-pointers -- for 22 points. Terry Rozier added 22 points, and Miles Bridges had 21. The Hornets hadn't beaten the 76ers since Nov. 2, 2016.

Joel Embiid scored 31 points for the fifth straight game for Philadelphia. The 76ers had won seven in a row.

Cavaliers 111, Jazz 91

In Salt Lake City, Lamar Stevens scored 15 of career-high 23 points in the third quarter in Cleveland's victory over short-handed Utah.

Darius Garland had his first triple-

double with 11 points, a career-high 15 assists and a career-high 10 rebounds. Lauri Markkanen added 20 points, Kevin Love had 16, and Eric Mobley finished with 15 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists. Cleveland improved to 3-1 on its six-game trip.

Jordan Clarkson scored 22 points for the Jazz in their fourth straight loss. Centers Rudy Gobert, Hassan Whiteside and Udoka Azubuike and forward Rudy Gay are in COVID-19 health and safety protocols.

Celtics 119, Pacers 100

In Indianapolis, Jaylen Brown scored 34 points, Jayson Tatum added 33 and Boston beat Indiana.

Boston snapped a six-game road losing streak, beating Indiana for the second time in three days and the fourth straight time.

Myles Turner had 18 points for Indiana. The Pacers have lost two in a row and eight of nine.

Wizards 112, Magic 106

In Washington, Kyle Kuzma had 19

points, 10 rebounds and nine assists to help Washington beat Orlando.

Washington has won three in a row,

and the Wizards won for a second consecutive night without star guard Bradley Beal, who was out because of

health and safety protocols.

Cole Anthony had 19 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists for the NBA-worst Magic. They have lost 10 in a row.

Heat 115, Hawks 91

In Atlanta, Tyler Herro had 21 points and Miami scored the first 16 points of the second half to break open a close game against Atlanta.

Herro added 11 assists. Caleb Martin had 18 points to help the Heat finish 4-2 on a trip.

John Collins led Atlanta with 16 points. Trae Young had 15.

Rockets 128, Spurs 124

In San Antonio, Eric Gordon had 31 points and Houston beat San Antonio to snap a three-game skid.

Christian Wood scored 23 points, Kevin Porter Jr. added 18 and Jalen Green 14 for Houston.

Dejounte Murray had a career-high 32 points for the Spurs. San Antonio has lost four straight and seven of eight.



Los Angeles Lakers guard Russell Westbrook (0) tries to drive on Sacramento Kings guard Davion Mitchell (left), in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Sacramento, California, on Jan 12. (AP)

Michigan State pips Minnesota 71-69 on Hauser's shot

Duke tops Wake Forest without Coach K

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C., Jan 13, (AP): Paolo Banchero had 24 points and eighth-ranked Duke hit 13 straight shots to blow it open after halftime and beat Wake Forest 76-64 with Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski sidelined by illness.

Fellow freshman A.J. Griffin had a season-high 22 points to help the Blue Devils bounce back from a weekend home loss to Miami. They did it with the retiring longtime Duke coach out with what the school called a "non-

COVID-related virus," while associate head coach Jon Scheyer - designated as Krzyzewski's successor after this season - worked as acting coach.

Banchero and Griffin led the way as the Blue Devils (13-2, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) suddenly stretched out a two-possession lead in the final minute of the first half - then carried a hot hand into the second that wobbled the Demon Deacons (13-4, 3-3) for good.

Duke made its last four shots of the first half, then roared out of the break

by hitting its first nine.

Alondes Williams scored 25 points for Wake Forest.

Michigan St 71, Minnesota 69

In East Lansing, Mich., Joey Hauser made a low-post shot with 0.1 seconds left, lifting Michigan State over Minnesota for its ninth straight win.

The Spartans (14-2, 5-0 Big Ten) had the ball with 18.1 seconds left, and A.J. Hoggard drove into the lane in the final seconds and set up Hauser for the final basket.

Michigan State freshman Max Christie had 16 points, Gabe Brown scored 13 and Tyson Walker added 10.

