

WARRIORS STAY ON TRACK FOR HISTORY

OAKLAND: Stephen Curry scored 33 points as the Golden State Warriors stayed on track to make more history Wednesday night with a 114-98 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers. Klay Thompson added 32 points with seven 3-pointers, Curry drew a rare technical in the fourth, and Harrison Barnes had 11 points and six rebounds as Golden State (64-7) stayed one game ahead of the 1995-96 Bulls' pace in their record 72-win season. The Warriors won their 51st straight regular-season home game, improving to 33-0 this season at rockin' Oracle Arena - where the fans let the rival Clippers have it at every opportunity. DeAndre Jordan scored 19 points for the Clippers, swept by Golden State for the first time since dropping all six meetings in 1985-86.

SPURS 112, HEAT 88

Kawhi Leonard matched his career high with 32 points before leaving with a bruised quadriceps as San Antonio beat Miami to remain perfect at home. San Antonio has won its first 36 home games, leaving the Spurs a game shy of matching the record set by Chicago in 1995-96. The Spurs have won 45 consecutive regular-season games at home over two seasons. Leonard's injury could have put a damper on the team's 60th overall victory, but it did not appear serious. He left with 6:01 remaining in the third quarter completing a three-point play after being fouled on a driving layup by Justise Winslow. Josh Richardson led Miami with 17 points and Dwyane Wade added 16.

CAVALIERS 113, BUCKS 104

LeBron James scored 26 points and Kevin Love added 24 in Cleveland's victory over Milwaukee. Kyrie Irving flirted with a triple-double on his 24th birthday, finishing with 16 points, eight rebounds and eight assists. Tristan Thompson added 13 points and 10 rebounds to help Cleveland maintain its grip on the top seed in the Eastern Conference. However, the Cavs didn't put the Bucks away until the final minute, when J.R. Smith's 3-pointer with 20 seconds left put Cleveland ahead 111-102. Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 24 points for the Bucks.

SUNS 119, LAKERS 107

Kobe Bryant said farewell to Phoenix, scoring 17 points cheered on by a loud, pro-Lakers crowd in a loss to the Suns. Bryant played for the 47th and final time in Phoenix, capping his career finale in the desert with a pair of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter. The 37-year-old five-time NBA champion left the game with 1:05 to play, hugging the Suns' P.J. Tucker and waving to the cheering crowd as he headed to the bench. Devin Booker, the Suns' 19-year-old rookie, scored 28 points in his one and only game against Bryant, who sat out the previous three meetings against Phoenix this season. Brandon Knight added 25 points, and Jon Leuer had 23 points and a career-high 14 rebounds.

PISTONS 118, MAGIC 102

Andre Drummond had 30 points and 14 rebounds, as Detroit led all the way to beat Orlando. Chasing their first postseason appearance since 2009, the Pistons have won four straight, and they still have four games to go on their nine-game homestand. Detroit shot 54 percent from the field and 11 of 24 from 3-point range. Tobias Harris scored 18 points for the Pistons against his former team, and Reggie Jackson added 16 points and nine assists. Elfrid Payton had 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for Orlando.



OAKLAND: Stephen Curry #30 of the Golden State Warriors goes up for a shot against Austin Rivers #25 and DeAndre Jordan #6 of the Los Angeles Clippers at ORACLE Arena. — AFP

TRAIL BLAZERS 109, MAVERICKS 103

Damian Lillard had 27 points and six assists and Ed Davis scored all of his 16 points in the first half to help Portland beat Dallas. Maurice Harkless, starting for just the fourth time all season, and C.J. McCollum each added 14 points for the Blazers. Former Blazers guard Wesley Matthews led the Mavericks with 22 points. Salah Mejri, making his fourth start of the season, added 14 points and 12 rebounds, and Dirk Nowitzki scored 21 points. Dallas fell into a tie with Utah for seventh in the West.

JAZZ 89, ROCKETS 87

Derrick Favors' dunk with 1.6 seconds left lifted Utah past Houston. Gordon Hayward had 22 points, and Favors added 17 for Utah. The Jazz trailed by as many as 18 in the second half before rallying for their first lead of the game with about 4 minutes left. After Favors' dunk, James Harden's 3-point attempt

bounced off the rim. Harden finished with 26 points, 10 assists, seven rebounds and a career-high eight steals.

