TUESDAY

BASEBALL	Time	TV
College World Series, Finals, Game 2:		
Vanderbilt vs Mississippi State	4 p.m.	ESPN
MLB, Regional Coverage	4 p.m.	MLB
MLB, Seattle Mariners at Toronto Blue Jays	4 p.m.	ROOT
MLB, San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers	7 p.m.	ESPN
BASKETBALL		
WNBA, Connecticut Sun at Washington Mystics	4 p.m.	ESPN2
NBA, Milwaukee Bucks at Atlanta Hawks	5:30 p.m.	TNT
CYCLING		
Tour de France, Stage 5	3:30 a.m.	NBCSN
SOCCER		
UEFA European Championship, England vs Germany	8:30 a.m.	ESPN
UEFA European Championship, Sweden vs Ukraine	11:30 a.m	. ESPN
TENNIS		
Wimbledon Championships, First Round	8:30 a.m.	ESPN2
Wimbledon Championships, Second Round	3 a.m.	ESPN
WEDNESDAY		

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BASEBALL	Time	TV
MLB, Regional Coverage	10 a.m.	MLB
MLB, Regional Coverage	1 p.m.	MLB
College World Series, Finals, Game 3:		
Vanderbilt vs Mississippi State (if necessary)	4 p.m.	ESPN2
MLB Baseball, Regional Coverage	4 p.m.	MLB
MLB Baseball, Regional Coverage	7:30 p.m.	MLB
BASKETBALL		
WNBA, Chicago Sky at Dallas Wings	5 p.m.	CBSSN
NBA, Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Clippers	6 p.m.	ESPN
WNBA, Minnesota Lynx at Phoenix Mercury	7 p.m.	CBSSN
CYCLING		
2021 Tour de France, Stage 6	4:30 a.m.	NBCSN
HOCKEY		
Stanley Cup Final,		
Montreal Canadiens at Tampa Bay Lightning	5 p.m.	NBCSN
TENNIS		
Wimbledon Championships, Second Round	3 a.m.	ESPN
Listings are the most accurate available.		

SPORTS BRIEFING

BASKETBALL

Mavs welcome back Kidd as coach, along with new **GM Harrison** — The Dallas Mavericks welcomed back former point guard Jason Kidd as their coach Monday along with new general manager Nico Harrison. Kidd returns to the Mavericks nine years after backing out on an oral agreement to re-sign in free agency for what ended up being his final season as a player in 2012-13. Kidd finished his career with the New York Knicks. The floor leader for Dallas' only championship in 2011 is replacing his coach from that team, Rick Carlisle. The winningest coach in franchise history resigned June 17, a day after general manager Donnie Nelson's departure was announced. The 48-year-old Kidd inherits a team with a young superstar in point guard Luka Doncic, but without a playoff series victory since the 2011 NBA Finals. Dallas lost to the Los Angeles Clippers in the first round for the second consecutive season.

USA Basketball confirms Olympic roster — Experience mattered to USA Basketball when putting together a roster for the Tokyo Olympics. The Americans formally revealed their roster Monday, one that will be third-oldest U.S. men's team in Olympic history for the Tokyo Games. The 12-man list includes five players — Kevin Love, Kevin Durant, Jrue Holiday, Damian Lillard and Draymond Green — already in their 30s. In addition to those five players, the U.S. also has gotten com mitments from Bam Adebayo, Bradley Beal, Devin Booker, Jerami Grant, Zach LaVine, Khris Middleton and Jayson Tatum to play on the team. All those commitments became known in recent weeks; USA Basketball, which is seeking a fourth consecutive Olympic gold medal, merely made it official Monday with the announcement.

HOCKEY

Bettman casts doubt on NHL players going to Beijing **Olympics** — NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said time is running out to reach a deal to send players to the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, casting doubt on the league's return to that event after skipping it in 2018. The league, players' union, International Olympic Committee and International Ice Hockey Federation continue to negotiate with the Olympics seven months away. Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly said Monday night that the pandemic and disruption to next season are among the concerns, along with the lack of an agreement. "We have real concerns about whether it's sensible," Bettman said, noting the league will go if a deal can be reached. "We're getting to be on a rather short timeframe."

