

VP NUMBERS GAME

NBA | Brooklyn Nets

Demonstrators support Irving vs. vaccine mandate at Nets game

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NEW YORK — Demonstrators supporting Nets guard Kyrie Irving and protesting New York's vaccine mandate gathered outside Barclays Center on Sunday before Brooklyn's home opener.

A few dozen people were in the plaza outside the arena, some chanting "Let Kyrie play! Let Kyrie play!" and holding signs that said "Stand with Kyrie."

A small group even broke through barriers and got all the way to the front entrance of the building, forcing arena officials to briefly close the doors while fans were trying to get in.

Irving is not with the Nets because of his refusal to get vaccinated against COVID-19. A New York mandate requires professional athletes playing for a team in the city to be vaccinated in order to play or practice in public venues.

The Nets could have allowed Irving to play in road games, but they decided he wouldn't be with the team until he could be a full participant. Irving explained during an Instagram Live post that he was doing "what's best for me."

Protester Curtis Orwell said he and others were fighting for "bodily autonomy and sovereignty," and the right to choose what goes in their bodies.

"We also know so much more than we knew 18 months ago about the virus," he said. "We have therapeutics that have been tried and proven to great success. Unfortunately, those kinds of voices are being totally suppressed and censored."

Orwell said he was not vaccinated and knew some people who had lost jobs because they weren't.

"It doesn't feel right to them and that's OK," he said. "We need to respect that."

There were many empty seats in the arena as the game against the Charlotte Hornets was set to begin, though it was unclear if the commotion on the plaza caused it. The plaza was set up with some basketball hoops so fans arriving early could shoot and listen to musical performances.

Planner

COMING UP IN THE VALLEY

- ANTELOPE VALLEY COLLEGE**
 - **Cross Country:** Nov. 5 at SoCal Finals, 9 a.m.
 - **W Golf:** Today at WSC#8 Invitational at TBA
 - **Football:** Saturday at Santa Barbara, 6 p.m.
 - **M Soccer:** Friday vs. Glendale, 4 p.m.
 - **W Soccer:** Tuesday vs. Citrus, 2 p.m.
 - **W Volleyball:** Wednesday at Citrus, 6 p.m.
- UNIVERSITY OF ANTELOPE VALLEY (NAIA)**
 - **Cross Country:** Nov. 1 at Cal Pac Finals
 - **M Soccer:** Friday vs. Embry-Riddle, 3 p.m.
 - **W Soccer:** Friday vs. Embry-Riddle, 1 p.m.
 - **W Volleyball:** Thursday vs. La Sierra, 5 p.m.

COMING UP IN SOCAL

- CHARGERS (National Football League)**
 - Sunday vs. New England, 1:05 p.m., CBS
 - Nov. 7 at Philadelphia, 1:05 p.m., CBS
 - Nov. 14 vs. Minnesota, 1:05 p.m., FOX
- RAMS (National Football League)**
 - Sunday at Houston, 10 a.m., FOX
 - Nov. 7 vs. Tennessee, 5:20 p.m., NBC
 - Nov. 15 at San Francisco, 5:15 p.m., ESPN
- LAF (Major League Soccer)**
 - Tuesday vs. Seattle, 7:30 p.m., ESPN
 - Nov. 2 vs. Vancouver, 7:30 p.m., ESPN/BSSC
 - Nov. 7 at Colorado, 3 p.m., ESPN+/KCOP
- GALAXY (Major League Soccer)**
 - Wednesday at Kansas City, 5:30 p.m., FS1
 - Nov. 1 at Seattle, 7 p.m., ESPN+/SpectrumSN
 - Nov. 7 vs. Minnesota, 3 p.m., ESPN+/SpectrumSN
- DUCKS (National Hockey League)**
 - Tuesday vs. Winnipeg, 7 p.m., BSSC
 - Thursday vs. Buffalo, 7 p.m., BSSC
 - Friday at Vegas, 7 p.m., BSW
- KINGS (National Hockey League)**
 - Today at St. Louis, 5 p.m., BSW
 - Thursday vs. Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m., BSW
 - Saturday vs. Montreal, 1 p.m., BSW

