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## 'IT BREEDS DISSENSION'

### Study details opposition to full gender integration in the military

*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — As the U.S. military moves forward with integrating women in elite combat units, there is still a fair amount of opposition. That remains clear, based on a study newly released by the Pentagon following Defense Secretary Ash Carter's decision this month to begin full gender integration by no later than April 1.

The study, alluded to in a lengthy new examination of the gender integration effort, found that 85 percent of those surveyed in U.S. Special Operations Command opposed letting women into their jobs, and 71 percent opposed letting women into their unit. The interviews were carried out in summer 2014, but it seems unlikely that views have shifted dramatically since.

Opposition existed in all Special Operations forces, jobs and ranks, with Navy SEALs, Air Force special tactics team members and mid-ranking enlisted troops — noncommissioned officers, or NCOs — generally the most opposed, the study said. It was carried out by the Rand National Defense Research Institute, with interviews completed in 2014 and captured in a report dated May 2015.

Jeff Butler, a former Navy SEAL who left the military in 2003, said the main concern he has heard from his colleagues is that adding women to elite units will alter unit cohesion and cause social disruption.

"The worry is that politicians and military leaders, by pushing this integration and by drastically changing the social make-up of these all-male units, risk throwing a wrench into a finely operating war machine," Butler said.

"The fear is that the community will have to place so much focus on getting women through the training, dealing with women joining the small units, and all that will come with such a change, that it will detract from their operational focus in a time of war," he said.

Army Maj. Lisa Jaster, who became one of the first three women to graduate from the Army's Ranger School, argued in an

opinion piece published by The Washington Post on Friday that women will overcome the concerns that have long been raised about full gender integration.

"None of these arguments is new," she wrote. "And all of them ignore the fundamental fact that brute strength is not the only, or even the most important, factor in a successful combat mission.."

The Associated Press previously reported on the overall findings of the study. The release of the full gender integration report now provides a fascinating window into what some of those polled said. It's clear they didn't pull many punches, based on the commentary:

#### Facility concerns

■ "Once I had females in my command in a building built for all-male teams. Now I had to cordon off half of the room to accommodate females, and now males are doubling up lockers, saying, 'What the hell, I'm an operator and she has her own suite.' There are going to be significant facility issues." — A master chief in Naval Special Warfare Command

■ "At Fort Bliss, three women shared their own barracks. Men were stacked. Women had time in the shower, in the bathroom. Guys had to wait 20 minutes for a shower. It breeds dissension." — A sergeant first class in the Special Forces

**Context:** The most significant facilities concern, according to the study, is "How do you build a cohesive team when you separate and treat some of the team members differently?"

#### Fears of PMS

■ "Acting on emotions may be a problem. Judgment may be altered. The effects of combat may have a different impact during those times, I'm not sure." — A high-ranking E-8 enlisted member of Air Force Special Operations Command

■ "I think PMS is terrible, possibly the worst. I cannot stand my wife for about a week out of the month for every month. I like that I can come to work and not have

to deal with that." — An enlisted petty officer first class serving as a special warfare combatant craft crewmen in Naval Special Warfare Command

■ "I have a wife. She's very independent. But when that time of her month comes, she's weaker." — A Navy SEAL who is a petty officer second class

**Context:** The report adds that participants discussing menstrual concerns were in the minority. But there were still at least several of them, underscoring the cultural issues the military will deal with as it integrates women.

#### Pregnancy concerns

■ "If she gets pregnant, she'll leave the team. Men don't leave the team. What if the team sergeant is a woman? Or the medic? Whatever cohesiveness is gained in training is lost, especially if the woman is in a key leadership position." — A sergeant first class in the Army Special Forces

■ "Now you're taking someone we rely on. She decides to go out and get pregnant. ... If she even comes back after that — because now she has a child to take care of — I have lost an asset to the team who is not a one-to-one replacement. There is no one-to-one replacement." — A staff sergeant in Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC)

**Context:** This issue has some more practical concerns than PMS, but it also shows certain level of suspicion about when women might not be able to do their jobs.

#### How wives will cope

■ "Me, I'm getting out. I will walk away from years of service. A lot of guys will do that. There's no way I'm going to explain to my wife why I'm going to share a hotel room with a woman. I'm not dealing with that. I deal with enough s---. Them or me — that's the way it works." — MARSOC staff sergeant

**Context:** Living in close quarters, working long hours and physical contact that is required during training were cited as problems for many of the spouses, the study said.

# Ethics video evocative of sub film scandal

*The Brunswick (Ga.) News*

ST. MARYS, Ga. — It may or may not be a coincidence that a new Navy ethics training video features a scenario of which officials at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga., are all too well aware.

A scene in the video “Chart the Course” features an off-duty sailor who receives an unsolicited video of a female sailor showering.

While Navy officials say the scene from the video wasn’t in response to illegal videos of fe-

male officers as they showered aboard the USS Wyoming, it is eerily similar to the actual scandal that broke about a year ago.

