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Basketball

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Jordan scored 40 or more in the same number of games in the 1986-87 season.

Bryant had also scored at least 35 points in 13 consecutive games.

The Lakers played without Phil Jackson, who missed his first game as an NBA head coach while recuperating from having a kidney stone removed a day earlier. Assistant Jim Cleamons ran the team.

Magic 98, Mavericks 93: In Orlando, Florida, Tracy McGrady had 26 points and seven assists as the Orlando beat Dallas for their season-high fourth straight win.

Drew Gooden added 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Gordan Giricek had 20 points, eight rebounds and five assists. The Magic acquired the two rookies from Memphis last week in a trade for Mike Miller, Ryan Humphrey and two draft picks.

The Magic reached .500 for the first time since Jan. 31.

McGrady's frustration at Dallas' physical, frenetic defense boiled over late in the second quarter. He was slapped with a technical foul for elbowing Eduardo Najera in the upper back.

Soon after, Najera was ejected for accidentally bumping official David Jones when McGrady wasn't called for losing the ball out of bounds.

Wizards 83, Pacers 78: In Indianapolis, Michael Jordan scored 25 points and Tyrronn Lue added 18 points and 11 assists as Washington beat Indiana.

The Pacers have lost five consecutive games — their longest skid of the season — and eight of 12.

Jordan, who has scored over 20 points in four of the last five games, was Washington's only offensive threat in the first half, scoring 16 points on 8-for-14 shooting. When Jordan's shots stopped falling in the third, the Wizards turned to Lue, a 6-foot guard with a 7.7 scoring average. Lue drilled three 3-pointers in the quarter and accounted for nine straight Washington points.

Knicks 102, Rockets 95: In New York, Latrell Sprewell and Kurt Thomas each stole the ball from Chinese rookie Yao Ming on two late possessions as the Knicks snapped a four-game losing streak.

Yao scored 24 points and grabbed six rebounds, but his two turnovers down the stretch were costly.

Allan Houston scored 28 points for New York.

Cuttino Mobley scored 25 and Steve Francis added 19 for Houston.

Spurs 84, Heat 69: In San Antonio, Tim Duncan had 17 points and 10 rebounds, helping San Antonio defeat Miami for its 11th victory in the last 12 games.

They had three other players in double figures, with Malik Rose getting 14, Bruce Bowen 11 and Manu Ginobili 10.

The Heat, who have dropped four of their last five contests, were led by Eddie Jones with 13 points. Sean Lampley chipped in 11.

Tampa beats Anaheim

TAMPA, Florida — Dave Andreychuk scored his 609th goal and moved into 12th place on the NHL career list, and Nikolai Khabibulin made 24 saves for his 31st career shutout as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 2-0 Tuesday night.

Tampa Bay has lost just once in six games (4-1-1) and moved within one point of first place Washington in the Southeast Division.

Khabibulin has three shutouts this season. Nikita Alexeev also scored for the Lightning. Martin Gerber, coming off his first career shutout Sunday at Carolina, made 24 saves for Anaheim.

Webb aims for triple

SYDNEY — Karrie Webb is aiming to be the first triple champion of the \$300,000 women's Australian Open when she defends her title starting Thursday at the Terrey Hills Golf Club in Sydney.

Webb, who won the women's



TAMPA BAY Lightning's Vaclav Prospal (left) of the Czech Republic is tripped by Anaheim Mighty Ducks' Jason Krog (right) on a breakaway in Tuesday's game. Krog served the tripping penalty. The Lightning won, 2-0.

Australian Open when it was held at Yarra Yarra in Victoria state last year and in 2000, bogeyed the last hole at the Australian Ladies Masters last weekend on the Gold Coast to give that title to England's Laura Davies.

It was her return to the circuit

after an extended Christmas break and Webb said she felt jaded on the back nine of each round at Royal Pines.

Webb said she was a little "sad" the tournament had been moved away from Yarra Yarra, where she had won two of the last three titles.

"I was very comfortable on Yarra Yarra but it's good to come to Sydney — it opens up a bigger fan base for women's golf and I think Terrey Hills will be a good challenge."

Kefu to quit

BRISBANE — Wallaby No. 8 Toutai Kefu confirmed Wednesday he'd quit Australia after the 2003 Rugby World Cup to take up a lucrative contract with a Japanese club.

