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CLEVELAND (AP) -- Carmelo Anthony tripped, stumbled and fell.

The New York Knicks picked themselves up and won without him.

Amare Stoudemire scored 22 points, J.R. Smith added 18 and the Knicks overcame a 22-point deficit and the loss of Anthony, their All-Star forward who went out with a knee injury in the first

half, to beat the Cavaliers 102-97 on Monday night and end a 10-game losing streak inCleveland.

Steve Novak made three ofNew York's seven 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and added 15 points as the Knicks, sparked by their second unit, shook off a tough home loss on Sunday, when they blew a 16-point lead toMiami.

The Knicks trailed 52-30 in the second quarter when Anthony got twisted up after catching a pass near midcourt and dropped to the floor. Following the game, Anthony said the knee has been bothering him for several weeks.

"It's just sore, not pain, sore and stiffness," Anthony said in a crowded corridor outsideNew York's locker room. "It's been going on for a while now."

Anthony, who entered the game tied withOklahoma City's Kevin Durant for the NBA scoring lead, said he underwent an MRI "a couple days ago." He said the test results were negative, and he does not yet know if he'll be able to play Wednesday night when the Knicks visitDetroit.

"Today I just woke up and you know how some days you really don't feel right," he said. "I came out here and I tried to warm up and I thought it was going to loosen up before the game, but

some of the things that I was doing I felt like I was dragging it."

Kyrie Irving scored 22 points in his first game back after missingCleveland's past three with a hyperextended right knee.Irvingadded six assists and five rebounds in 36 minutes.

AfterNew York's Jason Kidd split a pair of free throws with 6 seconds left, the Cavaliers had a chance to tie it.

Coach Byron Scott put the ball in the hands of Irving, who scored a career-high 41 against the Knicks on Dec. 15. The dazzling point guard couldn't beat Tyson Chandler off the dribble and then had his 3-pointer with 3.5 seconds left blocked cleanly byNew York's 7-foot-1 center.

"I knew they were going to him,"Chandlersaid. "I knew if I got switched on him I would force him to drive. He went for the 3-point shot and I kind of baited him into shooting where I could still get to the shot."

Smith was fouled and made two free throws in the final second to close out a win the Knicks needed badly. They are just 18-16 after opening the season 18-5.

New York's bench outscored the Knicks starters 70-32.

Knicks coach Mike Woodson sat Stoudemire for the final eight minutes on Sunday, prompting some serious second-guessing byNew York's fans and media. Before facing the Cavs, Woodson said he would use Stoudemire when the matchups were right and the occasion called for the power forward.

With Anthony out, Woodson needed every second he could get out of Stoudemire, who powered inside for a critical putback with 39.5 seconds left to put the Knicks ahead 99-95.

"I've been a competitor my whole career," Stoudemire said. "I've had a lot of success in this league so far. I know how the game is played. Whenever my number's called I'll be ready and tonight I was ready."

Irvingresponded for the Cavs with a left-handed layup, but onNew York's next trip,Chandlerdid a nice job tapping out a miss by Stoudemire andClevelandhad to foul Kidd, who couldn't close it out at the line and the Knicks had to turn to their defense to complete the comeback.

The Knicks were down by 22 and looking pathetic when Anthony caught a pass from Kidd near midcourt, tripped over his own feet and hit the deck. He stayed on his back for several seconds, got up and without talking toNew York's trainers headed directly to the locker room. Anthony didn't appear to be injured and seemed to be more embarrassed than anything.

With Anthony out and icing his knee, the Knicks went on a 17-4 run and closed within 61-49 at halftime - not bad, considering how poorly they had played.

"I was about ready to leave the arena," Woodson said. "We couldn't get any stops. It was awful. I thought maybe we were tired or we were drained."

Woodson started Stoudemire and Smith in the second half and the Knicks opened the third with a 15-3 spurt, catching the Cavs at 64-all.

The Cavs were without rookie starters Dion Waiters and Tyler Zeller, who were both stricken with a nasty stomach virus over the weekend. They were taken to the hospital to get fluids, but were resting at home during the game.

Cleveland's Marreese Speights made his first 10 shots and finished with 23 points. Luke Walton added a career-high 12 assists for the Cavs, who were in control but wound up losing at home to the Knicks for the first time since 2006.

"We're not that good yet to be able to turn that switch on and off," C.J. Miles said. "We've got to play that way all the time. We've got to play hard all the time. There's talent on the team, but there's not enough years to go with the talent. You live and learn, but we should have learned by now."