

Milwaukee Bucks forward Giannis Antetokounmpo, rear, tries to shoot over Charlotte Hornets forward Miles Bridges during the second half of Friday's game.

Bridges' return can't save Hornets in loss to Bucks

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Damian Lillard scored 27 points for the visiting Milwaukee Bucks, who spoiled the return to action of Charlotte Hornets forward Miles Bridges in a 130-99 victory Friday night during an NBA in-season tournament game.

The Bucks also received 20 points from Malik Beasley. Lillard and Beasley combined to make 11 of 20 shots from 3-point range as part of Milwaukee's 22-for-45 (48.9 percent) shooting from deep.

ended for the season's first 10 games, was back after a 583-day gap between games related to a domestic violence case. He scored 17 points in 33 minutes off the bench, and he also had five rebounds and four assists.

Milwaukee forward Giannis Antetokounmpo missed the Bucks' Wednesday win in Toronto because of injury management, but he was back on the court to score 16 points, deliver nine assists and grab eight rebounds in 28 minutes.

Brook Lopez had 15 points on 7-for-8 shooting

for the Bucks, Bobby Portis had 13 points, Khris Middleton added 11 points and

LaMelo Ball led the Hornets with 37 points, bolstered by 11-for-12 success on free throws. He launched 28 shots from the field, making 12.

Mark Williams had 11 points and 16 rebounds and Brandon Miller notched 10 points for Charlotte.

The Hornets made only 6 of 26 shots (23.1 percent) from 3-point range, hurt by Ball's 2-for-9 long-range accuracy.

Charlotte continues to

miss injured guard Terry Rozier, while Gordon Hayward was back from a one-game absence but managed just two points in 29 minutes.

Eight Milwaukee players made at least one 3-point basket. The Bucks won despite taking only 13 free throws, making 10.

The Bucks were up 92-81 after three quarters, largely because Lillard made four 3-point shots in the third. Connaughton had two treys during the quarter.

The Hornets held a 37-28 lead after outscoring Milwaukee 14-5 to end the first quarter. Charlotte's lead grew to 13 points in the second quarter before the Bucks got it together and led 59-57 at halftime.

The Bucks improved to 2-0 in East Group A tournament play, while the Hornets fell to 1-2.

mark but the Blue Demons gradually worked their way into contention after that. They got the lead down to 37-30 on a short jumper by Carter with 1:57 remaining in the half.

Johnson responded with a layup and two foul shots, finishing an 18-point half, as South Carolina took a 41-32 advantage to the locker room. The Gamecocks made nearly 58 percent of their shots, while DePaul checked in at just 38.5 percent.

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points of the second half.
No. 21 Villanova 57, Maryland 40: Tyler Burton scored 15 points and the Wildcats smothered visiting the Terrapins in the Gavitt Tipoff Games.
No. 22 Alabama 98, Mercer 67: The Crimson Tide sank their first nine shots of the game and kept on rolling in Tuscaloosa, Ala.
No. 23 Illinois 87, Valparaiso 64: After trailing for most of the first 25 minutes, the host Illini used a huge second-half run to claim a victory.
No. 24 James Madison 76, Radford 73: Terrence Edwards Jr. scored 21 points to lead the Dukes over the Highlanders in Harrisonburg, Va.

No. 12 Seminoles (3-0) past host Florida (3-1) in Gainesville.

No. 18 Indiana 112, Murray State 79: Sara Scalia scored 22 points and MacKenzie Holmes added 20 points and 10 rebounds as the Hoosiers (2-1) rolled past the Racers (1-2) at Bloomington, Ind.

recorded 17 points, 11 rebounds and four steals to help the Tigers (4-1) cruise past the Lions (2-2) at Hammond, La., despite All-American Angel Reese not being with the club.

No. 12 Florida State 79, Florida 75: Florida State sophomore Ta'Niya Latson scored a career-high 35 points and rallied the

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Friday's Top 25 games

UNC Greensboro 78, No. 14 Arkansas 72: Keyshaun Langley poured in 23 points as UNC Greensboro pulled off an upset in Fayetteville, Ark. Langley made 5 of 8 from 3-point range, to carry the Spartans (2-1). Arkansas trailed for 35:34 of game time.

No. 3 Arizona 100, Belmont 68: Caleb Love had his best-scoring game at Arizona with 20 points and freshman Motiejus Krivas also scored 20 in

Tucson, Ariz. Love, a senior transfer from North Carolina, made 8 of 12 shots from the field.

No. 6 Houston 76, Utah 67: LJ Cry answered the Utes' rally bigly with a pair of 3-point baskets as the Cougars pulled out a victory in the semifinals of the Charleston Classic in Charleston, S.C.

No. 9 Duke 90, Bucknell 60: Mark Mitchell scored a career-high 20 points as the Blue Devils beat the visiting Bison in Durham, N.C.

No. 12 Miami 79, Georgia 67: Matthew Cleveland scored 18 points as the Hurricanes defeated the Bulldogs in the first round

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Friday's Top 25

No. 3 UCLA 77, Princeton 74: No. 3 UCLA outlasted visiting Princeton on the back of center Lauren

Betts, who produced her third double-double of the season, and the hosts improved to 4-0. Kaitlyn Chen scored 24 points for Princeton (2-1) and Skye Belker added 20.

No. 7 LSU 73, SE Louisiana 50: Flau'ia Johnson

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