

Sports

# Warriors rout Spurs 144-113 in front of record NBA crowd

LOS ANGELES: The Golden State Warriors were the stars of the party in San Antonio on Friday, cruising to a 144-113 victory over the Spurs before an NBA record crowd of 68,323 at the Alamodome. Jordan Poole led the defending champion Warriors with 25 points off the bench, and Donte DiVincenzo added 22 as Golden State's reserves came up big.

They were not the names that attracted the raucous crowd to the Alamodome—the Spurs' home from 1993 to 2002 before their move to the AT&T Center arena. But that hardly mattered as fans celebrated both teams and the sheer size of the crowd—which shattered the previous record attendance for a regular-season NBA game of 62,046, for a showdown between Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls and the Atlanta Hawks at the Georgia Dome on March 27, 1998.

The Spurs played the game at their old arena as part of the celebrations of the franchise's 50th-anniversary season. Old-school Spurs fans relished a chance to return to the 'Dome, but plenty of those in the crowd were drawn by Warriors star Stephen Curry and his teammates.

Curry scored 15 points on six-of-12 shooting. Klay Thompson and Andrew Wiggins had 16 apiece as eight Warriors players scored in double figures. It was a morale-boosting away win for the Warriors, who have struggled mightily on the road this season.

And it was an emotional night for Warriors coach Steve Kerr, who played four seasons in San Antonio and won two titles with the Spurs. "Just the presentation of the game was spectacular," said Kerr, who received a huge cheer before the game when the Spurs showed a video tribute to him.

"To get an ovation from 68,000 fans gives you chills." Curry called the atmosphere "amazing," as did Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who said he advised his young team "just to play the game and not worry about everything else."

Tre Jones led the Spurs with 21 points, and five San Antonio players scored in double figures. But Golden State led by five after the first quarter and never looked back. "The fans enjoyed themselves, even though we were getting our ass kicked," Popovich said. "They seemed to be having a hell of a time, so there must have been a lot of beer sales out there."

"It was a great night," he added. There was more on-court drama in Indianapolis, where Atlanta's John Collins tipped in the game-winner with seven-tenths of a second remaining in the Hawks' 113-111 victory over the Pacers.

Dejounte Murray's dunk put Atlanta up 108-107 with 2:08 to play. Benedict Mathurin answered with a basket that gave the Pacers the lead with 58 seconds remaining. Trae Young drained a three-pointer for Atlanta before two free throws from Indiana's Buddy Hield knotted the score at 111-111 with 21.5 seconds to play. There were 2.1 seconds on the clock when Murray managed to corral a miss from Young but couldn't get his own basket to drop. Collins grabbed that rebound and made the put-back basket—just his second of the night—for the win.

### Sabonis shines

In Sacramento, Domantas Sabonis delivered a triple-double of 19 points, 15 rebounds and 16 assists, along with two steals and two blocks, to lead the Kings in a 139-114 victory over the Houston



SAN ANTONIO: Malaki Branham #22 of the San Antonio Spurs drives to the basket during the game against the Golden State Warriors at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas. —AFP

Rockets. New York point guard Jalen Brunson continued his recent strong form, scoring 34 points—including four free throws in the final 14 seconds—in a 112-108 Knicks victory over the Wizards in Washington.

Julius Randle added 23 points and 16 rebounds

for the Knicks, who withstood a 40-point performance from Washington's Kyle Kuzma. Lauri Markkanen starred in Utah's 112-108 victory over the Orlando Magic, leading the Jazz with 28 points and blocking a three-point attempt by Franz Wagner with 5.8 seconds left. —AFP



BASRA: Kuwaiti and Bahraini players vie for the ball during the 25th Arabian Gulf Cup match played in Basra.

## Bahrain, Qatar to Gulf Cup semifinals

BASRA: Kuwait National Football Team is officially out of the 25th Arabian Gulf Cup after drawing a draw against Bahrain in the third round of Group B competitions.

The 1-1 match on Friday in Basra, took Kuwait out by goal difference with Qatar, who also qualified after a 1-1 result with UAE. Bahrain's Mahdi Humaidan scored in the 26th minute, while Shibeeb Al-Khaldi's header at the last breath of the first half put Kuwait on the scoring board. With today's results, Bahrain will meet Oman in the semifinals, while the host Iraq will go against Qatar. —KUNA

## Real Madrid still hungry for success

RIYADH: Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said his team are still hungry for success ahead of their Spanish Super Cup final showdown against rivals Barcelona on Sunday. The Catalans failed to win a trophy last season and are looking for their first since coach Xavi arrived in November 2021, while Real Madrid won a Champions League and La Liga double.

The sides meet in a Clásico at the King Fahd International Stadium in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and Ancelotti thinks his players will be equally motivated, despite their success. "We are talking about players that started winning in 2013, have kept winning and have never filled their stomachs and they never will fill them," Ancelotti told reporters Saturday.

"We are at a very demanding club that doesn't allow you to think your stomach is full." Madrid are the record 14 time-Champions League winners, with five of those trophies arriving from 2014 onwards.

"All titles are important for this club, titles give

motivation, confidence, there's a lot at stake in this game," continued Ancelotti. "We fight each day for this, to get to a final. The team is motivated and comfortable too, because we are used to playing under this type of pressure, that's why we have a lot of confidence."

Ancelotti has a fine record in finals, having lost just one of the last 10 in which his teams have competed in—against Atletico Madrid in the 2014 Spanish Super Cup. "Statistics are there to be changed," Barcelona coach Xavi told a news conference.

"It is a difficult game but I want to think positively. I have to remember that I have had a lot of luck too in finals. "We have to take stock of where we are, that we have Real Madrid in front of us is a huge motivation."

