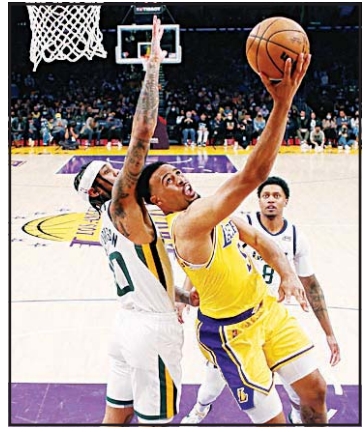


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Los Angeles Lakers guard Talen Horton-Tucker (right), goes to basket under pressure from Utah Jazz guard Jordan Clarkson during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Los Angeles on Jan 17. (AP)

Booker's season-high 48 points power Suns' victory over Spurs

Hawks rally to beat Bucks, snap 10-game home skid

SAN ANTONIO, Jan 18, (AP): Devin Booker had a season-high 48 points and the Phoenix Suns dominated the fourth quarter to defeat the San Antonio Spurs 121-107 for their fourth straight victory.

Chris Paul added 15 points and 12 assists as Phoenix won its sixth straight on the road and fifth consecutive in San Antonio.

Spurs center Jakob Poeltl had 23 points and 14 rebounds, and Dejounte Murray added 18 points.

Booker was 18 for 33 from the field and 5 for 13 on 3-pointers in eclipsing his previous high of 38 points, which he collected twice.

Phoenix was without injured starter Deandre Ayton, but reserve center Bismack Biyombo responded with 17 points and 14 rebounds.

Hawks 121, Bucks 114

In Atlanta, Trae Young scored 30 points for Atlanta Hawks, who trailed for much of the game before rallying for a win over Milwaukee, snapping a 10-game home losing streak.

Winning at State Farm Arena for the first time since Nov. 22, the Hawks avoided their longest stretch without a home victory since an 11-game skid near the end of the dismal 2004-05 season, when Atlanta finished 13-69.

Khris Middleton scored 34 points and Giannis Antetokounmpo had 27 for the Bucks.

Georgia tops Tigers

Ducks women pound UConn

EUGENE, Oregon, Jan 18, (AP): Te-Hina Paopao had 22 points and eight rebounds as Oregon beat No. 9 UConn 72-59.

Sedona Prince added 14 points as Oregon (10-5) won its second game against a top-10 team in three days. The Ducks defeated seventh-ranked Arizona 68-66 in overtime on Saturday.

Freshman Carolina Ducharme scored 22 points while Olivia Nelson-Ododa added 17 points for the Huskies (9-4), who were without their top two scorers due to injury.

Oregon built a 15-point halftime lead before Ducharme hit a 3-pointer to cut the margin to 44-34. Maddie Scherr followed with a 3-pointer for the Ducks. Prince hit a jumper and Nyara Sabally had a steal and layup before Endyia Rogers added a basket to push Oregon ahead 53-36.

Ahliye Hurst hit a 3-pointer late in the third quarter as Oregon extended its lead to 62-39.

UConn scored the first 10 points of the game before Sydney Parrish and Sabally each hit a 3-pointer for Oregon. The Huskies then moved ahead 14-8, but Paopao scored the final seven points of the first quarter. The Ducks followed with the first 11 points of the second quarter to take a 26-14 lead. UConn closed within 30-22 before the Ducks went on a 9-2 run to close out the half.

Georgia 72, Missouri 62

In Columbia, Mo., Jenna Staiti scored 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as No. 13 Georgia became the first visiting team to earn a win at Missouri this season, using a strong finish to post a victory over the Tigers.

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Georgia has struggled at the beginning of Southeastern Conference games, falling behind early before rallying late. In three of its first four SEC games the Bulldogs trailed by 16 or more points.

With a week to prepare for the Tigers, the Bulldogs came out strong and led the entire game - with a finishing run to put the game out of reach.

Hayley Frank's 3-pointer with 4:38 left pulled Missouri within a point, 56-55, but Staiti answered with a three-point play to start a 7-0 run by the Bulldogs, who pushed the lead to 10 points in the final minute.

NBA Results/Standings

WASHINGTON, Jan 18, (AP): Results and standings from the NBA games on Monday.

