

## OEF deployment questions, answers

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — When will I get to go home? This is the big question servicemembers in support of Operation Enduring Freedom are asking. With the current freeze on U.S. forces in OEF, lots of unanswered questions spring up. Despite the gray areas, some things can be clarified, said Maj. Anne Mackin, CJ-5, chief log planner, Combined Joint Task Force-180.

“With few exceptions, in March, the Department of the Army stopped movement of all the forces scheduled to rotate in and out of Afghanistan,” said Mackin.

The freeze remains in place for U.S. forces until certain conditions are set at a

minimum — Operation Iraqi Freedom is in Phase Four and transportation assets are available to move people and equipment, said Mackin. CJTF-180 requested for transition and relief of U.S. forces in Phase Three of OEF, said Mackin. “The leadership at CJTF-180 is working hard to rotate units as close to the original schedule as possible. (Forces Command) just published a new deployment order that has units rotating in July and August.”

For a unit’s re-deployment process to run smooth, an entire checklist must be completed.

“This is going to be a busy time for units coming in and out of the (Combined Joint Operations Area). Unit movement officers need to be ready. ‘CJTF-180 Policy #35, Re-deployment processing’ has all the infor-

mation that they need to reference for a smooth transition,” said Maj. Brian Walter, CJ-5, Mobility Plans.

Re-deploying units can track updates by logging on to the CJ-5 site on the Secure Internet Protocol Router Network Detailed. Flight information can be found on the Joint Logistics Command Material Management Center link.

Both Mackin and Walter stressed that unit movement officers need to stay in contact with the CJTF-180 Movement Control Team until the entire unit has departed.

For now, Mackin said, “Patience is key.” Especially, when servicemembers find they are standing in long lines at the dining facility and the Post Exchange until everyone filters to their destination, said Mackin.

## Albirooni U. back in education business

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**KAPISA, Afghanistan** — After more than 12 years of being under the Taliban’s control, Albirooni University is back in the business of doing what it was created for — educating the future doctors, engineers and politicians of Afghanistan.

With less than two months in the renovation process, the university is equipped with enough classrooms, dorms and teachers to provide a proper learning atmosphere for its young Afghan college students.

“The university was taken from the Taliban and returned to the people of Kapisa in 2001,” said Maj. Mark Cepiel, team leader, Civil Affairs Team A, special operations. “Almost immediately students started filtering back into the university to begin their studies on the floor with no windows or

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Photo by Cpl. Keith Kluwe, 109<sup>th</sup> MPAD

### Coalition fire...

*A paratrooper from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., fires a rocket propelled grenade under the watchful eye of an infantryman from the Romanian Army's 812<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion during a live fire at Tarnak Farms Wednesday.*

# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Martha Stewart.

## Martha indicted, resigns

**NEW YORK** - Martha Stewart resigned Wednesday as chairman and CEO of the company she founded, just hours after a federal indictment accused her and her former stockbroker of lying to investigators who were probing her profitable sale of ImClone Systems stock.

Stewart will no longer run the media and homemaking empire Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, according to a statement from the company that said the CEO and chairman jobs will be split between two individuals, effective immediately.

But Stewart, 61, will remain on the board and continue to serve as what the company called its "chief creative officer."

Earlier, a nine-count, 41-page indictment of Stewart painted a picture of a coverup in which Stewart and her former broker at Merrill Lynch, Peter Bacanovic, obstructed justice and made false statements.

But the accusations sidestepped a question that has captivated the public for a year: Did insider information allow the former stockbroker and one-time New York Stock Exchange director to avoid losses in her ImClone Systems Inc. investment?

"This criminal case is about lying, lying to the FBI, lying to the SEC and lying to investors," James B. Comey, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, told a news conference. "This is conduct that will not be tolerated by anybody." Stewart entered federal court in Manhattan and surrendered to federal authorities.