ACTION SPORTS

X Games going back to backyard roots in Southern **California** — The X Games are going back to their roots. Like, dude, all the way back to backyards, even. After taking a year off because of the coronavirus pandemic, the X Games will be staged in three Southern California locations July 14-18. Fans won't be allowed in. The Slayground, a private compound owned by seven-time X Games medalist Axell Hodges in Ramona, northeast of San Diego, will host Moto X Best Trick, Best Whip, Freestyle, QuarterPipe High Air and a new 110s racing discipline. The Dreamyard, which takes up all of

Pat Casey's backyard in Riverside, will host BMX Park, Dave Mirra's Park Best Trick and BMX Dirt competitions. BMX Street and Skateboard Street, Park, Vert, Vert Best Trick and Street Best Trick competitions will be held at the CA Training Facility, located in an industrial park in Vista in northern San Diego County. The CATF is the first and only high-performance training center developed for skateboarding and has full-sized concrete street and park courses. Among the invited athletes are Sky Brown, Paul Rodriguez, Leticia Bufoni, Dennis Enarson and Jackson Strong.

—Bulletin wire reports

Oregon Lottery results

MEGABUCKS

The numbers drawn Monday night are:

(6)(15)(16)(18)(20)(44) The estimated jackpot is now \$4.7 million.

As listed at OregonLottery.org and individual lottery websites

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS

Wrestling

Saturday's Late Results 3A OWA State Championship at Redmond High Team Scores (top 10) — La Pine 149.5, Willamina 107, Rainer 92, Dayton 88, Burns 86, Yamhill-Carlton 66, Warrenton 65, Santiam Christian 63, Pleasant Hill 62.5,

Individual Results (local placers) — 106: 1. Tyson Flack, LP; 132: 1. Dylan Mann, LP; 152: 3. Jose Orozco, LP; 4. Kaden Lorimor, LP; 160: 4. Garrett Forbes, LP; 170: 1. Dominick Evans, LP; **182:** 3. Dylan Hankey, LP; **195:** 3.

2A/1A OWA State Championship at Sweet Home High Team Scores (top 10) — Culver 231.5, Pine Eagle 94.5, Central Linn 89, Coquille 76, Toledo 63, Lakeview 60.5, Reedsport 53, Vernonia 47, Illinois Valley 43, Myrtle

Hadividual Results (local placers) — 106: 2. Aiden Guest, CULV; 113: 2. Debren Sanabria, CULV; 3. Thadius Brown, CULV; 120: 3. Jordan Piercy, CULV: 126: 2. Brody Piercy, CULV; 3. Noel Navarro, CULV; **152:** 1. Anthony Hood, CULV; 4. Wyatt Corwin, CULV; **170:** 2. Isaiah Toomey, CULV; 220: 2. Eduardo Penaloza, CULV.

Boys Basketball CLASS 5A INTERMOUNTAIN CONFERENCE ALL-LEAGUE SELECTIONS Player of the Year — Cayden Lowenbach, Senior, Crook

County

Coach of the Year — Jason Mumm, Crook County First Team — Kevin Sanchez, Senior, Crook County Garrett Osborne, Junior, Redmond: Skyler Jones, Senio

Redmond; Jesse Sanchez, Senior, Crook County; Emanuel Romero, Junior, Hood River Valley. Second Team — Ryan Asplund, Junior, Ridgeview; Charlie Rawlins, Senior, Redmond; Davis Yates, Senior, Hood River Valley; Styles Deleon, Sophomore, The Dalles; Hogan Smith, Senior, Crook County. **Honorable Mention** — Jeremiah Schwartz, Sophomore,

Ridgeview: Gauge Rueber, Sophomore, Pendleton: Jack Siekkinen. Senior, Hood River Valley; Rhett Haigh, Senior,

BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs CONFERENCE FINALS (Best-of-7, x-if necessary) EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlanta 2, Milwaukee 1 Sunday: Milwaukee 113, Atlanta 102 Tuesday: Milwaukee at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m. Thursday: Atlanta at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m. x-Saturday: Milwaukee at Atlanta, 5:30 p.m. x-July 5: Atlanta at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE Phoenix 3, L.A. Clippers of Monday: L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, late x-Wednesday: Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 6 p.m. x-Friday: L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 6 p.m.

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Chicago	9	8	.529	2
New York	8	8	.500	21/2
Washington	7	8	.467	3
Atlanta	5	9	.357	41/2
Indiana	1	15	.063	91/2
	WESTERN	CONFER	ENCE	
	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	12	4	.750	_
Las Vegas	11	4	.733	1/2
Dallas	8	8	.500	4
Phoenix	7	7	.500	4
Minnesota	7	7	.500	4
Los Angeles	6	8	.429	5
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Connecticut at Washington, 4 p.m. New York at Atlanta, 4 p.m. Wednesday's Games Chicago at Dallas, 5 p.m.

