

Rose, Gasol Pace Bulls To 99-92 Win Over Cavs In Game 1

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CLEVELAND (AP) — The Chicago Bulls came in oozing with confidence, unafraid of LeBron James and convinced they could keep their playoff momentum rolling.

Derrick Rose made sure they did.

Looking like the league MVP he was before being slowed by knee injuries, Rose scored 25 points, Pau Gasol added 21 and the Bulls led from the start in a 99-92 victory over the short-handed Cleveland Cavaliers in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals on Monday night.

Rose, who suffered a shoulder stinger in the closing minute, helped the Bulls swipe home-court advantage from the Cavs. Cleveland was missing starters Kevin Love and J.R. Smith, but its bigger issue was not stopping Rose or his pick-

and-roll plays with Gasol.

After all he's been through — surgeries, hours of rehab, uncertainty about his future — Rose, who has missed over 180 games the past four seasons, is savoring every moment back in the postseason.

"I just appreciate everything," he said, "getting back on the floor and just every aspect of basketball. It's allowed me to change my life and my family's life. I owe so much to this sport. I'm just trying to roll with it."

Jimmy Butler added 20 points and banked in a contested jumper with 30 seconds left as the Bulls closed it out, silencing a roaring Cleveland crowd already worried about Game 2 on Wednesday night.

Kyrie Irving scored 30 points and James added 19 and 15 rebounds for Cleveland, playing its first game since Love — one of the Cavs' Big 3 — was lost for the remainder of the postseason with a shoulder injury.

"No excuses," Cavs coach David Blatt said.

James didn't offer any. "We all just have to play better," said James, who had nine assists but six turnovers. "I wasn't that good tonight."

The Cavs only trailed by four points in the final minutes, but they forced several 3-point attempts and James had two costly turnovers and missed a tough layup in the final 3 minutes.

Finally fully healed after dealing with injuries all season, the Bulls are peaking at the perfect time. Coming off a 54-point win over Milwaukee to wrap up its opening-round series, Chicago jumped to an early lead, withstood a Cleveland comeback and buckled down on defense in the closing minutes to hand Cleveland just its second loss in 24 home games.

Rose ran the show the way he used to, and Gasol, the steady

34-year-old Spaniard, made the Cavs pay for leaving him open by knocking down one mid-range jumper after another.

"They made their runs, but we kept our poise," Gasol said. "We came in with the right mind set and attitude. We went after it."

Rose banged shoulders with Cleveland's Tristan Thompson and felt his arm go numb. He said the feeling came back a few minutes later, and he's not concerned about it lingering.

The Cavs struggled from the start to find any offensive rhythm. Without Love to space the floor, Chicago had an easier time defending James and without Smith, who was suspended two games for striking Boston's Jae Crowder in the face, the Cavs were lacking one of their best perimeter shooters.

Iman Shumpert made four 3-pointers and scored 22 points, but Blatt spent the night unsuccessfully

searching for the right combinations.

The Bulls have a healthy Rose, and that might be enough.

"Derrick was making the right plays every time," Butler said.

After the Cavs batted back from a 16-point deficit to tie it 51-all, the Bulls went on a 15-0 run highlighted by Rose's jumper that was a snapshot of him before his knee injuries.

With James guarding him on the perimeter, Rose created some space with a dribble and then hit a step-back, off-balance 3 to give Chicago a 61-53 lead. The Bulls weren't done as Butler scored on a dunk, Gasol converted a three-point play and then knocked down another short jumper.

It was a nice start for the Bulls, but as Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau was quick to point out, only that.

"You can't get wrapped up in it," he said. "We're going to have to play a lot better in the next game."

Warriors Clip Yankton

Sioux Falls Washington handed the Yankton Bucks a 6-3 loss in high school club baseball action on Monday night at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Brad Ulmer and Auston Johnson both had a single and an RBI, while Ben Cameron drove in a run and scored a run, and Adam Walter singled and scored. Jordan Kathol and Sheldon Gant both chipped in with a single.

Kathol pitched 2 2/3 innings and got the loss, while Cameron and Gant came on in relief.

Washington also won the junior varsity game, 5-0.

Yankton, now 8-7 on the season, returns to action Friday for a varsity doubleheader against Brandon Valley, starting at 6 p.m. The Bucks will then host Mitchell on Saturday.

Honkers 8,

Bennett County 1

PLATTE — Nate Spawn had three hits and was the winning pitcher for Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian/White Lake/Corsica in an 8-1 high school baseball victory Sunday over Bennett County. The victory moved the Honkers to 4-3 on the season.

Spawn struck out eight in five innings on the mound, while Tanner VanGenderen, Seth Kirsch and Xavier Marshall all had two hits at the plate in the win.

