

Starks carries Knicks to win

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NEW YORK — Patrick Ewing's knees were sore, and so John Starks carried the New York Knicks on his back for a change.

"They were giving me wide-open shots," Starks said. "They were doubling on (Anthony Mason) and Patrick a lot and when they did, we did a great job kicking the ball out. All I had to do was line up and shoot."

Starks produced 26 points Sunday night, including six 3-pointers, to lead the Knicks to a 120-110 victory over the Utah Jazz.

Starks hit five 3-pointers in the first half as the Knicks shot 61 percent in building a 61-43 lead. But with Ewing on the bench resting for much of the fourth quarter, Starks also hit two key free throws in the final minute of the game after Utah had reduced a 24-point deficit to six.

"When he's not in there we have to be more intense," Starks said of Ewing. "Over the years when Patrick has been out, our guys have come through. You look at Orlando without (Shaquille O'Neal) and they are still winning. We need to do that."

When the Knicks led by 24 with 3:47 left in the third quarter, coach Don Nelson

electd to rest Ewing, who has been bothered by knee problems throughout his career.

The strategy, however, helped the Jazz get back in the game. Utah scored 41 points in the fourth quarter even though Karl Malone, the game's leading scorer with 29 points, had just four down the stretch.

Clippers 108, Nuggets 103

LOS ANGELES — Brian Williams scored 19 points and Loy Vaught had 18 points and 12 rebounds as the Clippers handed Denver its sixth straight loss.

Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf had 20 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 17 points and 18 rebounds for the Nuggets, who lost despite holding the Clippers to one field goal the last seven minutes. Denver is off to its worst start since dropping its first seven games of the 1990-91 season.

Suns 112, Golden State 109

PHOENIX — Charles Barkley had 31 points and 19 rebounds but the Suns needed 3-pointers from Michael Finley, Wesley Person and Tony Smith in a 68-second span down the stretch to beat Golden State.

Person finished with 20 points and Finley added 18 for the Suns, who trailed by 17 points midway through the third quarter and lost coach Paul Westphal to an ejection.



AP Photo
San Antonio's J.R. Reid drives for a basket over Cleveland's Danny Ferry. Reid finished with 10 points.

Savage keeps Habs red-hot

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Brian Savage scored twice as the Montreal Canadiens continued their remarkable surge under new coach Mario Tremblay with a 4-2 victory over the Vancouver Canucks.

The Canadiens have a 9-2 record since Tremblay replaced Jacques Demers behind the bench early in the season when Montreal was 0-5.

Pierre Turgeon returned to the Montreal lineup with a short-handed goal and Mark Recchi added a power-play goal to complete a weekend sweep for the Canadiens.

Montreal goaltender Patrick Roy played another strong game as Vancouver outshot the Canadiens 32-22.

Alexander Mogilny and Roman Oksiota scored for the Canucks, who lost their third straight.

Devils 3, Flyers 2

PHILADELPHIA — Randy McKay's tie-breaking goal midway through the third period helped the New Jersey Devils sweep a weekend series.

Scott Niedermayer unloaded a slap shot from the top of the slot that McKay managed to deflect from midair for his second goal of the year at 7:03, snapping a 2-2 tie. New Jersey had used up just

5 seconds of a power-play.

New Jersey, which entered the weekend 1-5-1 in its last seven games, posted a 4-2 decision Saturday. Philadelphia is 2-5 in its last seven games, six without center Eric Lindros.

Sabres 6, Lightning 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay squandered a two-goal lead in the third period for the fourth time this season, as Buffalo scored four times in the last 20 minutes for the win.

Derek Plante, Brent Hughes, Dave Hannan and Matthew Barnaby had the third-period goals as the Sabres (6-9-1) won for only the second time in seven road games.

Oilers 4, Blackhawks 4

CHICAGO — Todd Marchant scored on his own rebound with 7:03 left in regulation Sunday night as Edmonton rallied for the tie.