At a nine-minute arraignment Wednesday afternoon, she and Bacanovic each pleaded not guilty to all nine counts, possibly paving the way for a trial that would

draw tremendous publicity. They were released without bail.

## Protests greet Mideast peace plan

**CNN** — Radical Palestinian groups and Jewish settlers have both declared their opposition to proposals aimed at achieving peace in the Middle East outlined by leaders at a summit at Aqaba, Jordan.

Hamas rejected Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas's call to end the armed intifada against Israel — although they said they might back a cease-fire. Jewish settlers' leaders reacted angrily to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's proposal to dismantle settlements.

Tens of thousands rallied in Jerusalem's central Zion Square, filling the surrounding streets Wednesday evening, Associated Press reports.

Hard-line politicians addressing the rally, including some who are members of Sharon's ruling coalition, railed against Sharon's acceptance of a Palestinian state, warning that it would endanger Israel's existence.

The demonstrators objected to a central plank of the plan — a halt to settlement construction and a Palestinian state.

Sharon said the state would control contiguous territory, implying that some settlements might have to be removed.

## Iraq war allies face tough questions on weapons

**LONDON** — Leading U.S. allies in the war against Iraq are facing tough questions over whether they exaggerated Baghdad's weapons of mass destruction capability.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair faced a stormy House of Commons Wednesday, and pressure has mounted after suggestions that his office amended intelligence reports to strengthen the argument for war.

Blair has denied the allegations. In Spain, where, like Britain, there was widespread antiwar sentiment before the military campaign, Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar was asked to explain in parliament

what has happened to the much-vaunted but still unfound weapons of mass destruction.

Similar questions are being asked in Washington, where an American intelligence official said the CIA plans to give lawmakers the data U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell used for a prewar presentation on Iraq's arms to the United Nations.

The state of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program and Baghdad's attempts to hide it from U.N. weapons inspectors were among the key reasons put forward by the United States and its allies when pressing the case for war.

## 'Partial birth' abortion ban passes house

**WASHINGTON** — The House voted Wednesday to ban a procedure that abortion foes call "partial birth" abortion, moving the restriction a crucial step closer to President Bush's signature.

With the 282-139 vote, Congress was on the verge of ending a practice that Rep. Steve Chabot said was "truly a national tragedy."

Abortion rights groups said they would challenge it in court as soon as it becomes law, thrusting the issue of the ban's constitutionality toward a divided Supreme Court.

The ban would be one of the most significant restrictions on abortion since the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision recognizing abortion rights. Ken Connor, president of the anti-abortion Family Research Council, said passage was indicative of "a tide that is running against *Roe v. Wade*, which will eventually be dismantled."

Bush — unlike former President Clinton, who twice vetoed partial birth abortion bans — urged Congress in his State of the Union address in January to give him a bill he could sign.

The administration strongly believes the bill "is both morally imperative and constitutionally permissible," the White House said in a statement.

## Proper medical inprocessing makes outprocessing easier

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan — Soldiers deployed here should have a DD 2766, an adult preventive and chronic flow sheet that is turned into their personnel section upon arrival in theater.

“It’s a catch-all for medical history here,” said Maj. James Meyer, outgoing medical regulation officer and chief of patient administration office, Task Force-44, 48<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, Fort Meade, Md.

According to Meyer, a soldier’s unit is responsible for ensuring a soldier brings their DD 2766 to sick call and outpatient treatment. This helps to make sure the soldier’s records are placed in the DD 2766 in a timely manner.

In a fixed hospital facility, records are normally kept at the hospital, but here the hospital is not spacious enough to house all the records.

The patient administration office has a limited supply of the flow sheets so if a unit did not bring it with them they may use a labeled manila folder.

According to Meyer, having a DD 2766 is important to all soldiers because it secures a historical medical record.

During outprocessing, if a unit has not been keeping their records in the DD 2766 they may retrieve copies of their inpatient and sick call medical treatment records if a representative brings the unit alpha roster to the patient administration office and fills out a records release request. The copies can then be inserted into each soldiers’ DD 2766.