- CLIPPERS (National Basketball Association)**
 - Today vs. Portland, 7:30 p.m., BSSC/NBA
 - Wednesday vs. Cleveland, 7:30 p.m., BSSoCal
 - Friday at Portland, 7 p.m., BSSoCal
- LAKERS (National Basketball Association)**
 - Tuesday at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m., SpecSN
 - Wednesday at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m., SpecSN
 - Friday vs. Cleveland, 7:30 p.m., SpecSN
- UCLA (NCAA — Pac-12 Football)**
 - Saturday at Utah, 7 p.m., ESPN
 - Nov. 13 vs. Colorado, TBA
 - Nov. 20 at USC, TBA
- USC (NCAA — Pac-12 Football)**
 - Saturday vs. Arizona, 4 p.m., ESPN
 - Nov. 6 at Arizona State, TBA
 - Nov. 13 at California, TBA

ON TV TODAY

COLLEGE GOLF
■ The East Lake Cup: Individual Championship, East Lake GC, Atlanta, Noon, GOLF

IIHF HOCKEY (Women's)
■ My Why Tour: U.S. vs. Canada, Hartford, Conn., 4 p.m., NHL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
■ Washington at Brooklyn, 4:30 p.m., NBA
■ Portland at LA Clippers, 7:30 p.m., NBA/BSSC

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
■ New Orleans at Seattle, 5:15 p.m., ESPN; MNF with Peyton and Eli, ESPN2

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
■ Kings at St. Louis, 5 p.m., BSW

TENNIS
■ Vienna-ATP, St. Petersburg-ATP, Courmayeur-WTA, Cluj-Napoca-WTA Early Rounds, 3 a.m., TENNIS; 2 a.m. Tuesday, TENNIS; 3 a.m. Tuesday, TENNIS

National Basketball Association results | Sunday

Hornets 111, Nets 95

NEW YORK — Miles Bridges had 32 points and nine rebounds, Ish Smith added 11 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter and the Charlotte Hornets improved to 3-0 for the first time by beating the Brooklyn Nets.

LaMelo Ball had 18 points, six rebounds and five assists for the Hornets, but it was their backups who led them in a dominant final quarter. Cody Martin had eight of his 12 in the final 12 minutes.

Before that, it was another night for Bridges, who had his second 30-point outing in the first three games and finished a point shy of his career high.

Kevin Durant scored 38 points for the Nets, who fell to 1-2. James Harden had 15 points, eight assists and seven rebounds for Brooklyn.

Warriors 119, Kings 107

SACRAMENTO — Stephen Curry scored 27 points and became the first player in Warriors franchise history to reach 5,000 assists, helping Golden State beat Sacramento to improve to 3-0.

Curry had 10 assists and seven rebounds. Jordan Poole added 22 points, and Draymond Green had 14 points, six rebounds and seven assists.

Harrison Barnes scored 24 points for the Kings, and Richaun Holmes had 16 points and 11 rebounds. They are 1-2.

76ers 115, Thunder 103

OKLAHOMA CITY — Seth Curry scored 28 points to help Philadelphia beat Oklahoma City.

Joel Embiid added 22 points and nine

rebounds for Philadelphia. The 76ers are off to a 2-1 start as they work through issues with Ben Simmons, the point guard the team listed as out because of personal reasons.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander scored 29 points, and rookie Josh Giddey had 19 points, eight rebounds, six assists and four steals for the Thunder. They are 0-3.

Curry scored 23 points in the first quarter and made 6 of 7 3-pointers to help the 76ers take a 36-26 lead.

Celtics 107, Rockets 97

HOUSTON — Jayson Tatum had 31 points and nine rebounds and Boston beat Houston to avoid its first 0-3 start since 2013.

Tatum, had 20 points in the first half on 8-of-13 shooting. Al Horford added 17 points, including 11 in the third quarter, and 10 rebounds. Dennis Schröder, who started for the injured Jaylen Brown, finished with 18 points, and Grant Williams added 18 points.

Second overall pick Jalen Green had 30 points, making 8 of 10 on 3-pointers, for Houston. Christian Wood had 20 points and nine rebounds.

Magic 110, Knicks 104

NEW YORK — Cole Anthony had 29 points and a career-high 16 rebounds and Terrence Ross scored all 22 of his points in the fourth quarter in Orlando's victory over New York.

Jalen Suggs and Wendell Carter Jr. added 11 points apiece to Orlando help Orlando end a season-opening, two-game losing streak.

