

Murray, Westbrook spark the Nuggets’ win over Clippers

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DENVER — Nuggets interim coach David Adelman sensed one of Jamal Murray’s patented playoff performances coming, and he was right on the money — just like his point guard.

Murray’s 43-point outburst powered Denver’s 131-115 win over the Clippers on Tuesday night that handed Los Angeles its first back-to-back losses since March 4 and put the Nuggets one win away from a Round 2 matchup with Oklahoma City.

Murray was 17-of-26 shooting, including 8 for 14 from long range.

“Tonight, he played great,” Kawhi Leonard said. “He came out, made shots, got hot, found his teammates and we pretty much couldn’t stop him. He played amazing. Russ (Westbrook) came in and



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Denver Nuggets guard Jamal Murray, left, works the ball to the basket as Los Angeles Clippers guard Kris Dunn defends in the first half of Game 5 of an NBA basketball playoff series on Tuesday in Denver.

played great, as well.”

Westbrook scored 21 points in his return from a left foot injury, including 16 of them in 12 first-half minutes as Denver led wire-to-wire.

Adelman, the Nuggets’ interim coach, said some of Murray’s shots “were absolutely ridiculous. And I said before the game it’s coming with him. You know it is, in these big moments, these situations. He was

born for this.”

This marked Murray’s best scoring game outside the Disney World bubble during the pandemic.

“When he’s aggressive, we’re a different

team,” Westbrook said. “When he’s got that swagger and he’s going out and competing at the level he did tonight, we’re a tough team to beat.”

Murray got plenty of help, including 23 points from Game 4 hero Aaron Gordon and Nikola Jokic’s 21st career playoff triple-double (13 points, 10 rebounds, 12 assists) to go with Christian Braun’s double-double (11 points and 12 rebounds).

Braun also provided stellar defense of James Harden, who scored 11 points on 3-of-9 shooting with four turnovers. For the second straight game, he didn’t speak with reporters afterward.

And for the second consecutive game, Denver took a 22-point lead early in the fourth quarter only to watch the Clippers go on a furious run.

In Game 4, L.A. erased its entire deficit only to lose 101-99 when Gordon’s buzzer-beater provided the first walk-off dunk in NBA playoff history. This time, the Clippers went on a 17-4 run to cut their deficit to single digits at 116-107, but the Nuggets fended off another frenetic finish by going on an 11-0 run with Murray scoring six and Gordon five to compel Clippers coach Tyronn Lue to empty his bench.

Game 6 is Thursday night at the Intuit Dome and another win by Denver would set up a second-round series against top-seeded Oklahoma City, which swept its first-round series with the Memphis Grizzlies.

Ivaca Zubac led the Clippers with a playoff career-high 27 points, Leonard added 20 and Bogdan Bogdanovic added 18.

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Sizzling-hot Polanco is propelling the resurgent Mariners offense

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SEATTLE — Had the weather been a bit more cooperative and the winds a tad friendlier, Jorge Polanco’s excellent evening would have turned into arguably the greatest game of his major league career.

Instead of his first three-home run game, Polanco had to settle for just a couple in the Mariners’ 5-3 win against the Los Angeles Angels on Tuesday night.

It was the second time in three games Polanco hit a pair of home runs in a contest, and he came within feet of making it a trio if not

for Angels center fielder Jo Adell robbing him of another.

“I thought it was a homer, too,” Polanco said. “But, it is what it is.”

Adell’s robbery aside, Polanco has been the catalyst for a surprising Mariners offense. Just a few months ago, such a reality seemed improbable.

Polanco underwent surgery in October to repair the left patellar tendon. Then in November, the Mariners declined his \$12 million option for the 2025 season, only to bring him back for the discounted rate of \$7 million.

All Polanco has provided



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Seattle Mariners’ Jorge Polanco is congratulated in the dugout on his two-run home run on a pitch from Los Angeles Angels pitcher Jose Fermin during the seventh inning of a baseball game on Tuesday in Seattle.

en to be is one of the best bargains in baseball through the early stages of the season.

Following Tuesday night’s contest, Polanco

leads all MLB hitters with a minimum of 70 plate appearances with a 260 weighted runs created plus. Polanco is also the American League’s

reigning player of the week after going 8 for 17 with two doubles, four home runs and eight RBIs in five games.

Polanco is in the greatest groove of his big league career.

“It’s been a really good stretch, really fun. I think this is the best I’ve felt,” Polanco said. “I feel really good right now with the approach and everything.”

Polanco’s sizzling start isn’t likely to be sustainable considering he has an 1.242 OPS to complement a .389 batting average. But, he is just the most prominent example from a Mariners lineup that even with star Julio Rodríguez scuffling is

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of my pops,” the two-time All-Star said after he made the decisive layup with 1.3 seconds left to give Indiana a 119-118 victory and a 4-1 series win. “We had a little talk about it. I don’t agree with what transpired there. I think basketball is basketball and let’s keep it on the court. I think he just got excited.”

Antetokounmpo wasn’t pleased, either, after his team blew a seven-point lead in the final 40 seconds of overtime, sending the Bucks to their third straight first-round exit. The two-time MVP didn’t recognize John Haliburton, thinking he was just another fan who had run onto the court.

Antetokounmpo said he likes Haliburton, calling him a great competitor, but he said John Haliburton displaying a towel with his son’s image while yelling “this is what we (expletive) do” was wrong.

“I feel like that’s very, very disrespectful,” said Antetokounmpo, who finished with 30 points, 20 rebounds and 13 assists.

Haliburton seemed genuinely upset about the incident, promising to reach out to Antetokounmpo before the teams play again.

“I’ll talk to Giannis about it eventually,” said Haliburton, who grew up in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. “I don’t think my pops was in the right at all there. It’s unfortunate what happened at the end there.

“It’s unfortunate what happened there (the scuffle), but I think it’s just competition,” he added. “As far as my pops, I don’t agree with what happened there. We’ll have a conversation.”

Antetokounmpo told a story about the Bucks’ 2020-21 championship season, when his mother attended every game from mid-February through the title run. The Greek superstar said his

mom wasn’t even sure whether she could come onto the court to hug him at the end of the final game and noted that his family members typically don’t sit courtside.

The Pacers and Bucks have met 20 times over the past two seasons, with the Pacers winning eight 11 playoff games and both postseason series in an increasingly heated rivalry.

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skinny legs absorb the impact of each stride, she said, and over time the repetitive stress of racing and training can lead to deformation of tendons and ligaments.

In 2023, deaths occurred not only at Churchill Downs, but other major racing venues, affecting public perceptions of the sport and sparking changes. Reviews found no single cause for the deaths. But for 2024, Churchill Downs upgraded equipment used on its dirt surface and added an equine safety and integrity veterinarian.

In its annual report, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority noted the steps being taken to reduce injuries and fatalities — expanded veterinary protocols, pre-race inspections and uniform medica-

tion oversight. And, it said, the rate of deaths at authority-accredited tracks dropped in 2024, by 27%.

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Experts say a healthy, safe environment brings out the best in a horse — but they still don’t know what makes certain horses standouts at the race track.

“That’s the million-dollar question,” Bailey said. “Every thoroughbred owner is trying to match the genetics of the parents in order to make the horse with the greatest chance of winning.”

Breeding is only part of the equation, experts said; nurture, training and the horse-rider relationship also factor in. Each time a horse emerges seemingly out of nowhere to win the Kentucky Derby, Farmer is reminded of this.

“You don’t have to be this star-studded bred

horse that cost a million dollars at sale to come and win and be a great runner,” he said, raising his voice slightly above the din of galloping hooves. “There are a lot of great horses.”

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