

2022 NBA All-Star Game



The 2022 NBA All-Star Game was an exhibition game played on February 20, 2022, during the National Basketball Association's 2021–22 season. It was the 71st edition of the NBA All-Star Game. The game was hosted by the Cleveland Cavaliers at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse. This was the third time that the Cleveland area hosted the All-Star Game, the first being in 1981 at the Coliseum in nearby Richfield, Ohio, and most recently in 1997—three years after the Cavaliers moved back to downtown Cleveland to play in the newly built Gund Arena, which is now known as Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse. Coincidentally, on the occasion Cleveland hosted an All-Star Game, the NBA celebrated its 35th season (1981), 50th anniversary (1997), and 75th anniversary (2022). The announcement of the site selection was made on November 1, 2018, at a press conference held by the Cleveland Cavaliers.

With teams captained by LeBron James and Kevin Durant, Team LeBron won the game 163–160. Team LeBron's Stephen Curry, who scored 50 points, set the record for most three-pointers made in an All-Star quarter (6), half (8), and game (16), and was also named the All-Star Game Kobe Bryant Most Valuable Player. This was Team LeBron's fifth consecutive All-Star win. Phoenix Suns' Monty Williams and Miami Heat's Erik Spoelstra were selected as head coach for Team LeBron and Team Durant, respectively.

As had been the case in previous years, the rosters for the All-Star Game were selected through a voting process. The fans could vote through the NBA website and the NBA App. 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 in each conference were named the All-Star starters and two players in each conference with the highest votes were named team captains. NBA head coaches voted for the reserves for their respective conference, none of which could be players from their own team. Each coach selected 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 was to be selected, coaches were 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 27, 2022. Trae Young of the Atlanta Hawks and DeMar DeRozan of the Chicago Bulls were named the backcourt starters in the East, earning their second and fifth all-star appearances, respectively. Kevin Durant of the Brooklyn Nets and Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks were named the frontcourt starters in the East, earning their 12th and sixth all-star appearances, respectively. Joining in the East frontcourt was Joel Embiid of the Philadelphia 76ers, his fifth selection.

Ja Morant of the Memphis Grizzlies and Stephen Curry of the Golden State Warriors were named to the starting backcourt in the West, earning their first and eighth all-star appearances, respectively. In the frontcourt, Andrew Wiggins of the Golden State Warriors and LeBron James of the Los Angeles Lakers were named to their first and 18th all-star selections, respectively. Joining them was reigning MVP Nikola Jokić of the Denver Nuggets, in his fourth all-star selection. Wiggins was the third first-time All-Star to be voted a starter in his eighth season or later. He also became the first No. 1 overall draft pick in the modern draft era (since 1966) to earn their first All-Star selection in their eighth season or later.

The All-Star Game reserves were announced on February 3, 2022. The West reserves included Devin Booker of the Phoenix Suns, his third selection (and first as a non-replacement player); Luka Dončić of the Dallas Mavericks, his third selection; Rudy Gobert of the Utah Jazz, his third selection; Draymond Green of the Golden State Warriors, his fourth selection; Donovan Mitchell of the Utah Jazz, his third selection; Chris Paul of the Phoenix Suns, his 12th selection; and Karl-Anthony Towns of the Minnesota Timberwolves, his third selection.

The East reserves included Jimmy Butler of the Miami Heat, his sixth selection; Darius Garland of the Cleveland Cavaliers, his first selection; James Harden of the Philadelphia 76ers, his tenth selection; Zach LaVine of the Chicago Bulls, his second selection; Khris Middleton of the Milwaukee Bucks, his third selection; Jayson Tatum of the Boston Celtics, his third selection; Fred VanVleet of the Toronto Raptors, his first selection; and Jarrett Allen of the Cleveland Cavaliers, his first selection, as an injury replacement for James Harden.

All Star Game Recap

Stephen Curry got another 3-point record. LeBron James got another All-Star win. Not a bad night in Ohio for the two All-Stars from Akron. "It's right on the nose of how it should go," Curry said.

Curry turned boos to oohs and aahs with the greatest long-distance shooting performance in All-Star Game history, then James made a turnaround jumper that gave Team LeBron a 163-160 victory over Team Durant on Sunday night. Curry made 16 3-pointers and scored 50 points, two off Anthony Davis' record. He was clearly hunting it, asking on the sideline during a sizzling third quarter how many points it would take.

