

**WOLVES AT HOUSTON** Friday, 7 p.m. (PST)

## Butler says he's leaving Rose decision up to coach

The All-Star says he'll give Thibodeau input about his former Bulls teammate.

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LOS ANGELES — After an NBA All-Star Game in which he chose not to play, Timberwolves star Jimmy Butler said he hasn't talked to coach Tim Thibodeau about whether free agent Derrick Rose can help their team.

But Butler said he expects they will have that conversation.

"That's not my job," Butler said. "It's the coach's job to make those decisions. Yeah, but that's up to Tim. He has to decide if he has a place on the roster and if he's worth it. Obviously, I've played

free agent seeking to play for his third team in the past 13 months after Cleveland drafted him to Utah at the trade deadline earlier this month and the Jazz promptly waived him.

A point guard, Rose remained a free agent Monday. The Wolves already have starting point guard Jeff Teague and reserves Tyus Jones and Aaron Brooks.

"Does Timbo need to talk to me about it? Not really," Butler said. "I will talk to him about it. I'm sure he'll ask me as he always does. But it's not my job, I'll give my input, I'll tell you that. I'll give my input."

Wolves veteran forward Ty Gibson played with Butler and Rose for those five seasons. Earlier this month, he said he'd like to see Rose join the Wolves, but also said that is not his job decision to make.

"Of course, that's my guy," Gibson said the day after Rose was traded to Utah. "We've been in the trenches a long time. If he's good to have him on our team, just having that veteran leadership would be good. I'll just let Thibodeau decide."

Asked generically about Rose at Saturday's All-Star interview session, Butler said: "He's going to help whatever organization he's playing for. I'm not a GM, obviously I can't sign him. But I've played with him and he's a hell of a talent. Nobody will say Derrick Rose doesn't belong in this league."

The Wolves return to practice Wednesday after a five-day break and resume the remaining 21 games of their schedule Friday at Houston.

White teammate Kevyn Moore delivered yet

another 17-point, 10-rebound double-double — this one, All-Star style — before the only player selected to play in Sunday's game who opted not to play at all.

"Just got to rest my body," he said. "I play a lot of minutes in the regular season, if you didn't know and I'm OK with it. But this weekend, you've just got to rest. I'm OK with it. I don't think it's a big deal, it's what it is. It'll be OK when Friday comes around."

Houston's Mike D'Antoni coached the Team Striph, for which both Towns and Butler were selected.

"When asked why Butler was the only All-Star who didn't play," D'Antoni said, "He was tired and he just felt like his legs weren't there. He didn't practice yesterday or play today. You have to respect

that. He plays hard. Sometimes your body just needs a rest."

Butler watched an All-Star Game that turned competitive in the game's final minutes, which included a controversial video-review-altered shot and a defensive stand by sponsor LeBron James and Kevin Durant that ended the victory 108-95 for the team James captained.

They trapped Stephen Curry with the ball along the sideline as the game's final seconds ticked away and prevented his team from getting a quality shot at trying the game.

It was the kind of defense that Butler plays.

"I felt the urge, I won't lie to you," Butler said. "We had the ball on the bench. They could see me over there, hitting to get out there. The guys understand. You have to rest your body."

## Senior women closing U careers at the Barn

Emotional game might help ease for NCAA berth.

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Carlisle Wagner knows senior night will be emotional — "I already wanted Coach Nik and she's ready for me," Wagner said, referring to assistant head coach Nikita Leroy Dawkins. "She's got tissues ready."

Wagner and teammates Jessie Edwards and Bryanna Ferrarotto will be honored during Tuesday's Gophers women's basketball game against Indiana at Williams Arena. Wagner is the only one of the three to play all four years in Minnesota.

Coach Mariene Stollings knows it will be an emotional game for everyone. Ever before the Gophers (20-13) beat No. 10 Maryland (9-24) Sunday, Stollings said she was looking forward to Wagner's last game at Williams Arena.

Stollings and Wagner started their time at the University of Minnesota together, four seasons ago. "I call her the poster child of our program since her arrival," Stollings said. "The coach couldn't recall a single game day or practice where Wagner arrived in the gym and 'just didn't feel like it that day,'" Stollings said. "Never once has that happened," Stollings said. "And you can't say that lightly about any player that you've ever coached. She brings that enthusiasm every single day, and week in and week out."

The Gophers will host Indiana (15-26) tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Wagner enters Tuesday's game with 1,077 career points, 238 of them on the Gophers' all-time scoring list.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL



The Gophers' Jordan Murphy threw down a dunk against Wisconsin's Ethan Happ and Akiem Foyth on his way to another double-double, this one 19 points and 11 rebounds.