MLS

Western Conference						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Seattle	17	7	7	58	51	28
Sporting KC	16	7	5	55	34	28
Colorado	15	6	10	55	45	32
Portland	14	13	4	46	48	51
LA Galaxy	13	11	7	46	46	48
Minn. United	12	10	9	45	36	38
Vancouver	11	9	11	44	41	42
Real Salt Lake	12	12	6	42	48	46
LAF	11	12	8	41	47	45
San Jose	9	12	10	37	41	48
Houston	6	14	12	30	36	51
FC Dallas	6	14	11	29	43	52
Austin FC	8	19	4	28	31	50

Eastern Conference						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
New England	21	4	7	70	64	40
Philadelphia	13	8	10	49	43	32
Nashville	11	4	16	49	47	28
Orlando City	12	8	11	47	45	44
NYC FC	12	11	8	44	51	34
New York	12	11	7	43	37	31
Atlanta	11	9	10	43	40	34
CF Montréal	11	10	10	43	44	41
D.C. United	12	14	5	41	51	50
Inter Miami CF	11	15	5	38	33	48
Columbus	10	13	8	38	38	42
Chicago	9	16	7	36	36	51
Toronto FC	6	17	8	24	33	60
Cincinnati	4	19	8	20	33	64

Wednesday, October 20

Chicago 4, Cincinnati 3
CF Montréal 1, Orlando City 1, tie
New York City FC 1, Atlanta 1, tie
New England 3, D.C. United 2
Miami 3, Toronto FC 0
Los Angeles FC 3, FC Dallas 2
Minnesota 3, Philadelphia 2
Columbus 1, Nashville 1, tie
LA Galaxy 3, Houston 0
Seattle 1, Colorado 1, tie
Vancouver 3, Portland 2
San Jose 4, Austin FC 0

Saturday, October 23

Sporting Kansas City 2, Seattle 1
New York 2, Columbus 1
New York City FC 6, D.C. United 0
Philadelphia 1, Nashville 0
CF Montréal 1, Toronto FC 1, tie
Los Angeles FC 1, Minnesota 1, tie
Chicago 1, Real Salt Lake 0
Miami 5, Cincinnati 1
Colorado 2, Portland 0
FC Dallas 2, LA Galaxy 2, tie
Vancouver 1, San Jose 1, tie

Sunday, October 24

Austin FC 2, Houston 1
New England 2, Orlando City 2, tie

Tuesday, October 26

Seattle at Los Angeles FC, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 27

Colorado at New England, 4 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Nashville at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m.
Orlando City at Columbus, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto FC, 4:30 p.m.
New York at D.C. United, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York City FC, 4:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at FC Dallas, 5 p.m.
Galaxy at Sporting KC, 5:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Portland, 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 30

New York City FC at Miami, 10:30 a.m.
San Jose at Real Salt Lake, 12:30 p.m.
CF Montréal at New York, 1 p.m.
Toronto FC at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Columbus at D.C. United, 4:30 p.m.
Austin FC at FC Dallas, 5 p.m.

NHL

WESTERN CONFERENCE														
Pacific Division					Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Edmonton	5	5	0	0	10	24	13	5	5	0	0	10	24	13
San Jose	5	4	1	0	8	19	11	5	4	1	0	8	19	11
Vancouver	6	3	2	1	7	18	18	6	3	2	1	7	18	18
Calgary	4	2	1	1	5	11	11	4	2	1	1	5	11	11
Ducks	6	2	3	1	5	17	20	6	2	3	1	5	17	20
Kings	5	1	3	1	3	14	17	5	1	3	1	3	14	17
Seattle	6	1	4	1	3	13	23	6	1	4	1	3	13	23
Vegas	5	1	4	0	2	10	19	5	1	4	0	2	10	19

EASTERN CONFERENCE														
Atlantic Division					Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	4	4	0	0	8	22	11	4	4	0	0	8	22	11
Minnesota	5	4	1	0	8	17	16	5	4	1	0	8	17	16
Dallas	5	3	2	0	6	11	11	5	3	2	0	6	11	11
Winnipeg	5	2	2	1	5	20	19	5	2	2	1	5	20	19
Colorado	5	2	3	0	4	15	20	5	2	3	0	4	15	20
Nashville	6	2	4	0	4	17	19	6	2	4	0	4	17	19
Arizona	5	0	4	1	1	8	25	5	0	4	1	1	8	25
Chicago	6	0	5	1	1	12	27	6	0	5	1	1	12	27

