

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Reserves Jamal Crawford and Matt Barnes each scored 16 points, and the Clippers easily routed the Memphis Grizzlies 99-73 Monday night with Chris Paul missing his first game this season because of a bruised right kneecap.

The matchup between two of the best teams in the West wasn't close much of the way. While Paul watched from the bench, the Grizzlies were without their leading scorer: Rudy Gay was excused for his grandmother's funeral in Baltimore.

Eric Bledsoe, starting for Paul, had 14 points, and Blake Griffin scored 10.

Zach Randolph had 15 for Memphis, which lost its second straight. Wayne Ellington added 11 in a rare start, and Darrell Arthur had 10.

BULLS 97, HAWKS 58

CHICAGO (AP) — Carlos Boozer had 20 points and 13 rebounds, Luol Deng scored 18 points and the Chicago Bulls held Atlanta to a franchise-low 20 points in the first half of a victory over the Hawks.

Reserve forward Mike Scott scored 10 points to lead Atlanta as none of the starters reached double figures. Josh Smith and Kyle Korver had nine points each.

Jeff Teague had a layup with 7.9 seconds left to prevent the Hawks' lowest scoring total in franchise history.

Atlanta has lost five straight on the road and six of seven overall.

The Bulls held the Hawks to just five points in the second quarter and led 48-20 at the break.

WIZARDS 120, MAGIC 91

WASHINGTON (AP) — Emeka Okafor had 19 points and 11 rebounds, leading six players in double figures for Washington in a victory over the Magic for its third straight win.

The Wizards were just 4-28 before their streak, but beat Oklahoma City, Atlanta and now Orlando — all at home — to nearly double their wins total.

John Wall had 12 points and six assists in 20 minutes in his second game of the season after missing the Wizards' first 33 with a left knee injury.

Washington shot a season-best 56.1 percent, scored its most points and had its largest winning margin of the season.

Jameer Nelson had 19 points and 12 assists to lead Orlando, and Nikola Vucevic added 13 points and 13 rebounds.

CELTICS 100, BOBCATS 89

BOSTON (AP) — Rajon Rondo scored 17 points with 12 assists and 10 rebounds to lead the Celtics to victory over Charlotte.

It was Rondo's third triple-double of the season and the 26th of his career, including playoffs.

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Paul Pierce scored 19 and Avery Bradley added 16 for Boston, which won for a season-high sixth consecutive game. Kevin Garnett, who needed 13 points to tie Patrick Ewing for 16th on the NBA's career scoring list, was 2 for 11 from the field and scored just seven points to go with his 10 rebounds.

Hakim Warrick and Ramon Sessions had 16 points apiece for the Bobcats, who lost their third straight and their 23rd in the last 25 games since opening the season 7-5.

MAVERICKS 113, TIMBERWOLVES 98

DALLAS (AP) — Darren Collison led six players in double figures with 23 points and the Mavericks matched their season high with a third straight win in a victory against Minnesota.

J.J. Barea, who was injured in two previous trips to Dallas, led the Timberwolves with 21 points.

The Timberwolves finished a 0-4 road trip that coach Rick Adelman missed for personal reasons.

O.J. Mayo and Elton Brand had 20 points each for Dallas. It was a season high for Brand. Mayo also had nine assists.

THUNDER 102, SUNS 90

PHOENIX (AP) — Kevin Durant scored 27 of his 41 points in the second half and Oklahoma City became the NBA's first 30-game winner of the season with a victory over the Suns.

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Russell Westbrook added 36 for the Thunder, but it was Durant who took over in his fourth 40-point game of the season, scoring 19 in the fourth quarter and falling one shy of the season-high 42 he scored two games earlier against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Oklahoma City won its fourth straight, the last three on the road to improve their NBA-best record to 30-8. Durant scored 33 Sunday night in an 87-83 win at Portland.

Shannon Brown scored 21 for the Suns. Marcin Gortat had 19 points.

JAZZ 104, HEAT 97

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Al Jefferson scored 23 points, Gordon Hayward added 22 — including a jumper with 40 seconds remaining — and the Jazz held on to beat Miami.

The Heat were down 21 points in the third quarter but fought back to pull within two behind a 32-point effort by LeBron James. However, James was called for goaltending and an offensive foul on back-to-back possessions late, then missed a 3-pointer with Miami down six with 2:19 left.

Chris Bosh added 16 points for Miami and Rashard Lewis had 13 off the bench.

KINGS 124, CAVALIERS 118

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — DeMarcus Cousins had 26 points, 14 rebounds and six assists, and the Sacramento Kings snapped a four-game losing streak with a win over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Jimmer Fredette and Cousins both scored eight points in the fourth quarter for the struggling

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Kings, who had allowed nearly 118 points per game during the losing streak and had three losses of 20 points or more.

Reserve Dion Waiters scored a career-high 33 points for the Cavaliers, who have lost three straight and eight of 10.

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