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The Wizards' Darius Songaila is fouled by the 76ers' Andre Iguodala, right, during the second half of their game Wednesday in Philadelphia. At left is the 76ers' Samuel Dalembert.

WEDNESDAY'S NBA ROUNDUP

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Wizards 92 76ers 85

PHILADELPHIA — Gilbert Arenas endured another poor shooting performance to finish with 22 points, and the Washington Wizards broke open a close game in the fourth quarter and held on for a victory against the 76ers.

Arenas has endured a run of poor shooting performances, and an 8-for-26 performance extended the streak into the All-Star break.

Caron Butler scored 16, Darius Songaila added 12, and Andray Blatche, making his second start of the season, had 11 points and 10 rebounds as the Wizards won for just the second time in six games.

Celtics 117 Bucks 97

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics ended their franchise-record losing streak at 18 games, get-

ting 32 points from Paul Pierce and 21 from Gerald Green to beat the Milwaukee Bucks.

The Celtics had not won since Jan. 5, taking just two of 24 games when Pierce was out with foot and elbow injuries. The NBA's most decorated franchise long ago broke the team record of 13 straight losses and seemed destined for the league record of 24 (23 in one season). After the Bucks, Boston was headed on a five-game, seven-day road trip against teams that promised a tougher test than Milwaukee.

Bobcats 100 Bulls 85

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Wallace scored 32 points, Emeke Okafor added 15 points and 21 rebounds, and the Charlotte Bobcats pulled away from weary Chicago.

The Bobcats snapped a four-game losing streak with the help of the sometimes unfair NBA schedule. While Charlotte had been off since Saturday, the Bulls were wrapping up a brutal string of games and travel.

After a seven-game West Coast road trip that concluded Sunday, Chicago returned home Tuesday and lost to Toronto. Then the snowstorm in Chicago delayed their arrival into Charlotte until 3 a.m. Wednesday.

Magic 103 Trail Blazers 91

ORLANDO, Fla. — Hedo Turkoglu scored 24 points, and Dwight Howard had 20 points and 16 rebounds to lift the Orlando Magic to a win against Portland.

The win kept Orlando (27-26) one game over .500 heading into the All-Star break, and capped Portland's four-game East Coast road trip at 2-2.

Raptors 120 Nets 109

TORONTO — Chris Bosh had 25 points, and the Atlantic Division-leading Toronto Raptors gained ground on New Jersey with a win against the injury-plagued Nets.

Morris Peterson added 18 points and five others reached double figures in scoring for the Raptors, who shot 59 percent and moved 4½ games ahead of New Jersey with their eighth straight home win.

Bostjan Nachbar had a career high 26 points and former Raptor Vince Carter had 17 points and 10 assists for the Nets, who lost their second straight without Jason Kidd (strained knee). New Jersey is also missing Richard Jefferson (ankle) and Nenad Krstic (knee).

Spurs 90 Pistons 81

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Tim Duncan scored 23 points, and Francisco Elson added 12 points and a career-high 18 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs beat Detroit, snapping the Pistons' seven-game winning streak.

The Spurs were playing the finale of an eight-game road trip, but looked like the fresher team as they won at the Palace for the first time since Game 5 of the 2005 NBA finals.

• Pacers

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games with a sore knee, has reached double figures in his past three appearances.

Both players were instrumental against the Grizzlies (14-40), who controlled the first half before fading in the second.

Showing no ill effects from Sunday's hard fall during a win against the Los Angeles Clippers, Granger led the bench with 21 points. He also had five rebounds and a blocked shot in a team-high 32 minutes.

Daniels added 18 points to go with four rebounds and two assists in 24 minutes.

"We got the win," said Granger, whose 15 first-half points kept the Pacers in contention in the early going. "It led was kind of back and forth."

"We decided to make a run, and we did."

Daniels helped lead the way in the second half, where he was 5 of 7 from the field for 10 points.

For the night, Ike Diogu con-



AP PHOTO

The Grizzlies' Mike Miller, right, drives to the basket against Pacers forward Mike Dunleavy during the first quarter of their game Wednesday in Indianapolis.

tributed 10 points off the bench for the Pacers, while Jeff Foster and Darrell Armstrong had eight apiece.

Jermaine O'Neal led Indiana with 23 points. Mike Dunleavy was the only other Pacers starter in double figures with 14.

Jamaal Tinsley and rookie Shawne Williams, in his second career start, scored two points each for Indiana.

"The bench came in and played with a lot of energy tonight," Daniels said. "I'm trying to get my groove on, trying to get back into rhythm."

For Memphis, rookie Rudy Gay led the way with 31 points. Pau Gasol had 19, and Mike Miller added 12. Hakim Warrick had 15 off the bench.

"I thought we played with good aggressiveness early," Grizzlies coach Tony Barone said. "We didn't have great energy in the second half."

Indiana's next game is Feb. 21 against the visiting Milwaukee Bucks.

"I love the fact we were able to win a couple before the break," Carlisle said, alluding to Sunday's All-Star Game. "It makes everybody feel a little bit better about going away."

"We've got to come back upbeat and ready to go."



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