



Chicago Bulls forward Pau Gasol, left, and his brother Memphis Grizzlies center Marc Gasol vie for a jump ball at the start of an NBA basketball game in Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 19. The duo will make history Sunday, when the Spanish centers become the first brothers to start against each other in the NBA All-Star game.

Brothers Pau, Marc Gasol await NBA All-Star history

NEW YORK (AP) — Marc Gasol can hardly wait for one of the NBA All-Star game's most mundane moments.

"I'm just really excited for the jump ball," he said.

That's because it will be against his big brother.

Teammates with their national team, once traded for each other and sharing a lifetime love of basketball that developed in their grandmother's backyard in Spain, Marc and Pau Gasol will make history as the first brothers to start in the All-Star game.

"That jump ball is going to symbolize a lot of things, different ways to do things with the same kind of goal and what we stand for as players and as men, so that jump ball is going to be unique," Marc said Monday. "It's hard to put into words what that jump ball is going to mean."

Not for those who know the brothers best.

"When you're close to somebody like I am with those two guys, you feel really special," said Knicks guard Jose Calderon, a longtime teammate of the Gasols on the Spanish national team.

"We've been working together and playing together for so many years, so it's like a brother, like family. I think it's really great for Spanish basketball, for Spain, even for the NBA. You've got two brothers starting for two different conferences. I don't know if that is going to happen again in basketball."

Pau, 34, is in his first season with the Chicago Bulls and was elected to start for the Eastern Conference. Marc, who

GAME TIME

NBA All-Star Game
Sunday
5:30 p.m.
TNT/TBS

has followed Pau as Memphis' man in the middle, was voted by fans to start for the West.

It's the first time two brothers will start the All-Star game. They are the first siblings to play in the same game since Tom and Dick Van Arsdale in 1970 and '71.

"It's a beautiful thing. We are a lucky family," Pau said during a conference call with his brother.

It's the fifth All-Star appearance for Pau, who was a star from nearly the minute he came to the NBA. He was the 2002 Rookie of the Year and the MVP of the 2006 world basketball championship, and he won two titles with the Lakers after they acquired him from Memphis during the 2007-08 season.

Success for the 30-year-old Marc, whose draft rights were traded from the Lakers to the Grizzlies in the deal, was slower and a little more unexpected — except to Pau.

"I'm just happy to see him do so well and also with his team, with the Grizzlies, a franchise that has also been a big part of my career," Pau said. "Just overall, a lot of pride, a lot of joy to see your brother do so well, and I know he's going to continue to do well."

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Time together is rare during the season — especially now that they are in different conferences. So they will enjoy these days in New York, along with parents, wives, kids and other supporters.

And Marc should have plenty of them inside Madison Square Garden. A free agent this summer who could draw interest from the Knicks, he laughed off the idea that he might receive some of the loudest cheers Sunday.

"I think there's going to be many more popular guys than me in that arena, but I don't know how it's going to go," he said. "It's going to be one very unique night and I can't wait to enjoy it."

2 years after snub, Curry is All-Star man of the moment

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephen Curry will take on his teammate and team up with his father, then finally take the floor as the leading vote-getter for the All-Star game.

The Golden State Warriors' guard might be the man of the weekend, and even he can't believe how quickly it's happened after he was an All-Star snub just two years ago.

"I remember where I was the night I didn't hear my name called and thought that was a real possibility," he said. "I was in Chicago sitting in the hotel room watching the announcements and obviously (David) Lee was a representative, so happy for him, but in two short years obviously where it is now, it's unreal."

Curry rebounded from not getting chosen in 2013, when he had the highest scoring average among players not picked, by being a first-time selection last year. He finished more than 42,000 votes ahead of LeBron James to be the top vote-getter this season, and he heads to the break as a leading candidate for the MVP award.

The Warriors have the NBA's best record and will be well-represented on Sunday. Steve Kerr will coach the Western Conference, and he tabbed Curry's back-court mate, Klay Thompson, to start in place of the injured Kobe Bryant.

The night before, Curry and Thompson are part of an elite field for the All-Star Saturday 3-point contest. Curry will also team up with his father, Dell, a former NBA player, and the WNBA's Sue Bird in the shooting stars competition.

He says there is more pressure to beat his teammate than there is to not lose with his dad.

"The Currys have never won a 3-point contest, so I think that's probably the more pressure," he said.

Even if he loses them all, it's a big weekend for Curry. His career-high performance of 54 points in February 2013 came at Madison Square Garden, site of Sunday's game, not long after the last All-Star game that went on without him.

Hard to imagine him missing another one any time soon.

"Just to be on a winning team, best record in the West and have the vision that we have for this team this year," Curry said, "and then all the other stuff that comes from that when it comes to personal accolades and acknowledgments and all that stuff, kind of try to keep it in perspective because it is crazy."

"In two years, that's a lot that's happened."

Here are other things to watch during All-Star weekend:

One city, two arenas

The Friday and Saturday events go to Brooklyn's Barclays Center, while the Knicks' Madison Square Garden hosts the All-Star game Sunday. The



AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli, file Golden State Warriors Klay Thompson, left, celebrates with Stephen Curry after scoring during an NBA basketball game against the Kings in Sacramento, Calif., Oct. 29. The Warriors shooting tandem will own the All-Star spotlight in New York this weekend, competing in the 3-point contest Saturday night in Brooklyn, then playing for the Western Conference in the All-Star game Sunday at Madison Square Garden.

teams may be rivals on the court, but Commissioner Adam Silver insists it was easy to get them to share the festivities.

