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Luka Doncic, LeBron James and Rui Hachimura were banged up after the team's 111-102 win on Thursday over the Minnesota Timberwolves, and Hachimura will not play versus the Clippers.Friday's game will be a battle between a Clippers team that ranks second in defensive rating and a Lakers squad that is first in that category over the last 15 contests.A full recap with grades for each Lakers player can be seen here.The Clippers fought hard down the stretch, and they were aided by two challenges that were successful for them. But in the end, the Lakers held on to win their fifth straight game by a final score of 106-102 by getting key stops down the stretch.They were led in scoring by Luka Doncic, who had 31 points, five assists and three steals, while LeBron James scored 28 points and gobbled up 13 rebounds. While Doncic and James were the only two Lakers players to score in double figures, the team got lots of hustle from its bench, particularly players such as Jarred Vanderbilt, Jordan Goodwin and Trey Jemison III, who combined for 14 points and 16 rebounds.After struggling early, Doncic has hit three of six shot attempts in the second half, including his second 3-pointer of the game with 6:50 left in the fourth quarter to put the Lakers ahead 95-88. Moments later, he hit another trey to give his team a 10-point advantage.After clinging to a 77-76 lead with less than two minutes left in the third quarter, the Lakers ended the period on a 6-1 run, highlighted by James' precise Wes Unseld-like outlet pass to a streaking Dalton Knecht for a breakaway jam.James has 22 points, nine rebounds and three assists through three quarters.The Lakers are starting to turn the ball over too often, and it has allowed the Clippers to make this game a tight one. With 5:45 left in the third quarter, Kawhi Leonard scored on a fast break to tie the game at 67. The Lakers had led 67-61 over four minutes into the period, and they now have 10 turnovers so far in this game.Reaves, who has been playing well over the past several weeks, exited Friday's game early with right calf soreness. Per Dave McMenamin of ESPN, he will undergo an MRI on that calf on Saturday.If Reaves has to miss any significant time, it would be a sizable blow to the Lakers, given the difficulty of their upcoming games over the next few weeks.The Lakers maintained a lead for most of the second quarter, and they lead 59-54 at halftime. They're shooting 54.8% from the field, and James leads everyone with 17 points on 7-of-10 shooting. Doncic has 11 points, but he's just 4-of-11 overall and 1-of-5 from 3-point range. However, he has been hustling on defense, which has allowed him to come up with three steals.Unfortunately, the Lakers will be short-handed for the rest of this game.They were already without forward Rui Hachimura, and now guard Austin Reaves, who left earlier in the game to go to the locker room, has reportedly been ruled out due to right calf soreness.His night ended with six points on 2-of-4 shooting in nine minutes.The Purple and Gold went on a 14-2 run late in the first quarter and early in the second quarter to take a 30-25 lead with 8:31 to go before halftime. Afterward, they continued to heat up en route to a 50-40 lead with 4:27 remaining in the first half. They're shooting 57.1% from the field, and James has 15 points, including eight in the second period.After falling behind by as many as 10 points in the first quarter, the Lakers pecked away at their deficit and ended the first quarter down 25-24. LeBron James leads all scorers with seven points, and Austin Reaves has chipped in six points for the Purple and Gold.Playing on the second night of a back-to-back set of games, the Lakers gave up the first five points of tonight's contest and trail 17-7 with 7:53 left in the first quarter. The Clippers have hit seven of their nine field-goal attempts, including three 3-pointers, while the Lakers are 3-of-6 from the field.TV Channel: ESPN, Spectrum SportsNetStart time: 7 p.m. Pacific timeWatch Lakers vs Clippers live on Fubo (free trial)Clippers: Norman Powell (left patellar tendinopathy) is questionableLakers: Luka Doncic (left calf injury management), Jaxson Hayes (left hip contusion) and LeBron James (left foot injury management) are probable. Rui Hachimura (left knee strain) and Maxi Kleber (right foot surgery recovery) are out. 3:00 AM, 5 February 2025 Head-To-Head RecordsLakers