On a night both players were among the greats of the game who were honored during a halftime ceremony celebrating the NBA's 75th anniversary team, Curry and James showed why they continue to stand out among today's best. Curry, who earlier this season became the NBA's career leader in 3-pointers, missed his final attempt beyond the arc that would have allowed him to surpass Davis. But with James' team needing a basket to reach the target score of 163 points, they couldn't afford to keep feeding Curry.

James pulled up from deep on the right side for the winning bucket, making him 5-0 in the format where the leading vote-getters in each conference draft teams. The All-Star Game's return to Cleveland was expected to be James' night. He is the Cavaliers franchise's greatest player, having led them to their only NBA championship in 2016. Instead, he fittingly co-starred with Curry, who was born in the same Akron hospital three years later. "Obviously I got the MVP; I played well the whole night. He hit the game-winner," Curry said. "All the history of our series and the Akron ties, and all that kind of going into how the night went, so it was pretty - can't really draw it up any other way."

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 30 points, increasing what was a 28.8 average that was already the best in All-Star Game history. James finished with 24 in his old home. Joel Embiid led Team Durant with 36 points. Curry finished 16 of 27 beyond the arc - sometimes well, well behind it. He launched a few from the All-Star 2022 logo near midcourt, running backward without even waiting to watch one go in.

The 3-point arc is slightly more than 23 feet away. Curry had made shots listed from 37, 33 and 34 feet during one stretch of the third quarter, "This guy is from a different planet. He literally has an automatic sniper connected to his arm, and when he lets it go, not only himself, but everybody on the floor, in the stands, on TV, on their phones, whatever you are watching on, you think it's going in every time," James said. "Nine times out of 10 and sometimes 10 times out of 10, it does go in.

"To be out there and watch that kid from Akron as well shoot the ball the way he shot it, it was unbelievable," James said. "It was pretty cool." Curry had been booed all weekend, smiling through the sounds during pregame introductions as Cleveland fans made clear they hadn't forgiven him for helping Golden State beat the Cavaliers three times in the NBA Finals from 2015-18.

But the fans were enjoying his show too much to keep going as the game went on, though the boos returned when he was presented the MVP award that in 2020 was renamed in honor of Kobe Bryant, who won a record-tying four of them. The Kobe Bryant Trophy was redesigned this year and given to Curry in front of a crowd that included Bryant's wife, Vanessa. Curry received 11 of the 12 votes for the award, with James earning the other through a fan vote.

Michael Jordan was the last player introduced for the halftime ceremony and James said his winning shot was inspired by the turnaround fadeaway that Jordan perfected during his Hall of Fame career. It earned \$450,000 for the Kent State I Promise Scholars Program; the charity James' team was playing for.

"He wanted the ball. We all knew that he was going to shoot it," Cleveland's Darius Garland said. "Fadeaway, you know? He wanted to win for the school. That's why he was going so hard in the fourth. That's why everybody was going hard in the fourth. Just seeing that go in, just seeing the crowd erupt in his hometown, it was cool to see." It was a thrilling finish to an All-Star Game played again before a packed house after the 2021 game was contested in a mostly empty State Farm Arena in Atlanta, moved there because of the coronavirus pandemic after it was originally scheduled for Indianapolis.

The pregame introductions wrapped up with a thunderous roar for James, who responded with one of his own. His home fans cheered again when he did his signature pregame powder toss and he came out aggressively with nine points to help Team LeBron win the first quarter 47-45. Then it became the Curry show. He made six 3s for 18 points in the second quarter, though Team Durant won the period. He made seven more 3s and scored 21 in the third, when the teams played to a 45-all tie. James defeated Curry when they were captains in 2018, the first year after the NBA did away with the traditional East against West format. Then James beat Antetokounmpo in the next two years.

This time, he drafted both of the two-time NBA MVPs, along with Nikola Jokic, the reigning MVP. His team won for the second straight year against the club captained by Kevin Durant, who couldn't play because of a sprained left knee ligament. Chris Paul did play - briefly - despite a right thumb injury that TNT reported would keep him out at least six weeks. Paul played with a wrap covering his thumb during his two-minute stint.

