

# 2019 NBA All-Star Game



The 2019 NBA All-Star Game was an exhibition basketball game that was played on February 17, 2019, during the National Basketball Association's (NBA) 2018–19 season. It was the 68th edition of the NBA All-Star Game, and was played at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte, North Carolina, at the home of the Charlotte Hornets. Team LeBron defeated Team Giannis, 178–164. This was the second time that the NBA All-Star Game format was not Eastern Conference versus Western Conference. Charlotte was announced as host on May 24, 2017. This was the second time that Charlotte hosted the All-Star Game; the first time was in 1991, at the Hornets' previous home arena Charlotte Coliseum.

Charlotte was originally selected to host the 2017 All-Star Game, but it was moved to New Orleans that year because of controversy surrounding North Carolina's Public Facilities Privacy & Security Act. The 2019 game was televised by TNT for the 17th straight year, while a special "Players Only" alternate telecast was aired on TBS. The two teams were coached from their respective conferences. Mike Budenholzer, coach of the Milwaukee Bucks, was named as the head coach for Team Giannis. Michael Malone, coach of the Denver Nuggets, was named as the head coach for Team LeBron.

The rosters for the All-Star Game were selected through a voting process. The NBA partnered with Google and Twitter counting #nbavote hashtags as fan votes. The starters were chosen by the fans, media, and current NBA players. Fans made up 50% of the vote, and NBA players and media each comprised 25% of the vote. The two guards and three frontcourt players who received the highest cumulative vote totals were named the All-Star starters. NBA head coaches will vote for the reserves for their respective conferences, none of which can be players from their own team. Each coach selects two guards, three frontcourt players and two wild cards, with each selected player ranked in order of preference within each category. If a multi-position player is to be selected, coaches are encouraged to vote for the player at the position that was "most advantageous for the All-Star team", regardless of where the player was listed on the All-Star ballot or the position he was listed in box scores.

The All-Star Game starters were announced on January 24, 2019. Kyrie Irving of the Boston Celtics and Kemba Walker of the Charlotte Hornets were named the backcourt starters in the East, earning their sixth and third all-star appearances, respectively. Kawhi Leonard of the Toronto Raptors and Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks were named the frontcourt starters in the East, both earning their third all-star appearances. Joining in the East frontcourt was Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers, his second selection.

Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors and James Harden of the Houston Rockets were named to the starting backcourt in the West, earning their sixth and seventh all-star appearances, respectively. In the front court, Kevin Durant of the Golden State Warriors was named to his tenth career all-star game, along with Paul George of the Oklahoma City Thunder and LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers, their sixth and 15th all-star selections, respectively.

The All-Star Game reserves were announced on January 31, 2019. The West reserves included Russell Westbrook of the Oklahoma City Thunder, his eighth selection, Klay Thompson of the Golden State Warriors, his fifth selection, LaMarcus Aldridge of the San Antonio Spurs, his seventh selection, Damian Lillard of the Portland Trail Blazers, his fourth selection, Anthony Davis of the New Orleans Pelicans, his sixth selection, Nikola Jokić of the Denver Nuggets, his first selection, and Karl-Anthony Towns of the Minnesota Timberwolves, his second selection.

The East reserves included Kyle Lowry of the Toronto Raptors, his fifth selection, Khris Middleton of the Milwaukee Bucks, his first selection, Bradley Beal of the Washington Wizards, his second selection, Victor Oladipo of the Indiana Pacers, his second selection, Ben Simmons of the Philadelphia 76ers, his first selection, Nikola Vučević of the Orlando Magic, his first selection, and Blake Griffin of the Detroit Pistons, his sixth selection.

On February 1, 2019, Commissioner Adam Silver named Dwyane Wade and Dirk Nowitzki as special team roster additions for the game, citing their contributions to the sport. They were selected in the final round of the 2019 All-Star Draft, making each roster consist of 13 players.

### **2019 NBA All-Star Recap**

Kevin Durant collects MVP honors after he helps Team LeBron rally from a 20-point hole to topple Team Giannis, 178-164. Team LeBron found itself down 20 in the second half to Team Giannis in the 2019 All-Star Game. But it didn't take long for LeBron James and his crew to catch fire and rally for a 178-164 win in Charlotte at the Spectrum Center.

MVP Kevin Durant scored 31 points for Team LeBron, the one that James drafted and led to victory in the captain's-choice format for a second consecutive season. Klay Thompson scored 20 points, and James and Kawhi Leonard each had 19 for the winners.

Giannis Antetokounmpo led all players with 38 points on 17 for 23 shooting for the club he drafted. Paul George and Khris Middleton each scored 20 points for Team Giannis, which got 17 apiece from Stephen Curry and Russell Westbrook. Team Giannis set an All-Star record with 23 field goals in the first quarter, topping the mark of 22 set on four other occasions, by both the West and the East in the first quarter of the 2017 game, and by the West in both the second and third quarters of the 2016 game.

The 53 points tied a one-quarter All-Star record as well, matching the total by the West in the third quarter of the 2016 games and by the East in the first quarter of the 2017 game. But when it was time to get competitive, things tightened up considerably, at least by All-Star standards.

This All-Star Game was a pivotal one in NBA history as two icons of the league from the 2000s made their All-Star farewells. Longtime Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade and Dallas Mavericks star and former MVP Dirk Nowitzki played in their final All-Star Game. Both were late additions to the game by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, in honor of their career bodies of work. Both played in the game in festive moments, just as many had hoped for.

Wade finished with seven points in 10 minutes, and Nowitzki never returned after his nine-point, four-minute opening stint. When the third quarter ended, every player gathered behind them as Wade and Nowitzki were honored with commemorative jerseys at midcourt.

# 2019: "Time Machine" All-Star Game



The East defeated the West 117–96 with Pascal Siakam of the Virginia Squires taking home the Most Valuable Player Award. Siakam led the East with 24 points, 4 assists, and 3 rebounds. James Harden of the Chicago Bulls followed up with 17 points, 9 assists, and 7 rebounds.

Nikola Jokic of the Seattle SuperSonics led the West with 16 points, 8 rebounds, and 5 assists. Kevin Durant of the San Antonio Spurs contributed 15 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists in a losing effort.

Final - 3/29/2026		Player of the Game				
2019 West All Stars	96	Pascal Siakam (2019 East All Stars)				
2019 East All Stars	117	24 pts, 3 reb, 4 ast				
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2019 West All Stars	29	26	26	15	96	
2019 East All Stars	35	31	24	27	117	

**Player of the Game**

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**Pascal Siakam (2019 East All Stars)**

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# 2019 NBA All-Star Game Highlights



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## 2019 NBA ALL STAR STARTERS



**WEST**

**LEBRON JAMES**  
**KEVIN DURANT**  
**PAUL GEORGE**  
**STEPHEN CURRY**  
**JAMES HARDEN**



**EAST**

**GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO**  
**KAWHI LEONARD**  
**JOEL EMBIID**  
**KYRIE IRVING**  
**KEMBA WALKER**





**Giannis**  
**38 Points**  
**11 Rebounds**  
**5 Assists**



**Khris**  
**20 Points**  
**5 Rebounds**  
**4 Assists**





