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NBA Games Recap

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander had 28 points and a career-high seven steals, and the Oklahoma City Thunder rolled past the San Antonio Spurs 123-87 on Tuesday night in the In-Season Tournament. The game featured two of the league's top rookies, San Antonio's 7-foot-3 Victor Wembanyama and Oklahoma City's 7-1 Chet Holmgren. Wembanyama finished with eight points on 4-for-15 shooting with 14 rebounds and blocked two shots. Holmgren had nine points on 3-for-10 shooting with seven rebounds and three assists. Josh Giddey added 18 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for the Thunder, who earned their first In-Season Tournament win in three tries and improved to 7-4 overall record.

Nikola Jokic had 32 points, 16 rebounds and nine assists, and the Denver Nuggets beat the Los Angeles Clippers 111-108 in an NBA In-Season Tournament game on Tuesday night, keeping the Clippers winless since acquiring James Harden last month. Jokic was perfect on 14 free throw attempts, including two with 13 seconds left that helped the Nuggets hold off the Clippers' comeback try. The Clippers have lost five straight with Harden, who was acquired on Oct. 30, and six in a row overall despite the 34-year-old guard's best game with his new team since arriving from the Philadelphia 76ers. Harden scored 21 points and Paul George tied a season high with 35 points as Los Angeles fell to 0-2 in West Group B play. Aaron Gordon scored 20 points and Reggie Jackson 18 for Denver, which has won both of its games in the West B bracket.

Derrick White scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter to lead the Boston Celtics to a 117-107 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night in a matchup of the early pacesetters in the Eastern Conference. Jayson Tatum scored a game-high 29 points and Jrue Holiday added 18 points, 10 rebounds and three assists for the Celtics, who were missing Jaylen Brown and Kristaps Porzingis. The Philadelphia 76ers playing its second game in a back-to-back and third game in four nights, got 20 points apiece from Joel Embiid and Tyrese Maxey.

The Kings defeated the Lakers, 125-110. Domantas Sabonis recorded 29 points, 16 rebounds, and 7 assists for the Kings, with De'Aaron Fox adding 28 points, 5 assists and Kevin Huerter with 28 points, 7 assists and combined for 56 points in the victory. LeBron James tallied 28 points, 11 assists, and 10 rebounds for the Lakers in the losing effort.