The Cavaliers' two All-Stars did well, with Garland scoring 13 points and Jarrett Allen blocking Embiid's shot when the game was tied at 155. The duo played with James, Curry and Antetokounmpo during a pivotal fourth-quarter stretch. Devin Booker scored 20 points, LaMelo Ball had 18 and Dejounte Murray 17 for Team Durant.

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The East defeated the West 108–99 with Joel Embiid of the Orlando Magic taking home the Most Valuable Player Award. Embiid led the East with 24 points, 16 rebounds, and 2 blocked shots. DeMar DeRozan of the Milwaukee Bucks followed up with 24 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 assists.

Kevin Durant of the San Antonio Spurs led the West with 13 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists. Jrue Holiday of the Phoenix Suns contributed 12 points, 9 assists, and 2 rebounds in a losing effort.

Final - 8/7/2026	
2022 West All Stars	99
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Player of the Game

Joel Embiid (2022 East All Stars)

24 pts, 16 reb, 2 ast, 1 stl, 2 blk

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2022 East All Stars												
Starters	MIN	FGM/FGA	3PM/3PA	FTM/FTA	OREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	PTS
2021-22 Joel Embiid	32	9/16	0/2	6/8	4	16	2	2	1	0	1	24
2021-22 DeMar DeRozan	32	10/18	0/0	4/4	3	7	4	0	1	1	0	24
2021-22 Evan Mobley	32	2/5	0/1	4/4	0	4	6	1	2	1	1	8
2021-22 Ja Morant	30	4/12	0/1	2/2	1	4	12	1	2	3	2	10
2021-22 Devin Booker	30	6/12	1/2	2/2	0	2	1	0	0	0	4	15
Bench	MIN	FGM/FGA	3PM/3PA	FTM/FTA	OREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	PTS
2021-22 Tyrese Haliburton	18	3/8	1/4	2/2	1	6	4	0	0	0	2	9
2021-22 Pascal Siakam	16	0/1	0/1	0/0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0
2021-22 Rudy Gobert	16	2/4	0/0	2/4	2	5	0	0	1	1	1	6
2021-22 Dejounte Murray	12	1/5	0/1	0/0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	2
2021-22 Paul George	11	1/4	1/3	0/0	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	3
2021-22 James Harden	5	1/2	1/2	0/0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3
2021-22 Jimmy Butler	5	2/2	0/0	0/0	1	2	2	0	1	0	1	4
Totals		41/89	4/17	22/26	12	48	37	5	11	10	13	108
		46.1%	23.5%	84.6%								

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Starters	MIN	FGM/FGA	3PM/3PA	FTM/FTA	OREB	REB	AST	BLK	STL	TO	PF	PTS
2021-22 Karl-Anthony Towns	32	6/12	0/2	0/0	0	5	3	2	1	2	5	12
2021-22 Kevin Durant	32	6/13	1/2	0/0	1	6	4	1	0	4	3	13
2021-22 Jrue Holiday	32	4/9	2/3	2/2	0	2	9	1	0	0	1	12
2021-22 Jordan Poole	30	3/7	2/3	2/2	1	3	5	0	0	4	3	10
2021-22 LeBron James	30	4/8	2/4	2/2	1	6	2	0	2	4	3	12
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2021-22 Trae Young	18	1/6	0/2	1/2	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	3
2021-22 Giannis Antetokounmpo	16	3/4	0/1	0/0	0	6	1	1	0	0	2	6
2021-22 Nikola Jokic	16	3/4	1/2	0/0	0	5	5	0	0	1	0	7
2021-22 Khris Middleton	12	3/4	2/3	0/0	0	3	1	0	2	1	0	8
2021-22 Luka Doncic	11	2/5	0/0	0/0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	4
2021-22 Stephen Curry	5	1/2	0/1	4/6	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	6
2021-22 Zach LaVine	5	3/4	0/0	0/0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Totals		39/78	10/23	11/14	3	39	32	6	7	18	20	99
		50.0%	43.5%	78.6%								

