



**SERIES TIGHTENS UP:** Spurs guard Manu Ginobili (20) shoots a three-point shot over Lakers forward Trevor Ariza (13) Sunday in San Antonio. The Spurs won to cut the Lakers' series lead to 2-1.

## Spurs open big lead, and keep it this time

After two straight losses, San Antonio jolted the Lakers, 103-84, to trail series, 2-1.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs opened another big lead over the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday night.

This time, they kept it. Manu Ginobili broke out of his scoring slump with 30 points and the Spurs beat the Lakers 103-84 in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals.

Tim Duncan added 22 points and Tony Parker had 20 for the Spurs, who have not lost at home this postseason.

The Lakers lead the series 2-1. Game 4 is Tuesday in San Antonio.

The Spurs squandered a 20-point lead to lose Game 1 in Los Angeles and the Lakers routed them in Game 2.

The Spurs did not want to be in the position of having to make league history by being the first team to come back from an 0-3 hole.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers with 30 points and Paul Gasol scored 15.

Lamar Odom struggled all night, finishing 2-of-11 from the field for seven points. But he had six of the Lakers' 13 assists and 11 rebounds.

The Lakers also struggled at the free throw line, going just 8-of-17. On Sunday, the Spurs got a lead midway through the second quarter and never looked back, despite a late surge from Bryant.

Up 69-57 entering the fourth, the Spurs opened with a 12-4 run, and Parker's layup gave them a 20-point lead a little over 8 minutes to play.

Then Bryant did what Bryant does: almost single-handedly pulled his team out of the hole. He hit four 3-pointers over the course of less than 2 1/2 minutes and his last one brought the Lakers within 12 points, 88-76, with 5 minutes to play.

But the Lakers would get no closer, not when the Spurs' title defense would be all but ruined with a Game 3 loss.

Duncan answered with a three-point play to put the Spurs back up by 15 and not long after Brent Barry's steal that resulted in a three-point play for Ginobili made it 97-78 with 3:26 to go.

# Kuerten ousted, will retire at 31

The three-time French Open champion has experienced chronic hip injuries.

PARIS (AP) — The French Open's first day featured all the postmatch spectacle of a Grand Slam tournament's final day.

There were the grown men in yellow T-shirts and beige shorts scurrying onto center court with a wooden table to hold a trophy, the speech to the crowd by one of the players, and the dozens of photographers jockeying for position behind a baseline.

Except instead of a celebration of a new champion, as will happen in two weeks, all of Sunday's fuss was about saluting a departing one. Yes, they feted the match's loser: Gustavo Kuerten, the owner of three French Open titles and a former No. 1. He is now ranked outside the top 1,000 and is retiring at age 31 because of chronic hip injuries.

"This particular tournament is really like home for me," said Kuerten, who plans to play doubles in Paris but will never play singles again.

He was beaten 6-3, 6-4, 6-2 by 18th-seeded Paul-Henri Mathieu of France, hardly a surprising result on a day when surprises were few and far between.

There was one relatively big one, though: No. 16 Carlos Moya, the 1998 French Open champion but someone with a .500 record on clay this season, lost 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-7 (1), 4-6, 6-3 to qualifier Eduardo Schwank of Argentina. Schwank never had played at a major and now boasts a 4-5 career record in four-level matches.

Australian Open champion Novak Djokovic dropped his opening set before recovering to advance in four. No. 7-seeded James Blake beat Rainer Schuettler 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 (3) to make U.S. men 1-0 so far — a year after they went 0-9 at the clay-court major.



**FRENCH OPEN:** Serena Williams returns the ball to Ashley Harkleroad during their first-round match Sunday at the French Open tennis tournament in Paris.

"We all feel like, you know, last year was an aberration that should never happen again," Blake said.

Serena Williams, the only past French Open winner in the women's field, won in straight sets, as did 2007 runner-up Ana Ivanovic.

"I guess I do have pressure," Williams said, "but I don't put pressure on myself."

She ceded the first two games before winning 6-2, 6-1 in a drizzle against 61st-ranked Ashley Harkleroad, an American who'll appear in the August issue of Playboy.

"I'm just surprised she beat me to it," Williams said with a hearty laugh. "Darn."

Most of the afternoon's attention was focused on Court Philippe Chatrier, the venue where Kuerten

came out of nowhere to win his first title of any sort in 1997. He followed that up with championships in 2000 and 2001, becoming wildly popular with French fans along the way because of his stylish play and "What me worry?" grin.

They remember not only his flair from the baseline, but also his shows of affection for them, most famously when he etched a heart in the clay after coming back from two sets down to beat Michael Russell in the fourth round in 2001.

And so it was that the locals threw their support behind the lanky Brazilian known as "Guga," instead of the Frenchman he was playing. Mathieu completely understood why his countrymen rooted the way they did.

"Even I would have shouted 'Guga!' if I had been able to do that," Mathieu said. "He's a legend of tennis. He is part of the history of Roland Garros."

