



# *Christmas Day*

**2024 MEDIA GUIDE**



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# BROADCAST SCHEDULE



AT



12:00 PM ET



**ESPN**

ESPN Radio



AT



2:30 PM ET



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## CHRISTMAS DAY QUICK FACTS

- This year marks the 77<sup>th</sup> edition of the NBA on Christmas Day. The NBA began playing games on Christmas Day in 1947 in its second season.
- The NBA will have five games on Christmas Day for the 17<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
- The NBA on Christmas Day will reach fans in 215 countries and territories in 60 languages.
- ABC and ESPN will air all five Christmas Day games in the United States, spanning more than 13 consecutive hours of coverage.
- Two of the five games are first-time matchups on Christmas Day: San Antonio Spurs vs. New York Knicks and Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Dallas Mavericks.
- The Knicks have played the most games on Christmas Day with 56 (entering their matchup against the Spurs this year). An original NBA franchise, New York played its first Christmas game in 1947.
- The last three NBA champions will be in action: Golden State Warriors (2021-22), Denver Nuggets (2022-23) and Boston Celtics (2023-24).
- Two-time NBA All-Star Anthony Edwards of Minnesota and 2023-24 Kia NBA Rookie of the Year Victor Wembanyama of San Antonio are among the players set to make their Christmas Day debuts this year.
- The Los Angeles Lakers' LeBron James is the Christmas Day career leader in points (476) and games played (18) and the co-leader in victories (10) with Dwyane Wade.
- Other Christmas Day career leaders include Bill Russell for rebounds (176); Oscar Robertson for assists (145); Shaquille O'Neal for blocked shots (25); Russell Westbrook for steals (29); and James Harden for three-pointers made (31).
- Bernard King scored a Christmas Day-record 60 points for the Knicks against the New Jersey Nets in 1984, making this year the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his performance.
- Other Christmas Day single-game leaders include Wilt Chamberlain for rebounds (36 in 1961); Guy Rodgers and Nate "Tiny" Archibald for assists (18 in 1966 and 1972, respectively); DeAndre Jordan for blocked shots (eight in 2011); Kyrie Irving for steals (seven in 2016); and Patty Mills, Luka Dončić and Grayson Allen for three-pointers made (eight in 2021, 2023 and 2023, respectively).
- Last year, Luka Dončić (50 points) became the fourth player to score 50 or more points in a game on Christmas Day, joining King (60 in 1984), Wilt Chamberlain (59 in 1961) and Rick Barry (50 in 1966).
- Tracy McGrady has the highest career scoring average on Christmas Day at 43.3 points per game. He scored at least 40 points in each of his three games.
- Miami has the highest winning percentage among active teams on Christmas Day at .857 (12-2 record), which includes its current nine-game winning streak. The Heat is unbeaten on Christmas Day under current head coach Erik Spoelstra (9-0).
- Nine players have recorded a triple-double on Christmas Day: Oscar Robertson (four), John Havlicek, Billy Cunningham, LeBron James, Russell Westbrook (two), Draymond Green, Kemba Walker, James Harden and Nikola Jokić.
- The Lakers and Knicks are tied for the most team victories on Christmas Day with 24.
- Phil Jackson and Jack Ramsay share the record for most head coaching victories on Christmas Day with 11 each.





## CHRISTMAS DAY MATCHUPS



12:00 PM ET



**Quick Fact:** 2023-24 Kia NBA Rookie of the Year Victor Wembanyama makes his Christmas Day debut in a first-time Christmas matchup between the San Antonio Spurs and New York Knicks, who have played on Dec. 25 dating to 1947.

### SPURS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 5-6

**Most Recent Game:** 2016 – Won 119-100 vs. Chicago

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 33 – LaMarcus Aldridge (vs. Chicago in 2016)

**REB:** 19 – David Robinson (at L.A. Lakers in 1999)

**AST:** 13 – Manu Ginóbili (vs. Oklahoma City in 2014)

**Did You Know?:** Chris Paul recorded 16 assists for the Phoenix Suns vs. the Denver Nuggets on Christmas Day in 2022 – two shy of the single-game Christmas record.

### KNICKS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 24-32

**Most Recent Game:** 2023 – Won 129-122 vs. Milwaukee

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 60 – Bernard King (vs. New Jersey in 1984)

**REB:** 28 – Willis Reed (vs. Philadelphia in 1968)

**AST:** 13 – Dick McGuire (vs. Syracuse in 1954)

**Did You Know?:** Jalen Brunson's 38-point performance last year was the most by a Knick on Christmas Day since Bernard King scored a Christmas-record 60 points in 1984.

Victor Wembanyama



Jalen Brunson





## CHRISTMAS DAY MATCHUPS



2:30 PM ET



**Quick Fact:** After a 50-point, 15-assist effort on Christmas Day last year, Luka Dončić leads the Dallas Mavericks against Anthony Edwards (Christmas debut) and the Minnesota Timberwolves in a 2024 Western Conference Finals rematch.

### TIMBERWOLVES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 1-1

**Most Recent Game:** 2017 – Won 121-104 at L.A. Lakers

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 26 – Karl-Anthony Towns (at Oklahoma City in 2016)

**REB:** 10 – Karl-Anthony Towns (at L.A. Lakers in 2017)

**AST:** 10 – Jeff Teague (at L.A. Lakers in 2017)  
10 – Ricky Rubio (at Oklahoma City in 2016)

**Did You Know?:** Julius Randle has averaged 28.0 points in his last three games on Christmas Day – all played with the New York Knicks in the previous three seasons.

### MAVERICKS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 4-3

**Most Recent Game:** 2023 – Won 128-114 at Phoenix

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 50 – Luka Dončić (at Phoenix in 2023)

**REB:** 14 – Dirk Nowitzki (at Sacramento in 2003)

**AST:** 15 – Luka Dončić (at Phoenix in 2023)

**Did You Know?:** Dallas will play on Christmas Day for the fifth straight year after having three Christmas games in its first 40 NBA seasons.

Anthony Edwards



Luka Dončić





## CHRISTMAS DAY MATCHUPS



5:00 PM ET



**Quick Fact:** A storied rivalry that began 75 years ago, the Philadelphia 76ers and the defending NBA champion Boston Celtics meet on Christmas Day for the third time.

### 76ERS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 19-15

**Most Recent Game:** 2023 – Lost 119-113 at Miami

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 41 – Billy Cunningham (at Baltimore in 1969)

**REB:** 25 – Wilt Chamberlain (at Baltimore in 1967)

**AST:** 14 – Ben Simmons (vs. Milwaukee in 2019)

**Did You Know?:** Joel Embiid has averaged 31.3 points in four games on Christmas Day, the seventh-highest scoring average among players with two or more games played.

### CELTICS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 17-20

**Most Recent Game:** 2023 – Won 126-115 at L.A. Lakers

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 45 – Tom Heinsohn (at Syracuse in 1961)

**REB:** 34 – Bill Russell (at Baltimore in 1965)

**AST:** 13 – Rajon Rondo (at New York in 2011)

**Did You Know?:** Jayson Tatum had 41 points against the Milwaukee Bucks on Dec. 25 last year, the second-highest total for a Celtics player on Christmas Day.



Tyrese Maxey



Jayson Tatum



## CHRISTMAS DAY MATCHUPS



8:00 PM ET



**Quick Fact:** Four-time NBA champions Stephen Curry and LeBron James go head-to-head as the Pacific Division rival Golden State Warriors and Los Angeles Lakers meet for the first time this season.

### WARRIORS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 15-18

**Most Recent Game:** 2023 – Lost 120-114 at Denver

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 59 – Wilt Chamberlain (at New York in 1961 [2 OT])

**REB:** 36 – Wilt Chamberlain (at New York in 1961 [2 OT])

**AST:** 13 – Draymond Green (vs. Memphis in 2022)  
13 – Guy Rodgers (vs. Syracuse in 1959)

**Did You Know?:** Draymond Green is one of nine players to record a triple-double on Christmas Day (2017 against the Cleveland Cavaliers).