"I wish there was some smoke filled-room story in Moscow that I could tell you, but in fact both organizations were incredibly cooperative," Silver said.

Michele's moment

Michele Roberts will hold her first All-Star press conference since being chosen last year as the NBA Players Association's executive director, the first woman to head a North American team sport's union. Her weekend won't be all business — she's bringing back the popular Player Association's party that's been on hiatus for a few years.

Celebrity coaches

Knicks All-Star Carmelo Anthony and director Spike Lee will serve as coaches in today's celebrity game. Anthony plans to be a laid-back one.

"All celebrities feel like they think they know how to play basketball. Some of them are pretty good, so just a matter of putting them out there and throwing the ball out there and telling them to go," Anthony said. "They're going to do their own thing anyway."

What about Lee, the Knicks' most passionate celebrity fan?

"Oh, Spike is going to be into it," Anthony said. "Spike'll be loud, Spike will be really coaching."

Missing men

All the stars aren't healthy enough to be All-Stars. The West roster is missing the injured Bryant, Blake Griffin and Anthony Davis, all of whom had been voted by fans as starters.

Tigers outlast the Warriors, 39-32

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The good news for the Warrenton boys basketball team: This year's losses may be next year's wins.

But as the 2014-15 season came to a close Thursday night, the Warriors were still trying to figure out how to close out a game.

Warrenton dropped a couple heartbreakers this season, with Thursday night's season finale right at the top of the list.

Warrenton's three-point lead with just over three minutes remaining did not hold up, as Clatskanie rallied for a 39-32 win over the Warriors on Senior Night at Warrenton.

It was the second time this week that the Warriors let a fourth-quarter lead slip away, after Rainier rallied from an eight-point deficit Tuesday for a 42-39 win.

In Thursday's loss, it was Warrenton that rallied from a 15-2 deficit in the first quarter, then clamped down defensively to hold the Tigers to just eight points in the second quarter, and zero points in the third.

A 3-pointer by Chris Ocana, breakaway buckets by Christian Holt, Brock Johnson and Kory Thomas, and a short jumper from Anthony Cochran highlighted a 16-3 run by the Warriors, resulting in a 31-28 Warrenton lead.

But the Tigers eventually woke up, as Wyatt McKay and Andrew Norgren made 4-of-4 free throws, and Norgren's power move to the hoop with 1:23 left gave Clatskanie at 34-32 lead.

The Tigers went 3-of-4 from the line in the final 30 seconds to help put the game away.

Johnson led the Warriors with seven points in his fi-

nal game, while Norgren had 16 for the Tigers, despite not scoring in the second and third quarters.

After going winless last season, Warrenton finished 8-16 overall this season. Clatskanie finishes third in the league standings at 12-4.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tigers 55, Warriors 34

WARRENTON — The Clatskanie girls basketball team missed 50 shots Thursday night, but the Lady Tigers made enough to score a 55-34 win at Warrenton, in a Lewis & Clark League season finale.

Clatskanie finished 20-of-70 from the field, and the Warriors committed 34 turnovers, as both teams struggled offensively.

The Tigers still managed to build a 21-5 lead early in the second quarter, before a few 3-pointers helped the Warriors get back in the game.

Warrenton's Romana King hit a 3-pointer in the first quarter, then made another in the second, to go with a pair of 3-pointers from teammate Landree Mieth.

That helped the Warriors trim a 16-point deficit down to 25-17 late in the second quarter, following a layup from Katelynn Blodgett.

Clatskanie was 9-of-40 from the field in the second half, but Warrenton committed 22 turnovers over the final two quarters and could get no closer than nine points. Mieth missed much of the second half with foul trouble.

Tiger sophomore Rachel Haas scored 13 of her game-high 16 points in the second half, with teammate Maisy Horness adding 15 points.

Mieth and Blodgett each had 10 points for the senior-less Warriors, who finish the season 2-21 overall, 2-13 in league play.

SCOREBOARD

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Girls Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 5:30 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 5:30 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 6 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball — Scappoose at Astoria, 7:15 p.m.; Valley Catholic at Seaside, 7:15 p.m.; Knappa at Neah-Kah-Nie, 7:45 p.m.; Falls City at Jewell, 7:15 p.m.

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 3 p.m.

Wrestling — District 1/4A Regionals, Tillamook, TBA

SATURDAY

Girls Basketball — Adna vs. Ilwaco, at Rochester HS, 2 p.m.

Swimming — District 1/4A, at Astoria Aquatic Center, 10 a.m.

Wrestling — District 1/4A Regionals, Tillamook, TBA; Ilwaco at Districts (Boys at Adna, Girls at Kelso).

BASKETBALL

HIGH SCHOOLS

Boys

Clatskanie 39, Warrenton 32
CLA (39): Andrew Norgren 16, McKay 11,

Puzey 7, Blodgett 3, George 2.

WAR (32): Brock Johnson 7, Thomas 5, Ocana 5, Whitaker 4, Holt 4, Cochran 4, Little 3, Fischer, Kyme.

Clatskanie 17 8 0 14—39

Warrenton 7 8 8 9—32

Girls

Clatskanie 55, Warrenton 34

CLA (55): Rachel Haas 16, Horness 15, Warren 11, Farbo 7, Mitchell 6.

WAR (34): Landree Mieth 10, Katelynn Blodgett 10, King 6, Little 4, Dyer 3, Morrill 1, Lyons, Holdman, Schenbeck, Dyer, Magranahan, Rowles.

Clatskanie 19 9 8 19—55

Warrenton 5 12 6 11—34

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