Minnesota at Phoenix, 7 p.m. Las Vegas at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m Thursday's Game Connecticut at Indiana, 4 p.m

BASEBALL

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Monday's Games Cleveland 13, Detroit 5 L.A. Angels 5, N.Y. Yankees 3 Boston 6, Kansas City 5 Baltimore at Houston, late Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, ppd

Tuesday's Game L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Taillon 2-4),

-1-05 p.m. Tampa Bay (Hill 6-2) at Washington (Ross 4-7), 4:05 p.m. Seattle (Flexen 6-3) at Toronto (Ray 5-3), 4:07 p.m. Detroit (Ureña 2-8) at Cleveland (Mejía 1-2), 4:10 p.m. Kansas City (Keller 6-8) at Boston (Pivetta 6-3), 4:10 p.m. Baltimore (TBD) at Houston (Urquidy 6-3), 5:10 p.m. Minnesota (Maeda 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Giolito 5-5), 5:10 p.m. Texas (Foltynewicz 1-7) at Oakland (Kaprielian 4-1),

Wednesday's Games

Tampa Bay at Washington, 1:05 p.m. L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees, 4:05 p.m. Seattle at Toronto, 4:07 p.m. Detroit at Cleveland, 4:10 p.m. Kansas City at Boston, 4:10 p.m. Baltimore at Houston, 5:10 p.m. Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 5:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE Monday's Games Colorado 2, Pittsburgh 0

Cincinnati 12, Phila. 4 Washington 8, N.Y. Mets 4 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, late Arizona at St. Louis, late San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, late Tuesday's Games
Miami (Rogers 7-4) at Phila. (Velsqez 2-2), 4:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Hill 6-2) at Washington (Ross 4-7), 4:05 p.m. San Diego (Snell 3-3) at Cincinnati (Santillan 1-1), 4:10 p.m N.Y. Mets (Megill 0-0) at Atlanta (Morton 7-3), 4:20 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Davies 5-4) at Milwaukee (Woodruff 6-3), Arizona (Smith 2-3) at St. Louis (Martínez 3-9), 5:15 p.m.

Pittsburgh (De Jong 0-2) at Colorado (Márquez 6-6), 5:40 p.m. San Francisco (Gausman 8-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 7-1), 7:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 11:10 a.m. Pittsburgh at Colorado, 12:10 p.m Tampa Bay at Washington, 1:05 p.m. Miami at Phila., 4:05 p.m.

In Omaha, Neb. CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-3; x-if necessary)

NHL playoffs

(Best-or-/; x-r necessary)
Tampa Bay 1, Montreal 0
Monday: Tampa Bay, 5, Montreal 1
Wednesday: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m.
Friday: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 5 p.m. Monday, July 5: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 5 p.m. x-Wednesday, July 7: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 5 p.m. x-Friday, July 9: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 5 p.m. x-Sunday, July 11: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m

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Orlando City	6	1	3	21	18	7
Phila.	5	2	4	19	15	10
NY City FC	5	3	2	17	18	11
Columbus	4	3	3	15	9	7
Nashville	3	1	6	15	13	11
New York	4	5	1	13	14	13
D.C. United	4	6	1	13	10	13
CF Montréal	3	3	4	13	11	10
Atlanta	2		6	12	11	10
Cincinnati	3	5	1	10	9	17
Inter Miami CF	2	6	2	8	9	16
Toronto FC	1	7	2	5	12	20
Chicago	1	7	2	5	7	17
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Sporting KC	7	3	2	23	22	15
LA Galaxy	7	3	0	21	17	15
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Arizona at St. Louis, 10:15 a.m San Diego at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m. N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 4:20 p.m.

College World Series

Vanderbilt 1, Mississippi St. 0

Monday: No. 4 Vanderbilt 8, No. 7 Mississippi St. 2

Tuesday: No. 4 Vanderbilt vs. No. 7 Mississippi St., 4 p.m. x-Wednesday: No. 4 Vanderbilt vs. No. 7 Mississippi

