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NBA-best Celtics overpower Mavs as Hawks thump Kings

Williamson powers New Orleans Pelicans to victory

WASHINGTON: Jayson Tatum scored 37 points and grabbed 13 rebounds Wednesday to spark the NBA-leading Boston Celtics to a 125-112 victory over visiting Dallas despite 42 points from Luka Doncic. The Celtics, whose nine-game win streak was snapped Monday at Chicago, bounced back by dominating the Mavericks, improving to 7-1 in Boston and an NBA-best 14-4 overall.

"I think we were locked in from the beginning," Tatum said. "Losing to Chicago made us regroup and refocus. We just knew they were a really talented team. Luka is the head of the snake. It was good to come home and get back in the win column." It was Tatum's 10th career game with 35 points and 10 rebounds. He made 11-of-24 from the floor and 13-of-15 from the free throw line.

In a showdown of early season NBA Most Valuable Player candidates, league scoring leader Doncic countered with a game-high point total on 17-of-28 shooting and five-of-9 from the line. The Slovenian guard also had nine assists and eight rebounds. "Everybody knows how talented and special he is," Tatum said. "He can do so many things on the court. He's somebody I respect and like competing against."

The Celtics led 70-49 at halftime and by double figures from late in the first quarter until Doncic sparked a late rally to pull Dallas within 114-105 with 3:43 remaining. Al Horford answered with a 3-pointer to ignite a 10-2 Boston run and Dallas never came within 13 again. The Sacramento Kings saw their seven-game win streak snapped as Trae Young scored 35 points to lead the host Atlanta Hawks to a 115-106 victory. Domantas Sabonis had 15 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists to spark Sacramento (10-7). Clint Capela pulled down 14 rebounds for the Hawks (11-7).

Donovan Mitchell scored 34 points to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers over Portland 114-96 and stretch their win streak to four games. The Cavs improved to 8-1 at home and 12-6 overall as Darius Garland had 24 points and 12 assists while Jarrett Allen added 24 points and 13 rebounds. DeMar DeRozan scored 36 points and added eight assists to lead the Chicago Bulls over host Milwaukee 118-113, dropping the Bucks to 12-5 despite 36 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists from Giannis Antetokounmpo.

T-Wolves defeat Pacers

Karl-Anthony Towns had 23 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists while Rudy Gobert contributed 21 points and 16 rebounds in Minnesota's 115-101 victory at Indiana. Myles Turner scored a game-high 31 points for the Pacers, whose five-game win streak ended. Zion Williamson scored 32 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to power the New Orleans Pelicans to a 129-110 victory at San Antonio. He shot 14-of-18 from the floor and 4-of-8 from the free throw line.

The Brooklyn Nets, humbled by a loss Tuesday to a Philadelphia team lacking three top starters, bounced back by winning at Toronto 112-98. Kyrie Irving scored 29 points, Ben Simmons and Nic Claxton each added 14 points and Kevin Durant had 12 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Brooklyn. The Denver Nuggets rallied from 13 points down in the fourth quarter to win in overtime at Oklahoma City 131-126. Nikola Jokic had a game-high 39 points plus 10 rebounds and nine assists for Denver and sank two clinching free throws with 8.3 seconds remaining in overtime. Bruce Brown had a triple-double with 17 points, 13 rebounds and 10 assists for the Nuggets while



BOSTON: Jayson Tatum #0 of the Boston Celtics tries to get between Spencer Dinwiddie #26 of the Dallas Mavericks and Josh Green during the second quarter at TD Garden on November 23, 2022. —AFP

Aaron Gordon had 30 points for Denver. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led the Thunder with 31 points.

Terry Rozier scored 22 points and PJ Washington added 19 to spark the Charlotte Hornets over visiting Philadelphia 107-101. At Miami, Kyle Lowry scored 28 points and Caleb Martin had 24 to power the host Heat over

Washington 113-105. Kyle Kuzma had a game-high 33 points for the Wizards. Croatian Bojan Bogdanovic scored 23 points to lead Detroit over host Utah 125-116 while Andrew Wiggins scored a season-high 31 to lead the defending NBA champion Golden State Warriors over the visiting Los Angeles Clippers 124-107. —AFP

George, Vunipola in revamped England front row

LONDON: Eddie Jones has overhauled his front row for England's Autumn Nations Series finale against South Africa at Twickenham on Saturday. The experienced pair of prop Mako Vunipola and hooker Jamie George have replaced Ellis Genge and Luke Cowan-Dickie in the starting XV, with England anticipating a huge challenge up front from the ever physical world champion Springboks. Vunipola and George impressed off the bench as England staged a remarkable rally to come from 19 points behind late on in a 25-25 draw with New Zealand last weekend and are among four changes to head coach Jones' run-on side.

Tommy Freeman has been selected for his first appearance since the tour of Australia in July, replacing Jack Nowell on the wing, while Alex Coles takes over from Sam Simmonds at blindside flanker. Powerful centre Manu Tuilagi is set to make the 50th appearance of an injury-plagued England career that started in 2011, with midfield colleague Owen Farrell again captaining the team. Jack van Poortvliet, an international novice, has retained his place at scrum-half despite struggling against the All Blacks, with Ben Youngs—England's most-capped player—on the bench.

Will Stuart remains among the replacements after coming off the bench to become the first England prop to score two tries with his extraordinary late double in the closing nine minutes against the All Blacks.