Boston	104	New Orleans	87	Atlanta	121	Milwaukee	114
Charlotte	97	New York	92	Portland	98	Orlando	88
Washington	117	Philadelphia	98	Miami	104	Toronto	99
Cleveland	114	Brooklyn	107	Phoenix	121	San Antonio	107
Memphis	119	Chicago	106	Dallas	104	Oklahoma City	102
LA Clippers	139	Indiana	133	LA Lakers	101	Utah	95

Eastern Conference				Western Conference					
Atlantic Division				Southwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Brooklyn	27	16	.628	—	Memphis	31	15	.674	—
Philadelphia	25	18	.581	2	Dallas	25	19	.568	5
Toronto	21	20	.512	5	San Antonio	16	28	.364	14
Boston	23	22	.511	5	New Orleans	16	28	.364	14
New York	22	22	.500	5-1/2	Houston	13	32	.289	17-1/2
Southeast Division				Northwest Division					
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Miami	28	16	.636	—	Utah	29	15	.659	—
Charlotte	24	20	.545	4	Denver	22	20	.524	6
Washington	23	21	.523	5	Minnesota	21	22	.488	7-1/2
Atlanta	18	25	.419	9-1/2	Portland	18	25	.419	10-1/2
Orlando	8	37	.178	20-1/2	Oklahoma City	14	29	.326	14-1/2
Central Division				Pacific Division					
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Chicago	27	15	.643	—	Phoenix	34	9	.791	—
Cleveland	27	18	.600	1-1/2	Golden State	31	12	.721	3
Milwaukee	27	19	.587	2	LA Lakers	22	22	.500	12-1/2
Indiana	15	29	.341	13	LA Clippers	22	23	.489	13
Detroit	10	32	.238	17	Sacramento	18	28	.391	17-1/2

Stefanovic carries No. 4 Purdue over No. 17 Illinois in double OT

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan 18, (AP): Sasha Stefanovic scored 22 points, including a go-ahead 3 at the start of double overtime that sent No. 4 Purdue over No. 17 Illinois.

Illinois guards Andre Curbelo and Alfonso Plummer made baskets in the final seconds of regulation and the first overtime before the Boilermakers (15-2,



Purdue's Zach Edey (15) and Illinois' Kofi Cockburn vie for position under the basket during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Jan 17, in Champaign, Ill. (AP)

Boilermakers center Zach Edey was effective, especially early on, finishing with 20 points on 9-for-14 shooting to go along with eight rebounds. He also helped limit Kofi Cockburn to 10 points on 3-of-9 shooting in 22 minutes before the Illinois center fouled out early in the first overtime.

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4-2 Big Ten) broke away. Purdue hit four straight shots to take an 89-83 lead with 1:03 left in double overtime. Eric Hunter Jr. had two of those baskets.

Stefanovic went 5 of 8 on 3-point tries and also had eight rebounds. His last-second shot from long range fell short as the regulation buzzer sounded. Plummer led the Illini (13-4, 6-1) with 24 points, shooting 6 of 12 on 3s. His layup with 9 seconds left in the first overtime made it 78-all.

Curbelo, who had missed 11 games after being injured, had 20 points, six rebounds and three assists. His basket with 14 seconds remaining in regulation



Phoenix Suns guard Devin Booker (1) drives around San Antonio Spurs guard Devin Vassell (24) during the second half of an NBA basketball game on Jan 17, in San Antonio. (AP)

points to lead the Thunder, who have dropped seven of their last eight games.

Heat 104, Raptors 99

In Miami, Tyler Herro scored 23 points, Jimmy Butler got a triple-double in the game's final moment and Miami held off Toronto. Bam Adebayo, in his first game back after missing six weeks following thumb surgery, scored 14 points and made a pair of free throws with 8.5 seconds remaining.

Butler finished with 19 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds - the last of those coming as time was expiring, when Fred VanVleet's 3-point try missed.

Hornets 97, Knicks 87

In New York, Miles Bridges scored a career-high 38 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, leading the Charlotte Hornets to a 97-87 victory over the New York Knicks.

Terry Rozier added 22 points. He and Bridges combined to outscore the Knicks by themselves in the first half as Charlotte bounced back nicely from a loss to Orlando that ended its four-game winning streak. The Hornets played without LaMelo Ball.

Grizzlies 119, Bulls 106

In Memphis, Tenn., Desmond Bane and Ja Morant scored 25 points each, and Memphis dominated short-handed Chicago.