### LAKERS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 24-26

**Most Recent Game:** 2023 – Lost 126-115 vs. Boston

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 47 – Jerry West (at New York in 1963)

**REB:** 22 – Wilt Chamberlain (vs. Boston in 1970)

**AST:** 12 – Nick Van Exel (at Phoenix in 1996)

**Did You Know?:** Last season, Anthony Davis became the fourth Lakers player to score at least 40 points on Christmas Day, joining Elgin Baylor, Jerry West and Kobe Bryant.



Stephen Curry



Anthony Davis



## CHRISTMAS DAY MATCHUPS



10:30 PM ET



**Quick Fact:** The Denver Nuggets and Phoenix Suns played a classic game on Christmas Day two years ago, when Nikola Jokić's 41-point, 15-rebound, 15-assist performance led Denver past Phoenix 128-125 in overtime.

### NUGGETS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 3-6

**Most Recent Game:** 2023 – Won 120-114 vs. Golden State

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 41 – Nikola Jokić (vs. Phoenix in 2022 [OT])

**REB:** 15 – Nikola Jokić (vs. Phoenix in 2022 [OT])

**AST:** 15 – Nikola Jokić (vs. Phoenix in 2022 [OT])

**Did You Know?:** With this visit to Phoenix, the Nuggets are looking to win a road game on Christmas Day for the first time in five tries.

### SUNS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

**Record:** 12-9

**Most Recent Game:** 2023 – Lost 128-114 vs. Dallas

**Single-Game Highs:**

**PTS:** 38 – Charles Barkley (vs. Houston in 1993)

**REB:** 20 – Paul Silas (vs. Atlanta in 1970)

**AST:** 16 – Chris Paul (at Denver in 2022 [OT])

**Did You Know?:** Kevin Durant ranks fourth in career points on Christmas Day (315), behind No. 1 LeBron James (476), No. 2 Kobe Bryant (395) and No. 3 Oscar Robertson (377).

Nikola Jokić



Kevin Durant





## CHRISTMAS DAY TEAM RECORDS

Active Franchises Through Christmas 2023

Note: Only franchises that have played at least one game on Christmas Day are listed. Includes games when franchises were based in different locations.

TEAM	RECORD	WIN%	HOME	ROAD	NEUTRAL	FIRST	LAST
Atlanta	9-12	.429	4-1	5-9	0-2	1950	2021
Boston	17-20	.459	2-2	14-17	1-1	1948	2023
Brooklyn	6-5	.545	1-2	5-3	---	1979	2021
Chicago	13-8	.619	8-1	5-7	---	1966	2016
Cleveland	7-7	.500	6-0	1-7	---	1970	2017
Dallas	4-3	.571	1-1	3-2	---	2003	2023
Denver	3-6	.333	3-2	0-4	---	1979	2023
Detroit	10-22	.313	5-2	4-17	1-3	1948	2005
Golden State	15-18	.455	8-5	4-13	3-0	1948	2023
Houston	6-6	.500	3-0	3-6	---	1967	2019
Indiana	2-2	.500	2-1	0-1	---	1981	2004
LA Clippers	8-9	.471	3-2	5-7	---	1970	2020
L.A. Lakers	24-26	.480	14-14	9-10	1-2	1949	2023
Memphis	0-1	.000	---	0-1	---	2022	2022
Miami	12-2	.857	7-0	5-2	---	1997	2023
Milwaukee	5-5	.500	2-1	3-4	---	1968	2023
Minnesota	1-1	.500	0-0	1-1	---	2016	2017
New Orleans	1-3	.250	0-0	1-3	---	2008	2020
New York	24-32	.429	23-25	1-7	---	1947	2023
Oklahoma City	6-14	.300	4-3	2-11	---	1967	2018
Orlando	5-4	.556	5-1	0-3	---	1993	2011
Philadelphia	19-15	.559	9-4	9-10	1-1	1949	2023
Phoenix	12-9	.571	11-7	1-2	---	1968	2023
Portland	14-4	.778	13-2	1-2	---	1971	2018
Sacramento	18-11	.621	15-9	3-2	---	1948	2003
San Antonio	5-6	.455	1-2	4-4	---	1977	2016
Toronto	0-2	.000	0-1	0-1	---	2001	2019
Utah	6-2	.750	6-2	0-0	---	1975	2021
Washington	16-7	.696	9-5	6-2	1-0	1961	2017



## WINNINGEST PLAYERS AND COACHES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

### PLAYERS WITH MOST VICTORIES

Dwyane Wade	10-3 (.769)
LeBron James	10-8 (.556)
Udonis Haslem	9-1 (.900)
Dick Van Arsdale	9-3 (.750)
Mike Riordan	8-0 (1.000)
Arnie Risen	8-1 (.889)
Wes Unseld	8-1 (.889)
James Harden	8-2 (.800)
Slater Martin	8-2 (.800)
Dick Barnett	8-3 (.727)
Oscar Robertson	8-4 (.667)
Earl Monroe	8-5 (.615)
Dolph Schayes	8-5 (.615)

### COACHES WITH MOST VICTORIES

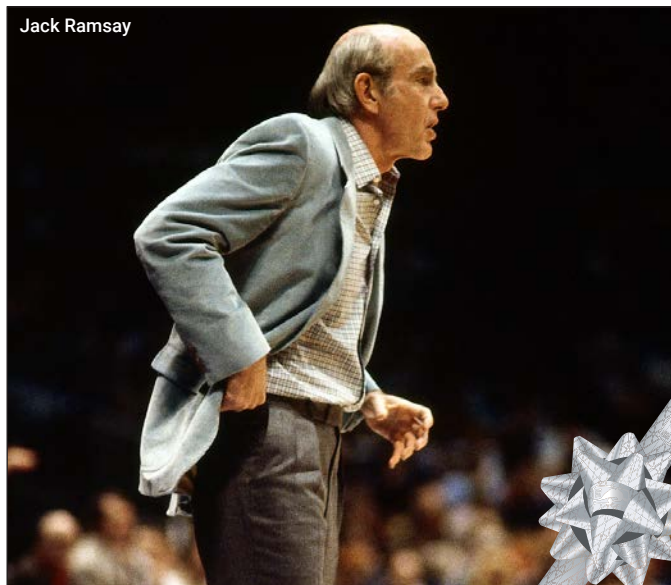
Jack Ramsay	11-3 (.786)
Phil Jackson	11-7 (.611)
Erik Spoelstra	9-0 (1.000)
Gene Shue	9-4 (.692)
Red Auerbach	9-6 (.600)
Red Holzman	8-7 (.533)
Les Harrison	7-0 (1.000)
Doc Rivers	7-6 (.538)
John MacLeod	6-1 (.857)
Joe Lapchick	6-2 (.750)
John Kundla	6-3 (.667)
Tom Thibodeau	6-4 (.600)

### LONGEST TEAM WINNING STREAKS

Team	Streak	First/Last
Portland Trail Blazers	13	1972/2007
Bal./Cap./Was. Bullets	9	1968/1977
Phoenix Suns	9	1969/1980
Miami Heat	9	2009/2023 (Current Streak)



LeBron James



Jack Ramsay



## CHRISTMAS DAY STATISTICAL LEADERS

Through Christmas 2023. Games played in parentheses. Per game stats reflect minimum of two games played.

