

NBA ALL-STAR GAME

Tatum scores 55, Team Giannis wins



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Team LeBron center Joel Embiid (21) drives by Team Giannis forward Jayson Tatum (0) during the second half of the NBA basketball All-Star game Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023, in Salt Lake City.

By Tim Reynolds
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SALT LAKE CITY » Jayson Tatum put on a record-setting show, and made Giannis Antetokounmpo look like a genius.

Tatum scored an All-Star Game-record 55 points, and Team Giannis ended LeBron James' hold on All-Star captain supremacy by beating Team LeBron 184-176 in the NBA's annual showcase exhibition on Sunday night.

Tatum had 27 points in the third quarter, another All-Star Game record for any period. He was the first pick by Antetokounmpo in the starters' portion of the All-Star draft, and in the end, that pick proved to be the right one.

It was James' first loss in six

times as captain. Antetokounmpo improved to 1-2 in his All-Star captaincies.

Donovan Mitchell added 40 for Team Giannis, which got 26 points from Damian Lillard — including the game-winner to push his team past the target score.

Jaylen Brown scored 35 points and had 14 rebounds for Team LeBron, while Kyrie Irving had 32 points and 15 assists and Joel Embiid finished with 32 points.

Lillard, the winner of the 3-point contest on All-Star Saturday Night, made eight 3s — including a halfcourt pullup in the third quarter.

The league had a ceremony before the second half to pay tribute to the three leading scorers in NBA history: No. 3 Karl Malone, No. 2 Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and

James, now the game's career leader after he passed Abdul-Jabbar earlier this month.

Malone and Abdul-Jabbar were brought to the stage, and then Dwyane Wade — James' former teammate in Miami and now a part-owner of the Jazz — introduced James to bring him onto the platform.

"We've all been witnesses," Wade said. "No matter the challenge, no matter the noise, he was relentless."

With the number 38,388 displayed behind him, James then raised his hand to thank the fans for their ovation, hugged Abdul-Jabbar and Malone. He didn't return to the game, his night ending with a right hand contusion.

He finished with 13 points, and

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LOCAL SPORTS

LABOR OF LOVE

Malvern triathlete training in honor of his wife's battle with rare blood disorder

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Malvern resident Tom Kramer is strenuously training to compete in two Ironman triathlons in New York, two national triathlons in Milwaukee — all within a 30-day period this summer — and the Ironman World Championship in Kailua Kona, Hawaii in 2024 — in honor of his wife's 18-year battle with a rare blood disorder.

An Ironman is a 2 ½ mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a marathon run. The average triathlete will complete an Ironman triathlon in a little more than 13 hours — about 80 minutes for the swim, 6 ½ hours for the biking and five hours for the run.

The 57-year-old Kramer, a veteran triathlete for the past three decades who has battled knee and back injuries as a result of the wear and tear of the Ironman races, considers his ambitious 30-day schedule this summer — and the strenuous training for it — a small sacrifice compared to the ordeals his wife Pam has experienced.

Nearly two decades ago, Pam Kramer was diagnosed with myelofibrosis, a rare blood disorder.

"Back in 1998, it was discovered that Pam's platelets were high," said Kramer. "She was diagnosed with myelofibrosis in about 2003-04, with side effects of low hemoglobin and shortness of breath, and eventually it was determined that she needed a stem cell transplant."

As soon as it was found that a blood stem cell transplant was Pam's best chance at survival, Tom partnered with DKMS, the world's largest blood stem cell donor center, to raise awareness of the critical need for more donors as he completed long distance runs.

Since 2011, along with the help of DKMS, Tom has inspired more than 6,000 people to join the stem cell donor registry, and through his current efforts, he has raised more than \$33,000 for the organization. He is still seeking corporate sponsors.

"Pam needed a stem cell transplant, but wasn't healthy enough to receive it until last April 1,"

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Tom Kramer, who has competed in approximately 112 triathlons around the world since 1992, is shown here competing in the Hawaii Ironman World Championship.

AUTO RACING

Stenhouse wins longest Daytona 500 in history

By Jenna Fryer

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. » Ricky Stenhouse Jr. has had a roller-coaster career in which he had to fight to keep a job, lost his seat at a NASCAR powerhouse team and opened his 14th season mired in a five-year losing streak.

To say this Daytona 500 was

a milestone race was an understatement — for Stenhouse and for NASCAR.

Stenhouse won the Daytona 500 in double overtime and under caution on Sunday in the longest running of "The Great American Race." The two overtimes pushed the 65th running of the race to a record 212 laps — a dozen laps beyond the scheduled distance and a whopping

530 miles.

It provided anxious moments before a landmark celebration: The first Daytona 500-winning team co-owned by a Black man and a woman.

Stenhouse's win for JTG Daugherty Racing was the third of his career. JTG is the first single-car team to win the Daytona 500 since The Wood Brothers Racing did it with Trevor Bayne

in 2011.

The team is owned by Tad and Jodi Geschickter along with former NBA player Brad Daugherty.

Daugherty, who left the track earlier Sunday with an eye irritation, is the first Black car owner to win the race and Jodi Geschickter joined Teresa Earnhardt as female car owners to

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MLB

Turner settling in for long future in Philly

By Noah Trister

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CLEARWATER, FLA. » The past few years have been a bit of a whirlwind for Trea Turner. They included a World Series title in Washington, a trade to Los Angeles — and then an 11-year, \$300 million contract that brought him back to the NL East.

The one constant amid all that: Turner has played with some pretty impressive teammates. And that's not about to change.

"I've been on some really, really good teams with some great players — last year being one of them," Turner said Sunday. "That's kind of the beauty and the difficult thing about baseball. The best teams don't always win. Just because we got a lot of talent in here and a lot of good guys, and they made it to the World Series last year, doesn't mean it's going to happen again. You've got to put in the work."

The Phillies seemed to understand that this offseason. Yes, they won the National League

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NBA

Blue Coats' McClung a slam-dunk showstopper

By Tim Reynolds

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY » Mac McClung was not exactly an unknown.

Long before he won the dunk contest at NBA All-Star Saturday night, he was a YouTube phenomenon. It's impossible to add up all the views that videos of McClung — everything from dunks to documentaries — had gotten, but it was in the hundreds of millions.

Yet it all seems different now, after this 6-foot-2 boyish-looking guard from a small town in Virginia with trampolines for legs and only two NBA games on his resume became the league's dunk champion and finally brought buzz back to an event that had been more criticized than celebrated over the last few years.

"He saved the dunk contest," Shaquille O'Neal said, and countless others echoed those sentiments.

Time will tell if they're right. But an event that is designed to

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