vs. ClippersThis page features historical information and stats about the all-time match-ups between two NBA teams: Lakers and Clippers The mere presence of Luka Dončić was enough for the Lakers to snap the Clippers curse as they dominated their cross-town rivals on Tuesday, 122-97. LeBron James was energetic and dominant, finishing with 26 points, eight rebounds, nine assists and three steals. Rui Hachimura scored 20 points to go with his six rebounds and two assists. Austin Reaves dished nine dimes to go with his 20 points and six rebounds. Dalton Knecht pitched in with 14 points. Gabe Vincent had 12 points on four 3-pointers. Jaxson Hayes grabbed six rebounds, dished four dimes and scored six points. Dorian Finney-Smith had seven points with four rebounds. Bronny James made his first NBA three-pointer in his young career. The game began with both teams trading baskets. Jaxson started things off with a layup. Norman Powell started cooking for the Clippers with a 3-pointer and a layup. The Lakers then went on a 6-0 run, leading to a Clippers timeout. After missing his first two attempts, Rui Hachimura knocked down a 3-pointer. Derrick Jones Jr. was a perfect 3-3 from the field with two 3-pointers and was up to eight quick points for the Clippers. Still, the Lakers moved ahead by 10 thanks to LeBron connecting with Dalton Knecht twice for dunks. After making one free throw and missing the other, LeBron grabbed the rebound and drained a 3-pointer. He then knocked down another one adding to the 10-2 run to end the quarter as the purple and gold were up 16. First quarter: Lakers 45, Clippers 29That was one of the Lakers' best quarters of the season. LeBron James has 14 points. Rui Hachimura has 10 points. Austin Reaves has 8 points and 5 assists. LA is shooting 75% (18-24 FGs) and 63.6% on 3s (7-11 3PT). They have 0 turnovers.— Jovan Buha (@jovanbuha) February 5, 2025 LeBron, up to 14 points, continued his dominating performance with a layup to start the second. Dalton then knocked down a 3-pointer. LeBron assisted on another great bucket, this time a reverse layup from Dorian. The Clippers looked completely out of sync and defeated. Dorian drained a 3-pointer to extend the growing lead for the Lakers. Shake Milton got in on the scoring with a putback layup, forcing a Clippers timeout. An impressive feat for the Lakers was that they didn't have a single turnover past the midway point of the quarter. The Clippers were turning the ball over, missing shots, and looking depleted. The few shots they did make didn't help them momentum-wise. The Lakers committed their first turnover at the 3:57 mark. Gabe responded by draining his second 3-pointer of the night. LeBron was bullying the entire Clippers team as he was up 21 points. At halftime, the purple and gold were up 23. Luca Donic has done quite a bit of impressed clapping on the Lakers bench tonight, most recently including a fist pump and a laugh as LeBron converted a tough and-1 through Ivica Zubac.LeBron has 21 points and 5 assists, with the Lakers up 73-50 at the half.— Mike Trudell (@LakersReporter) February 5, 2025 The second half began with the Clippers scoring better and the Lakers missing their shots. Dorian started the offense off with a layup. The Lakers' offense dipped, but they grabbed rebounds for second-chance opportunities. The Clippers played with much better energy than they had in the first half. Jones Jr. knocked down his third 3-pointer of the night. A turnover led to Jones Jr. throwing down a dunk. Austin stopped the Clippers momentum with a 3-pointer. He then went right by Ivica Zubac for a layup. Rui took it to the basket for a layup to add to the 7-0 run for the Lakers and the lead immediately went back to 20. The Lakers were playing smothering defense, preventing the Clippers from easy baskets. Jarred Vanderbilt who is often doing the dirty work, drained a 3-pointer. At the end of the third, the side of LA with championships was up 23. The final frame began with the Clippers scoring and the Lakers missing their first shot attempts. Dalton and Rui drained back-to-back 3-pointers. The Lakers were battling, defending, and diving to the ground for loose balls. Gabe drained his third 3-pointer of the night, adding to the growing lead. He knocked down another one and with 5:59 left, both teams started emptying their benches. Key Takeaways: It was a dominant start and a dominant finish for the Lakers. That is how you get the job done. They