### MOST POINTS

476	LeBron James (18)
395	Kobe Bryant (16)
377	Oscar Robertson (12)
315	Kevin Durant (11)
314	Dwyane Wade (13)
273	James Harden (10)
272	Shaquille O'Neal (13)
271	Russell Westbrook (12)
239	Dolph Schayes (13)
237	Walt Bellamy (9)

### MOST REBOUNDS

176	Bill Russell (8)
163	Wes Unseld (9)
155	Shaquille O'Neal (13)
152	Wilt Chamberlain (6)
144	Dolph Schayes (13)
139	LeBron James (18)
136	Wayne Embry (10)
134	Jerry Lucas (7)
130	Walt Bellamy (9)
126	Willis Reed (8)

### MOST ASSISTS

145	Oscar Robertson (12)
127	LeBron James (18)
97	Russell Westbrook (12)
85	Kobe Bryant (16)
81	James Harden (10)
80	Dwyane Wade (13)
71	Guy Rodgers (7)
69	Chris Paul (9)
69	Walt Frazier (11)
67	Bob Cousy (11)

### MOST BLOCKS

25	Shaquille O'Neal (13)
22	Elvin Hayes (7)
21	DeAndre Jordan (7)
19	Dwight Howard (9)
16	Amar'e Stoudemire (7)
13	Pau Gasol (9)
13	Spencer Haywood (8)
13	Tree Rollins (5)
12	Kevin Durant (11)
12	LeBron James (18)
12	Kristaps Porziņģis (4)

### MOST STEALS

29	Russell Westbrook (12)
26	LeBron James (18)
24	Scottie Pippen (7)
23	Dwyane Wade (13)
17	Kobe Bryant (16)
17	Michael Jordan (6)
17	Micheal Ray Richardson (5)
16	Stephen Curry (10)
15	James Harden (10)
15	Chris Paul (9)

### MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

168	LeBron James (18)
137	Kobe Bryant (16)
126	Oscar Robertson (12)
113	Dwyane Wade (13)
105	Shaquille O'Neal (13)
102	Kevin Durant (11)
97	Russell Westbrook (12)
96	Walt Bellamy (9)
83	James Harden (10)
81	Bob Cousy (11)

### MOST 3-POINTERS MADE

31	James Harden (10)
29	LeBron James (18)
26	Kevin Durant (11)
24	JJ Redick (11)
23	Klay Thompson (9)
20	Khris Middleton (5)
18	Stephen Curry (10)
17	Kyrie Irving (6)
15	Kobe Bryant (16)
15	Kyle Kuzma (4)

### MOST FREE THROWS MADE

125	Oscar Robertson (12)
111	LeBron James (18)
106	Kobe Bryant (16)
87	Dolph Schayes (13)
85	Kevin Durant (11)
84	Dick Van Arsdale (12)
80	Dwyane Wade (13)
76	James Harden (10)
76	Richie Guerin (9)
68	Russell Westbrook (12)

### MOST GAMES PLAYED

18	LeBron James
16	Kobe Bryant
13	Dwyane Wade
13	Earl Monroe
13	Dolph Schayes
13	Shaquille O'Neal
12	Russell Westbrook
12	Johnny Green
12	Oscar Robertson
12	Dick Van Arsdale



## CHRISTMAS DAY STATISTICAL LEADERS

### POINTS PER GAME

43.3	Tracy McGrady (3)
36.3	Luka Dončić (3)
32.2	Jerry West (6)
31.7	Wilt Chamberlain (6)
31.5	George Gervin (2)
31.4	Oscar Robertson (12)
31.3	Joel Embiid (4)
31.0	Rick Barry (3)
30.3	Anthony Davis (4)
30.0	Sean Elliott (2)

### REBOUNDS PER GAME

25.3	Wilt Chamberlain (6)
22.0	Bill Russell (8)
20.5	Maurice Stokes (2)
19.1	Jerry Lucas (7)
18.1	Wes Unseld (9)
17.0	Nate Thurmond (5)
16.5	Greg Smith (2)
16.3	Moses Malone (3)
15.8	Willis Reed (8)
15.0	Bob Pettit (6)

### ASSISTS PER GAME

12.5	John Wall (2)
12.1	Oscar Robertson (12)
10.8	Nate Archibald (5)
10.3	Luka Dončić (3)
10.1	Guy Rodgers (7)
10.0	Jerry Fleishman (2)
9.7	Isiah Thomas (3)
9.7	Avery Johnson (3)
9.3	Nikola Jokić (4)
9.0	Magic Johnson (2)
9.0	Norm Van Lier (5)

### BLOCKS PER GAME

4.50	Rudy Gobert (2)
4.00	Mark Eaton (2)
4.00	Mitchell Robinson (2)
3.14	Elvin Hayes (7)
3.00	Terry Tyler (2)
3.00	DeAndre Jordan (7)
3.00	Otto Moore (5)
3.00	Kristaps Porziņģis (4)
2.67	Rick Mahorn (3)
2.67	Hassan Whiteside (3)
2.67	Moses Malone (3)
2.67	Alonzo Mourning (3)

### STEALS PER GAME

4.00	Doug Christie (2)
3.50	Eddie Jones (2)
3.50	John Shumate (2)
3.43	Scottie Pippen (7)
3.40	Micheal Ray Richardson (5)
3.00	Pete Maravich (4)
3.00	Magic Johnson (2)
2.83	Michael Jordan (6)
2.75	Gary Payton (4)
2.67	Isiah Thomas (3)
2.67	Charlie Scott (4)



## CHRISTMAS DAY TOP PERFORMANCES

### MOST POINTS

POINTS	PLAYER	YEAR	MATCHUP
60	Bernard King	1984	New York vs. New Jersey
59	Wilt Chamberlain	1961	Philadelphia Warriors at New York (2 OT)
50	Luka Dončić	2023	Dallas at Phoenix
50	Rick Barry	1966	San Francisco at Cincinnati
47	Jerry West	1963	L.A. Lakers at New York
46	Tracy McGrady	2002	Orlando vs. Detroit
45	Dominique Wilkins	1987	Atlanta at Philadelphia
45	Tom Heinsohn	1961	Boston at Syracuse
45	Wilt Chamberlain	1959	Philadelphia Warriors vs. Syracuse
44	Kevin Durant	2010	Oklahoma City vs. Denver
44	Jerry West	1965	L.A. Lakers vs. Detroit

### MOST REBOUNDS

REBOUNDS	PLAYER	YEAR	MATCHUP
36	Wilt Chamberlain	1961	Philadelphia Warriors at New York (2 OT)
34	Bill Russell	1965	Boston at Baltimore
34	Wilt Chamberlain	1959	Philadelphia Warriors vs. Syracuse
33	Bill Russell	1958	Boston at New York
31	Bill Russell	1964	Boston vs. Detroit

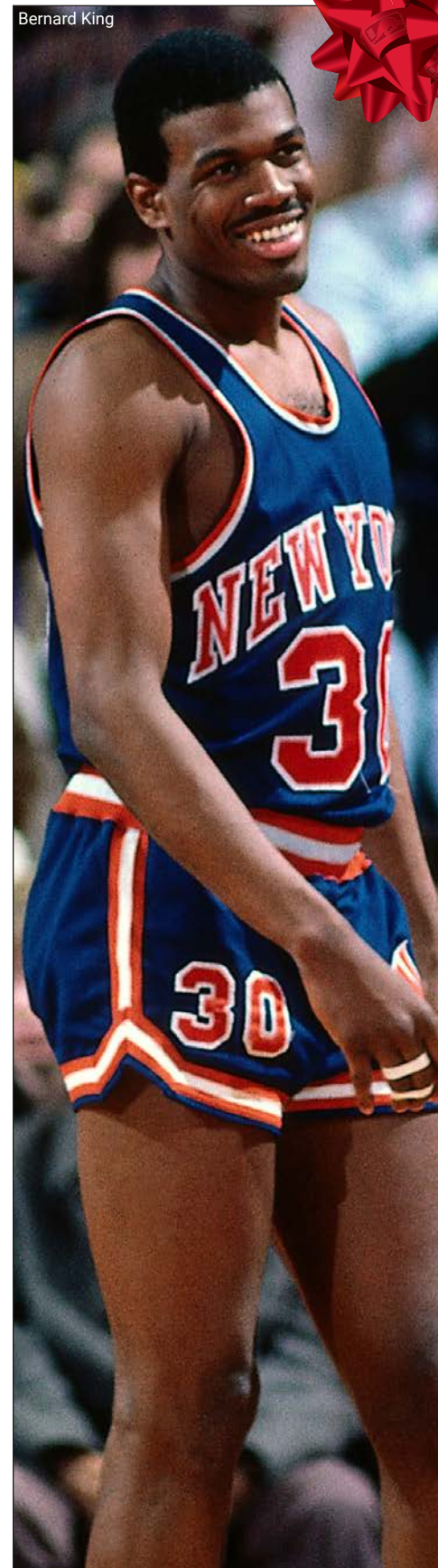
### MOST ASSISTS

ASSISTS	PLAYER	YEAR	MATCHUP
18	Nate Archibald	1972	Kansas City-Omaha vs. Milwaukee
18	Guy Rodgers	1966	Chicago at New York
17	Oscar Robertson	1961	Cincinnati vs. L.A. Lakers
16	Chris Paul	2022	Phoenix at Denver (OT)
16	Nate Archibald	1975	Kansas City at Phoenix
16	Oscar Robertson	1965	Cincinnati vs. San Francisco
16	Oscar Robertson	1963	Cincinnati vs. St. Louis
16	Oscar Robertson	1960	Cincinnati vs. Detroit

