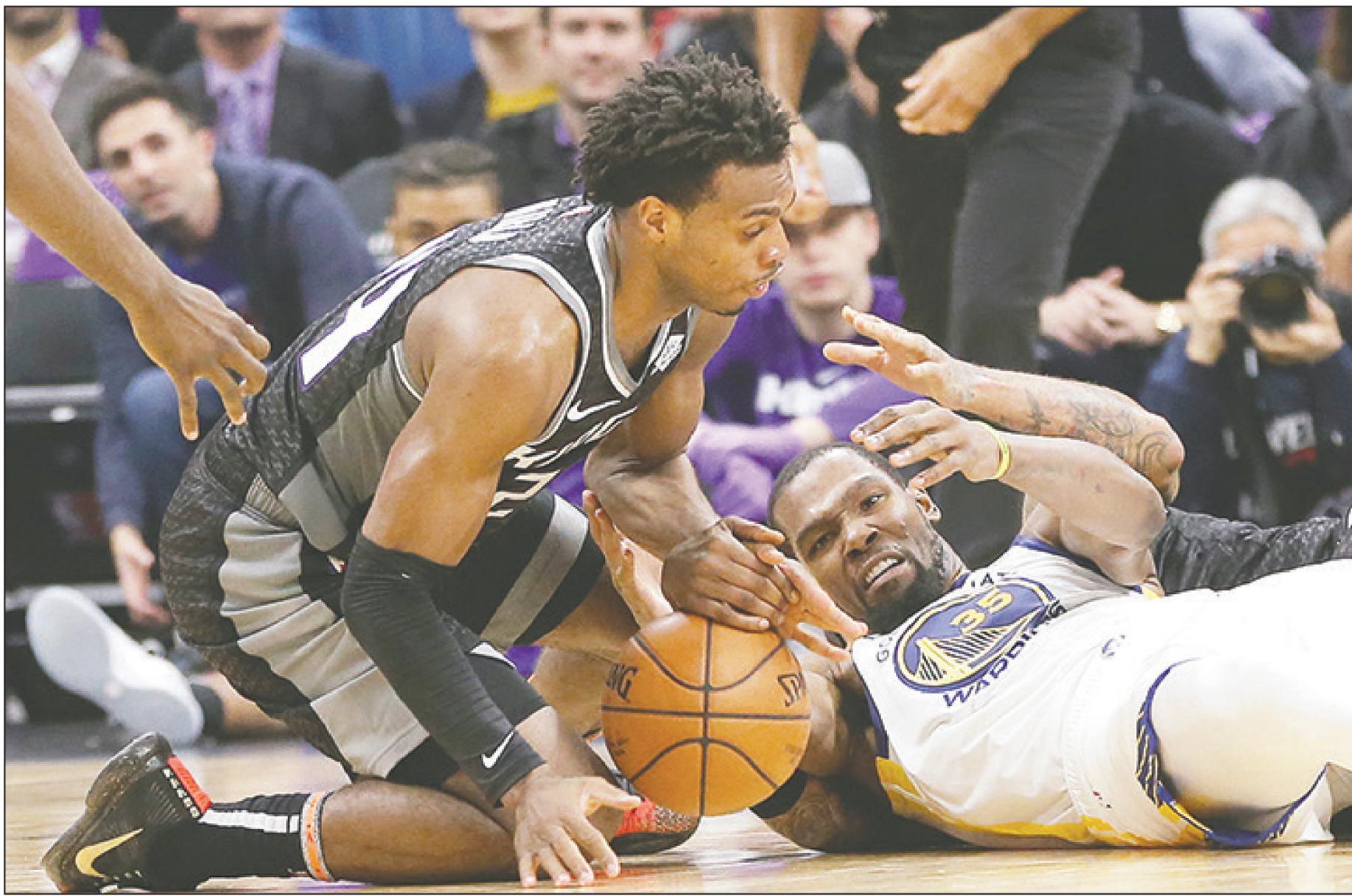


## SPORTS



Sacramento Kings guard Buddy Hield, left, and Golden State Warriors forward Kevin Durant, right, battle for the ball during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, in Sacramento, Calif. The Warriors won 127-123. (AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli)

# Hield notches career-high 3-pointers but Warriors win

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The National Basketball Association's (wild) Western Conference provided one of its most historic shootouts this past Saturday night and Grand Bahama's Chavanno 'Buddy' Hield was positioned squarely in the middle of it all.