Up next for PG/DC/WL/C is a Saturday game in Mission at Todd County.

PG/DC/WL/C 4, LEAD-DEADWOOD 0: PLATTE — Riley Hoffman struck out seven and allowed three hits in a complete game shutout for Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian/White Lake/Corsica in Saturday's 4-0 win over Lead-Deadwood.

VanGenderen and Kirsch each had two hits in the win.



Yankton's Jordan Kathol sends the ball home during the Bucks' club high school baseball game with Sioux Falls Washington on Monday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Washington edged the Bucks 6-3.

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Host Madison Wins Dakota XII Golf Title

MADISON — Madison and Sioux Falls Christian both put a pair of golfers in the top-five, but the hometown Bulldogs claimed the team title at Monday's Dakota XII Conference girls' golf tournament in Madison.

Dakota Valley's Mary High was the individual champion with a round of 82, two shots in front of Christian's Anna Perrenoud and Madison's Taylor Bird. Madison's Sydney Gustaf was fourth at 86, followed by Christian's Kate Wynja (87). Vermillion's Kayla Stammer followed in sixth at 92.

Madison carded a team score of 363, followed in the top five by Sioux Falls Christian (378), Vermillion (386), Canton (387) and Dakota Valley (397).

TEAM SCORES: Madison 363, Sioux Falls Christian 378, Vermillion 386, Canton 387, Dakota Valley 397.

TOP 15: 1, Mary High, Dakota Valley 82; 2, Anna Perrenoud, S.F. Christian 84; 3, Taylor Bird, Madison 84; 4, Sydney Gustaf, Madison 86; 5, Kate Wynja, S.F. Christian 87; 6, Kayla Stammer, Vermillion 87; 7, Makenna Kyral, Dakota Valley 93; 8, Janel Healy, West Central 93; 9, Alexa From, West Central 93; 10, Kennedy Fossum, Canton 94; 11, Megan Hinkley, Lennox 94; 12, Kytleigh Moran, Vermillion 94; 13, Samantha Langford, Madison 94; 14, Taylor Watkins, Beresford 95; 15, Kacie Jacobsen, Canton 95.

Yankton Fury Crush Go 1-4 On Weekend

The Yankton Fury Crush softball team went 1-4 in Eastern South Dakota Conference games played Saturday and Sunday in Yankton. All four losses for Yankton came against U-16 teams.

WATERTOWN 17, FURY CRUSH 2: Elsie Marquardt singled twice, while Bridget Nolz drove in a run and Bailey Sejnoha scored twice in Yankton's game one loss to Watertown. Bailey Kenney took the loss, with five strikeouts.

BRANDON VALLEY 16, FURY CRUSH 0: Brooke Madson singled and Sejnoha took the loss for Yankton.

FURY CRUSH 8, DIAMOND FURY 4: Madsen doubled, singled and drove in four runs for Yankton in the victory. Trinity Fitch singled twice and scored two runs, while Leann Sasse, Marquardt, Rachel Hamberg, Nolz and Sejnoha all added one hit. Kenney added an RBI, and Sejnoha got the victory in the circle.

DIAMOND ICE 12, FURY CRUSH 3: Sejnoha doubled, while Fitch, Madson and Marquardt all singled in the loss for Yankton. Kenney scored a run and Nolz took the loss in the circle.

NORFOLK IMPACT 8, FURY CRUSH 6: Madson and Sejnoha each singled twice, while Sasse scored a pair of runs in the loss for Yankton. Tiffany Nelson added a hit and run scored, while Fitch scored one run. Sejnoha was the losing pitcher.

Capitals Blank Rangers, Take 2-1 Series Lead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Braden Holtby made 30 saves Monday night for his second career playoff shutout and Jay Beagle scored his first goal of this postseason, giving the Washington Capitals a 1-0 victory over the New York Rangers.

Washington has a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Alex Ovechkin was held without a goal for the first time in the series. It was one of the Capitals' less-heralded players, Beagle, who put the puck past Henrik Lundqvist on a second-effort, deflected shot 7 1/2 minutes into the second period.

Holtby was at his glove-catching best, including stopping Martin St. Louis on a 1-on-1 six minutes after Beagle scored, and the crowd

chanted the goalie's last name at the final buzzer.

Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is at Washington on Wednesday night.

This was the type of nail-biter the Rangers play: They have participated in 10 consecutive playoff games decided by one goal, an NHL record.

And in seven of its eight games in this year's playoffs, New York has allowed two goals or fewer.

But under first-year coach Barry Trotz, and with Holtby matching Lundqvist save for save, the Capitals are proving just as adept at this sort of tight, low-scoring hockey.

Despite getting outshot 30-22, the Capitals did manage stretches

of sustained pressure in the Rangers' zone, including leading up to the only goal. And the score came from a surprising source: the line of Beagle, Troy Brouwer and Andre Burakovsky. They had zero goals through Washington's first nine games of this postseason.