Kefu, captain of the Queensland Reds' Super 12 lineup and leader of the Australian forward pack, said he'd signed a three-year deal with the Kubota Club near Tokyo.

"It's a perfect time to move on," he said of his planned November departure. "This will be the end of me in terms of Queensland and the Wallabies."

Kefu, 28, said the Australian Rugby Union had wanted him to keep playing for the national team but had recognized his services to the code. "I've been around for about eight or nine years so I think they pretty much understood it was best to let me go," he said.

—AP

Soccer: AC Milan, Man Utd go through

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to a 1-0 victory over Lokomotiv in Moscow in Group C on Tuesday, and Man United got two goals from Ryan Giggs and another from Ruud van Nistelrooy to thump Juventus 3-0 in Group D.

Defending and nine-time champion Real Madrid, playing in Group C with AC Milan, salvaged a 1-1 draw at Dortmund when Javier Portillo scored two minutes into second-half injury time.

Real Madrid has five points and Dortmund has four as the two fight it out to grab the final quarterfinal spot from the group.

In the day's other match, Deportivo defeated Basel 1-0 in Group D, pulling the Spaniards even with Juventus in a scramble for the other qualifying place.

On Wednesday, the leaders in Group A — Barcelona and Inter Milan — squared off in Milan.

Barcelona had nine points and Inter six. Newcastle (3) faced Leverkusen (0) in the other group game.

In Group B, Arsenal played at Ajax and Valencia was home to Roma. Arsenal, Ajax and Valencia each have five points with places in the quarterfinals wide open. Roma has lost its three matches.

IN TUESDAY PLAY:

Group C:

Lokomotiv Moscow 0, AC Milan 1: At Moscow, Rivaldo silenced the 30,000 sellout at Lokomotiv Stadium, beating goalkeeper Sergei Ovchinnikov into the right lower corner of the net after Filippo Inzaghi was pulled down in the penalty box. Milan captain Paolo Maldini made his record 118th appearance in European competition. Last week Maldini equaled the record of retired Inter Milan captain Giuseppe Bergomi.

Milan improved to a perfect 12 points in four matches to top the group. Lokomotiv has a lone point and is out of it.

Dortmund 1, Real Madrid 1: At Dortmund, Germany, substitute Javier Portillo scored in injury time about a minute after coming on to salvage a draw for the nine-time winners. The Group C outcome left both teams in the running for a place in the quarterfinals. Real is second with five points, while Dortmund has four.

Striker Jan Koller put Dortmund ahead after 22 minutes but Real dominated the final 15 minutes of the match and Portillo used a pass from Zinedine Zidane to notch the equalizer.

Group D:

Juventus 0, Manchester United 3: At Turin, Italy, it was the Ryan Giggs show as Man United reached the quarterfinals for the seventh straight year. Giggs came on as an 8th-minute

substitute for Diego Forlan and broke out of a recent slump with two first-half goals. Giggs, rumored to be headed next season to Inter Milan, scored on a right-footed shot from close-range in the 15th.

In the 41st, he made a classic run from midfield and connected on his weaker right foot from 15 meters. Van Nistelrooy substituted for Giggs early in the second half and scored in the 63rd, putting in a short shot from terrible Juventus defending. It was the Dutchman's 10th Champions League goals this season. Man United has a perfect 12 points and Juve has four.

Deportivo 1, Basel 0: At A Coruna, Spain, a fourth-minute goal by striker Diego Tristan earned Deportivo de La Coruna the victory. Tristan took advantage of an early mistake by Basel goalkeeper Pascal "Zubi" Zuberbuehler who missed right back Hector Berenguel's cross and left the Spanish international free to sidefoot home. ■

Cricket

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The New Delhi bowler, yet to fully establish himself as an automatic choice in the India line-up, had never taken more than three wickets in a one-dayer before.

For England, at one stage on 107 for eight before being dismissed for 168 in the 46th over, the only consolation came from Andrew Flintoff. He hammered 64 from 73 balls, including three sixes, against India's support bowlers, and took two wickets for 15 off 10 miserly overs. Earlier Sachin Tendulkar had provided a master-class half-century, the fourth time he has passed 50 in five World Cup innings. Rahul Dravid held the lower-order together with a top-score of 62.

The result gave India 16 points, the same as Group A leaders Australia, which may already be enough for the next phase. India play Pakistan in their last match.

England will have to beat world champions Australia. ■

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