

# Mitchell, Jazz Top Spurs For League-Best 10th Straight Win

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SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Donovan Mitchell scored 25 points, including a go-ahead pull-up jumper with 39.2 seconds left, and the Utah Jazz extended their league-best winning streak to 10 games with a 101-99 win over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday night.

Mitchell hit a pair of go-ahead baskets and a free throw to give the Jazz the lead in the final minute after they trailed by as many as 13 points in the fourth quarter. Joe Ingles added 20 points, seven rebounds and five assists for Utah. Derrick Favors had 19 points and eight rebounds.

The Jazz (29-28) moved above .500 for the first time in more than two months.

Kyle Anderson scored 16 points and Pau Gasol had 15 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, who lost to Utah for the third time this season.

## WARRIORS 129, SUNS 83

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Curry scored 22 points, and Golden State coach Steve Kerr tried to break up the monotony of a long season by turning the timeout huddles over to his players in a win over Phoenix.

With the defending champion Warriors dragging a bit leading into the All-Star break, Kerr apparently searched for a new way to capture his players' interests by handing over the whiteboard during timeouts to a rotating cast of players, with injured Draymond Green and Andre Iguodala getting most of the chances.

The move worked just fine against the struggling Suns, who became the first team with 40 losses this season.

Omri Casspi added 19 points, Kevin Durant had 17 and Klay Thompson and Nick Young each scored 16 as Golden State won its 12th straight in the series.

Elfrid Payton scored 29 points in his second game since being acquired at the trade deadline from Orlando.

## PELICANS 118, PISTONS 103

DETROIT (AP) — Anthony Davis had 38 points and 10 rebounds to lead New Orleans in another one of his strong performances against Detroit.

Davis is averaging 30.4 points per game against the Pistons, his highest total against an NBA team. He scored a career-high 59 against them nearly two years ago.

That's one reason the Pelicans have won 11 of the last 12 games against the Pistons.

Detroit attempted to defend Davis with Andre Drummond and Blake Griffin, but they were no match for Davis inside, off the dribble or on the outside. The All-Star was 14 of 24 from the field, including 3 for 6 on 3-pointers.

Nikola Mirotic helped the Pelicans pull away in the third quarter and finished with 21 points and 12 rebounds.



San Antonio Spurs' Davis Bertans (42) and Pau Gasol (16) defend against Utah Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell (45) in the first half of an NBA basketball game on Monday in Salt Lake City.

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Griffin scored 22 on 8-of-17 shooting. Drummond had 13 points and 21 rebounds.

## 76ERS 108, KNICKS 92

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dario Saric scored 24 points to lead Philadelphia to its fourth straight win.

J.J. Redick had 18 points and Joel Embiid scored 17 for the 76ers, who won their 10th straight at home to remain in playoff position in the Eastern Conference. Reserve T.J. McConnell had a triple-double with 10 points, 10 rebounds and 11 assists. Michael Beasley scored 22 points for the Knicks, who have dropped seven in a row. Courtney Lee had 18 points in his first game coming off the bench this season for New York.

## CLIPPERS 114, NETS 101

NEW YORK (AP) — Lou Williams scored 20 points and DeAndre Jordan had 16 points and 17 rebounds, lifting the balanced Clippers to the road win.

Los Angeles put seven players in double figures and shot 56.5 percent from the field

in its fourth win in five games, bouncing back nicely from a loss in Philadelphia.

Austin Rivers scored 17 points, and reserve Montrezl Harrell collected 15 points on 6-for-6 shooting. The Clippers made 19 of their first 26 shots and won for the 12th time in 17 games.

D'Angelo Russell and Joe Harris each scored 16 for the Nets, who dropped their sixth straight.

## BULLS 105, MAGIC 101

CHICAGO (AP) — Zach LaVine had a tiebreaking dunk for Chicago after stealing an inbounds pass in the closing seconds.

The Bulls blew an 18-point lead in the fourth quarter but still came away with their second win in three games after dropping seven in a row.

LaVine stole Jonathon Simmons' inbounds attempt with 15 seconds left and finished with a thunderous slam. He added two free throws after Mario Hezonja missed a 3-pointer.

Lauri Markkanen scored 21 points, and LaVine finished with 18 points and seven rebounds.

Hezonja led Orlando with 24 points, and Evan Fournier scored 22.

## Kennedy Out As Ole Miss Basketball Coach After Season

BY JAKE THOMPSON  
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OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi coach Andy Kennedy and the school are parting ways after 12 seasons.

Kennedy announced Monday his decision to step down as head coach, effective at the end of the season. The decision comes two days after Ole Miss (11-14, 4-8 SEC) lost at LSU to extend its losing streak to five.

Kennedy is the winningest coach at Ole Miss with 245 wins, ranking 18th in SEC history. This season he picked up his 100th SEC regular season win and is the only Ole Miss coach to reach that accomplishment.

Kennedy was hired in March of 2006, replacing Rod Barnes who at the time was the most successful coach in program history. The Rebels won the 2013 Southeastern Conference tournament championship and have made the NCAA Tournament twice under Kennedy. There were also six other postseason appearances.

"I woke up Sunday morning with a true conviction that there needed to be some clarity as it pertained to the future of Ole Miss basketball moving forward," Kennedy said during a news conference with athletic director Ross Bjork. "I've been blessed, truly blessed, to have had the opportunity to be a head coach in the Southeastern Conference in my home state for 12 years. I also know that it's time for a new voice and a new vision for this program moving forward. I'm at complete peace with this decision."

There was promise at the beginning of the season that the Rebels could make a

run at an NCAA Tournament bid. Three overtime losses to nonconference opponents and Kennedy's first losing conference record entering February have made that near impossible. It also caused discussion of whether Kennedy would be let go once the season ended.

"I feel like the time is right," Kennedy said. "I didn't want the rest of the season to be about 'what's Andy Kennedy's status? Are you for him or are you against him?' I didn't want to divide our fan base. I respect this too much for that. I didn't want people to have to choose a side. I want everybody to be on the same side and that's moving the program forward."

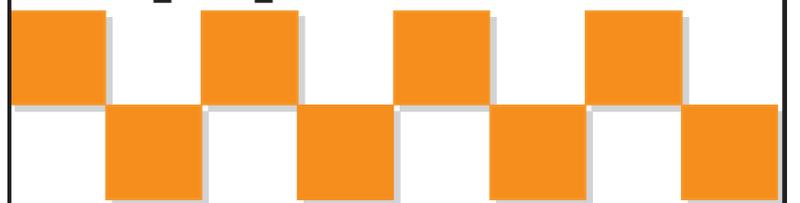
This season Kennedy picked up his 100th SEC regular season win. Ole Miss has averaged 21 wins per season under Kennedy after the program posted only 21 or more wins three times in 96 years before his arrival.

"Andy Kennedy always did it right way," Bjork said. "He always did it the right way. He was consistent. He worked extremely hard every single year. He maximized the resources when he first arrived. He changed the culture of Ole Miss basketball."

Bjork noted the search for a new head coach will begin immediately and credited Kennedy for making the announcement now and giving them plenty of time to find his successor.

The Rebels have six more regular season games, including three home games. The first home game is Tuesday against Arkansas. Bjork said they will use the final weeks to 'walk down memory lane' and honor Kennedy's legacy with the program.

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