### MOST BLOCKS

BLOCKS	PLAYER	YEAR	MATCHUP
8	DeAndre Jordan	2011	LA Clippers at Golden State
7	Rudy Gobert	2018	Utah vs. Portland
7	Elvin Hayes	1980	Washington vs. New Jersey
6			Many Players Tied

Bernard King





## CHRISTMAS DAY TOP PERFORMANCES



### MOST STEALS

STEALS	PLAYER	YEAR	MATCHUP
7	Kyrie Irving	2016	Cleveland vs. Golden State
6	Jrue Holiday	2019	New Orleans at Denver
6	Russell Westbrook	2015	Oklahoma City vs. Chicago
6	Derrick Rose	2010	Chicago at New York
6	Doug Christie	2002	Sacramento at L.A. Lakers
6	Michael Jordan	1986	Chicago at New York
6	Micheal Ray Richardson	1979	New York vs. New Jersey
6	Paul Westphal	1975	Phoenix vs. Kansas City
6	Kevin Porter	1974	Washington vs. Atlanta

### MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

FGM	PLAYER	YEAR	MATCHUP
23	Wilt Chamberlain	1961	Philadelphia Warriors at New York (2 OT)
19	Bernard King	1984	New York vs. New Jersey
19	Rick Barry	1966	San Francisco at Cincinnati
19	Jerry West	1963	L.A. Lakers at New York
19	Tom Heinsohn	1961	Boston at Syracuse

### MOST THREE-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE

3PM	PLAYER	YEAR	MATCHUP
8	Luka Dončić	2023	Dallas at Phoenix
8	Grayson Allen	2023	Phoenix vs. Dallas
8	Patty Mills	2021	Brooklyn at L.A. Lakers
7	Landry Shamet	2022	Phoenix at Denver (OT)
7	Kyrie Irving	2020	Brooklyn at Boston
7	Duncan Robinson	2020	Miami vs. New Orleans
7	Brandon Ingram	2019	New Orleans at Denver
6	Kelly Oubre Jr.	2023	Philadelphia at Miami
6	Tim Hardaway Jr.	2022	Dallas vs. L.A. Lakers
6	Julius Randle	2021	New York vs. Atlanta
6	Khris Middleton	2020	Milwaukee vs. Golden State
6	James Harden	2019	Houston at Golden State
6	Kyle Kuzma	2017	L.A. Lakers vs. Minnesota
6	Kevin Love	2017	Cleveland at Golden State
6	Ryan Anderson	2011	Orlando at Oklahoma City

### MOST FREE THROWS MADE

FTM	PLAYER	YEAR	MATCHUP
22	Bernard King	1984	New York vs. New Jersey
18	Nikola Jokić	2023	Denver vs. Golden State
18	Tracy McGrady	2002	Orlando vs. Detroit
18	Richie Guerin	1962	New York vs. Syracuse
17	Dick Van Arsdale	1968	Phoenix vs. L.A. Lakers
16	Micheal Ray Richardson	1984	New Jersey at New York



# CHRISTMAS DAY TOP PERFORMANCES

## TEAM HIGHS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

<b>POINTS</b>	162, Syracuse vs. New York, 1960
<b>FG MADE</b>	65, Syracuse vs. New York, 1960
<b>FG ATTEMPTS</b>	126, Philadelphia Warriors at New York (2 OT), 1961 125, New York vs. Philadelphia Warriors (2 OT), 1961 122, Phoenix vs. Atlanta, 1970
<b>FG PCT.</b>	64.7 (55-of-85), Portland vs. L.A. Lakers, 1983
<b>3P MADE</b>	21, Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee, 2019
<b>3P ATTEMPTS</b>	51, Houston at Golden State, 2019
<b>3P PCT.</b>	66.7 (8-of-12), Philadelphia vs. Washington, 1988 (minimum 10 3PA)
<b>FT MADE</b>	45, Waterloo vs. Indianapolis, 1949
<b>FT ATTEMPTS</b>	60, Waterloo vs. Indianapolis, 1949
<b>FT PCT.</b>	1.000 (19-of-19), Miami vs. Oklahoma City, 2012 (16-of-16), Phoenix at Golden State, 2021 (12-of-12), New Orleans at Denver, 2019
<b>OFF. REBOUNDS</b>	28, Cleveland vs. Detroit, 1979 (official statistic since 1973-74)
<b>DEF. REBOUNDS</b>	51, Boston at New York, (2 OT), 1985 (official statistic since 1973-74) 50, Phoenix vs. L.A. Lakers, 1973
<b>REBOUNDS</b>	76, Detroit vs. Minneapolis (OT), 1958 75, Boston at New York 1958
<b>ASSISTS</b>	41, Portland vs. L.A. Lakers, 1983
<b>STEALS</b>	16, Atlanta at Washington, 1974
<b>BLOCKS</b>	16, Philadelphia at Washington, 1979



## TRIPLE-DOUBLES ON CHRISTMAS DAY

There have been 13 triple-doubles by nine different players on Christmas Day. In 2021, three players had a triple-double – the most on a single Christmas Day – and James Harden and Russell Westbrook became the first opponents to each post a triple-double on Christmas.

YEAR	PLAYER	TEAM	OPPONENT	STATISTICS
1960	Oscar Robertson	Cincinnati Royals	Detroit Pistons	32 PTS, 15 REB, 16 AST
1961	Oscar Robertson (2)	Cincinnati Royals	Los Angeles Lakers	40 PTS, 12 REB, 17 AST
1963	Oscar Robertson (3)	Cincinnati Royals	St. Louis Hawks	37 PTS, 15 REB, 16 AST
1967	John Havlicek	Boston Celtics	New York Knicks	21 PTS, 13 REB, 10 AST
1967	Oscar Robertson (4)	Cincinnati Royals	Seattle SuperSonics	26 PTS, 10 REB, 11 AST
1970	Billy Cunningham	Philadelphia 76ers	Detroit Pistons	21 PTS, 18 REB, 13 AST
2010	LeBron James	Miami Heat	Los Angeles Lakers	27 PTS, 11 REB, 10 AST
2013	Russell Westbrook	Oklahoma City Thunder	New York Knicks	14 PTS, 13 REB, 10 AST
2017	Draymond Green	Golden State Warriors	Cleveland Cavaliers	12 PTS, 12 REB, 11 AST
2021	James Harden	Brooklyn Nets	Los Angeles Lakers	36 PTS, 10 REB, 10 AST
2021	Kemba Walker	New York Knicks	Atlanta Hawks	10 PTS, 10 REB, 12 AST
2021	Russell Westbrook (2)	Los Angeles Lakers	Brooklyn Nets	13 PTS, 12 REB, 11 AST
2022	Nikola Jokić	Denver Nuggets	Phoenix Suns	41 PTS, 15 REB, 15 AST

## CHRISTMAS DAY MEMORABLE MATCHUPS

**1961: Chamberlain Dominates in Defeat** – Wilt Chamberlain scored 59 points and grabbed 36 rebounds, but his Philadelphia Warriors lost to the New York Knicks 136-135 in double overtime. The rebounding total is a Christmas Day record, and the scoring total was a Christmas Day record for 22 years. Richie Guerin led New York with 40 points.

**1961: Elgin and the Big O** – The Los Angeles Lakers' Elgin Baylor and the Cincinnati Royals' Oscar Robertson each scored 40 points in the Lakers' 141-127 victory. Robertson also had 17 assists and 12 rebounds as he posted the second of his record four triple-doubles on Christmas Day.

**1963: Jerry Christmas** – The Los Angeles Lakers' Jerry West scored 47 points in a 134-126 win over the New York Knicks.

