

Malone's 32 points fires Bullets past Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Moses Malone scored 32 points, including 17 in the third period, to lead the Washington Bullets to a 133-108 romp over the San Antonio Spurs Wednesday night.

The Bullets are now 25-22 for the year, while the Spurs, after winning seven straight prior to the All-Star break, have lost two in a row and are now 18-31.

The Spurs, who trailed 67-57 at the half, pulled to within 89-82 with two minutes remaining in the third period only to be outscored 19-7 over the next five and a half minutes.

After that San Antonio could get no closer than 12 points. Guard Jeff Malone had 24 for Washington.

Walter Berry's 24 led the Spurs.

The two Malones got things started early with Jeff firing away from the outside to score 18 in the first half. Moses, meanwhile, controlled the inside and finished the half with 14 points.

The Bullets had outscored San Antonio 10-2 midway through the first quarter to go up 41-29 after the first period. Moses Malone contributed defensively as well, pulling down a team-high 12 rebounds.

"This was probably our best game of the year," Washington Coach Kevin Loughery said. "Mo and Jeff set the trend for us in the first quarter and carried it through. Our team was well-rested, and I'm sure the extra couple of days helped Mo and Jeff."

The Bullets had been practicing in San Antonio since Monday after the All-Star game.

"The Spurs were playing back-to-back and we came and played our game," Malone said. "Playing back-to-back is tough, especially when the other team is waiting in your back yard."

The Bullets committed just five turnovers in the game.

Knight signs contract with Baltimore

BALTIMORE (AP) — Ray Knight, rebuffed on the free agent market, reluctantly agreed to contract terms Wednesday with the Baltimore Orioles.

The 34-year-old third baseman, paid \$600,000 by the New York Mets last season when he was named the Most Valuable Player in the World Series, accepted an offer of \$475,000 for a one-year contract.

Should Knight reach various goals, however, he could earn another \$125,000 in incentive bonuses and automatically kick in an option year.

Knight is the second prominent free agent to come to terms with a new team this year. Former Orioles catcher Rick Dempsey, the Series MVP in 1983, recently signed with the Cleveland Indians. However, the big names such as Tim Lincecum, Andre Dawson, Rich Gedman, Ron Gaudy and Bob Horner remain at large.

SMU won't appeal if given 'death penalty'

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University, whose football program could become the first to face the NCAA's "death penalty," will neither appeal nor contest any rulings or findings by the Committee on Infractions, the school's interim president said Wednesday.

In a statement issued before departing for Coronado, Calif., to appear before the NCAA panel Friday, William Stallcup also said the school will ask that it be allowed to levy its own "severe sanctions" for improprieties in its football program.

The school was called before the committee after allegations surfaced that it paid a football player after its football program was placed on probation in August 1985 for NCAA violations.

Stallcup, along with Lonnie Kliever, faculty representative to the

NCAA, will head the delegation to California, which will report the university's findings and propose penalties evolving from its three-month investigation of the SMU football program.

The NCAA began its probe of SMU's football program after Dallas television station WFAA broadcast a report Nov. 13 in which David Stanley said he was given \$25,000 to sign with the Mustangs.

The former linebacker also said he was paid \$750 a month by an SMU official from 1983 until he left school in December 1985.

Two days after the broadcast, the Dallas Morning News reported that senior tight end Albert Reese was living in an apartment provided without charge by an SMU booster.

Athletic director Bob Hitch suspended Reese from the last two

games of the 1986 season. Resignations of Hitch, football Coach Bobby Collins and university President L. Donald Shields followed the allegations.

SMU, which has been on probation four times in the last 11 years and six times since 1958, is the first school that could face the NCAA "death penalty," meaning the school faces the possible loss of its football program.

SMU voted against the new "death penalty" measure when it was adopted less than two years ago on a 427-6 vote. It set minimum penalties for institutions which repeatedly violate NCAA rules.

Penalties are subject to exceptions authorized by the Committee on Infractions, but otherwise would include a one or two-season suspension of the team and its coaches.

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throw, the score was tied at 46.

With 1:29 left in the game, with the score even at 54, Holloway hit a layup, but again the bucket was called back for traveling.

Texas then brought the ball down court, and after working the 45-second clock down to six seconds, Wayne Thomas put up an off balance shot that was rebounded by Clifford. But Thomas, following his shot down the baseline, stole the ball from Clifford and hit a layup for a 56-54 lead with 33 seconds left.

After an A&M timeout, A&M worked the ball into Crite, who hit a 12-foot leaver; but he was also called for charging into Dennis Perryman. The bucket counted, and Texas,

who was in the bonus, was sent down to shoot a one-and-one. The officials, however, put Raynard Davis, an 89.5 percent shooter at the line. His first shot went off the left side of the rim and the Aggies gained control.

"I was scared because I thought he'd make it," A&M's Winston Crite said. "Coach Metcalf told us he was their best free-throw shooter. But we hung together to get the win."

The Aggies took the ball down the floor and cleared the lane for junior guard Darryl McDonald, who drove the left side and hit the 12-foot jumper.

Texas then threw a lob pass down court that went off of Todd Holloway's hands with 2 seconds left. With

two seconds remaining, the Longhorns inbounded to Fairs, who scored 14 of his 20 points in the second half. He could not get his 3-point shot off in time, however, and the Aggies had their 13th win of the season.

"It was probably as good as man-to-man defense as we have played against this season, but everyone played hard," Metcalf said. "That is the thing about this team. Even through this tough streak, the guys have continued to work hard in practice."

The Aggies shot 55.8 percent from the field for the game and are now 13-9 overall and 5-6 in the SWC.

NHL All-Stars slip past Soviets 4-3 in first game of Rendezvous '87

QUEBEC (AP) — Philadelphia's Dave Poulin scored with 1:15 left as the NHL All-Stars defeated the Soviet Union national team 4-3 Wednesday night with a brilliant defensive performance in the opening game of Rendezvous '87.

Pittsburgh's Mario Lemieux grabbed the puck at center ice, skated down the left wing and into the right faceoff circle and shot from there. Poulin, standing in the goalmouth, deflected the puck past Soviet goalie Evgeny Belosheikin.

The goal topped a superb performance by the NHL's penalty-killing units, which allowed only one shot to the Soviets in four power-play opportunities. Edmonton goaltender Grant Fuhr played a big part in the victory with several spectacular saves while stopping 21 Soviet shots.

A little more than 10 minutes before, the Soviets had quieted the crowd of 15,300 at Le Colisee with a score by Anatoli Semenov at 8:04.

The NHL led 1-0 after the first period on a goal by Jari Kurri and a strong defense that totally smothered the high-powered Soviets.

Glenn Anderson, Kurri's teammate with the Edmonton Oilers, made it 2-0 late in the second period before the Soviets closed to 2-1 on a goal by Alexei Kasatonov.

The NHL's 2-1 lead after two periods was wiped out on a goal by Viacheslav Bykov early in the third session before Hartford's Kevin Dineen restored the NHL's one-goal lead at 7:03.

The NHL game plan was to get off to a fast start, or at least play the Soviets even for one period.

They more than accomplished that mission.

Despite a defensive corps weakened by injury, the NHL completely overpowered the Soviets, allowing them only five shots on goal through the first 20 minutes.

The most impressive performance for the NHL All-Stars was their smothering work on the Soviets' power play. The Soviets had two manpower advantages in the first period, but were unable to get a shot off on either one. In one of the power-play situations, the only shot on goal came from Edmonton's Mark Messier.

A lot of the good defensive work was provided by Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky, who was in charge of the puck for the NHL in both power-play situations.

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