HOCKEY

STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary

SOCCER

MLS							
EASTERN CONFERENCE							
	W	L	Т	Pts	GF	GA	
New England	7	2	2	23	18	13	
Orlando City	6	1	3	21	18	7	
Phila.	5	2	4	19	15	10	
NY City FC	5	3	2	17	18	11	
Columbus	4	3	3	15	9	7	
Nashville	3	1	6	15	13	11	
New York	4	5	1	13	14	13	
D.C. United	4	6	1	13	10	13	
CF Montréal	3	3	4	13	11	10	
Atlanta	2	2	6	12	11	10	
Cincinnati	3	5	1	10	9	17	
Inter Miami CF	2	6	2	8	9	16	
Toronto FC	1	7	2	5	12	20	
Chicago	1	7	2	5	7	17	
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Seattle	7	0	4	25	20	7	
Sporting KC	7	3	2	23	22	15	
LA Galaxy	7	3	0	21	17	15	
Colorado	5	3	1	16	15	11	
Minnesota United	4	4	2	14	10	12	
Houston	3	3	5	14	15	16	
Portland	4	5	1	13	13	15	
Real SL	3	2	4	13	14	11	
LA FC	3 3 2 2	4	3	12	12	12	
San Jose	3	7	1	10	12	20	
FC Dallas	2	4	4	10	11	15	
Austin FC	2	5	4	10	6	11	
Vancouver	2	6	2	8	10	16	
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New York 0, Atlanta							
NY City FC 2, D.C. United 1							
Columbus 0, Austin FC 0, tie							
	FC Dallas 2, New England 1						
Thursday's Game							

Thursday's Gan Portland at Austin FC, 6:30 p.m.

NWSL

Kansas City NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

TENNIS

Wimbledon Monday at All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, London Surface: Grass **MEN'S SINGLES** First Round

Novak Diokovic (1), Serbia, def, Jack Draper, Britain, 4-6. 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.
Frances Tiafoe, United States, def. Stefanos Tsitsipas (3), Greece, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Yannick Hanfmann, Germany, 6-1, 7-5, 7-6 (5).

Miomir Kecmanovic, Serbia, def. Facundo Bagnis, Argentina, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (1). Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Marcelo Tomas Bar-

rios Vera, Chile, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (4). Roberto Bautista Agut (8), Spain, def. John Millman, Australia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (4) Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Joao Sousa, Portugal, 4-6, 6-4,

Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, def. Jannik Sinner (19), Italy, 5-7, 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.
Andrey Rublev (5), Russia, def. Federico Delbonis, Argentina, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.
Denis Kudla, United States, def. Alejandro Davidovich

Fokina (30), Spain, 5-7, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-3. Dominik Koepfer, Germany, def. Reilly Opelka (27), United States, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-2. Karen Khachanov (25), Russia, def. Mackenzie McDonald, United States, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (3). Vasek Pospisil, Canada, def. Roberto Carballes Baena,

Spain, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.
Liam Broady, Britain, def. Marco Cecchinato, Italy, 6-3,

Pedro Martinez, Spain, def. Stefano Travaglia, Italy, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Andy Murray, Britain, def. Nikoloz Basilashvili (24),

Georgia, 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

WOMEN'S SINGLES First Round Aryna Sabalenka (2), Belarus, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-1, 6-4.

Garbine Muguruza (11), Spain, def. Fiona Ferro, France, Lauren Davis, United States, def. Jodie Anna Burrage, Britain, 6-2, 6-1. Madison Keys (23), United States, def. Katie Swan, Brit-

ain, 6-3, 6-4. Ekaterina Alexandrova (32), Russia, def. Laura Siegemund, Germany, 6-1, 6-3. Lesley Pattinama Kerkhove, Netherlands, def. Svetlana

Kuznetsova, Russia, 6-3, 6-3. Maria Camila Osorio Serrano, Colombia, def. Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 1-6, 6-0, 6-4. Sloane Stephens, United States, def. Petra Kvitova (10), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.
Danielle Collins, United States, def. Polona Hercog, Slo-

venia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, Sofia Kenin (4), United States, def. Xinyu Wang, China, 6-4, 6-2. Katie Boulter, Britain, def. Danielle Lao, United States,

6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-4. Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, def. Veronika Kudermetova (29), Russia, 3-6, 6-1, 11-9. Iga Swiatek (7), Poland, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, 6-4, Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, def. Katie Volynets, Unit-

Elena Rybakina (18), Kazakhstan, def. Kristina Mlade-novic, France, 6-4, 6-0. Kristie Ahn, United States, def. Heather Watson, Britain.

ed States, 6-4, 7-5

DEALS

Monday's Transactions

BASKETBALL Women's National Basketball Association WASHINGTON MYSTICS — Waived F Megan Gustafson, Gs Stella Johnson and Kiara Leslie.

FOOTBALL Canadian Football League SASKETCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS — Signed QB Paxton

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
NASHVILLE SC — Extended contract of F Johnder Cadiz through 2021.

NBA PLAYOFFS | EASTERN CONFERENCE FINALS

Two-time MVP gladly cedes lead role

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Giannis Antetokounmpo is a two-time MVP, one of the best players on the planet.

Even so, he'll gladly cede the closer's role to Khris Middleton in the Eastern Conference finals.