**1966: Barry Christmas** – Rick Barry scored 50 points to lift the San Francisco Warriors past the Cincinnati Royals 124-112. At the time, Barry joined Wilt Chamberlain (1961) as the only players to have a 50-point game on Christmas Day.

**1972: Tiny Dishes Dimes** – Nate "Tiny" Archibald of the Kansas City-Omaha Kings equaled a Christmas Day record with 18 assists in a 104-99 loss to the Milwaukee Bucks. His performance came during the 1972-73 season, when he became the only player to lead the NBA in scoring (34.0 ppg) and assists (11.4 apg) in the same season.

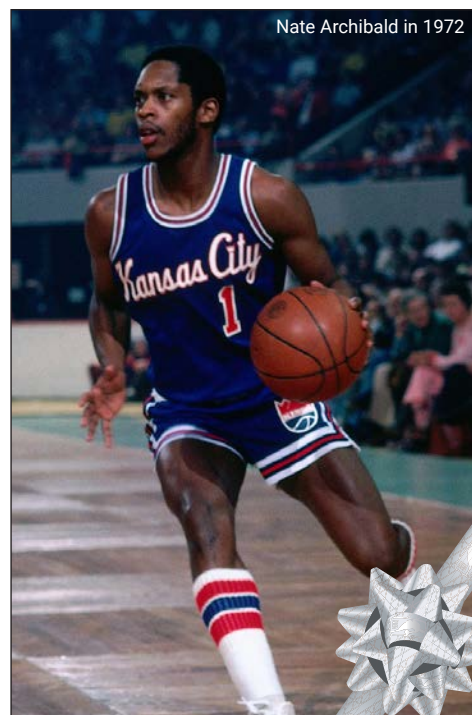
**1984: King Goes for 60** – In the highest-scoring performance in Christmas Day history, the New York Knicks' Bernard King finished with 60 points in a 120-114 loss to the New Jersey Nets. King became the third player to score at least 50 points on Christmas Day, joining Wilt Chamberlain (59 points in 1961) and Rick Barry (50 points in 1966). Luka Dončić added his name to that list in 2023.

**1985: Knicks Stun Celtics** – Rookie Patrick Ewing (32 points, 11 rebounds) and the New York Knicks rallied from a 25-point deficit to defeat the Boston Celtics 113-104 in double overtime. New York finished the season 23-59, and Boston went 67-15 en route to winning the NBA championship.

**1986: Ewing Beats Buzzer** – Patrick Ewing's put-back at the buzzer gave the New York Knicks an 86-85 victory over the Chicago Bulls. Michael Jordan scored 30 points in his first Christmas Day appearance.

**1994: Pippen Delivers** – Scottie Pippen played all 53 minutes and posted 36 points, 16 rebounds and five steals to lead the Chicago Bulls past the New York Knicks 107-104 in overtime. He scored all seven of Chicago's points in overtime and blocked two last-second shots to seal the victory.

**1995: Finals Rematch** – For the first time, the teams from the previous season's NBA Finals met on Christmas Day. Penny Hardaway scored 22 points, including the game-winning shot with three seconds left, as the Orlando Magic defeated the defending NBA champion Houston Rockets 92-90. Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal recorded 22 points, 18 rebounds and five assists, and Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon had 30 points, 12 rebounds and six assists.



Nate Archibald in 1972



Penny Hardaway and Robert Horry

## CHRISTMAS DAY MEMORABLE MATCHUPS

**2003: T-Mac Trumps LeBron** – Tracy McGrady finished with 41 points, 11 assists, eight rebounds and three steals to lead the Orlando Magic past rookie LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 113-101. James registered 34 points and six assists in his Christmas Day debut.

**2004: Shaq vs. Kobe** – Former Los Angeles Lakers teammates Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O’Neal met for the first time since Shaq’s trade to the Miami Heat the previous offseason. The Heat extended its winning streak to 11 games with a 104-102 overtime victory over Lakers. Behind double-doubles from O’Neal (24 points, 11 rebounds) and Dwyane Wade (29 points, 10 assists), Miami overcame Bryant’s 42 points.

**2008: Celtics’ Streak Snapped** – In a rematch of the previous season’s NBA Finals, the Los Angeles Lakers snapped the defending champion Boston Celtics’ 19-game winning streak with a 92-83 victory. The Lakers’ Phil Jackson notched his 1,000<sup>th</sup> win, the fastest head coach to do so and the sixth at the time to hit that mark.

**2010: Big Game James** – In his first Christmas Day game with the Miami Heat, LeBron James finished with 27 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in a 96-80 victory against the Los Angeles Lakers. James became the first player in 40 years to record a triple-double on Christmas Day.

**2011: Rose Rises Up** – Reigning NBA MVP Derrick Rose made a go-ahead shot with 4.8 seconds to play as the Chicago Bulls came back from an 11-point deficit with less than four minutes remaining to defeat the Los Angeles Lakers 88-87. Chicago’s Luol Deng blocked Kobe Bryant’s potential game-winning shot just before the buzzer.

**2016: Cavaliers Come Back** – The first matchup between the defending NBA champion Cleveland Cavaliers and the Golden State Warriors since their thrilling NBA Finals series the previous June featured more drama. Down 14 points early in the fourth quarter in Cleveland, the Cavaliers rallied to defeat the Warriors 109-108. Kyrie Irving made a go-ahead turnaround jump shot with 3.4 seconds left to spoil Kevin Durant’s 36-point effort for Golden State. LeBron James led the Cavaliers with 31 points and 13 rebounds.

**2020: Clutch Kyrie** – Kyrie Irving made a game-tying shot with 20 seconds left in the fourth quarter and sank back-to-back three-pointers in overtime to spark the Boston Celtics to a 121-114 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

**2021: Bucks Finish Strong** – Trailing by 13 points with less than six minutes to play, the defending NBA champion Milwaukee Bucks rallied past the Boston Celtics 117-113. Milwaukee took its first lead on Wesley Matthews’ three-pointer with 30.3 seconds left. Giannis Antetokounmpo scored a game-high 36 points for the Bucks.

**2022: Dominant in Denver** – Nikola Jokić recorded 41 points, 15 rebounds and 15 assists to lead the Denver Nuggets past the Phoenix Suns 128-125 in overtime. Jokić became the third player in NBA history to have a 40/15/15 game in the regular season, joining Oscar Robertson and James Harden.

**2023: Luka Magic** – Luka Dončić had 50 points, 15 assists, six rebounds, four steals and three blocks – the first player to reach all those totals in an NBA game – to lead the Dallas Mavericks past the Phoenix Suns 128-114.



Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O’Neal



Kevin Durant and LeBron James



## CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

### 1947

Baltimore Bullets 87 vs. Chicago Stags 70 (Baltimore Coliseum)  
New York Knicks 89 vs. Providence Steamrollers 75 (Madison Square Garden III)  
Washington Capitols 73 at St. Louis Bombers 56 (Saint Louis Arena)

### 1948

Baltimore Bullets 88 at Providence Steamrollers 83 (Rhode Island Auditorium)  
Philadelphia Warriors 80 vs. Boston Celtics 77 (Convention Hall)  
Chicago Stags 70 at New York Knicks 64 (Madison Square Garden III)  
Washington Capitols 88 vs. Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons 74 (Uline Arena)  
Rochester Royals 90 vs. St. Louis Bombers 82 (Edgerton Park Sports Arena)

### 1949

Syracuse Nationals 94 vs. Anderson Duffey Packers 88 (State Fair Coliseum)  
Philadelphia Warriors 64 at Baltimore Bullets 63 (Baltimore Coliseum)  
Rochester Royals 88 vs. Boston Celtics 79 (Edgerton Park Sports Arena)  
Sheboygan Redskins 76 at Denver Nuggets 72 (Denver Field House)  
Minneapolis Lakers 72 vs. Fort Wayne Zollner Pistons 58 (Minneapolis Auditorium)  
Waterloo Hawks 97 vs. Indianapolis Olympians 93 (Waterloo Hippodrome)  
Washington Capitols 81 at St. Louis Bombers 68 (Saint Louis Arena)