South Africa overwhelmed Jones' men 32-12 in the 2019 World Cup final in Yokohama but the most recent meeting between the teams was a much closer affair, with England edging out the Springboks 27-26 at Twickenham last year.

'Test ourselves'

England started their November campaign with a 30-29 defeat by Argentina before thrashing Japan 52-13 and Jones, after naming his team on Thursday, said: "This is our last game of the autumn and our chance to continue building on the improvements we have made throughout the matches."

"We have made steady progress from game-to-game, culminating in a pulsating draw against New Zealand." The veteran Australian coach added: "Now we have the chance to test ourselves against the might of the world champions." South Africa named their team on Tuesday, with coach Jacques Nienaber making four changes and the starting XV that thrashed Italy 63-21 in Genoa last weekend. With the game taking place outside World Rugby's official window for Test matches, the Springboks will be without Cheslin Kolbe, Andre Esterhuizen, Cobus Reinach, Jasper Wiese and Vincent Koch, who have all returned to their respective English and French clubs. But wing Makazole Mapimpi, one of the try-scoring heroes of their 2019 World Cup final triumph, has been recalled along with centre Jesse Kriel and forwards Evan Roos and Eben Etzebeth.

England (15-1). Freddie Steward; Tommy Freeman, Manu Tuilagi, Owen Farrell (capt), Jonny May; Marcus Smith, Jack van Poortvliet; Billy Vunipola, Tom Curry, Alex Coles; Jonny Hill, Maro Itoje; Kyle Sinckler, Jamie George, Mako Vunipola. - Replacements: Luke Cowan-Dickie, Ellis Genge, Will Stuart, David Ribbans, Sam Simmonds, Ben Youngs, David Slade, Jack Nowell. Coach: Eddie Jones (AUS). —AFP



19th straight win for ICSK

KUWAIT: 24th CBSE Kuwait Cluster Athletic Meet, hosted by The Indian Community School - Kuwait, was conducted with great zeal, excitement and enthusiasm at Shaabab Sporting Club, Ahmadi on 13th, 14th & 15th November 2022. More than 1,300 athletes from 22 different schools across Kuwait participated in the event.

The opening ceremony commenced with the recitation of Holy Quran by Shifa Mariam followed by the prayer song. This was followed by the Flag Hoisting. The National Flag of Kuwait was hoisted by Asha Sharma, Principal of Indian Learners Own Academy and T Premkumar, Principal of Indian Educational School. The National Flag of India was hoisted by Dr Anis Ahmed,

Principal of Salmiya Indian Model School and Dr Achuthan Madhav, Principal of Jabriya Indian School.

The crowd stood in attention position when the national anthems of Kuwait and India were sung. The CBSE flag was hoisted by Dr V Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK. It was indeed honorable to behold the March Past which included all the participating schools and the school band of ICSK. Rinkle Kalpesh administered the oath taking ceremony. Dr V Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK delivered the welcome address.

T Premkumar, Principal of Indian Educational School and Dr V Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK, inaugurated the meet by releasing the balloons. The Indian Community School, Kuwait were the overall champions in the CBSE Kuwait Cluster Athletic Meet for the record 19th straight year

with a lead score of 341 points.

The second position was secured by United Indian School with 307 points and the third position was won by Fahaheel Al Wataniya Indian Private School with 247 points. ICSK bagged the Championships in Under 14 Boys Category, Under 17 Boys Category and Under 17 Girls Category. Master Anand Arjun of Class 8 for Under 14 boys, Master Mohamed Sheeraz of Class 10 for Under 17 boys and Miss Saniya Shajanof Class 10 for Under 17 girls won the prestigious individual championships.

ICSK secured 13 Gold Medals, 19 Silver Medals and 12 Bronze Medals. We emerged victorious with the sheer commitment of the students along with the sincere efforts of the physical education teachers and supporting staff. The board of trustees, principals, vice principals and staff of ICSK family congratulated the athletes and

appreciated the efforts of the physical education teachers and the supporting staff, who worked vehemently for bringing this laurel to the school.

The closing ceremony was conducted on 15th November 2022. Maria Christy, Principal of Carmel School, delivered the welcome address. The prizes for the winners were distributed by the principals of different schools. Dr V Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK said the felicitation speech and also gave away the trophies for the overall winners. Dr Prashanth Vasudev, Principal of Gulf Indian School, delivered the vote of thanks. After the national anthem, the flags were lowered and were handed over to Dr Murugaiyan, Observer and HOD of Physical Education at Indian Educational School. Every championship victory has been an inspiration and the quest for the next one never stops.

Third round of URC Women Futsal League

KUWAIT: The third round of URC Women Futsal League will start on Saturday at Kuwait Club Hall. The first meeting will be between pointless Fatayat Al-Oyoun and Tadhamon (third place with 3 points) at 4:00 pm, followed by the leading Fatat Club (6 points) against second place Kuwait (with 3 points on goal difference). In the first match, coach Nouran Labeeb will attempt to get her team's first win after losing to Fatat and Kuwait.



KUWAIT: Kuwait Ambassador to Jordan Aziz Al-Daihani held a dinner in honor of Kuwait Women's Volleyball team members who are participating in the first West Asia Championship, hosted by Jordan. The dinner was also attended by President of Arab and Kuwait Volleyball Federations Dr Abdellhadi Al-Shabeeb. Meanwhile, Dr Al-Shabeeb appreciated the ambassador's gesture and his efforts.