“It makes it easier on units if there soldiers use the DD 2766 every time they come in. Then the unit will not have to pick up a bulk of records. To outprocess they can just have their paperwork signed and then go,” said Meyer.

Soldiers also need to have a copy of their post-deployment survey, DD 2796, in their DD 2766. The survey identifies whether a soldier has been exposed to any health risks so the soldier may get medical care if needed to remain fit for duty.

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: “The Good, The Bad and The Ugly.” Three gunmen set out to find a hidden fortune. Who will walk away with the cash?



Tomorrow’s movie will be “Behind Enemy Lines.”

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 91F L: 63F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 91F L: 63F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 106F L: 73F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 106F L: 72F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 88F L: 59F	<i>Haze</i> H: 88F L: 59F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 98F L: 58F	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 99F L: 54F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# Stryker Brigade completes certification exercise

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**FORT POLK, La.** — The Army's first Stryker Brigade Combat Team completed its certification exercise "Arrowhead Lightning II" last week at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division from Fort Lewis, Wash., conducted operations simultaneously in four separate training areas on or near Fort Polk. It was the first time a brigade training at JRTC has controlled such a large area, officials said. As Stryker Brigade units fought the enemy in one region, they were engaged in civil-military op-



Photo by Pfc. Andrew Hillegass, 107<sup>th</sup> MPAD  
*A Stryker Command Vehicle from the SBCT's 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 20<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment moves out during exercise Arrowhead Lightning II.*

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doors."

After seeing the drive and determination the young college students had to continue their education, Cepiel knew he had to do something to help.

"I submitted the contract paperwork for the university renovations in early January," said Cepiel. "By April 1, contractors were hard at work reconstructing the classrooms and dorms. After only eight weeks of renovations, the classrooms and dorms were ready for occupation. It was \$32,000 well spent."

Presently, the university houses more than 400 male students from all over Afghanistan in the dorms, and holds classes for hundreds more, both men and women offering a variety of different majors.

"Medicine, engineering, mathematics, science and political science are some of the areas of study offered at the university," said Cepiel. "The university also offers religious studies for students who are aspiring to be mullahs (religious leaders)."

Even though the students have six days of full class loads with several years left to go, they said they don't mind the hard work and they're anxious to make a difference in their country.

"I'm only in my first year of medicine and I still have six to go," said Kogha Aqa, medical student. "When I complete my studies, I

erations elsewhere.

Exercise Arrowhead Lightning II began May 17 and since then 3,600 Stryker Brigade soldiers engaged in a constant series of attacks or defenses against an unconventional enemy at Fort Polk. The battlefield had additional threats such as terrorists, car bombs, and sniper attacks - part of the contemporary operating environment.

"The Stryker unit performed superbly," said Gen. Larry R. Ellis, commander of U.S. Army Forces Command. "The next step in the process is to finish analyzing the results of the exercise and provide our report through the secretary of Defense to Congress."

Arrowhead Lightning demonstrated the Stryker Brigade Combat Team's ability to deploy rapidly over great distances by air and sea, execute early-entry operations, and conduct combat missions across a range of military operations, potential threats, and terrain, officials said.

The first phase of the exercise actually began March 23 when the Stryker Brigade deployed in its entirety to the field for the first time. Then it conducted seven days of battalion-level training and live-fire exercises.

want to go into pediatrics to catch problems while people are young so they will have fewer ailments in the future."

"Afghanistan needs a lot of help when it comes to reconstruction so I decided to go into engineering," said Ziauddin Hisamy, engineering student.

"I have four years left of full-time classes but I can't wait to start making a difference."

According to Cepiel if anyone deserves a suitable place to study, it's young Afghan college students.

"These young men and women proved they were serious about their education when the Taliban forbade them to attend school and they still ran the risk of continuing their studies in secret," said Cepiel. "If they are serious about making a difference in their communities, the least we can do is build them a suitable place to study."