grabbed rebounds, defended, dove for loose balls and were doing everything right. The Lakers' next game will be Thursday against the Golden State Warriors at 7:00 PM PT. You can follow Karin on Twitter at @KarinAbcarians. Updated [hour]:[minute] [AMP] [timezone], [monthFull] [day], [year] LOS ANGELES (AP) — LeBron James scored 19 of his 34 points during a brilliant fourth quarter, leading the Los Angeles Lakers back from a 21-point deficit for a dramatic 116-112 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday night.Kawhi Leonard missed a 12-footer with five seconds to play, and James threw a long pass to Cam Reddish for a dunk that punctuated a stunning victory for the Lakers in the rivals' final regular-season game as co-tenants of their downtown arena.The 39-year-old James was the center of it all, hitting five of his season-high seven 3-pointers while outscoring the Clippers by himself in the fourth quarter (19-16). He either scored or assisted on 11 of the Lakers' 13 baskets in the final period."It's just a feeling when you feel like everything you put up is going in," James said. "I just kept it consistent. I wasn't taking ill-advised shots. I stayed in the course of the offense. My teammates did a great job of continuing to find me, and I just tried to dictate the tempo, dictate the game. ... It's just a zone. Can't really describe it. Wish you could stay in it forever." Leonard scored 26 points and James Harden had 23 points and nine assists for the Clippers, who lost back-to-back games for the first time since Dec. 23 after committing seven turnovers and allowing 39 points in that calamitous fourth quarter. The Clippers played without All-Star Paul George, who missed his second straight game with a sore left knee, and starting center Ivica Zubac, who was ill. "It's one game," Clippers coach Tyronn Lue said. "Played well for three quarters. Didn't finish the game. I never let one loss or a bad loss take away from what we've been doing and what we've built. It's a tough loss because we were up 21 points, but this is a good team, and when you don't take care of the basketball and you don't do what you're supposed to do, you lose." The Clippers led 98-77 in the opening minute of the fourth quarter, but James led a 29-8 run in just 7:34. Anthony Davis' free throws tied it at 106- with four minutes to play, and James found Rui Hachimura for a go-ahead 3-pointer moments later. D'Angelo Russell's 3-pointer put the Lakers up 114-108 with 1:12 to play before Harden and Leonard scored on drives to the hoop while James missed a pair of shots for the Lakers. But Leonard's last shot was off target, and James found Reddish for the capper to the delight of the thousands of Lakers fans in attendance at a "road" game."How can you be surprised with some of the things he does?" Russell asked about James. "A lot of guys locked in defensively and gave us what we needed, but he's a huge reason we won this game, just from him being him. As a group, we fought."The Lakers won three of four over the Clippers this season, winning the season series for the first time since 2011-12.Davis had 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Lakers, while Russell had 18 and Hachimura added 17.The Clippers and Lakers moved into the building long known as Staples Center — along with the NHL's Los Angeles Kings — when it opened in 1999. The NBA franchises shared their home for the next 25 years, usually facing each other four times annually in a rivalry known as the Hallway Series because their locker rooms are about 100 feet apart in the same corridor. The era ends this fall when the Clippers move into Intuit Dome, owner Steve Ballmer's lavish new arena in Inglewood. Ballmer decided the Clippers needed their own home to complete their move out of the shadows of the Lakers' 17 NBA championships and the accompanying banners on the walls of the shared arena, and the billionaire quickly got it done.The balance of power in Los Angeles still tilts completely in the Lakers' direction, but the Clippers have made progress: They've finished with a better record than the Lakers in 10 of the last 11 seasons, failing only in 2020 when the Lakers won their 17th title.The teams could always meet in a playoff series this spring, but that's never happened.Reddish returned from a 14-game absence due to a sprained right ankle,UP NEXTLakers: Host Washington on Thursday nightClippers: Host Washington on Friday night.____AP NBA: