

Malone leads West to big All Star win

HOUSTON (AP) — Playing without the real Magic, Karl Malone and John Stockton created some magic of their own Sunday, carrying the West to a 143-134 victory over the East in the NBA All-Star Game.

Stockton, the only point guard on the West team after scheduled starter Magic Johnson was injured on Wednesday night, directed a record-breaking attack in the first half, leading to a record All-Star crowd at the Astrodome.

The West led by as many as 31 points en route to an 87-59 halftime lead, breaking by one the All-Star record for points in a half set by the West in 1962. The East got as close as seven in the fourth quarter before faltering.

Stockton had an All-Star record nine assists in the first quarter, breaking Johnson's 1984 mark of eight, although he didn't play the last 3:18.

Malone, Stockton's Utah Jazz teammate, scored 18 of his 28 points in the first half and was 8-for-9 from the field in the first two periods, most of them on dunks or feathery layups. Malone was selected the game's Most Valuable Player.

Dale Ellis scored 27 points and Alex English 16 for the West. Stockton finished with 11 points and 17 assists.

Michael Jordan scored 12 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter to lead the East, which still leads the All-Star series 25-14. The East had won seven of the previous nine games. Isiah Thomas added 19 points and 14 assists for the East.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, in his 20th and last season, appeared in his 18th All-Star Game, missing his first five shots and scoring four points. He set the career All-Star scoring record last year.

The attendance of 44,735 broke

the All-Star record of 43,146 set at the Indianapolis Hoosier Dome in 1985. It was the largest NBA crowd ever away from the Pontiac Silverdome, which has the four largest ever.

The West broke away from a 12-12 tie by outscoring the East 35-19 in the last 8:14 of the first period.

The spurt started with a 13-2 run during which Malone scored six consecutive points and Ellis five.

With Stockton out, the West offense hardly slowed down. Chris Mullin, a 6-foot-7 forward, took over at point guard, but got help bringing the ball upcourt from 6-10 Tom Chambers, who scored 12 points in 5:14, helping the West increase its margin to 57-33 with 8:44 left in the first half.

Only the outside shooting of Ellis and English, who had 10 points in the first quarter, kept the game from being a complete fastbreak, slam-

dunk fest for the West.

While the West was blowing by them, the East players couldn't get in synch. Their most memorable play was on a botched alley-oop bounce pass by Thomas in the first quarter.

With the East missing 10 of 14 free throws in the second period, the West expanded its lead to 76-45 before settling for a 28-point halftime bulge.

The East rallied in the third period as Thomas directed the offense and scored eight points himself.

The West saw the East narrow the margin to 109-96 late in the third period on a dunk by Moses Malone, finishing off an 11-0 run.

The West scored six consecutive points after that for a 115-96 advantage, but the East responded with a 20-8 run, making its deficit only 123-116 with 5:56 left.

Ellis then scored five points and Malone four in less than a minute's time to put the game out of reach.

East squad rallies in wake of blowout

HOUSTON (AP) — Two players do not an NBA All-Star team make, no more than one half does an All-Star game make.

Charles Barkley and Michael Jordan rallied the East squad from a 31-point deficit, but it wasn't enough as the West won 143-134 on Sunday.

"The fans got a little relaxed in the first half because we came out sluggish and fell so far behind," said Jordan, who scored 12 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter. "It was a little embarrassing. The team seemed a little lackadaisical and didn't do much in the first half. But we did make a comeback."

The West led 74-45 with 3:53 left in the first half and 87-59 at halftime. Even though the gap was too much to overcome, Barkley felt drawing closer was enough.

"As long as I get my \$2 million a year, I'm not going to worry about being embarrassed," said Barkley, who scored 17 points. "We just didn't want to get beat bad. If they had beaten us bad it would have been embarrassing but we came back and made it respectable."

Jordan and Detroit's Isiah Thomas provided one of the biggest crowd-pleasing plays late in the first half when Thomas got the ball on a breakaway. Although he was all alone for the basket, Thomas instead bounced the ball off the backboard and Jordan followed behind with a slam dunk.

"Isiah told me to be ready so I knew he was going to do something," Jordan said. "After I saw the

ball come off the backboard it was easy to follow up. I just let my athletic ability take over."

Karl Malone of the Utah Jazz scored 28 points and was named Most Valuable Player. He was joined by teammates John Stockton, who had 17 assists, and Mark Eaton.

West coach Pat Riley of the Los Angeles Lakers used three plays from the Utah playbook to jazz things up.

"Pat put in three plays from Utah because our three guys could run them so well," Malone said. "John deserves half of this award."

Stockton wouldn't take any credit.

"Whether I was leading the break or someone else was, he was still the Mailman," Stockton said. "He did it on his own."

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar got the biggest response from the record 44,735 crowd. Abdul-Jabbar, a replacement for the injured Magic Johnson, played 13 minutes, scored four points and got two rebounds.

"I can deal with it without being sad," Abdul-Jabbar said of his final All-Star game. "I was happy just to be here and be a part of it plus we won for a change."

Dale Ellis of Seattle completed a successful weekend with 27 points for the West. He also won \$20,000 in Saturday's long-distance shootout.

"It's nice to be an All-Star, but it's not that important," Ellis said. "I thought it was important to get off to a good start but I'm never satisfied. I'm always trying to get better."

King leads Oklahoma past top-ranked Arizona, Carolina rolls over Cavs

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Oklahoma 82, Arizona 80

Fifth-ranked Oklahoma got 24 points from Stacey King and made crucial free throws in the closing minute Sunday to beat top-ranked Arizona 82-80 at Norman, Okla., and set up a possible return to the No. 1 spot.

King scored 17 points in the second half when the Sooners — who beat third-ranked Missouri Thursday — overcame a seven-point deficit.

Oklahoma, which outscored the Wildcats 30-12 from 3-point range, improved to 21-3 and ran its home court winning streak to 27 games. Arizona, despite 26 points by Sean Elliott, fell to 18-3 and saw its 10-game winning streak end.

The Wildcats' loss opened the way for a new No. 1 team for the fifth straight week.

One free throw by Mookie Blaylock with 33 seconds remaining gave the Sooners a 78-75 lead. Blaylock missed his second try, but teammate William Davis grabbed the rebound and was fouled.

Davis then sank two free throws, making the score 80-75 with 30 seconds left.

After Elliott made a jumper to bring the Wildcats within 80-77, Blaylock was fouled with 14 seconds remaining and made both ends of

the one-and-one situation to secure the victory.

North Carolina 85, Virginia 67

Steve Bucknall scored 19 points as No. 6 North Carolina beat Virginia 85-67 Sunday at Chapel Hill, N.C., avenging a 106-83 loss to the Cavaliers last month.

North Carolina, 19-5 and 6-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference, made eight of its first 11 shots while Virginia made just two of its first 12. The Cavaliers, 13-8 and 5-4, never got the deficit below seven points after that.

Virginia made its only serious run by scoring six straight points, five by Bryant Stith, to get within 49-42 with 14:46 remaining. North Carolina came back with a 9-1 run.

Longhorns slaughter UCLA Bruins

AUSTIN (AP) — Craig Newkirk went 4-for-5 and knocked in three runs as the Texas Longhorns completed a sweep of UCLA with a 14-4 win over the Bruins Sunday afternoon.

The Longhorns remain unbeaten on the year at 5-0, while UCLA dropped to 2-4. Texas defeated the Bruins 6-3 Saturday and 4-3 Friday in the first meeting between the two teams.

The game was delayed twice — once after Texas All-American pitcher Kirk Dressendorfer beamed UCLA's Paul Ellis in the back of the head and the Bruins' bench, including coach Gary Adams, spilled onto the field in protest.

The second time, home plate umpire Tom Jenkins had to return to the locker room to check on a rule involving an interference call at second on a double play.

In his second outing of the season, Dressendorfer was shaky throughout his eight inning stint, but improved to 2-0.

Last year's Southwest Conference most valuable player spotted the Bruins a 2-0 lead in the top of the third. The righthander allowed eight hits and three walks, while striking out six.

UCLA starter Dave Zancanaro, 1-1, took the loss after lasting only into the third inning. Five Bruin pitchers threw five wild pitches and gave up 13 hits.

Hogs, Texas stay atop SWC

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The Texas Longhorns hope the Arkansas Razorbacks' reputation as a shaky road team holds true this week in visits to Dallas and College Station.

If coach Nolan Richardson's Hogs can defeat Southern Methodist and the Texas Aggies on the road this week then they will be in great position to earn the top seed in the post-season tournament in Dallas.

Arkansas has lost to Texas Christian and Texas Tech away from the friendly confines of Barnhill Arena.

The Hogs and Horns each reached the century mark on Saturday in staying locked atop the SWC ladder with 9-2 records.

Arkansas whipped TCU 100-60 to extract a measure of revenge for an earlier loss in Fort Worth.

TCU lost Reggie Smith, Tony Edmond and Rich Antee to fouls.

"The crowd put pressure on the

officials and it went from there," said TCU coach Moe Iba. "When you run out of players, what can you do?"

Texas' Lance Blanks and Travis Mays scored 33 points each in a 116-74 victory over the Rice Owls, who are 3-8 in SWC play.

"We tried zone and man-to-man and if you have any other defenses to try call them out to me and I'll listen," said Rice coach Scott Thompson.

"When both Lance and Travis are tracking, we are an awfully tough team to beat," said Texas coach Tom Penders.

In other games, Houston finally won a close one, nipping Texas Tech 71-67 and SMU pounded Baylor 64-51.

TCU is third in the league race with a 7-4 record followed by Tech at 6-5, Houston and SMU each at 5-

5, Texas A&M at 3-7, Rice at 3-8, and Baylor at 1-10. Every team is eligible for the post-season tournament except the ninth-place team.

In other games on Wednesday besides Arkansas-SMU, Texas A&M is at Baylor, Houston is at Texas, and TCU is at Rice.

Arkansas' other games shouldn't be a big problem for the Hogs.

Baylor at Arkansas, Arkansas is at Rice, and the Hogs host Houston in the SWC regular-season finale on March 5.

TCU's Danny Hughes says of the Hogs: "Arkansas is very different on the road. This is a very tough league and Arkansas is going to have a hard time through the rest of the season."

However, if Arkansas ends up tied with Texas at the end of the regular season, the Hogs earn the top seed because they've already defeated Texas twice.

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