"Arrowhead Lightning I" was then conducted April 1-11 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. It involved both offensive and defensive operations against a mobile heavy enemy in desert terrain.

No other brigade has completed back-to-back maneuvers at two combat training centers, Army officials said. The Stryker Brigade conducted a cross-country deployment exercise as it moved its equipment from Fort Irwin to Fort Polk.

The certification exercise and the operational evaluation were designed to determine the SBCT's capability to operate on different terrain against a wide range of threats in the contemporary operating environment, officials said. The JRTC Opposing Force, which is highly trained in light force, urban and complex terrain operations, challenged the SBCT's capabilities.

Now the unit will continue to hone its warfighting skills, officials said, by applying lessons learned at NTC and JRTC in follow-on training at its home station, Fort Lewis, as the SBCT enhances some systems and equipment.

*(Editor's note: Information provided by FORSCOM and I Corps releases.)*

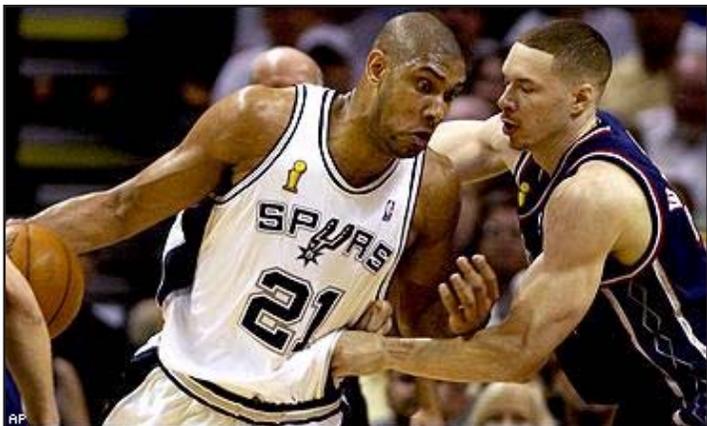


Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde  
*Ismeal Khan, mathematics instructor, Albirooni University, answers one of the female student's questions during advanced algebra class. The female students attending Albirooni are studying to be physicians.*



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)



*Tim Duncan and the Spurs took over in the second half.*

## Robinson, Parker help lift Spurs to Game 1 win

**SAN ANTONIO** — Once again, collapse became the story line at the SBC Center, only this time it was the third quarter. And this time, the home team didn't fall apart.

This time, the opponents hit the floor with a thud and the San Antonio Spurs were able to keep them down, protecting a 15-point cushion at the start of the fourth period to take a 1-0 series lead in the NBA Finals with a 101-89 victory on Monday night.

The Spurs built that lead thanks to a 32-17 third-quarter blitz fueled by Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. Duncan scored 13 of his game-high 32 points in the decisive quarter and Parker poured in nine of his 16 points to take Round 1 of his championship bout with Jason Kidd.

Game 2 is Friday (ABC, 8 p.m. ET) at the SBC Center.

The Spurs had been criticized throughout the playoffs for letting five healthy fourth-quarter leads get whittled away to nothing. But Duncan and Malik Rose turned away a modest New Jersey comeback by combining for San Antonio's first 10 points of the fourth. David Robinson made sure the lead never dipped into single digits with two of his four blocks.

Duncan, who was mostly guarded one-on-one by Kenyon Martin, came up with his usual big numbers offensively on easy-it-as-it-looks 11-of-17 shooting. The two-time MVP also had 19 rebounds, six assists, three steals and seven blocks.

Martin turned in an inspired performance for the Nets, who saw their 10-game playoff win streak come to an end. He finished with a team-high 21 points and 12 rebounds, but he got little help from the Nets' All-Star point guard and leader, Kidd.

Kidd will have little positive to remember about his performance, missing 13 of his 17 shots to score only 10 points. He had 10 assists but never got into his usual uptempo flow against the Spurs' defense.