2022 NBA All-Star Game Highlights





TEAM DURANT

**JOEL EMBIID**

**JA MORANT**

**JAYSON TATUM**

**ANDREW WIGGINS**

**TRAE YOUNG**

**LAMELO BALL**

**DEVIN BOOKER**

**RUDY GOBERT**

**DRAYMOND GREEN**

**ZACH LAVINE**

**KHRIS MIDDLETON**

**DEJOUNTE MURRAY**

**KARL-ANTHONY TOWNS**



TEAM LEBRON

**GIANNIS ANTETOKOUNMPO**

**STEPHEN CURRY**

**DEMAR DEROZAN**

**NIKOLA JOKIC**

**JIMMY BUTLER**

**LUKA DONCIC**

**DARIUS GARLAND**

**JAMES HARDEN**

**DONOVAN MITCHELL**

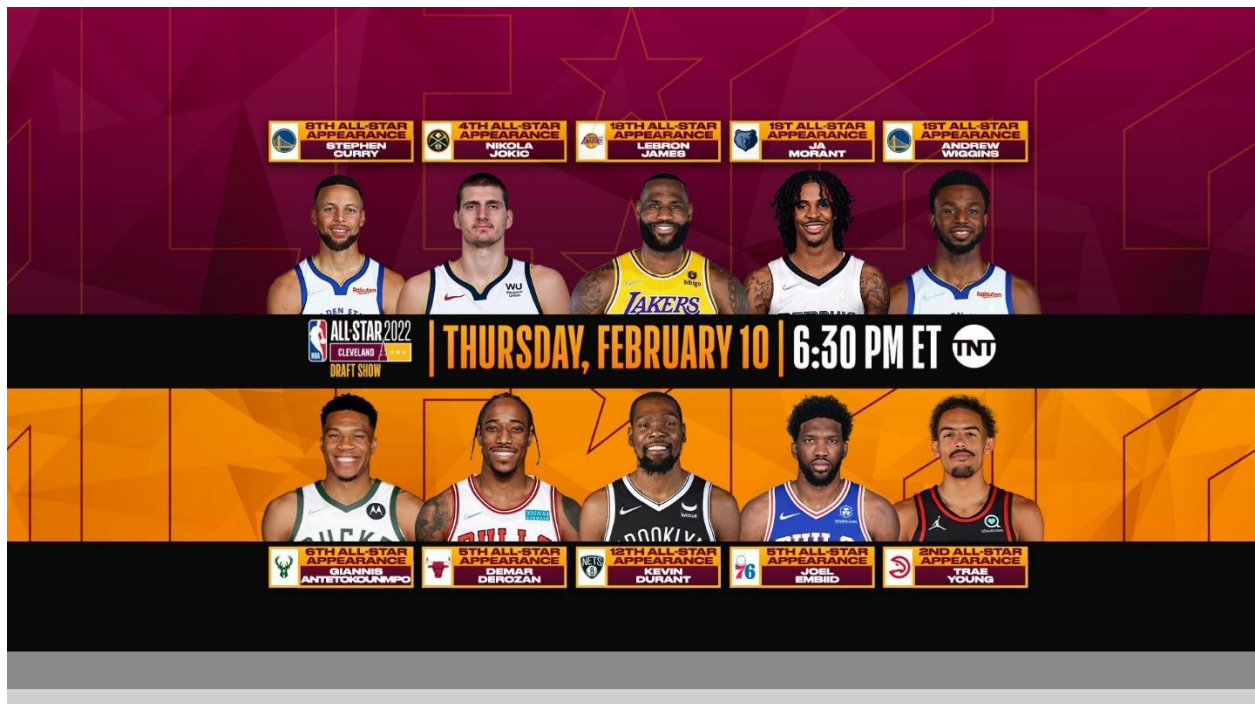
**CHRIS PAUL**

**FRED VANVLEET**

**ALL-STAR 2022**
CLEVELAND

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20 8PM ET







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**KAREEM
ABDUL-JABBAR**
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JOEL EMBIID
THROUGH FIRST 10 GAMES
296 PTS | 124 REB | 23 BLK

NBA WORLD CHAMPIONS 1966-67
NBA WORLD CHAMPIONS 1967-68
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The graphic features Joel Embiid in a Philadelphia 76ers jersey (number 21) in the center. Behind him are faded images of Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (number 33) and Wilt Chamberlain (number 13). The background includes a stylized cityscape and NBA championship banners. The text is arranged in columns, comparing Embiid's performance to the two players with the most blocks in the 76ers' first 10 games of a season.