With Middleton taking command in the final minutes, the Milwaukee Bucks are now up 2-1 on the Atlanta Hawks heading to Game 4 of the series Tuesday night.

"We were like, 'Get the hell out of the way, give him the ball, take us home, Khris, and that's what he did," Antetokounmpo said. "I trust this guy to death. If he wants the ball, he gets it. Simple as that. He's

knocking down shots." Middleton scored 20 of his playoff career high-tying 38 points in the fourth quarter of Game 3, rallying the Bucks to a 113-102 victory that restored the home-court edge they lost to the Hawks in the series

opener at Milwaukee. Antetokounmpo wasn't the least bit hesitant about stepping aside for Middleton in the biggest minutes of the series so far.

"Doesn't matter who is the first guy. Does not matter," Antetokounmpo said. "I want to be a winner. I have the whole game to be the guy. I don't care about being the guy in the fourth quarter."

While the Bucks appear to have several players who can carry them to the NBA Finals - don't forget Jrue Holiday the Hawks rely on one player above all others.

And he's hurting.

Trae Young twisted his right ankle in a freak accident Sunday night, stepping on a referee's foot along the sideline in the final minute of the third quarter.

He underwent an MRI on Monday, which showed a bone



Brynn Anderson/AP photo Milwaukee Bucks forward Khris Middleton (22) shoots against Atlanta Hawks forward Onyeka Okongwu (17) during the second half of Game

3 of the NBA Eastern Conference basketball finals on Sunday in Atlanta.

bruise. He was listed as questionable for Game 4.

It's hard to envision the upstart Hawks pulling off another playoff upset without a player who's been one of the breakout stars of the postseason.

Young is averaging 29.8 points in the playoffs, including 35 in Game 3 even though he made only one basket after being injured.

"He's the head of our snake," teammate John Collins said. "That's the last thing anyone who's a Hawks' supporter wants see is that dude coming down with any knick-knack or whatever it is. ... You hate to see it. I'm just hoping and praying he's gonna be OK."

Young was able to return to the court with just under 9 minutes remaining and the Hawks nursing a five-point lead. But he was limping noticeably and grimacing in pain every time he dribbled up the court.

Lacking his trademark explosiveness, which creates so many opportunities for the Hawks' offense, Young hit only one basket the rest of the game. Middleton and the Bucks outscored Atlanta 25-9 to win going away.

"It was really my blow-by speed," Young said. "That's a big part of my game, my ability to blow by anybody."

If Young can't go in Game 4, or can only play limited minutes without his usual effectiveness, the Hawks will have to rely on a team effort to compensate.

That means Lou Williams playing a bigger role, Collins staying out of foul trouble, and Bogdan Bogdanovic being much more effective than he has been so far in the playoffs.

Bogdanovic, who was Atlanta's biggest free agent signing during the last offseason, has been the most glaring disappointment of the surprising postseason run by the conference's No. 5 seed.

Bothered by a sore knee, Bogdanovic is averaging just 12.3 points in the playoffs and has gone six straight games without reaching double figures. He was awful in Game 3, making just 3 of 16 shots to finish with eight points.

"His shot has not fallen for him, but he's a guy who I believe that next shot is going down," coach Nate McMillan said. "He had some wide-open

looks that I'm willing to trust that he's going to knock those shots down. It just isn't falling for him. It hasn't fallen for him this whole series." While the Hawks might need

someone other than Young to play a leading role on offense, they're faced with an equally perplexing predicament at the defensive end: Stopping Milwaukee's Big Three.

Antetokounmpo is averaging 30.7 points per game in this series, Middleton 22.7 and Holiday 20.3

The Hawks could sure use De'Andre Hunter, one of their best defensive players, but he's out for the rest of the season after undergoing knee surgery. Also, the Hawks made things

even easier for the Bucks by settling for too many contested shots early in the shot clock, giving Milwaukee a chance to turn misses into easy transition

baskets at the opposite end.
McMillan acknowledged the difficulty in shutting down or at least creating more issues — for Milwaukee's big scorers.

"It's really a three-headed monster over there with Antetokounmpo as well as Khris and Jrue," the Hawks coach said. "All of those guys are isolation players. They do a good job of spacing the floor. If you are committing to the ball, then they are more than happy to shoot the 3 ball."

Especially Middleton, who went 6 of 12 from beyond the arc in Game 3.

"When a guy gets hot like that, you'd like to basically run a guy at him," McMillan said. "Before we could even get a guy on him, he had released it. He was really scoring from everywhere."

The two-time MVP was glad to keep feeding Middleton the

"For me, it was greatness," Antetokounmpo said. "Simple