

Sports game leads

CLEVELAND (AP) — On a night for debates, Aaron Judge, Gerrit Cole and the New York Yankees made quite an opening statement.

Shane Bieber had no rebuttal.

Judge smashed a tone-setting, two-run homer on Bieber's fourth pitch, Cole struck out 13 in his New York playoff debut and the Yankees opened their AL wild-card series with a resounding 12-3 win over the Cleveland Indians on Tuesday.

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OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Lucas Giolito released a brief yell of delight and marched quickly back to the dugout, his work day going just brilliantly for the Chicago White Sox.

Giolito simply dazzled in his postseason debut, stymieing the Oakland Athletics through six perfect innings and sending the White Sox to a 4-1 victory in the opener of their best-of-three wild-card series Tuesday.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. -- LeBron James wore out the path to the NBA Finals in the Eastern Conference, making annual trips out of Miami and Cleveland.

Now he's the best in the West.

And for the first time in a decade, so are the Los Angeles Lakers.

James punctuated his 27th postseason triple-double with a big fourth quarter, powering the Lakers to a 117-107 victory over the Denver Nuggets on Saturday night to win the Western Conference finals in five games.

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BALTIMORE (AP) — Three years, three games, three defeats.

The Baltimore Ravens just can't seem to beat Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs, and after their latest loss Monday night, all they can do is hope for another shot down the road.

Patrick Mahomes sliced up the Baltimore defense for 385 yards and four touchdowns in a 34-20 victory that really wasn't even that close. The Chiefs led 27-10 at halftime and let the margin shrink to seven points before Mahomes put together the clinching 13-play, 75-yard drive.

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MAMARONECK, N.Y. -- Every shot required full attention. Every hole was a test. Every par was valued.

Patrick Reed embraced every part of it Friday when the U.S. Open lived up to its reputation as the toughest test in golf, and so did Winged Foot.

"I love the grind," Reed said, barely unable to contain a grin.

From the bunker, he twice saved par. From ankle-deep rough behind the green to back pins, he walked off with two more pars. Throw in five birdies to offset the inevitable mistakes, and Reed had an even-par 70 that gave him a one-shot lead going into the weekend at a U.S. Open that feels as though it's just getting started.

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Novak Djokovic started his French Open campaign with a comfortable win over Sweden's Mikael Ymer as he bids to turn a page on the fiasco at this year's U.S. Open.

The 33-year-old barely broke sweat as he strolled to a straight sets victory, 6-0 6-2, 6-3 on Court Philippe Chatrier Tuesday.

Djokovic was playing in a first grand slam match since being defaulted from Flushing Meadows in September after hitting a line judge with a ball during his fourth-round game.

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NORMAN, Okla. -- A Kansas State squad that lost its opener to Arkansas State two weeks ago, had its roster depleted by COVID-19, and entered Saturday's game against No. 3 Oklahoma as a four-touchdown underdog overcame it all to pull off one of the biggest stunners of the season.

Skylar Thompson passed for 334 yards and ran for three touchdowns, and the Wildcats rallied from 21 points down to beat the third-ranked Sooners 38-35, a 50-yard field goal by Blake Lynch with 4:32 remaining providing the margin of victory.

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