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CLEVELAND — Damian Lillard made a tie-breaking 3-pointer with 0.4 seconds remaining, lifting the Portland Trail Blazers to a 119-116 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday night.

Lillard had a career-high eight 3-pointers while scoring 36 points. The 2013 NBA Rookie of the Year also had a fadeaway jumper as time expired to give Portland a 111-109 overtime victory over Detroit on Sunday.

Portland (22-4) has the best record in the NBA and is 11-0 against the Eastern Conference. The Blazers have won five straight and are 12-2 on the road.

Kyrie Irving's bid for a tying 3-pointer bounced off the back of the rim at the buzzer. Irving and Dion Waiters scored 25 points apiece for Cleveland.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 26 points and 15 rebounds for Portland.

THUNDER 105, NUGGETS 93

DENVER — Kevin Durant scored 30 points, powering the Thunder to their seventh consecutive victory.

Durant had 30 or more points in a game for the 12th time this season, most in the NBA. He is averaging a league-high 28.6 points.

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Russell Westbrook had 21 points, 13 rebounds and eight assists for the Thunder. Serge Ibaka added 17 points and 10 rebounds.

Denver had won 10-of-13. J.J. Hickson had 20 points and 14 rebounds but the Nuggets dropped to 0-2 this season against Oklahoma City. Ty Lawson added 17 points and 13 assists.

LAKERS 96, GRIZZLIES 92

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Kobe Bryant scored 21 points in his sixth game of the season and the Lakers closed out a 4-game road trip with a victory.

Pau Gasol added 21 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who were coming off a 114-100 loss at Atlanta on Monday night. Nick Young had 18 points and Jodie Meeks finished with 13.

Zach Randolph had 18 points and a season-high 16 rebounds for Memphis. The Grizzlies played without Mike Conley, who sat out after bruising his left thigh in Sunday's loss to Minnesota.

The Grizzlies led 69-67 in the fourth quarter before the Lakers went on a 17-4 run.

Bryant played 32 minutes, matching his most action since returning from his torn left Achilles' tendon. He was 9-for-18 from the field, both season highs, despite running the offense most of the night.

BOBCATS 95, KINGS 87

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kemba Walker scored 24 points, helping Charlotte snap a three-game losing streak.

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Gerald Henderson added 20 points and reserve Ramon Sessions scored 16 for the Bobcats, who went 8-for-17 from 3-point range. Walker also had five assists in his 10th game with at least 20 points.

DeMarcus Cousins had 30 points and 17 rebounds for Sacramento, which shot 37.5 percent from the field. The Kings have dropped three out of four.

Kings forward Rudy Gay scored four points on 1-of-6 shooting in his worst game since he was acquired in a 7-player trade with Toronto on Dec. 9. He departed with 5:23 left in the third quarter due to right knee stiffness.