Brandon Clarke added 15 points and seven rebounds in the main event of the 20th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. The Grizzlies have won 12 of their last 13. DeMar DeRozan led the Bulls with 24 points and five assists, while Coby White finished with 16 points, six rebounds and five assists. Chicago lost its fourth straight.

Cavaliers 114, Nets 107

In Cleveland, Darius Garland strengthened his All-Star case with 22 points and 12 assists, leading Cleveland over Brooklyn.

Isaac Okoro added 15 points and Jarrett Allen had 14 and 10 rebounds for the Cavs, who won their fifth straight.

Kyrie Irving scored 27 points in his fourth game of the season and James Harden added 22 for Brooklyn, which was playing its first game since superstar Kevin Durant, the NBA's leading scorer, sprained his left knee. He's expected to be out several weeks.

Wizards 117, 76ers 98

In Washington, Kyle Kuzma had 15 points and 16 rebounds, and Bradley Beal added 13 points in his return from a three-game absence to lift Washington over Philadelphia.

Washington coach Wes Unseld Jr. missed a second straight game after entering health and safety protocols. Assistant Pat Delany, who coached the team Saturday, also entered the protocols, forcing assistant Joseph Blair to take over for this game.

Celtics 104, Pelicans 92

In Boston, Jayson Tatum scored 27 points and Boston erased an 18-point first-half deficit with a win over New Orleans.

Tatum scored 21 in the second half to help Boston rally for its fifth win in six games.

Dennis Schröder and Jaylen Brown each had 23 points, Al Horford scored 12 and Grant Williams 10 for Boston. Tatum and Brown each had eight rebounds and Schröder added nine assists with five boards.

Trail Blazers 98, Magic 88

In Orlando, Fla., CJ McCollum scored 16 points in his first game back from a collapsed lung. Jusuf Nurkic added 21 points and a season-best 22 rebounds, and Portland beat Orlando.

McCollum missed 17 games over six weeks after being injured Dec. 4. The ninth-year pro started Monday but played on a minutes restriction. He made 7 of 13 shots and 2 of 4 3-pointers in 28 minutes.

Portland beat the Magic for a 10th straight time dating to Jan. 13, 2017.

Clippers 139, Pacers 133

In Los Angeles, Nicolas Batum scored a season-high 32 points, Reggie Jackson added 26 points and Los Angeles beat Indiana in a matchup of sub-.500 teams.

Marcus Morris had 21 points for the Clippers, who snapped a two-game skid with their highest-scoring game of the season. Batum and Jackson combined to score 33 of their team's 35 points in the fourth.

Oly discus great Rink Babka dies

LOS ANGELES, Jan 18, (AP): Richard "Rink" Babka, a former world record holder who was part of a U.S. medals sweep in the discus at the 1960 Rome Olympics, has died. He was 85.

Babka died Saturday of congestive heart failure in a hospital, according to the University of Southern California, which was informed by his partner, Sharon.

Al Oerter and Babka were gold-medal favorites at the Rome Games. Babka defeated Oerter at the U.S. trials and tied the world record of 196.55 feet (59.91 meters) a month before the Olympics.

At the Games, Oerter broke his own Olympic record in the second set of qualifying round throws at 191.69 feet (58.43 meters). Babka exceeded the old mark three times



Babka

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and American teammate Dick Cochran did so once in the final. But only Oerter was able to lower his mark again with a throw of 194.16 feet (59.18 meters) to earn the gold.

Babka took silver and Cochran earned bronze to complete a U.S. podium sweep.

Born Richard Aldrich Babka on Sept. 23, 1936, in Cheyenne, Wyoming, he starred in football, basketball, baseball, and track and field at Palo Alto High in Northern California before graduating in 1954. He attended nearby Menlo College before going to USC.

Asian championship kicks off

Kuwait brush aside Jordan

RIYADH, Jan 18, (KUNA): Kuwait's national handball team comfortably defeated Jordan 42-31 as the Asian championship kicked off in Saudi Arabia's eastern city of Dammam.

The Jordanians managed to take an early lead in the first half, only for the Kuwaiti side to turn things around in



Action shot taken during the Asian handball championship. KUNA photo

the second half and earn a well-deserved victory.

The action-packed first day will also feature other matches including Iraq versus the United Arab Emirates, while host nation Saudi Arabia would take on India after a lavish opening ceremony.

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