Because of Kuerten's injury problems — it hurts to sit or sleep, let alone scamper around a court — he hadn't played at a major since 2005. He needed a massage from a trainer in the second set Sunday.

But he wanted to bid adieu to the sport at the site of his greatest moments and the French tennis federation obliged by giving him a wild card into the field. After the match, Mathieu — who won, let's remember — was ignored, while Kuerten was treated to a standing ovation and presented with a glass trophy showing a cross-section of a clay court.

## Big Brown has slight crack on left front hoof

The unbeaten Triple Crown contender is expected to run in the Belmont Stakes.

NEW YORK (AP) — Big Brown's perfect path has its first bump.

The unbeaten Triple Crown contender has a slight crack on his left front hoof, although trainer Rick Dutrow Jr. was confident the injury won't keep his colt from running in the Belmont Stakes in less than two weeks.

However, the Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner has missed two days of training at Belmont Park, and will miss at least several more while being treated by hoof specialist Ian McKinlay for a five-eighths of an inch long quarter

crack on the inside of his left heel. "We're all concerned because there's a big race coming up," Dutrow said outside his barn. "But Ian has us pretty well relaxed. He's telling me it's nothing and he'll be fine in a few days."

Unlike the two-week turnaround between the Derby and the Preakness, there's a three-week break before the Belmont on June 7. Good thing, too, especially if the injury heals by Thursday as Dutrow is hoping.

"If it was two weeks we would be nervous, but this way I'm as cool as we can be," Dutrow said. "It's bad that this happened, but it's good that it happened at this time."

McKinlay has repaired injuries much more severe before big races, allowing Touch Gold to fight off

a leg injury from the 1997 Preakness and go on to win the Belmont and spoil Silver Charm's Triple try in 1997.

This will be a much simpler task, he said.

"This is a very, very minor crack," McKinlay assured. "We will put a set of wires in, stitch it up and then patch it."

Best case scenario, he says, could allow Big Brown to return to the track Thursday.

"The worst case is he doesn't make the race," Dutrow said. "The horse is in great shape. He doesn't know anything is wrong with him. When you touch it and put pressure on it, he's going to give. But the worst possible thing that could happen is he doesn't make the race,

and that will only hurt human beings. Not him. He's laying back, not worried about anything."

Dutrow said Big Brown continues to be taken for walks inside his barn, and is feeling no pain.

"If the race was today, yesterday or tomorrow, it would not be an issue," he said.

A quarter crack is a vertical crack in the hoof wall between the toe and heel of the hoof, usually extending into the coronary band, where the hoof meets the skin of the leg.

For the most part, the injury is not considered serious and is fairly common. Healing time can range from a few days to a few months, depending on the severity of the crack.

## Pistons' Hamilton has priorities in right order

He's a father and team leader who will set another franchise record tonight.

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Richard Hamilton's postseason is going like his past five in a lot of ways, scoring 20 points on most nights and helping the Detroit Pistons reach the Eastern Conference finals.

In one major way, it's unlike any other.

Deuce has done it. Hamilton became a father last Halloween and Richard Hamilton II, or Deuce as he's known, has treated the All-Star shooting guard to a new way of life.

"It's the best. It puts everything in perspective," Hamilton said Sunday. "Stuff that you used to think was important, isn't important when you have a little man. It slows you down a whole lot. You grow up real fast. You put on your seat belt every time you get in the car. You're always home. You don't hang out as much."

"You just do everything possible to try to raise your child right."

Rip has been right on the court for the Pistons since they acquired him from the Washington Wizards for Jerry Stackhouse six years ago.

Hamilton, who has 2,348 career points in the playoffs, broke Isiah Thomas' franchise record for post-season scoring this year. He scored

a game-high 26 points in Boston's 94-80 win in Game 3 and matched a team record by making all 16 of his free throws.

He'll break another franchise mark in Game 4 tonight when he and the Pistons try to even the Eastern Conference finals against the Celtics.

Hamilton is set to play in his 114th playoff game, surpassing Bill Laimbeer's team record.

"Since we've been here, Rip has been our No. 1 option," said All-Star point guard Chauncey Billups, who signed as a free agent two months before Detroit traded for Hamilton in 2002. "He delivers every night."

Some stats back that up.

Hamilton has scored 20-plus points in 70 of his 113 playoff games since 2003, trailing only one player's ability to reach that mark during the same span. San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan had 72 20-point postseason games since 2003 entering Sunday night's game against the Los Angeles Lakers in the Western Conference finals.

Duncan and Hamilton top the list of 20-point scorers over the past five-plus seasons ahead of players such as Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki (56) and Los Angeles' Kobe Bryant (52).

Since 1992, only Shaquille O'Neal (96), Duncan (80) and Bryant (75) had more 20-point games than Hamilton in their first 113 post-season games.