Florida 5, 5 0 1 0 10 22 9
Buffalo 5, 3 1 1 7 14 10
Detroit 6, 3 2 1 7 20 21
Boston 4, 3 1 0 6 14 11
Tampa Bay 5, 2 2 1 5 15 21
Toronto 6, 2 3 1 5 12 19
Ottawa 5, 2 3 0 4 10 12
Montreal 6, 1 5 0 2 10 20

N.Y. Rangers 6, 4 1 1 9 14 13
Carolina 4, 4 0 0 8 18 7
Pittsburgh 5, 3 0 2 8 23 12
Washington 5, 3 0 2 8 19 11
N.Y. Islanders 6, 3 2 1 7 15 15
New Jersey 4, 3 1 0 6 11 10
Columbus 5, 3 2 0 6 15 14
Philadelphia 4, 2 1 1 5 18 13

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 3, Ottawa 2
Calgary 4, Washington 3, OT
Minnesota 4, Ducks 3, OT
Carolina 5, Columbus 1
Montreal 6, Detroit 1
New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1, OT
Florida 4, Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 7, Toronto 1
Winnipeg 6, Nashville 4
Colorado 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO
St. Louis 7, Kings 3
N.Y. Islanders 3, Arizona 0
Vancouver 4, Seattle 2

Sunday's Games

Boston 4, San Jose 3
Nashville 5, Minnesota 2
Detroit 6, Chicago 3
N.Y. Islanders 2, Vegas 0

Monday's Games

Arizona at Florida, 4 p.m.
Calgary at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 4 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Washington at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
Kings at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Tuesday's Games

Calgary at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Vegas at Colorado, 5 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 5:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Seattle, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Ducks, 7 p.m.

NASCAR

NASCAR Cup Series Hollywood Casino 400 Results

- Sunday**
At Kansas Speedway Kansas City, Kan.
Lap length: 1.50 miles (Start position in parentheses)
- (1) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 267 laps, 58 points.
 - (2) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 267, 52.
 - (3) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 267, 45.
 - (4) Kyle Busch, Chevrolet, 267, 47.
 - (5) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 267, 41.
 - (6) William Byron, Chevrolet, 267, 50.
 - (7) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 267, 30.
 - (8) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 267, 29.
 - (9) Joey Logano, Ford, 267, 28.
 - (10) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 27.
 - (11) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 267, 34.
 - (12) Chris Buescher, Ford, 267, 25.
 - (13) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 267, 28.
 - (14) Bubba Wallace, Toyota, 267, 25.
 - (15) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, 267, 22.
 - (16) Michael McDowell, Ford, 266, 21.
 - (17) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 266, 20.
 - (18) Cole Custer, Ford, 266, 19.
 - (19) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 266, 18.
 - (20) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 266, 0.
 - (21) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 265, 16.
 - (22) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 265, 21.
 - (23) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 265, 14.
 - (24) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 265, 13.
 - (25) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 263, 12.
 - (26) Aric Almirola, Ford, 263, 11.
 - (27) Ryan Newman, Ford, 263, 10.
 - (28) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 261, 11.
 - (29) Erik Jones, Chevrolet, 260, 8.
 - (30) Bubba Wallace, Ford, 259, 0.
 - (31) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 258, 0.
 - (32) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 256, 0.
 - (33) Josh Bilicki, Ford, 255, 0.
 - (34) David Starr, Ford, 256, 0.

- (35) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 255, 2.
- (36) Ryan Ellis, Chevrolet, 254, 0.
- (37) Ryan Blaney, Ford, accident, 224, 1.
- (38) Anthony Alfredo, Ford, accident, 171, 1.
- (39) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, engine, 165, 0.
- (40) Chad Finchem, Ford, handling, 47, 0.

RACE STATISTICS

Average Speed of Race Winner: 130.736 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 3 minutes, 49 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 3.619 seconds.
Cautions: 7 for 33 laps.
Lead Changes: 23 among 8 drivers.
Lead Leaders: K.Larson 0-14; B.Keselowski 15-16; K.Larson 17-24; M.DiBenedetto 25-27; K.Larson 28; M.DiBenedetto 29; K.Larson 30-32; C.Elliott 33-34; W.Byron 35-36; K.Larson 37-87; C.Elliott 88-