Real Madrid beat Valencia on penalties to reach the final on Wednesday, and a day later Barcelona triumphed against Real Betis on spot-kicks as well. Xavi was filmed shouting at his players during a team-talk in the break in extra-time against Betis.

"I would change myself for one of them, even one on the bench who was only getting a few minutes," said Xavi. "This is what you think about as a child, this is why we play, to show you're at a great level, to be important. —AFP

## Napoli crush Juventus to move 10 points clear

NAPLES: Napoli's dreams of a first Serie A title since the days of Diego Maradona are more alive than ever after thrashing Juventus 5-1 on Friday and moving 10 points clear at the summit. Luciano Spalletti's free-flowing team once again thrilled with a statement performance against their old rivals to stamp their authority on a title race which is increasingly looking like a one-team affair.

Victor Osimhen took his league tally for the season to 12 with a goal in each half while Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, Amir Rrahmani and Eljif Elmas netted the hosts' other goals to extend their advantage on both Juve and AC Milan. Champions Milan can cut the gap back to seven points with a win at Lecce on Saturday but the way Napoli dealt with Juve was the latest signal that southern Italy's biggest club are the real deal and ready to end a 33-year wait for a league crown.

Kvaratskhelia and Osimhen were devastating in attack, with the pair settling up each other's goals and causing havoc more or less from the first whistle against a team who before Friday had only conceded seven league goals in 17 matches. "It was a brilliant night," said Osimhen to DAZN.

"I'm happy for the team and I'm happy as well to contribute to it with two goals and an assist. We want to keep this momentum. "The road is still long, we just want to continue to win our games... at the end of the season I think we have a good chance." Juve had come into the match at a packed Stadio Maradona on a run of eight straight wins in which they hadn't conceded, making them title contenders despite a dismal start to the season.

Instead Massimiliano Allegri's team left Naples with their tails between their legs after conceding five goals in a Serie A match for the first time since May 1993. "When you make errors like we did against a team like Napoli, you are going to be punished. They are the league leaders and deserve to be where they are," said Allegri.

### Osimhen double

Napoli got stuck into Juventus right from the off, pressing high up the pitch and stopping the away side from building any play. Osimhen couldn't quite get on the end of Kim Min-Jae's long ball in the 12th minute but the Nigeria international was not to be denied and two minutes later gave the hosts a deserved lead.

Matteo Politano's cross found its way to Kvaratskhelia, whose acrobatic volley was brilliantly saved by Wojciech Szczesny but then fell right to Osimhen who nodded in from close range. Juve looked like they were about to be blown away but to their credit responded to the initial bombardment and got a foothold in the game. The Maradona had its collective heart in its mouth in the 21st minute when Angel Di Maria gobbled up a dreadful Rrahmani pass and let rip with a distance effort that skimmed off the top of the bar.

Arkadiusz Milik and Bremer both went close with headers but with Juve apparently in the ascendency Kvaratskhelia rolled Napoli two ahead in the 39th minute after Bremer bungled a high ball and Osimhen turned provider for the Georgian wing wizard.

Juve pulled one back almost immediately through their best player Di Maria, whose precision low finish punished panicky Napoli defending. And Napoli had Alex Meret to thank for their half-time lead after the Italian tipped away Rrahmani's odd attempt at clearing Federico Chiesa's inswinging cross. —AFP



NAPLES: Napoli's players celebrate after winning the Italian Serie A football match between Napoli and Juventus at the Diego-Maradona stadium in Naples. —AFP

### Today's matches

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Newcastle United v FC Fulham		17:00
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Chelsea v Crystal Palace		17:00
beIN Sports 2 HD Premium		
beIN Sports Connect		
Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal		19:30
beIN Sports 1 HD Premium		
beIN Sports HD 1 English		
SPANISH LEAGUE		
Getafe CF v RCD Espanyol		16:00
beIN Sports HD 1		
beIN Sports HD 2 English		
UD Almeria v Atletico de Madrid		18:15
beIN Sports HD 1		
beIN Sports HD 2 English		
ITALIAN CALCIO LEAGUE		
US Sassuolo Calcio v SS Lazio		14:30
AD SPORTS Premium 1		
Atalanta v Salernitana		20:00
AD SPORTS Premium 1		
AS Roma v ACF Fiorentina		22:45
AD SPORTS Premium 1		
FRENCH LEAGUE		
LOSC Lille v ES Troyes AC		15:00
beIN Sports HD 2		
beIN Sports Connect		
Angers SCO v Clermont Foot 63		17:00
beIN Sports HD 3		
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HSC Montpellier v FC Nantes		17:00
beIN Sports HD 2		
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OStade de Reims v OGC Nice		17:00
beIN Sports HD 6		
beIN Sports Connect		
Toulouse FC v Stade brestois		17:00
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AS Monaco v AC Ajaccio		19:05
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Stade Rennais FC v Paris Saint-Germain		22:45
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beIN Sports Connect		

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Amiri Hospital	22450005
Maternity Hospital	24843100
Mubarak Al-Kabir Hospital	25312700
Chest Hospital	24849400
Farwaniya Hospital	24892010

Adan Hospital	23940620
Ibn Sina Hospital	24840300
Al-Razi Hospital	24846000
Physiotherapy Hospital	24874330/9

#### Clinics

Kaizen center	25716707
Rawda	22517733

Adaliya	22517144
Khaldiya	24848075
Kaifan	24849807
Shamiya	24848913
Shuwaikh	24814507
Abdullah Salem	22549134
Nuzha	22526804
Industrial Shuwaikh	24814764
Qadsiya	22515088

Dasmah	22532265
Bneid Al-Gar	22531908
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