### WNBA

#### Sunday's games

##### Sparks 74, Dream 55

ATLANTA — Lisa Leslie had 14 points and 10 rebounds and Candace Parker followed up her record-breaking rookie debut with 12 points to lead Los Angeles. Parker, who set a WNBA record with 34 points against the Phoenix Mercury in her first game, also had seven rebounds and six assists. DeLisha Milton-Jones had 15 points for the Sparks.

##### Mystics 69, Comets 66

WASHINGTON — Alana Beard hit two free throws with 2.1 seconds remaining as the Mystics won their home opener with a victory over the Comets. Coco Miller's steal and layup with 22 seconds left gave Washington the lead at 67-66. Beard led the Mystics (1-2) with 16 points and Miller scored 10 off the bench.

Fellow reserve Laurie Koehn added 12 points on four 3-pointers. Tina Thompson paced the Comets (0-2) with 17 points and Tamecka Dixon added 10 points, but she missed a 3-pointer from the right wing at the buzzer that would have forced overtime.

##### Shock 72, Liberty 62

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Plenette Pierson scored 25 points and Deanna Nolan added 14 to help the Shock beat the Liberty. Detroit improved to 3-0 at home despite only having one starter reach double figures. Kara Braxton added 11 off the bench. Lisa Willis led New York with 12 points, but starters Loree Moore, Erin Thorn and Janel McCarville combined for only two on 1-of-12 shooting.

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of the game."

Although the spring season is coming to an end, players who are interested should consider signing up for the fall season.

The cost of the league is \$80. Play will begin in early September.

Giles notes that his league is open to anyone that wants to play whether they are "great athletes" or "playing for the first time."

He said he feels that it is a great way to keep kids involved with ath-

letics all year and keep them out of trouble.

"I want to make the entire city of Youngstown know about the positive, unbelievable program evolving in their city," Giles said. "With all that is bad around here, it's good to give people some good news to read about."

"It keeps the kids out of trouble. Even if it's for a couple of hours a day, the kids are being active and having fun," Giles said.

For more information on the YFFFA, contact Giles via cell phone (330-559-1272) or visit www.yfffa-outh.net

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las Lidstrom. Both teams thrive on maintaining possession of the puck for long stretches, yet Detroit was more effective in the opener.

The Red Wings struggled in the first period, mostly because they spent more than 6 minutes short-handed after being called for four penalties. Once they stayed out of the box, they turned a 0-0 game into a rout over the final 40 minutes, holding the Penguins to seven shots and one power-play chance.

"They'll gain some experience from the game, so will we," said Red Wings goalie Chris Osgood, who made 12 of his 19 saves in the first period. "We didn't play great in the first. They had a real solid first period, and then we possessed the puck very good for the last two periods."

In addition to changing lines, Therrien is turning back to 42-year-old gritty forward Gary Roberts, who was miffed about being benched for the opener. Roberts has been in and out of the lineup because of various injuries and illness.

Therrien was reluctant to alter a winning lineup that had lost only twice in the Eastern Conference portion of the playoffs. He sought

to reward those who got the Penguins there, but now feels the need to add a jolt.

"This is only one game," he said. "We would like to have had a better result. I didn't think we played a good game, and the Red Wings played really well. In time I believe we could play a lot better."

"We've proven in the past after a fair performance we always bounce back. This is what I'm expecting from that team, and we addressed it with the players before practice. It was important to make sure we got the right attitude. I thought our guys were sharp."

Detroit is still waiting and hoping for the return of Johan Franzen, who is tied with teammate Henrik Zetterberg for the NHL lead with 12 playoff goals. He has been sidelined six games after experiencing recurring headaches but has been practicing since Friday.

The headaches are gone, and he is a doctor's clearance away from returning. He is expected to go through a strenuous workout today to get his heart rate up. If he doesn't experience any symptoms, he could be back immediately.

Detroit general manager Ken Holland said he expects him in the lineup by Game 4.

The Red Wings are 13-4 in the postseason and are three wins from capturing the Stanley Cup for the fourth time in 11 seasons.

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## Red Bulls coach banned, team's streak ends

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Serving a one-game suspension, New York Red Bulls coach Juan Carlos Osorio watched his team's game against the Chicago Fire on Sunday from a luxury suite at Giants Stadium instead of the sideline.

And Osorio did not like what he saw as he watched the Fire — the team he coached last season — break the game open with four second-half goals on their way to a 5-1 win. That snapped the Red Bulls' five-game unbeaten streak and handed them one of their worst home losses in franchise

history.

"We were an easy team to play today," said Osorio, who was suspended for his ejection from the Red Bulls' May 17 game against Kansas City. "We were not ready from the start of the game, and I take full responsibility for that. I think we got off to a very bad start and never recovered. It's very frustrating, to say the least."

Chad Barrett scored twice and Cuauhtemoc Blanco added a goal and three assists to lead Chicago (6-2-1), which also got goals from Chris Rolfe and Gonzalo Segares.

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