The Golden Gophers (10-4, 1-4) were very competitive throughout the game and had opportunities to pull off the upset.

Minnesota's chances to win were hurt when Eric Curry injured his left ankle with a minute left, putting him on the bench with 19 points.

Eylajah Stephens scored 18 points for the Gophers and made four free throws late, tying it at 69.

LSU 64, Florida 58

In Gainesville, Fla., Darius Days scored 20 points about 25 miles from his hometown and Eric Gaines added 15 in his second start of the season to lead LSU past Florida.

BASKETBALL

The Tigers (15-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference) won their first game without starting point guard Xavier Pinson, who sat out with a sprained knee. Gaines helped pick up the slack, scoring eight points in the second half and going 4 of 5 on free throws down the stretch.

The Gators (9-6, 0-3) lost for the sixth time in nine games and fell to 0-3 in league play for the first time since the 1980-81 season.

Florida's biggest issue was at the free throw line. The Gators missed 11 from the charity strip, including seven of nine down the stretch.

Villanova 64, Xavier 60

In Cincinnati, Collin Gillespie scored 21 points, Justin Moore had 16 and Villanova held off Xavier.

Moore, the reigning Big East player of the week, scored 10 points in the second half and finished with nine rebounds to help the Wildcats (12-4, 5-1 Big East) win their fifth straight. Eric Dixon added 15 points and 10 boards.

Paul Scruggs and Nate Johnson each scored 15 for Xavier (12-3, 2-2), which trailed by 12 with 10 minutes left before rallying.

Scruggs hit two key 3-pointers, including one that tied the score at 56 with 2:16 left. But then Moore made a layup, Brandon Slater sank two free throws and Villanova was back in front by four with a minute to play. Moore sealed it by hitting two foul shots with six seconds left.



Villanova's Brandon Slater (3) and Xavier's Colby Jones fight for a loose ball during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game, on Jan. 12, in Cincinnati. (AP)

Oklahoma ends 11-game skid

Kersgieter's 19 pts lead Kansas women past No. 13 Texas in OT

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan 13, (AP): Holly Kersgieter scored 19 points, six in overtime, and Kansas defeated No. 13 Texas 70-66.

Zakiyah Franklin hit a 3-pointer to open the overtime and the Jayhawks didn't trail after that. Kersgieter scored inside on back-to-back possessions to give Kansas a 66-61 lead with two minutes to play.

Audrey Warren scored for Texas but after a Kansas miss, the Longhorns had a crucial shot clock violation with 35 seconds remaining.

Franklin made 1 of 2 free throws to make it a two-possession game and following a Texas miss, Kersgieter iced it with two free throws to push the lead to 69-63 with 11 seconds remaining.

Aliyah Matharu, who forced overtime with a 3-pointer with 8.6 seconds left, hit

a 3 with 3.1 seconds remaining.

Oklahoma 83, Baylor 77

In Norman, Okla., Skylar Vann scored 22 points and No. 23 Oklahoma ended an 11-game losing streak against No. 14 Baylor with a come-from-behind victory.

BASKETBALL

Baylor entered the fourth quarter with a 65-60 lead and the Sooners didn't take a lead until Vann hit a 3-pointer to make it 78-75 lead with 2:56 to play. That was part of a 9-0 run that led to a game-ending 12-2 surge.

Florida 75, Tulane 62

In New Orleans, Dulcy Fankam Mendiadeu scored 23 points, Bethy Mununga recorded a double-double and No. 24-ranked South Florida continued its mastery of Tulane beating the Waves.

The Bulls (12-4, 2-0 American Athletic Conference) appeared poised to pull away when Elena Tsineke's basket gave South Florida a 58-48 lead with 6:57 left.



Kersgieter

Subscribe to our service "Arabtimes WhatsApp" to stay updated on the latest local and international news and events

To activate this Free Service:
 1- Save our number on your contacts +965 55633483
 2- Send "Start" WhatsApp message to the number you saved.

www.arabtimesonline.com | @arabtimeskuwait | arabtimeskuwait | arabtimeskuwait | Join us on Telegram