

Knicks crush Cavaliers 130-93 to complete Eastern Conference sweep

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CLEVELAND — Karl Anthony-Towns had 19 points and 14 rebounds, OG Anunoby scored 17 and the New York Knicks routed the Cleveland Cavaliers 130-93 Monday night to complete a four-game sweep of the Eastern Conference finals and advance to the NBA Finals for the first time since 1999.

Landry Shamet scored 16 off the bench while Mikal Bridges and Jalen Brunson had 15 apiece for the Knicks, who became the fourth team to have an 11-game winning streak during their postseason run. The last to do it was Golden State, which had a 15-game run en route to its second title in three seasons in 2017.

All but one of the Knicks' wins have been by double digits, with an average margin of victory of 23.7 points.

"I feel like the word 'hope' has been gone from the New York Knicks name for a long time and for me to be part of this team that revives hope is something special," Towns said.

The Knicks pulled their starters with 7:47 remaining and a 35-point lead as their large contingent of fans loudly chanted "Knicks in four!" New York fans easily outnumbered Cleveland fans as die-hard celebrity fans director Spike Lee, comedian Tracy Morgan and actor Timothée Chalamet and his girlfriend, Kylie Jenner, made the trip.

"Our guys played great. You're in the conference finals and score 65 points off of offensive rebounds and fast break points. I don't know if I've seen that at this point of the year. We wanted to push the pace," coach Mike Brown said.

The Knicks dominated in second-chance points, outscoring the Cavaliers 32-5. They also had a 33-9 advantage in fast break points.

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This will be the Knicks third appearance in the finals since winning their last title in 1973. They lost in seven games to Houston in 1994 and in five to San Antonio in 1999.

Knicks legends Walt "Clyde" Frazier and Patrick Ewing presented the Bob Cousy Trophy to the Knicks on the court.

It is the 15th time since the NBA-ABA merger in 1976 that a coach has reached the finals in his first year with a team. The Knicks hired Brown after parting ways with Tom Thibodeau after they reached the Eastern Conference finals last year, but lost in six games to Indiana.

It will be Brown's second trip to the finals as a coach. His last trip was with Cleveland in 2007.

The Knicks have won all three of their clinching games during the playoffs by at least 30 points. They routed the Atlanta Hawks by 51 in Game 6 of the first round (140-89) and then defeated the Philadelphia 76ers by 30 (144-114) in Game 4 of the second round to complete a sweep.

Brunson was named the MVP of the series after averaging 25.5 points and 7.8 assists.

Donovan Mitchell had 31 points for Cleveland, which was swept in a postseason series for the first time since the 2018 NBA Finals against Golden State.

"They're playing better basketball. You got to give them credit. They're on a heater. I don't want to detract from what we've done, but sometimes you've got to give the other team credit," Cleveland coach Kenny Atkinson said.



New York Knicks center Karl-Anthony Towns, center, and teammates celebrate after winning Game 4 in the Eastern Conference finals NBA basketball playoffs series against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Cleveland, Monday, May 25.



New York Knicks center Karl-Anthony Towns (32) shoots during the second half of Game 4 in the Eastern Conference finals NBA basketball playoffs series against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Cleveland, Monday, May 25.



New York Knicks guard Miles McBride reacts during the second half of Game 4 in the Eastern Conference finals NBA basketball playoffs series against the Cleveland Cavaliers in Cleveland, Monday, May 25.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE PROBATE DIVISION OF SHELBY DISTRICT COURT IN THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA B. HUGHES, DECEASED, WHO RESIDED IN SHELBY COUNTY, KY. ROBERT HUGHES WAS APPOINTED EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE ON MAY 18, 2026. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIM AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE NOTIFIED TO PRESENT ROBERT HUGHES, 612 OAKCREST DRIVE, SHELBYVILLE KY 40065 NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18, 2026. CASE NUMBER 26-P-00147

ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE PROBATE DIVISION OF SHELBY DISTRICT COURT IN THE ESTATE OF BARBARA ANN BOTNER, DECEASED, WHO RESIDED IN SHELBY COUNTY, KY. BRADFORD HAMILTON BOTNER WAS APPOINTED EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE ON MAY 18, 2026. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIM AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE NOTIFIED TO PRESENT BRADFORD HAMILTON BOTNER, 615 ASHBOURNE DRIVE, SHELBYVILLE KY 40065 NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18, 2026. SAID ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE IS MATTHEW CHANDLER, 931 MAIN STREET, SHELBYVILLE KY 40065 CASE NUMBER 26-P-00151

ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE PROBATE DIVISION OF SHELBY DISTRICT COURT IN THE ESTATE OF MELVIN SMITH, DECEASED, WHO RESIDED IN SHELBY COUNTY, KY. DEBRA ANN MILLER WAS APPOINTED EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE ON MAY 18, 2026. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIM AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE NOTIFIED TO PRESENT DEBRA ANN MILLER, 68 INDIAN SPRINGS TRACE, SHELBYVILLE KY 40065 NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18, 2026. SAID ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE IS MATTHEW CHANDLER, 931 MAIN STREET, SHELBYVILLE KY 40065 CASE NUMBER 26-P-00152

ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE PROBATE DIVISION OF SHELBY DISTRICT COURT IN THE ESTATE OF GENE A WILDER, DECEASED, WHO RESIDED IN SHELBY COUNTY, KY. EMMA CARTER WAS APPOINTED EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE ON MAY 18, 2026. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIM AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE NOTIFIED TO PRESENT EMMA CARTER, 1360 YORKSHIRE DRIVE, SHELBYVILLE KY 40065 NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18, 2026. SAID ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE IS SEAN P LOHMAN, 730 WEST MARKET STREET, 4TH FLOOR, LOUISVILLE KY 40202 CASE NUMBER 26-P-0144

ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE PROBATE DIVISION OF THE 53RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT IN THE ESTATE OF NATHOLEE BRADFORD HARRIS, WHO RESIDED AT 105 IVY LANE, SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY 40065. KENNETH L HARRIS, JR., NATALIE B HARRIS, AND ELINOR F HARRIS WERE APPOINTED CO-EXECUTORS OF THE ESTATE ON MAY 18, 2026. ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIM AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE NOTIFIED TO PRESENT KENNETH L HARRIS, JR., 154 KENTUCKY STREET, SHELBYVILLE, KY 40065, NATALIE B QUINCY, 105 IVY LANE, SHELBYVILLE KY 40065, AND ELINOR F HARRIS, 320 HENRY CLAY STREET, SHELBYVILLE, KY 40065 NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18, 2026. SAID ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE IS NATHAN T. RIGGS, RIGGS, RIGGS, & PIPPIN, P.S.C. 500 MAIN STREET, SUITE 5, SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY 40065 CASE NUMBER 26-P-0148

GUARDIANSHIP NOTICE

PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NALANI (MINOR) MUST FILE SAME WITH HANNAH BECKLEY, GUARDIAN, APPOINTED ON MAY 18, 2026. HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE NOTIFIED TO PRESENT HANNAH BECKLEY, 5017 BELL AVENUE, SHELBYVILLE KY 40065. NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18, 2026. THE ATTORNEY FOR SAID ESTATE ADAM LEE TOWE, P.O. BOX 3199, LONDON, KY 40743 CASE NUMBER 26-P-00131

PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF NYLAH BECKLEY (MINOR) MUST FILE SAME WITH HANNAH BECKLEY, GUARDIAN, APPOINTED ON MAY 18, 2026. HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATE ARE NOTIFIED TO PRESENT HANNAH BECKLEY, 5017 BELL AVENUE, SHELBYVILLE KY 40065. NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 18, 2026. THE ATTORNEY FOR SAID ESTATE ADAM LEE TOWE, P.O. BOX 3199, LONDON, KY 40743 CASE NUMBER 26-P-00130

LEGAL NOTICE

SHELBY CIRCUIT COURT NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

By virtue of orders of the Shelby Circuit Court in the below listed actions, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at public auction, the real estate described herein to the highest and best bidder at the Shelby County Judicial Center, Shelbyville, Kentucky, **FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2026, AT 10:00 A.M., EDT**, which real estate is located in Shelby County, Kentucky, to-wit:

SALE NO. 1 FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION V. CHRISTOPHER A. MILLS AKA CHRISTOPHER MILLS, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 25-CI-00306, 315 Tophill Drive, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Shelby County (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 589, Page 233, in the Shelby County Clerk's Office. Parcel No.: S8-08-013). Plaintiff's Attorney: Mark N. Dierks

SALE NO. 2 TAXBREAK KY, LLC V. SHEILA TOWNSEND, JESSICA TOWNSEND, COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF SHELBY, ET. AL., Civil Action No. 25-CI-00453, 445 Parent Lane, Finchville, Kentucky, Shelby County (for more specific and detailed description, refer to Deed Book 548, Page 185, in the Shelby County Clerk's Office. Parcel No: 024-00-027). Plaintiff's Attorney: R. Eric Craig

Each of the foregoing parcels of real estate shall be sold on terms of cash deposit, cashier's check, certified check or personal check in the amount of the purchase price, or 10% down at the time of sale and the balance thereof due the entire purchase price, the Master Commissioner shall take from the purchaser the sum of 10% down and a good and sufficient bond WITH SURETY ACCEPTABLE TO THE MASTER COMMISSIONER for the balance of said purchase price and bearing interest from date of sale as stated in the court order until paid in full.

SALE NO. 1 The Plaintiff is awarded an In Rem Default Judgment for the principal balance of \$224,629.84, together with interest at the rate of \$43.08 per diem (7.00% per annum) from December 1, 2024 until paid, plus late charges, advances for taxes and insurance, and its costs herein expended including a reasonable attorney fee in the amount of \$3,120.00, and \$953.73 in Court Costs, and for any unpaid expenses for services performed in connection with the Defendant's default, and for the purposes of protecting Plaintiff's interest in the property and its rights under the mortgage instrument.

SALE NO. 2 The Plaintiff is awarded a Default Judgment in the total amount of \$17,912.12.

MASTER COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

All prospective purchasers are advised to fully understand and consider the following:

1. All properties are sold strictly "as is with no warranties expressed or implied". Properties shall be sold at the Judicial Center. No prior inspections are arranged by the Court or the Commissioner in that properties are often occupied as of the day of sale.
2. Risk of loss to improvements to real estate shifts to purchaser as of the date of sale. Insurance should be placed immediately by successful bidder.
3. All properties sold for less than two-thirds the appraised value are subject to current owner statutory right of redemption pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statutes.
4. Rights of possession given to purchaser with deed, but hold-over occupants of real estate may require additional Court action by purchaser to obtain actual possession.
5. Master Commissioner's deed warrants title only so far as authorized by the judgment, order, and proceedings of the Court, but no further. Independent title examination by successful purchaser is recommended prior to confirmation of sale.
6. If the successful purchaser is an LLC, a certificate of good standing must be presented with a resolution allowing member to sign.
7. Third Party Surety must be presented at sale. Any questions about the surety must be directed to the Master Commissioner prior to sales date.

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