Joe Murphy put the Blackhawks ahead with 9:05 remaining in the third period, beating Joaquin Gage with a slap shot from the top of the left circle at the end of a 3-on-1 break.

But Edmonton came back as Marchant took Kelly Buchberger's pass in the slot, was stopped by Ed Belfour, stayed with the puck, and got a backhander past both Belfour and defenseman Eric Weinrich.

GOOD ...

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Lieve Slegers of Belgium in 2:32.08.

Silva said his emotions were the same as Loroupe's, because of their dual anguish.

"It is something I have in common with Tegla," he said. "We feel together."

"I was running for my father. He was in my mind. He's with me everywhere. I was doing this in his memory. When I remember him, he gives me motivation. I'm sure wherever my father is, he's happy and proud."

Loroupe, who said she would take care of her sister's children, was grieving the past two weeks. But she pushed aside her heartbreak to win the women's division by about 750 meters.

The temperature at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in Staten Island at the start of the 26-mile, 385-yard event was 40 degrees, matching the previous low, first set in 1981 and equaled in 1989 and 1992. The winds were gusting up to 55-60 mph, and the wind chill factor was a bitter 18 degrees.

That forced the field of approximately 27,900 to don warm weather gear.

Olga Appell, the only elite American in the field, wore long bicycle shorts, a T-shirt cut off at the sleeves, long socks on her arms, a headband and sunglasses. She also greased her face and legs with oil.

None of that seemed to help Appell, who went out unusually fast and built a huge early lead, dropped out before the 13th mile.

The wind was very fickle, swirling throughout.

At the start, it was at the runners' backs. Crossing through Brooklyn, the runners were faced with headwinds. And so it went, as they raced through the city's five boroughs.

As the race progressed, the temperature varied little, rising only a degree, but the wind diminished dramatically, dropping to 19-32 mph. Still, the wind chill factor was only 21 degrees.

Nevertheless, as the elite runners began clicking off their miles and getting into the serious stages of the race, they started shedding some clothing, such as gloves and headbands.

The weather also caused other difficulties. Before the start, some expansion joints blew off the Verrazano-Narrows bridge, and phone lines used during the race to report results to headquarters were not working.

On Saturday night, two people were slightly injured during the race's annual pasta party at Tavern on the Green in Central Park when a 100-pound spaghetti display blew down.

Naasi Gwagwe, a little-known, 19-year-old Tanzanian running his first marathon, set a quick early pace, leading through the first 10 miles, before dropping out.

Then, Vanderlei Lima, a seasoned marathoner, led through mile 16, before yielding to Andre-Luis Ramos, 25, a first-time marathoner from Brazil.

Ramos, however, was not alone. As the front-runners headed toward the finish line, there still were 12 at the front of the pack at 22 miles. After that, the field thinned out, and Silva pulled away from Evans in the final two miles.

LOCAL ROUNDUP

Clinton runs away from Abbott

PLATTSBURGH — The Clinton Community College men's basketball team turned up the pressure and that was enough to turn around a brief two-game slide, as the Cougars knocked off John Abbott College Sunday, 82-68.

"We were the quicker team and we took advantage of that," Clinton coach Eric Arnold said. "We pressed from the start, created a lot of turnovers and got a lot of buckets off of transition."

Ed Johnson led the Cougars with 25 points, while Rodney Seale added 17. Tim LaCount and Steve Vogel turned in some superb defense, while Vogel also did a monster job on the boards.

Sean McGowan led John Abbott with 14 points.

John Abbott (68)
McGowan, 5-4-14; Enigjukian, 5-3-13; Bourne, 4-0-9; Woodward, 3-0-9; Derolus, 2-2-6; Emergui, 2-2-6; Laugin, 3-1-7; Gagne, 0-2-2; Brinn, 0-1-1; Douglas, 0-1-1; Bowles, 0-0-0. Totals: 24-16-68.
Clinton C.C. (82)
Johnson, 11-2-25; Seale, 8-1-17; Lewis, 5-2-12; Fuller, 3-4-10; Spencer, 2-0-5; LeMere, 0-0-0; Long, 2-0-4; Strong, 1-2-4; LaCount, 1-1-3; Vogel, 1-0-2; Moore, 0-0-0; Foster, 1-0-2. Totals: 34-13-82.
Halftime: Clinton, 44-37.
3-point goals: Woodward, 3; Bourne; Spencer.

