

# Kevin Durant makes Suns debut

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kevin Durant made his Phoenix Suns debut Wednesday night against the Charlotte Hornets.

Durant, wearing No. 35, was greeted by a loud ovation as he was introduced at Spectrum Center and fans held up cell phones stretching to get video of him in his white jersey.

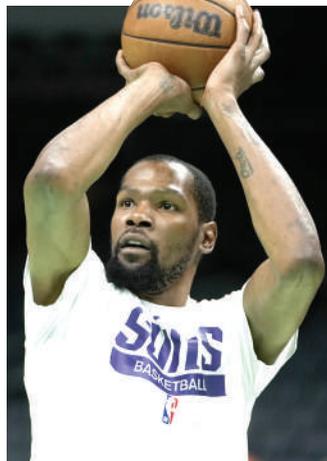
He missed a foul line jumper on his team's first possession, but scored his first basket with the Suns a few moments later on a driving left-handed layup. Durant followed with a block on Hornets rookie center Mark Williams

and then knocked down a 3-pointer from the left wing as the Suns bolted to a 9-0 lead.

He is expected to be on a minutes restriction as he makes his way back from a knee injury that has held him out since Jan. 8.

The 13-time All-Star was acquired from the Brooklyn Nets in a blockbuster deal in which the Suns parted ways with Mikal Bridges, Cam Johnson, Jae Crowder and four first-round picks.

Like Durant's previous stops in Seattle, Oklahoma City, Golden State and Brooklyn, the expectations are high — and there is a different level of excitement with his arrival.



"You feel it," Suns coach Monty Williams said. "You feel it at the (team) hotel when people are lined up outside. You feel it in the gym. ... Yeah, I feel it. I

AP PHOTO  
Phoenix Suns forward Kevin Durant warms up before the game against the Charlotte Hornets March 1, 2023, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

learned a long time ago that pressure and expectations are a privilege and you have to embrace those things because that is where the good stuff is."

Williams admitted that anything less than an NBA championship this season would feel like a disappointment, but added that is true of any of the league's top teams.

Durant's has been through plenty during his

15-year NBA career, but this is the first time he's joined a new team midway through the season.

"I have a lot of experience in the league, so the transition was a little easier than it would have been 10 years ago," Durant said following practice Tuesday. "It's a quick turnaround and everything happened so fast. But the game is the constant thing."

### The Guam Board of Medical Examiners Regular Virtual Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 08, 2023  
at 4:00 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 875 8693 7629  
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#### Meeting Agenda:

- I. Call to order: (a) Roll Call (b) Confirmation of Public Notice.
- II. Adoption of Agenda:
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes of November 09, 2022 & February 08, 2023
- IV. Treasurer's Report:
- V. HPLA Administrator's Report:
- VI. Chairperson's Report: (a) IMLC Process Review (b) Electronic Review of Applications (c) FCVS Review
- VII. Old Business: (a) Complaint(s): (1) GBME-CO-20-005 (2) GBME-CO-2021-011 (3) GBME-CO-2022-002 (4) GBME-CO-2022-003 (5) GBME-CO-2022-006 (6) GBME-CO-2022-010 (7) GBME-CO-2022-015 (8) GBME-CO-2022-016 (b) Discussion of Telemedicine - Continued
- VIII. New Business: (a) Application(s) for Full Licensure: (b) Application(s) for Temporary Licensure: (c) Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission (IMLCC): (d) Collaborative Practice Agreement (e) Public Law 117-333
- IX. Announcement: The next Guam Board of Medical Examiners Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2023 at 4:00 pm.
- X. Adjournment:

To view the names of the applicants being considered, go to <https://guamhpl.org/gbme>

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# Iditarod begins with smallest field ever

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The second half-century for the world's most famous sled dog race is getting off to a rough start.

Only 33 mushers will participate in the ceremonial start of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Saturday, the smallest field ever to take their dog teams nearly 1,000 miles over Alaska's unforgiving wilderness. This year's lineup is smaller even than that of the 34 mushers who lined up for the very first race in 1973.

The small pool of mushers is raising concerns about the future of an iconic race that has taken hits from the pandemic, climate change, inflation and the loss of deep-pocketed sponsors, just as multiple big-name mushing champions are retiring with few to take their place.

The largest field ever was 96 mushers in 2008; the average number of mushers starting the race over the last 50 years was 63.

"It's a little scary when you look at it that way," said four-time winner Martin Buser, 64, who retired after completing his 39th race last year. "Hopefully it's not a state of the event and ... it's just a temporary lull."

The Iditarod is the most prestigious sled dog race

in the world, taking competitors over two mountain ranges, the frozen Yukon River and treacherous Bering Sea ice in frigid temperatures before ending in the old Gold Rush town of Nome. The roughly 10-day event begins with a "ceremonial start" in Anchor-

age on Saturday, followed by the competitive start in Willow, about 70 miles to the north, on Sunday.

And while the world-renowned race has the highest winner's purse of any sled dog competition, the winner only pockets about \$50,000 before taxes.



## GUAM PRESERVATION TRUST INVITATION FOR BIDS Rehabilitation of the FQ Sanchez School Facility, Humatac Project No. HS23-01

Bid packets, in disc format for the Rehabilitation of the FQ Sanchez School Facility, Project No. HS23-01, will be available at the Guam Preservation Trust Office (Historic Lujan House), located at 167 Padre Palomo Street, Hagåtña, Guam, on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the FQ Sanchez School Facility, will be received at the Guam Preservation Trust Office until April 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

All bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in the amount of 15% of the total bid amount. Bid security may be a bid bond, certified check, or cashier's check, made payable to the Guam Preservation Trust. A non-refundable amount of \$5.00 (USD) payable to the Guam Preservation Trust is required as payment for each set of digital bid documents (on cd), which can be secured from the Guam Preservation Trust office, 167 Padre Palomo Street, (Historic Lujan House) in Hagåtña, Guam, on or after February 24, 2023.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE has been scheduled on March 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Guam Preservation Trust office located at 167 Padre Palomo Street, (Historic Lujan House) in Hagåtña, Guam. All prospective bidders are requested to be present.

The Guam Preservation Trust hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, and national origin in consideration for an award.

The Guam Preservation Trust reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposals in the interest of the Guam Preservation Trust.

The Guam Preservation Trust is a non-government, public non-profit organization.

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