## ROUNDUP Oregon's Hebard sets NCAA record

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Oregon's Ruthy Hebard set the NCAA record for consecutive field goals made for men and women Monday night, and the No. 10 Ducks from the UC system broke a 10-year streak in 2016.

The 6-foot-4 sophomore entered the night with 30 consecutive makes which was the women's record. She made her first three shots to break the men's record of 59 set by Yale's Brandon Sherrod in 2006.

Hebard finally missed in the second quarter. Her streak spanned 10 periods and two overtime periods. Indiana forward Spencer Benford finished with 23 points in overtime and led his team to a 93-85 victory over Oregon (25-4, 14-2 Pac-12).

UCLA (25-6, 15-0) held the Ducks without a field goal for the final 6:18 of regulation. With the game tied at 90, the Bruins had a chance for the win in regulation, but they missed a layup late before the buzzer, and Indiana took over in OT.

**No. 2 Baylor 99, No. 8 Texas 87.** Kristy Wallace scored 23 points and had seven assists as the Lady Bears (26-1, 6-0) won their eighth consecutive Big 12 championship by holding off the host Longhorns (25-5, 15-3).

Wallace scored 14 in the third quarter and reached Baylor after Texas had started the second half with a charge and barely held the lead.

**No. 20 Duke 79, No. 9 Florida State 66.** Luis Brown scored 30 points and led the host Blue Devils (23-10-2, ACC) beat the Seminoles (22-5, 8-4).

♦ **UConn, Mississippi State, Louisville and Notre Dame** are the top seeds in the final NCAA women's basketball round. The four No. 1 seeds were in the same order in the previous round of 64.

**Men**

**Big Ten**

**Maryland 71, Northwestern 66.** Kevin Hunter led 21 points and the Terrapins won in Rosemont, Ill., and a seven-game road losing streak.

The Terrapins (21-11, 8-9 Big Ten) won on the road for the first time since Dec. 3 and handed Northwestern (23-14, 6-9) another difficult loss.

**Nation**

**No. 8 Kansas 104, Oklahoma State 76.** Devonte' Graham had 23 points and seven assists, and the host Jayhawks (24-5, 14-1 Big 12) held Trent Young to 11 points in blowing out the Sooners (16-11, 6-9), who have lost six in a row.

"It was a fun night, a good win," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

Young, Oklahoma's freshman point guard, missed 10 of 15 shots and had a career-low 11 points to go with nine assists.

## U's ninth consecutive loss is a tough one to swallow

**IMPACT PLAYER**  
Ethan Happ, Wisconsin  
The junior guard scored 20 points, including 6-for-9 from three-point range.

**BY THE NUMBERS**  
22-49 Wisconsin's three-point shooting, including 6-for-9 in the first half. The Badgers' advantage in scoring over the Gophers in overtime.

**14-4** The Badgers' advantage in scoring over the Gophers in overtime.

**28** Gophers sophomore Marcus Fuller's career-high points, including 10 in the first half. He went 2-for-2 to Pritzl's six three-pointers and 19 points from Maple Grove's Davison, including 14 in the first half. Happ, double-teamed almost the entire game, finished with 10 points on 4-for-10 shooting.

Mason scored 11 points on 5-of-8 shooting. He injured his lower right leg on the trip, played with a limp in the second period and wasn't a factor for the Gophers, who were outscored 14-4 in OT.

The Gophers announced Saturday that guard Amir Coffey would have season-ending surgery on his right shoulder. Ben Dreyer

## U WOMEN'S GAMEDAY Gophers, Hoosiers both hot lately

**Preview:** The Gophers (21-6, 10-4 Big Ten) moved into a tie for third place with Nebraska in the conference standings with a 74 victory over Maryland on Sunday. The victory was their seventh in eight games. Indiana (15-22, 6) is coming off an 89-75 home victory over Nebraska on Saturday. It was the seventh consecutive victory for the Hoosiers, whose last conference loss was 74-70 at Maryland on Jan. 16. The seven-game winning streak is a new in the 1982-83 season.

**Players to watch:** CIF Drexler Pritzl earned her seventh Big Ten Freshman of the week honor Monday, tying her with Amanda Zahra B for the program record, after she averaged 15 points and 10.5 rebounds in the Gophers' two victories.

♦ **Kenneth Bell**, who leads the Gophers in scoring (197), scored 21 points Sunday to become the 24th player in program history to reach 1,000 career points. Senior G Tyra Burr, who scored 27 once 09 other career highs on Saturday, leads the Hoosiers in scoring (264). Senior F Amanda Collitt is averaging 14.6 points and 6.2 rebounds.

**Numbers:** With 131 points vs Penn State on Feb. 11, 93 vs Michigan on Wednesday and 91 vs Maryland on Sunday the Gophers have scored at least 90 in three consecutive conference games for the first time in program history.