Bethune lifts Paul Smith's to win

PAUL SMITHS — Ernest Bethune scored 27 points, including the go-ahead basket with eight seconds left, to help the Paul Smith's men's basketball team to an 87-83 win over Vermont Tech Sunday.

The Bobcats led by six with a minute left, but Vermont Tech's Dan Boucher hit a pair of 3-pointers to tie the score. Paul Smith's went inside to Bethune, who scored and was fouled. He missed the free throw, but Vermont Tech missed with two seconds left and was forced to foul.

Matt Attanasio had an outstanding game for the Bobcats, 2-3, scoring 17 points and sinking four of his five 3-pointers in the second half. He also dished out 10 assists. Demeatrich Pound added 19 points. Ryan Lynaugh had 29 points and Boucher 23 for Vermont Tech, 0-1.

Paul Smith's plays at the Jamestown Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Paul Smith's (87, Vermont Tech 83)
Lynaugh, 13-3-29; Boucher, 9-2-23; Hildebrand, 7-0-16; Billing, 3-3-12; Kibbeau, 0-3-3. Totals: 32-11-83.
Paul Smith's (87)
Bethune, 12-3-27; Pound, 9-0-18; Attanasio, 6-0-17; Sadowki, 3-2-8; Santana, 2-1-5; Wilde, 2-0-4; Thomas, 1-1-3; Niver, 0-2-2; Walker, 0-0-0; Moore, 0-0-0; Foster, 1-0-2. Totals: 37-9-87.
Halftime: Vermont Tech, 43-42.
3-point goals: Attanasio, 5; Boucher, 3; Billing, 3; Hildebrand, 2; Pound.

Moore leads UNC-Greensboro in loss

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Milena Razgova scored 11 of her game-high 23 points during a 15-1 second half run as Slovan Bratislava downed UNC-Greensboro, 78-70, in exhibition women's basketball Sunday.

Westport Central alumna Julie Moore, a senior forward, posted a solid all-around night. She finished with 17 points, 11 rebounds, three assists and three steals in 29 minutes of action. She shot 5-8 from the floor and 7-9 from the line. Alisa Moore led the team with 21 points and 12 rebounds.

SPORTS SHORTS

Seton boosters schedule meeting

PLATTSBURGH — The Seton Catholic Booster Club has scheduled its monthly meeting for 7 p.m. today in the high school cafeteria.

PYH group schedules meeting

PLATTSBURGH — The Plattsburgh Youth Hockey Association has scheduled its monthly board meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Plattsburgh State University field house. All members are welcome. For more information, contact Brad Graves, 563-8359, Mike Jodoin, 562-8116, or Scott Foster, 561-7737.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Earnhardt wins NAPA 500; Gordon wins title

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — Seven-time champion Dale Earnhardt overwhelmed the field to win the season-ending NAPA 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway Sunday. However, Jeff Gordon wrapped up the Winston Cup points championship when he led a lap early in the race. Gordon finished 32nd, 14 laps down.

Earnhardt led six times for 268 laps, including the final 59, to earn his record-tying seventh victory at Atlanta, fifth of the year and the 68th of his Winston Cup career. Retired Cale Yarborough, now a car owner, also has seven Atlanta wins.

Hill wins Australian GP

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Michael Schumacher crashed Sunday at the Australian Grand Prix — ending his bid for a record 10th win in this Formula One season. Instead, his arch-rival, Damon Hill, wound up winning for the fourth time.

Schumacher shares the record (9) with Nigel Mansell.



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