Richard Jefferson and Lucious Harris both had 15 points for

New Jersey, which lost its fifth straight game in the Finals dating back to last season's sweep against the Lakers.

The first half could be seen as one of those glass-full, half-empty perspectives. Either you viewed the 42-42 halftime tie as great defense or bad shot selection. It was a little bit of both.

Kidd and Parker set out to make the first statement in their much-publicized head-to-head battle due to the Spurs' interest in signing Kidd as a free agent this summer. The two ended up not saying much at all in the first quarter. Kidd shot 2-of-6 for four points and totaling as many turnovers as assists (three) and Parker missed four of his five shots, most of them ill-advised.

With the Spurs cutting off Kidd at the pass at midcourt, the Nets were forced into a halfcourt game, which meant foul trouble for their front line. All five of New Jersey's top five big men had two fouls with 4:26 left in the second quarter after Robinson drew contact from Dikembe Mutombo for a three-point play and a 36-35 lead.

Mutombo, who predicted he'd see action for only the second time since the first round, proved to be a prophet when Scott had no choice but wipe the cobwebs off Mutombo after backup forward/center Aaron Williams picked up his second foul. Mutombo surprisingly gave the Nets a spark, even rejecting a dunk attempt by Duncan, diving for the loose ball and calling a timeout while sprawled out on the floor. The Nets' bench erupted.

## Silas introduced as Cavs' 15<sup>th</sup> head coach

**CLEVELAND** — Paul Silas will coach the Cleveland Cavaliers, a young, struggling team that is expected to get much better with the addition of high school star LeBron James.

Silas, credited with developing young players during his coaching career, was introduced Monday as the Cavaliers' 15<sup>th</sup> coach.

"This is a very important day in the history of the Cavaliers franchise," owner Gordon Gund said.

"With Paul Silas as the Cavaliers new coach, we believe we have found the best coach for this team. We couldn't be more satisfied with the result of our search."

The 59-year-old Silas was chosen over former New York Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy. Terms of Silas' deal were not immediately available.

"Paul has a successful track record of managing players and player relationships effectively, and getting the most out of his teams. His teams compete every night, play hard and play together with a purpose," said general manager Jim Paxson.

Silas, fired last month by New Orleans, jumped off the jam-packed pro coaching carousel — there are still six openings — and landed with the Cavaliers, who went 17-65 last season but have

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undergone a makeover.

Cleveland won last month's NBA draft lottery and the rights to draft 18-year-old James, the Akron phenom tabbed for superstardom, on June 26. James' impending arrival has sparked a renewed interest in the Cavaliers, who despite losing at least 50 games the past four seasons are now the hottest ticket in town. The club has experienced an overwhelming run on season-ticket sales because of James.

Silas will now be in charge of making the 6-foot-8 James and the Cavaliers into winners.

"The only promise I'll make is this team will play hard," Silas said.

A two-time All-Star forward with the Boston Celtics, Silas went 208-155 in five seasons with the Hornets, who moved from Charlotte to New Orleans last season.

Silas took his teams to the playoffs in each of the past four seasons and twice led them into the second round. While becoming the most successful coach in franchise history, he helped develop Hornets guard Baron Davis and forward Jamal Washburn into All-Stars.

Silas will inherit a young Cavaliers team with long-term potential but short-term problems.

Cleveland's 2002-03 season was a disaster. The Cavaliers fired John Lucas following an 8-34 start and replaced him on an interim basis with Keith Smart, who got the underachieving team to play hard during stretches.

Veterans Bimbo Coles and Tyrone Hill were released. But leading scorer Ricky Davis may have provided the lasting image of the Cavaliers' season when he intentionally shot at his own basket late in a March 16 game against Utah while trying to record a rebound for his first career triple-double.

Silas coached Davis for two seasons with the Hornets, who traded the guard in 2000 to Miami as part of a nine-player deal.

Silas does have some good things to work with in Cleveland.