### 1950

Tri-Cities Blackhawks 87 vs. Baltimore Bullets 72 (Wharton Field House)  
Rochester Royals 90 vs. Boston Celtics 77 (Edgerton Park Sports Arena)  
Syracuse Nationals 81 vs. Fort Wayne Pistons 69 (State Fair Coliseum)  
Minneapolis Lakers 93 vs. Washington Capitols 79 (Minneapolis Auditorium)  
New York Knicks 86 at Philadelphia Warriors 84 (OT) (Philadelphia Arena)

### 1951

Minneapolis Lakers 100 vs. Boston Celtics 93 (Minneapolis Auditorium)  
New York Knicks 72 vs. Fort Wayne Pistons 65 (Madison Square Garden III)  
Rochester Royals 87 vs. Indianapolis Olympians 78 (Edgerton Park Sports Arena)  
Syracuse Nationals 70 vs. Milwaukee Hawks 65 (neutral site) (Madison Square Garden III)

### 1952

Syracuse Nationals 102 vs. Baltimore Bullets 92 (Onondaga War Memorial)  
New York Knicks 97 vs. Boston Celtics 84 (Madison Square Garden III)  
Fort Wayne Pistons 71 vs. Milwaukee Hawks 69 (2 OT) (Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum)  
Minneapolis Lakers 90 vs. Indianapolis Olympians 73 (Minneapolis Auditorium)  
Rochester Royals 93 at Philadelphia Warriors 78 (Convention Hall)



# CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

## 1953

Baltimore Bullets 88 vs. Minneapolis Lakers 78 (neutral site) (Saint Paul Auditorium)  
 Fort Wayne Pistons 108 vs. Boston Celtics 79 (Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum)  
 New York Knicks 89 vs. Syracuse Nationals 80 (Madison Square Garden III)  
 Rochester Royals 73 at Philadelphia Warriors 65 (Convention Hall)

## 1954

Boston Celtics 108 at Milwaukee Hawks 99 (Milwaukee Arena)  
 Rochester Royals 80 vs. Fort Wayne Pistons 73 (War Memorial Coliseum)  
 Minneapolis Lakers 99 vs. Philadelphia Warriors 91 (Minneapolis Auditorium)  
 New York Knicks 109 vs. Syracuse Nationals 101 (Madison Square Garden III)

## 1955

Boston Celtics 115 at Minneapolis Lakers 112 (Minneapolis Auditorium)  
 Fort Wayne Pistons 92 vs. New York Knicks 87 (Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum)  
 Syracuse Nationals 111 vs. Rochester Royals 96 (Onondaga War Memorial)

## 1956

Philadelphia Warriors 89 vs. Boston Celtics 82 (neutral site) (Madison Square Garden III)  
 Minneapolis Lakers 100 vs. Fort Wayne Pistons 89 (neutral site) (War Memorial Coliseum)  
 St. Louis Hawks 107 at New York Knicks 105 (OT) (Madison Square Garden III)  
 Rochester Royals 98 vs. Syracuse Nationals 93 (War Memorial Coliseum)

## 1957

Philadelphia Warriors 115 vs. Boston Celtics 105 (Convention Hall)  
 Minneapolis Lakers 106 at Detroit Pistons 104 (Olympia Stadium)  
 Syracuse Nationals 134 vs. New York Knicks 130 (OT) (Onondaga War Memorial)

## 1958

Boston Celtics 129 at New York Knicks 120 (Madison Square Garden III)  
 St. Louis Hawks 100 at Cincinnati Royals 92 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
 Detroit Pistons 98 vs. Minneapolis Lakers 97 (OT) (neutral site) (Madison Square Garden III)

## 1959

Boston Celtics 123 at New York Knicks 119 (Madison Square Garden III)  
 Cincinnati Royals 121 vs. Detroit Pistons 103 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
 St. Louis Hawks 112 vs. Minneapolis Lakers 96 (Kiel Auditorium)  
 Philadelphia Warriors 129 vs. Syracuse Nationals 121 (neutral site) (Hershey Park Arena)

## 1960

Cincinnati Royals 126 vs. Detroit Pistons 119 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
 Syracuse Nationals 162 vs. New York Knicks 100 (Onondaga War Memorial)



## CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

### 1961

Boston Celtics 127 at Syracuse Nationals 122 (Onondaga War Memorial)  
Chicago Packers 118 vs. Detroit Pistons 97 (neutral site) (Madison Square Garden III)  
Los Angeles Lakers 141 at Cincinnati Royals 127 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
New York Knicks 136 vs. Philadelphia Warriors 135 (2 OT) (Madison Square Garden III)

### 1962

Cincinnati Royals 131 vs. Detroit Pistons 120 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
Syracuse Nationals 123 at New York Knicks 111 (Madison Square Garden III)  
San Francisco Warriors 94 vs. St. Louis Hawks 91 (neutral site) (Madison Square Garden III)

### 1963

Cincinnati Royals 113 vs. St. Louis Hawks 107 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
Los Angeles Lakers 134 at New York Knicks 126 (Madison Square Garden III)

### 1964

Baltimore Bullets 114 at New York Knicks 108 (Madison Square Garden III)  
Boston Celtics 118 vs. Detroit Pistons 106 (neutral site) (Madison Square Garden III)  
Cincinnati Royals 130 vs. St. Louis Hawks 125 (OT) (Cincinnati Gardens)

### 1965

Boston Celtics 113 at Baltimore Bullets 99 (Civic Center)  
Cincinnati Royals 119 vs. San Francisco Warriors 113 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
Los Angeles Lakers 115 vs. Detroit Pistons 106 (Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena)  
St. Louis Hawks 131 at New York Knicks 111 (Madison Square Garden III)

### 1966

Detroit Pistons 129 at Baltimore Bullets 127 (OT) (Civic Center)  
New York Knicks 133 vs. Chicago Bulls 132 (Madison Square Garden III)  
San Francisco Warriors 124 at Cincinnati Royals 112 (Cincinnati Gardens)

### 1967

Philadelphia 76ers 108 at Baltimore Bullets 105 (Civic Center)  
Boston Celtics 134 at New York Knicks 124 (Madison Square Garden III)  
Cincinnati Royals 118 vs. Seattle SuperSonics 112 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
San Diego Rockets 104 vs. Los Angeles Lakers 101 (San Diego International Sports Arena)



## CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

### 1968

Baltimore Bullets 118 vs. Seattle SuperSonics 112 (Civic Center)  
Cincinnati Royals 103 vs. Chicago Bulls 98 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
Detroit Pistons 119 at Milwaukee Bucks 113 (Milwaukee Arena)  
Los Angeles Lakers 119 at Phoenix Suns 99 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)  
New York Knicks 110 vs. Philadelphia 76ers 109 (Madison Square Garden)

### 1969

Baltimore Bullets 121 vs. Philadelphia 76ers 113 (Civic Center)  
Phoenix Suns 127 vs. Boston Celtics 116 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)  
San Francisco Warriors 124 at Cincinnati Royals 120 (OT) (Cincinnati Gardens)  
New York Knicks 112 vs. Detroit Pistons 111 (Madison Square Garden)

### 1970

Phoenix Suns 127 vs. Atlanta Hawks 115 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)  
Baltimore Bullets 128 vs. Chicago Bulls 112 (Civic Center)  
Los Angeles Lakers 123 vs. Boston Celtics 113 (Great Western Forum)  
New York Knicks 115 vs. Buffalo Braves 102 (Madison Square Garden)  
Cincinnati Royals 117 vs. Cleveland Cavaliers 100 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
Philadelphia 76ers 105 vs. Detroit Pistons 100 (The Spectrum)

### 1971

Atlanta Hawks 140 vs. Buffalo Braves 117 (Alexander Memorial Coliseum)  
Baltimore Bullets 117 at Philadelphia 76ers 114 (The Spectrum)  
Boston Celtics 99 at Cincinnati Royals 94 (Cincinnati Gardens)  
Chicago Bulls 109 at Portland Trail Blazers 88 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)  
Detroit Pistons 120 vs. Milwaukee Bucks 118 (OT) (Cobo Arena)  
New York Knicks 114 vs. Golden State Warriors 89 (Madison Square Garden)  
Phoenix Suns 116 vs. Seattle SuperSonics 86 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)