CELTICS 91, RAPTORS 79

Isaiah Thomas scored 23 points and Evan Turner added 17 as Boston beat Toronto. Avery Bradley had 16 points and eight rebounds to help the Celtics win their third consecutive game. DeMar DeRozan led the Raptors with 21 points. Point guard Kyle Lowry sat out, resting a sore right elbow. Toronto had a four-game winning streak snapped and fell 2 1/2 games behind Cleveland for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

KNICKS 115, BULLS 107

Rookie Kristaps Porzingis matched his season high with 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds while Carmelo Anthony added 24 to help New York beat Chicago. In the front

end of back-to-back with the Knicks, the Bulls dropped behind Detroit in the Eastern Conference standings for the eighth and final playoff spot. Nikola Mirotic scored a career-high 35 points for the Bulls.

NUGGETS 104, 76ERS 103

Emmanuel Mudiay made a 35-footer at the buzzer to finish with 27 points and give Denver a victory over Philadelphia. Mudiay, who also had 11 rebounds, was sandwiched between two defenders and nearly lost the ball before regaining control and launching the winning shot. Nikola Jokic and Gary Harris added 18 points apiece. TJ McConnell had 17 points for the 76ers. The game was played before a sparse crowd that braved daylong blizzard conditions.

HAWKS 122, WIZARDS 101

Reserve Dennis Schroder scored 23 points and Kyle Korver connected on five 3-pointers as Atlanta beat Washington to split the home-and-home series. Atlanta made a season-high 17 3s to keep pace in a competitive Eastern Conference playoff picture. Paul Millsap scored 17, Korber had 15, and Al Horford 13. Marcus Thornton led Washington with 23 points. The Wizards beat the Hawks 117-102 in Atlanta on Monday night.

TIMBERWOLVES 113, KINGS 104.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 26 points, 11 rebounds and four blocks to lead Minnesota past Sacramento. Zach LaVine scored all 23 of his points in the second half, Andrew Wiggins also had 23 and the Timberwolves overcame a sluggish start to get just their second home victory of the month. They shot 56 percent and had 29 assists to overcome 18-for-32 shooting at the free throw line. Rajon Rondo had 25 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds, but the Kings sorely missed star center DeMarcus Cousins, who missed the game with a bruised right knee. — AP

NBA results/standings

Cleveland 113, Milwaukee 104; Atlanta 122, Washington 101; Boston 91, Toronto 79; Detroit 118, Orlando 102; NY Knicks 115, Chicago 107; Utah 89, Houston 87; Minnesota 113, Sacramento 104; San Antonio 112, Miami 88; Denver 104, Philadelphia 103; Phoenix 119, LA Lakers 107; Portland 109, Dallas 103; Golden State 114, LA Clippers 98.

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Atlantic Division					Northwest Division				
	W	L	PCT	GB		W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	48	22	.686	-	Oklahoma City	49	22	.690	-
Boston	42	30	.583	7	Portland	37	35	.514	12.5
NY Knicks	29	43	.403	20	Utah	35	36	.493	14
Brooklyn	19	51	.271	29	Denver	30	42	.417	19.5
Philadelphia	9	63	.125	40	Minnesota	23	48	.324	26
Central Division					Pacific Division				
Cleveland	51	20	.718	-	Golden State	64	7	.901	-
Indiana	37	33	.529	13.5	LA Clippers	43	27	.614	20.5
Detroit	38	34	.528	13.5	Sacramento	27	44	.380	37
Chicago	36	34	.514	14.5	Phoenix	20	51	.282	44
Milwaukee	30	42	.417	21.5	LA Lakers	15	56	.211	49
Southeast Division					Southwest Division				
Atlanta	42	30	.583	-	San Antonio	60	11	.845	-
Miami	41	30	.577	0.5	Memphis	41	31	.569	19.5
Charlotte	41	30	.577	0.5	Dallas	35	36	.493	25
Washington	35	36	.493	6.5	Houston	35	37	.486	25.5
Orlando	29	42	.408	12.5	New Orleans	26	44	.371	33.5