Along with Davis, forward Carlos Boozer, guard Dajuan Wagner and center Zydrunas Ilgauskas give the Cavaliers a solid young nucleus of talent. If forward Darius Miles, a major disappointment in his first season with Cleveland, can find his game, the Cavaliers may be able to turn things around quickly.

But the franchise is counting on James to return them to prominence, and Silas must have impressed the Cavaliers with his plans for the youngster.

Silas was thought to be the club's No. 2 choice behind Van Gundy, who reportedly clashed during a discussion with Paxon on how much playing time he would give James. Silas coached the San Diego Clippers from 1980-83 before serving as an assistant with New Jersey, New York, Phoenix and Charlotte.

During his 16-year NBA playing career, the 6-foot-7 forward won three NBA titles — two with Boston and one with Seattle.

**Flight to Texas a little too exciting for Nets**

**SAN ANTONIO** — The New Jersey Nets got some excitement en route to the NBA Finals. It wasn't exactly the excitement they were looking for.

Monday's team flight to San Antonio experienced such terrible

turbulence that one player believed he would not survive the trip.

The Nets' charter flight approached the local airport at approximately the same time as a thunderstorm, the players told Bloomberg News, forcing the pilot to abort the first attempt to land. Eventually, the plane landed safely.

"It's one of three flights I felt like, 'Hey, I thought it was going to be over with,'" Nets' guard Lucious Harris told Bloomberg on Tuesday. "It was really bad. Everyone got real quiet on the plane."

"It was very, very windy," center Jason Collins told Bloomberg. "It almost seemed like the plane was flying sideways at one point. I've flown hundreds and hundreds of times and never had it that bad."

At one point, when the turbulence was at its worst, Harris yelled at the pilot to consider other landing options.

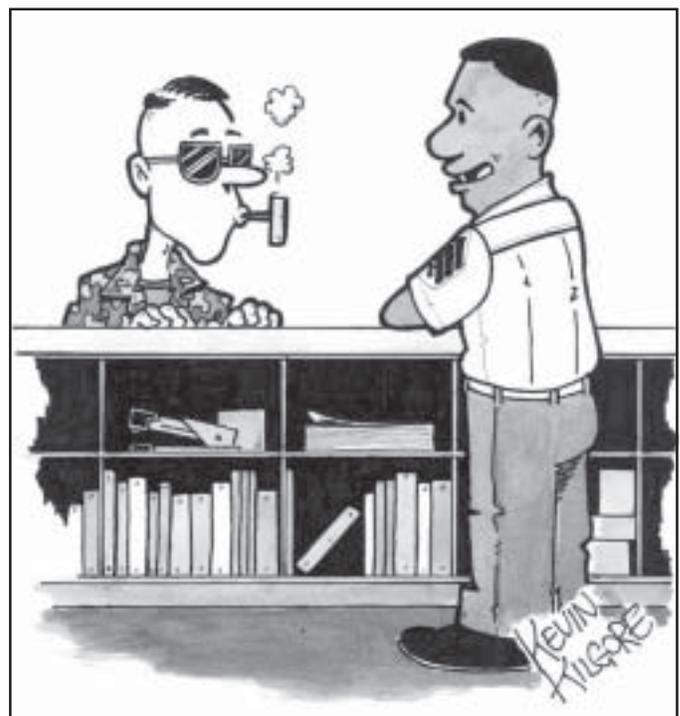
"Lucious yelled, 'Don't be a hero,'" Collins told Bloomberg.

"After a while it was like, 'Hey, we're not getting to the ground,'" Collins said. "The main thing I was thinking is, 'We don't have to land at this airport. We have the extra day. Let's go up to Dallas if we have to and we'll just drive in.'"

The Nets were relieved to finally be on the ground, and they hit the practice floor for the first time on Tuesday. Game 1 against league MVP Tim Duncan and the Spurs is Wednesday night.

"It was a tough flight, but we're here," Harris told Bloomberg. "We have a job to do."

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