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

notched 10 points for narlotte. 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

edged San Francisco 76-72 in Friday's first semifinal, for the tournament title on Sunday. DePaul and San

Francisco will play in the

day's first game for third

Johnson didn't waste

nuch time putting his stamp on the game. He scored nine points in the first 4:25 as South Car-olina established a 14-6 lead. The Gamecocks were

able to maintain that ad-

remainder, even as De-Paul fought back. Johnson hit a mid-range jumper and then convert-ed a three-point play for a 24-10 cushion at the 10:03

of the Baha Mar Championships in Nassau, Bahamas.
No. 13 Texas A&M 74,
Oral Roberts 66: Henry
Coleman III scored 19
points and added 10 rebounds as the Aggies outlasted the visiting Golden
Eagles.

Eagles.
No. 17 Kentucky 101,
Stonehill 67: Reed Sheppard scored 25 points off
the bench to lead the host
Wildcats.

Wildcats.

No. 18 Michigan State 74,
Butler 54: Tyson Walker
scored 21 points to lead
the Spartans in a Gavitt
Tipoff Games contest in
East Lansing, Mich.
No. 20 North Carolina 77,
UC Riverside 52: Armando Bacot pumped in 21
points and the host Tar
Heels scored the first 19

vantage over the half's

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

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Damian Lillard scored 27 points for the visiting Mil-waukee 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 Beast.

The Bucks also received 20 points from Malik Beas-ley. 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. Bridges, who was sus-

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Meechie Johnson scored 18 of his team-high 24 points in the first half Friday night as South

Carolina overcame some poor foul shooting to stop DePaul 73-68 in the Arizo-

na Tip-Off in Glendale.

Zachary Davis came off
the bench to add 10 for the

Gamecocks (4-0), who never trailed but couldn't

put away the Blue Demons

because South Carolina made only 20 of 34 free throws. The Gamecocks also had 17 turnovers but gave up just 14 points off them.

Field Level Media Friday's Top 25 games

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

pended 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 Antetokounmpomissed the Buck's 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

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

South Carolina tops DePaul

despite poor foul shooting

Chico Carter Ir, scored

24 points on 8-of-13 shoot-ing for DePaul (1-3) but didn't get enough help. No one else reached double

mons, who made only 41.1 percent of their shots from the field and were outrebounded 38-29.

South Carolina led 58-44 with 12:06 left in the

game after Benjamin Bos game after Benjamin Bos-mans-Verdonk got a put-back but DePaul clawed back. It got within five on two occasions down the stretch but wasn't able to even get within one pos-

session.

The Gamecocks will
play Grand Canyon, which

Tucson, Ariz. Love, a senior transfer from North Carolina, made 8 of 12 shots from the field. No. 6 Houston 76, Utah 66: LJ Cype answered the Utes' big rally 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.

figures for the Blue De

for the Bucks, Bobby Portis had 13 points, Rhris Middleton added 11 points and Pat Connaughton scored 11. LaMelo Ball led the Homets 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 points from the field, making 12.

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 shost in the third.
Connaughton had two
treys during the quarter.
The Hornets held a 3728 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

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

mark but the Blue Demon: 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.

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
persont of their shots.

percent of their shots, while DePaul checked in

day's games in our eEdi-tion by using the section

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points of the second half.
No. 21 Villanova 57, Mary-land 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, Valparais 064: 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.

at just 38.5 percent.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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

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

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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'iae Johnson

N.C. 12 Miami 79, Georgia 67: Matthew Cleveland scored 18 points as the Hurricanes defeated the Bulldogs in the first round

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 Rese not being with the club. No. 12 Florida 53ate 79, Florida 75: Florida 53ate 59, Florida 53 points and raillied the sopration of the Liona 12 points of the State 50 points of the State 50 points of a Career-high 35 points and raillied the 35 points and rallied the

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

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