### 1972

Phoenix Suns 115 vs. Chicago Bulls 108 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)  
New York Knicks 113 vs. Detroit Pistons 110 (Madison Square Garden)  
Milwaukee Bucks 104 at Kansas City-Omaha Kings 99 (Municipal Auditorium Arena)  
Portland Trail Blazers 116 vs. Seattle SuperSonics 113 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)

### 1973

Phoenix Suns 135 vs. Los Angeles Lakers 100 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)  
Capital Bullets 102 at New York Knicks 100 (Madison Square Garden)



## CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

### 1974

Washington Bullets 110 vs. Atlanta Hawks 92 (USAir Arena)  
Phoenix Suns 110 vs. Boston Celtics 96 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)  
Philadelphia 76ers 104 at New York Knicks 97 (Madison Square Garden)

### 1975

Washington Bullets 99 vs. Atlanta Hawks 94 (USAir Arena)  
New Orleans Jazz 101 vs. Houston Rockets 99 (Superdome)  
Phoenix Suns 122 vs. Kansas City Kings 111 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)  
New York Knicks 111 vs. Philadelphia 76ers 103 (Madison Square Garden)

### 1976

Buffalo Braves 115 vs. Detroit Pistons 106 (Buffalo Memorial Auditorium)  
Chicago Bulls 96 at Kansas City Kings 91 (Kemper Arena)  
Washington Bullets 117 vs. Cleveland Cavaliers 99 (USAir Arena)  
Phoenix Suns 113 vs. Los Angeles Lakers 96 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)  
Philadelphia 76ers 105 at New York Knicks 104 (Madison Square Garden)  
Portland Trail Blazers 110 vs. Seattle SuperSonics 95 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)

### 1977

Washington Bullets 100 vs. Atlanta Hawks 93 (USAir Arena)  
Cleveland Cavaliers 111 vs. Buffalo Braves 105 (The Coliseum [Richfield, OH])  
Portland Trail Blazers 109 vs. Golden State Warriors 97 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)  
Milwaukee Bucks 131 at Kansas City Kings 122 (Kemper Arena)  
Los Angeles Lakers 111 at Seattle SuperSonics 96 (Seattle Center Coliseum)  
San Antonio Spurs 115 at New Orleans Jazz 105 (Superdome)  
New York Knicks 113 vs. Philadelphia 76ers 110 (Madison Square Garden)

### 1978

Portland Trail Blazers 115 vs. Golden State Warriors 102 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)  
Philadelphia 76ers 109 at New York Knicks 94 (Madison Square Garden)  
San Diego Clippers 123 at Seattle SuperSonics 118 (The Kingdome)

### 1979

Portland Trail Blazers 113 vs. Golden State Warriors 91 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)  
Utah Jazz 122 vs. Denver Nuggets 111 (Salt Palace)  
Cleveland Cavaliers 111 vs. Detroit Pistons 101 (The Coliseum [Richfield, OH])  
New York Knicks 131 vs. New Jersey Nets 102 (Madison Square Garden)  
Philadelphia 76ers 95 at Washington Bullets 92 (USAir Arena)



## CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

### 1980

Boston Celtics 117 at New York Knicks 108 (Madison Square Garden)  
Portland Trail Blazers 115 vs. Golden State Warriors 114 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)  
Washington Bullets 109 vs. New Jersey Nets 94 (USAir Arena)  
Phoenix Suns 131 vs. San Antonio Spurs 111 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)

### 1981

Washington Bullets 115 vs. Indiana Pacers 98 (USAir Arena)  
Los Angeles Lakers 104 at Phoenix Suns 101 (Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum)  
New Jersey Nets 96 at New York Knicks 95 (Madison Square Garden)  
Portland Trail Blazers 99 vs. Seattle SuperSonics 94 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)

### 1982

Atlanta Hawks 97 at Washington Bullets 91 (USAir Arena)  
New Jersey Nets 112 at New York Knicks 110 (OT) (Madison Square Garden)  
Phoenix Suns 111 at Utah Jazz 101 (Salt Palace)  
Portland Trail Blazers 95 vs. Seattle SuperSonics 88 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)

### 1983

Portland Trail Blazers 141 vs. Los Angeles Lakers 121 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)  
New York Knicks 112 vs. New Jersey Nets 110 (OT) (Madison Square Garden)

### 1984

Cleveland Cavaliers 109 vs. Atlanta Hawks 106 (The Coliseum [Richfield, OH])  
Portland Trail Blazers 106 vs. Golden State Warriors 97 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)  
New Jersey Nets 120 at New York Knicks 114 (Madison Square Garden)  
Philadelphia 76ers 109 at Detroit Pistons 108 (Pontiac Silverdome)

### 1985

New York Knicks 113 vs. Boston Celtics 104 (2 OT) (Madison Square Garden)  
Portland Trail Blazers 121 vs. LA Clippers 107 (Portland Memorial Coliseum)

### 1986

New York Knicks 86 vs. Chicago Bulls 85 (Madison Square Garden)  
Washington Bullets 102 at Philadelphia 76ers 97 (The Spectrum)

### 1987

Atlanta Hawks 106 at Philadelphia 76ers 100 (The Spectrum)  
Detroit Pistons 91 at New York Knicks 87 (Madison Square Garden)



## CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

### 1988

Utah Jazz 101 vs. Los Angeles Lakers 87 (Salt Palace)  
Philadelphia 76ers 125 vs. Washington Bullets 110 (The Spectrum)

### 1989

Atlanta Hawks 115 vs. Cleveland Cavaliers 104 (The Omni)

### 1990

Chicago Bulls 98 vs. Detroit Pistons 86 (Chicago Stadium)

### 1991

Chicago Bulls 121 vs. Boston Celtics 99 (Chicago Stadium)  
Los Angeles Lakers 85 at LA Clippers 75 (Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena)

### 1992

Chicago Bulls 89 vs. New York Knicks 77 (Chicago Stadium)  
San Antonio Spurs 103 at LA Clippers 94 (Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena)

### 1993

Phoenix Suns 111 vs. Houston Rockets 91 (America West Arena)  
Chicago Bulls 95 vs. Orlando Magic 93 (Chicago Stadium)

### 1994

Denver Nuggets 105 vs. Seattle SuperSonics 96 (McNichols Sports Arena)  
Chicago Bulls 107 vs. New York Knicks 104 (OT) (United Center)

### 1995

San Antonio Spurs 105 at Phoenix Suns 100 (America West Arena)  
Orlando Magic 92 vs. Houston Rockets 90 (TD Waterhouse Centre)

### 1996

Chicago Bulls 95 vs. Detroit Pistons 83 (United Center)  
Los Angeles Lakers 108 at Phoenix Suns 87 (America West Arena)

### 1997

Chicago Bulls 90 vs. Miami Heat 80 (United Center)  
Utah Jazz 107 vs. Houston Rockets 103 (Delta Center)

### 1999

Indiana Pacers 101 vs. New York Knicks 90 (Conseco Fieldhouse)  
Los Angeles Lakers 99 vs. San Antonio Spurs 93 (Staples Center)



## CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

### 2000

Indiana Pacers 103 vs. Orlando Magic 93 (Conseco Fieldhouse)  
Portland Trail Blazers 109 at Los Angeles Lakers 104 (Staples Center)

### 2001

New York Knicks 102 vs. Toronto Raptors 94 (Madison Square Garden)  
Los Angeles Lakers 88 vs. Philadelphia 76ers 82 (Staples Center)

### 2002

Orlando Magic 104 vs. Detroit Pistons 99 (TD Waterhouse Centre)  
New Jersey Nets 117 vs. Boston Celtics 81 (Continental Airlines Arena)  
Sacramento Kings 105 at Los Angeles Lakers 99 (Staples Center)

### 2003

Orlando Magic 113 vs. Cleveland Cavaliers 101 (OT) (TD Waterhouse Centre)  
Dallas Mavericks 111 at Sacramento Kings 103 (Arco Arena)  
Houston Rockets 99 at Los Angeles Lakers 87 (Staples Center)