The Sacramento Kings and Golden State Warriors went toe-to-toe in a western conference showdown where both teams set an NBA record for combined made threes, 41. The Warriors came out on the winning end, however,

127-123 at Golden 1 Center in Sacramento, California.

The 6'4" Kings' shooting guard led the charge with 32 points fortified by a career-high of eight three-pointers. Hield was lights out as he shot 12-for-21 from the field at 57 percent clip and eight-for-13 from three-point range (62 percent). He also grabbed five rebounds to go with four assists.

Justin Jackson added a career-high 28 points, and Willie Cauley-Stein had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

The Kings as a collective set a franchise-record in made threes, 20, in comparison to the Warriors' 21 made attempts.

Two-time MVP Steph Curry dropped

20 of his 42 points in the fourth quarter to hold the Kings off. The sharpshooter went 10-for-20 from the great beyond, and collected five rebounds on the night.

Two-time NBA Finals MVP Kevin Durant chipped in with 29 points on the night along with five boards and nine assists. The teams exchanged 15-0 runs in the first half.

Golden State made four consecutive three pointers, including a four-point play by Quinn Cook, and Durant soared through the key for an emphatic two-handed dunk that put the Warriors up 37-22 in the first quarter.

The Kings began their surge in the second quarter off the strength of their

three-point shooting.

Sacramento trailed by 16 points, but made it a 70-69 game at the end of the first half in favor of the Warriors.

The Kings began to roll in the third quarter. Hield buried five three pointers in the third quarter when Sacramento turned an 81-73 deficit into a 103-96 lead by the end of the third quarter.

Hield continues to lead the team with an average of 20.5 points per game. He is also shooting at 47.5 percent clip from the field and 44.1 percent clip from the three-point arch.

The Pinedale, Eight Mile Rock native has emerged as one of the league's certified threats from the great beyond. At this point in the season Hield ranks

third in made three-pointers, 128, behind the Houston Rockets' James Harden, who leads the league with 167, and Curry who sits in second with 148. He is ranked 11th in the three-point percentage department at 44.1 percent.

The loss, their fourth straight, dropped the Kings to 19-20 on the season for 10th place in the Western Conference. They will look to get back on the winning side of things when they take on the Orland Magic tonight at Golden 1 Center. Tip-off time is 10:00 p.m. eastern time.

(All-star voting is still ongoing. Those interested can cast a vote at NBA.com. All-Star ballots close January 21, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.)

## Scholar Athlete of The Year Award to honor Founder Marjorie J. Laing

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The Fifth Annual Scholar Athlete of the Year Scholarship and Awards Ceremony, presented by Grand Bahama Sports and Travel will be held on Sunday May 5, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Bahamas Union of Teachers Hall, Wildcat Avenue.

This year will be very emotional but special, as it will take place against the sudden passing of its co-founder Marjorie Laing at the age of 51.

Laing, 51 years-old, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 3, 2018 at 2:55 am in the Trauma Room of the Grand Bahama Health Service, Grand Bahama. Marjorie's death left her family, church and friends stunned that someone so full of life could be gone so quickly.

Married for 28 years, Marjorie and Buster were blessed with two children Gabrielle and Gabriel.

"Her heart was filled with overflowing love so much that she received great joy in sharing her love and possessions

with others in her own simple way, not for her name to be mentioned, not for the camera and the lights," according to her husband Buster Laing, Co-founder of the Scholar Athlete of the Year awards programme.

"Just to know that she was a blessing in somebody's life including the Scholar Athlete of the Year Scholarship awards for Primary and High school student athletes."

"The Scholarship committee, to ensure that she will always be remembered for involvement in the scholarship program, is naming the Awards in her honor- The Marjorie J. Laing Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards. Her legacy will continue to live on in lives of the hundreds of Student Athletes as the event will now bear her name - and will carry her extraordinary vision into the future.

"Since its inception, the Annual Grand Bahama Sports and Travel Scholar-Athlete Awards Program and Banquet has honoured over 160 outstanding graduating senior Student

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**IN MEMORY** — The Annual Grand Bahama Sports and Travel Scholar-Athlete Awards will officially be renamed the Marjorie J. Laing Scholar Athlete of the Year Awards. The late co-founder, is pictured center with the 2018 Senior Boys Award winner, Mckell Bethel, left, and runner-up Desmond Butler, right, at last year's ceremony held in May 2018 months before her passing.

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