1. Timberwolves guard Mike Conley out for Game 5 against Denver with sore right Achilles (NBA BASKETBALL)

DENVER (AP) — Minnesota Timberwolves guard Mike Conley sat out Game 5 against Denver on Tuesday night with a sore right Achilles.

The Wolves fell 112-97 as Denver took a 3-2 series lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Conley suffered the injury on the Timberwolves' final offensive possession of Game 4, when he missed a 3-pointer with 25 seconds remaining of a 115-107 loss. The second-round series is tied at two games apiece.

Conley is averaging 11.3 points and seven assists over 31.8 minutes in Minnesota's playoff run this season.

Nickeil Alexander-Walker stepped into Conley's starting spot. Timberwolves coach Chris Finch said before the game that Jordan McLaughlin and Monte Morris also would see more time.

https://www.nba.com/news/timberwolves-mike-conley-out-game-5-achilles

2. Ginebra offers quarterfinals win over Magnolia to injured Malonzo (PBA BASKETBALL)

EVEN if grounded following a calf surgery, Barangay Ginebra didn't overlook the absence of injured teammate Jamie Malonzo.

The Kings were quick to dedicate their formal entry to the PBA Philippine Cup semifinals to the 6-foot-7 Malonzo following their 99-77 victory over rival Magnolia Hotshots in the opening round of the playoffs on Saturday at the Rizal Memorial Coliseum.

Coach Tim Cone said the team offered the rousing win to the high-flying Fil-Am a day after undergoing surgery on his injured calf.

"Basically, this game is for him. We did it for him," said Cone as the Kings quickly dispatched the Hotshots in their quarterfinals showdown.

Malonzo suffered the injury in the final seconds of the Kings' 95-88 win over Northport a month ago.

The forward out of De La Salle initially wanted to have the injury heal on its own by resting, but doctors later advised him to undergo surgery instead.

He went under the knife early Friday morning and is now resting at home.

"I'm sure he watched us on TV. And I know he's chapping in a bit to get back in, but it's gonna take a while for him," said Cone.

The Ginebra coach admitted it was a difficult adjustment for the Kings without having Malonzo around.

"Don't underestimate how difficult it is for us to play without Jamie," said Cone of Malonzo, who averaged 14.1 points, 7.1 rebounds, and 3.2 assists prior to his injury.

The surgery also meant the Ginebra forward will be out for the rest of the season and with Gilas Pilipinas in the coming Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Latvia.(RG)

https://www.pba.ph/news/ginebra-offers-quarterfinals-win-over-magnolia-to-injured-malonzo#

3. UAAP: UE beats Adamson for first time since Season 81 (volleyball)

University of the East ended its six-game losing skid after taking down Adamson University in four sets, 26-24, 23-25, 25-18, 25-20, in the UAAP Season 86 women's volleyball tournament at the Smart Araneta Coliseum on Saturday, March 23.

The last time the two teams faced off was when UE coach Jerry Yee was handed a temporary suspension by the UAAP, leading to an emotionally-charged match.

[Related: 'Walang due process': UE coach Jerry Yee laments temporary suspension placed by UAAP for Season 86]

Without any distractions this time around, the Lady Warriors found their groove to down the Lady Falcons, grabbing their second win in the season.

Casiey Dongallo once again spearheaded UE's attack with 28 points on 25 attacks, two blocks, and one service ace. The rookie from California Academy scored the Lady Warriors' last five points in the fourth set.

Riza Nogales provided the much-needed backup to Dongallo with 17 points including six blocks and two aces, while Kayce Balingit chipped in 10 points.

The game marked the first time the Lady Warriors won over the Lady Falcons in almost five years, or since they emerged triumphant on April 13, 2019 back in Season 81.

The win puts UE tied with Adamson and Ateneo de Manila University at a 2-6 record for fifth in the standings.

Ishie Lalongisip carried the fight for the Lady Falcons with 17 points and five digs while Barbie Jamili added 11 points on seven spikes, three blocks, and an ace along with 16 digs.

https://www.onesports.ph/uaap/article/19917/uaap-ue-exacts-revenge-on-adamson-to-grab-second-win

4. Carlos Yulo continues build-up for Paris with bronze in Baku (Olympics 2024 news)

**EVENT: Olympic Games Paris 2024** LOCATION: **Paris, Stade de France** 

DATE: Fri, Jul 26, 2024 - Sun, Aug 11, 2024

SPORTS: **Gymnastic** 

MANILA -- Filipino gymnast Carlos Yulo continues his build-up for the 2024 Paris Olympics in the Baku Leg of the 2024 FIG Artistic Gymnastics World Cup Series.

Yulo secured a bronze medal in the men's floor exercise on Saturday, finishing with a score of 14.366. He placed behind gold medalist Yahor Sharamkou (14.933) and silver medalist Kazuki Minami (14.666).

But Yulo missed out on the finals of the vault, where he placed just 21st in the elimination round.

Gymnastics Association of the Philippines President Cynthia Carrion insists that Yulo remains on track in his build-up for the Paris Games, even as the gymnast is currently without a coach since his split from Munehiro Kugimiya in October 2023.

"He is good and practicing his new skills for the Olympics and not competing to qualify since he is already qualified," said Carrion.

Before the competition in Baku, Yulo had a training camp in England.

He will travel to Manila in a few days to continue training, and fly to Australia at the end of March for another camp. Yulo is also set to compete in the Doha leg of the World Cup series in April, as well as the Asian Championships in Uzbekistan in May.

Before the Paris Olympics in July, Yulo will also train in Europe. Yulo is one of four Filipino athletes already qualified to Paris, along with fellow gymnast Aleah Finnegan, boxer Eumir Marcial, and pole vaulter EJ Obiena.

Yulo, who missed out on the podium in the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, is aiming for more than one gold medal in Paris.

https://news.abs-cbn.com/sports/2024/3/11/carlos-yulo-continues-build-up-for-paris-with-bronze-in-baku-1453