### 2004

Detroit Pistons 98 at Indiana Pacers 93 (Conseco Fieldhouse)  
Miami Heat 104 at Los Angeles Lakers 102 (OT) (Staples Center)

### 2005

Miami Heat 97 vs. Los Angeles Lakers 92 (AmericanAirlines Arena)  
Detroit Pistons 85 vs. San Antonio Spurs 70 (The Palace of Auburn Hills)

### 2006

Miami Heat 101 vs. Los Angeles Lakers 85 (AmericanAirlines Arena)

### 2007

Cleveland Cavaliers 96 vs. Miami Heat 82 (Quicken Loans Arena)  
Los Angeles Lakers 122 vs. Phoenix Suns 115 (Staples Center)  
Portland Trail Blazers 89 vs. Seattle SuperSonics 79 (Rose Garden)

### 2008

Orlando Magic 88 vs. New Orleans Hornets 68 (Amway Arena)  
San Antonio Spurs 91 at Phoenix Suns 90 (US Airways Center)  
Los Angeles Lakers 92 vs. Boston Celtics 83 (Staples Center)  
Cleveland Cavaliers 93 vs. Washington Wizards 89 (Quicken Loans Arena)  
Dallas Mavericks 102 at Portland Trail Blazers 94 (Rose Garden)



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### 2009

Miami Heat 93 at New York Knicks 87 (Madison Square Garden)  
Boston Celtics 86 at Orlando Magic 77 (Amway Arena)  
Cleveland Cavaliers 102 at Los Angeles Lakers 87 (Staples Center)  
Phoenix Suns 124 vs. LA Clippers 93 (US Airways Center)  
Portland Trail Blazers 107 vs. Denver Nuggets 96 (Rose Garden)

### 2010

New York Knicks 103 vs. Chicago Bulls 95 (Madison Square Garden)  
Orlando Magic 86 vs. Boston Celtics 78 (Amway Center)  
Miami Heat 96 at Los Angeles Lakers 80 (Staples Center)  
Oklahoma City Thunder 114 vs. Denver Nuggets 106 (Oklahoma City Arena)  
Golden State Warriors 109 vs. Portland Trail Blazers 102 (Oracle Arena)

### 2011

New York Knicks 106 vs. Boston Celtics 104 (Madison Square Garden)  
Miami Heat 105 at Dallas Mavericks 94 (American Airlines Center)  
Chicago Bulls 88 at Los Angeles Lakers 87 (Staples Center)  
Oklahoma City Thunder 97 vs. Orlando Magic 89 (Chesapeake Energy Arena)  
LA Clippers 105 at Golden State Warriors 86 (Oracle Arena)

### 2012

Boston Celtics 93 at Brooklyn Nets 76 (Barclays Center)  
Los Angeles Lakers 100 vs. New York Knicks 94 (Staples Center)  
Miami Heat 103 vs. Oklahoma City Thunder 97 (American Airlines Arena)  
Houston Rockets 120 at Chicago Bulls 97 (United Center)  
LA Clippers 112 vs. Denver Nuggets 100 (Staples Center)

### 2013

Chicago Bulls 95 at Brooklyn Nets 78 (Barclays Center)  
Oklahoma City Thunder 123 at New York Knicks 94 (Madison Square Garden)  
Miami Heat 101 at Los Angeles Lakers 95 (Staples Center)  
Houston Rockets 111 at San Antonio Spurs 98 (AT&T Center)  
Golden State Warriors 105 vs. LA Clippers 103 (Oracle Arena)



## CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

### 2014

Washington Wizards 102 at New York Knicks 91 (Madison Square Garden)  
Oklahoma City Thunder 114 at San Antonio Spurs 106 (AT&T Center)  
Miami Heat 101 vs. Cleveland Cavaliers 91 (AmericanAirlines Arena)  
Chicago Bulls 113 vs. Los Angeles Lakers 93 (United Center)  
LA Clippers 100 vs. Golden State Warriors 86 (Staples Center)

### 2015

Miami Heat 94 vs. New Orleans Pelicans 88 (OT) (AmericanAirlines Arena)  
Chicago Bulls 105 at Oklahoma City Thunder 96 (Chesapeake Energy Arena)  
Golden State Warriors 89 vs. Cleveland Cavaliers 83 (Oracle Arena)  
Houston Rockets 88 vs. San Antonio Spurs 84 (Toyota Center)  
LA Clippers 94 at Los Angeles Lakers 84 (Staples Center)

### 2016

Boston Celtics 119 at New York Knicks 114 (Madison Square Garden)  
Cleveland Cavaliers 109 vs. Golden State Warriors 108 (Quicken Loans Arena)  
San Antonio Spurs 119 vs. Chicago Bulls 100 (AT&T Center)  
Oklahoma City Thunder 112 vs. Minnesota Timberwolves 100 (Chesapeake Energy Arena)  
Los Angeles Lakers 111 vs. LA Clippers 102 (Staples Center)

### 2017

Philadelphia 76ers 105 at New York Knicks 98 (Madison Square Garden)  
Golden State Warriors 99 vs. Cleveland Cavaliers 92 (Oracle Arena)  
Washington Wizards 111 at Boston Celtics 103 (TD Garden)  
Oklahoma City Thunder 112 vs. Houston Rockets 107 (Chesapeake Energy Arena)  
Minnesota Timberwolves 121 at Los Angeles Lakers 104 (Staples Center)

### 2018

Milwaukee Bucks 109 at New York Knicks 95 (Madison Square Garden)  
Houston Rockets 113 vs. Oklahoma City Thunder 109 (Toyota Center)  
Boston Celtics 121 vs. Philadelphia 76ers 114 (OT) (TD Garden)  
Los Angeles Lakers 127 at Golden State Warriors 101 (Oracle Arena)  
Utah Jazz 117 vs. Portland Trail Blazers 96 (Vivint Smart Home Arena)



## CHRISTMAS DAY YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS

### 2019

Boston Celtics 118 at Toronto Raptors 102 (Scotiabank Arena)  
Philadelphia 76ers 121 vs. Milwaukee Bucks 109 (Wells Fargo Center)  
Golden State Warriors 116 vs. Houston Rockets 104 (Chase Center)  
LA Clippers 111 at Los Angeles Lakers 106 (Staples Center)  
New Orleans Pelicans 112 at Denver Nuggets 100 (Pepsi Center)

### 2020

Miami Heat 111 vs. New Orleans Pelicans 98 (AmericanAirlines Arena)  
Milwaukee Bucks 138 vs. Golden State Warriors 99 (Fiserv Forum)  
Brooklyn Nets 123 at Boston Celtics 95 (TD Garden)  
Los Angeles Lakers 138 vs. Dallas Mavericks 115 (Staples Center)  
LA Clippers 121 at Denver Nuggets 108 (Ball Arena)

### 2021

New York Knicks 101 vs. Atlanta Hawks 87 (Madison Square Garden)  
Milwaukee Bucks 117 vs. Boston Celtics 113 (Fiserv Forum)  
Golden State Warriors 116 at Phoenix Suns 107 (Footprint Center)  
Brooklyn Nets 122 at Los Angeles Lakers 115 (Crypto.com Arena)  
Utah Jazz 120 vs. Dallas Mavericks 116 (Vivint Arena)

### 2022

Philadelphia 76ers 119 at New York Knicks 112 (Madison Square Garden)  
Dallas Mavericks 124 vs. Los Angeles Lakers 115 (American Airlines Center)  
Boston Celtics 139 vs. Milwaukee Bucks 118 (TD Garden)  
Golden State Warriors 123 vs. Memphis Grizzlies 109 (Chase Center)  
Denver Nuggets 128 vs. Phoenix Suns 125 (OT) (Ball Arena)

### 2023

New York Knicks 129 vs. Milwaukee Bucks 122 (Madison Square Garden)  
Denver Nuggets 120 vs. Golden State Warriors 114 (Ball Arena)  
Boston Celtics 126 at Los Angeles Lakers 115 (Crypto.com Arena)  
Miami Heat 119 vs. Philadelphia 76ers 113 (Kaseya Center)  
Dallas Mavericks 128 at Phoenix Suns 114 (Footprint Center)