Off passes from Brouwer and Burakovsky, Beagle sent a shot on net that Lundqvist swept aside.

But Beagle kept at it, going to the boards to collect the rebound, then swooping around the back of the net for a backhand shove of the puck. It appeared to ricochet off defenseman Keith Yandle, then Lundqvist's left skate on its way in.

That gave Beagle three goals in 33 playoff games following a regular

season in which he scored 10 times.

Not too long afterward, the Rangers had a great opportunity to tie it. Capitals defenseman John Carlson's shot from inside the blue line was blocked by St. Louis, who raced the other way all alone. But Holtby made the save with a flick of his glove, drawing roars from the crowd.

Rangers forward Rick Nash took seven shots and leveled Capitals defenseman Brooks Orpik early in the third period, but remains without a goal in the series.

Early on, the Rangers dominated. It took more than six minutes for Washington to generate its first shot on goal, with Joel Ward's snap shot easily grabbed by Lundqvist.

By then, the Rangers had sent a half-dozen pucks at Holtby; they wound up outshooting Washington 11-6 in the scoreless first period.

Not quite as large a disparity as New York managed in the first period of Game 2, 15-4, and, more significantly, not the same margin on the scoreboard. The Rangers led 2-0 in Game 2 en route to a 3-2 victory.

The Capitals had their league-best power-play on the ice twice in that period, but couldn't break through. They did get one superb chance, when Marcus Johansson found Ovechkin alone in front of the net, but the man known as Alex the Great sent the puck right at Lundqvist's chest.

South Dakota State Cricket Club Provides Home For Students

BY JOHN KUBAL
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BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The British Empire is gone. The British Commonwealth is now simply known as the Commonwealth. But some of the mother country's culture and sports remain.

One of those sports, the second most popular in the world and also a piece of British culture, has found its way to the campus of South Dakota State University: cricket.

Dr. Hemachand Tumala, associate professor in the College of Pharmacy, serves as adviser to the SDSU Cricket Club. The vast majority of the club's 35 members are international students; many of them are pursuing doctorates. They hail from nations that once were colonies or territories colored red on maps that gave evidence the sun never set on the British Empire and its Commonwealth.

And cricket remained in all those places. Had the col-

onies that became the United States remained loyal to the mother country, cricket rather than baseball might be our national pastime today. Both are alike in some ways and not so alike in others.

In the simplest of terms, cricket is like baseball in that both are bat-and-ball games between two opposing teams. A baseball team has nine players; a cricket team has 11. Both games are played on a grass-and-dirt field.

In both games there is a player (in baseball a pitcher, in cricket a bowler) who throws the ball to a batter who tries to hit it and score runs without getting out.

But beyond these basic similarities, there are major differences. And there are opportunities to learn more about baseball's cousin by watching the SDSU Cricket Club in action.

Of the SDSU club's cricket style, Tumala told the Brookings Register (<http://bit.ly/1EARfBy>), "Mostly it is recreational rather than professional. It's kind of a home-

away-from-home thing. It's a common thread that keeps us together. It's a place where we make friends. If anybody needs help, it's a community. It's very, very important for the whole community that way."

That recreational stance has led to a modification to the game that while it might not set well for cricket purists it ensures the safety of both players and spectators. SDSU player Satya Sadhu explained, "Here's the challenge. A cricket ball is much harder and heavier than a baseball. We don't want to injure anyone."

A search of the Internet yields many a report of serious and fatal injuries to players hit by cricket balls. That potential for serious injury has led to the wearing of protective equipment, particularly helmets by batsmen.

Additionally, clubs, particularly amateur ones, in the name of safety and not having the funds for protec-

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and Cody O'Neill (Minnesota Vikings) was invited to rookie

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three strokes (909-to-912) for the title.

Samuel Matthew, a two-time first team All-League selection, finished third for USD, while teammates Cody Seal (fifth), Matthew Swanson (tie-ninth) and Jordan Rykal (tie-17th)

"They stayed mentally tough, and they worked their butts off," Hovden said. "It was fun to watch all that hard work pay off."

Particularly for Matthew (a senior) and Rykal (junior), who were on the 2013 squad that finished second at the Summit League tournament. The Coyotes, who were fifth a year ago and picked to finish fourth this season, were able to piece together a championship team comprised of mostly Minnesotans — six of

mini camp.

Another former Coyote, Compton, was drafted by the Washington Redskins in 2013 and remains with the team.

"Playing alongside guys like Tyler Starr and Jarrid

Bryant, being around that caliber, it really helped me," said Tellefsen, who will leave Florida on Thursday for Minnesota's rookie mini-camp.

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