The investigation and subsequent court-martial hearings resulted in prison sentences and discharges for three sailors. Three other sailors aboard the Wyoming were court-martialed, fined and reduced in rank for their roles. One sailor was found not guilty of conspiring to share the videos.

The video shows the Navy’s ongoing effort to educate sail-

ors through small-group discussions about how to deal with the potential ethical dilemmas they could encounter.

In the shower scenario, the sailor who received the video is confronted by his peers and is reminded that the female sailor shown in the fictitious video “is one of us.”

“With videos and peer-led discussions in ‘Chart the Course,’ sailors are going to see difficult moments, tough decision points, and learn what to do,” Rear Adm. Ann Burkhardt, director of the 21st

Century Sailor Office, said in a statement. “This training is an opportunity to focus on making the right choices, understanding the consequences, and how it impacts readiness. Leaders at all levels will discuss a range of behaviors and we hope they learn what it means to step up and step in.”

Other scenes include a sailor being confronted by his peers about how his binge drinking is affecting his performance and the crew’s safety. Sexual harassment scenes also are depicted.

## Twitter warns users of hack

*The Washington Post*

Twitter has warned an under-terminated number of users that their accounts may have been “targeted by state-sponsored actors,” according to news reports and some users who received the notifications.

According to an email sent by the company and posted by a nonprofit in Canada called Codhacks, the targeting may have been aimed at obtaining information such as email addresses, IP addresses and/or phone numbers. Twitter added that it had no evidence at this point that the hackers had obtained account information.

The Twitter notice said it believed the number of accounts targeted was small, but that it might be of “particular concern if you choose to Tweet using a pseudonym.” Millions of Twitter users tweet using pseudonyms for one reason or another.

According to the Financial Times and the BBC, this would be the first time Twitter has issued such a warning.

Codhacks tweeted, “We received a warning from @twitter today stating we may be ‘targeted by state-sponsored actors’”

## Workers restoring B-17 Memphis Belle

*The (Memphis, Tenn.) Commercial Appeal*

DAYTON, Ohio — Stripped of paint and shorn of a nose section and internal components, the Memphis Belle these days looks less like the battered World War II bomber that spent nearly six decades displayed in its namesake city and more like a plane still lurching down the assembly line.

In a cavernous hangar at the National Museum of the Air Force here, the fabled B-17F Flying Fortress undergoes painstaking restoration work carried out by a skilled-but-overstretched group of staff and volunteer technicians. The ball turret, flaps, tail-gun assembly, horizontal stabilizer and other parts lay elsewhere in Building

4-D, each the focus of highly detailed rehab efforts.

A decade has passed since the Belle arrived in Dayton, and it’ll be 2½ more years, probably in May 2018, before the plane takes its spot in the formal exhibit area of the museum devoted to World War II aircraft. But if the pace of restoration seems slow, museum officials say, it’s because of the importance, if not reverence, they attach to the plane.

“It’s the most important restoration of our generation, hands down,” said museum curator Jeff Duford. “When you look at the icons, the truly important aircraft, most of them are already restored.”

When the museum received the plane from Memphis, Tenn., where it had been ex-

posed to the elements for 59 years, there was “quite a bit of corrosion” on the airframe and some damaged or missing parts, said museum restoration supervisor Greg Hassler. He credits a “dedicated effort” by the Memphis Belle Memorial Association with maintaining the plane as well as possible and minimizing damage while it was in Memphis.

“For an aircraft to have been outside its entire life, it wasn’t as bad as I anticipated,” Hassler said.

Named for Memphian Margaret Polk, fiancée of pilot Lt. Robert Morgan, the Belle was one of the first — but, contrary to popular myth, not the actual first — B-17 to complete 25 missions over Nazi-occupied Europe.

## Egypt: No sign of ‘terrorist act’ in crash

*Associated Press*

CAIRO — A preliminary investigation into the crash of a Russian passenger plane has found no indication yet of any “illegal or terrorist act,” Egypt’s chief investigator said in a statement released Monday.

The vaguely worded state-

ment by Ayman el-Muqadam said the investigation committee so far has not found “any evidence” indicating foul play in the Oct. 31 downing of the plane, which killed all 224 people on board. Most of the passengers were Russian vacationers returning home from the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh. The committee is “con-

tinuing its work,” it said.

Russia has said an explosive device was placed on board the Airbus A321-200, and the Sinai branch of the Islamic State group claimed responsibility. The crash led Russia to suspend all flights to and from Egypt, dealing a heavy blow to the country’s vital tourism industry.

# McCarthy dials up win over Cowboys

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — With his offense mired by inconsistency this season, Packers coach Mike McCarthy decided to make a change this week.

He's calling the plays again in Green Bay.

Eddie Lacy ran for 124 yards and a touchdown and fellow running back James Starks added two scores in the Packers' 28-7 win over the Dallas Cowboys.

Green Bay (9-4) has a one-game lead in the NFC North over Minnesota after its second straight victory following a 1-4 slide.

"It's definitely a springboard for us," Lacy said. "We have three games left, we've got to finish these games out."

With 435 yards and 29 first downs, the

Packers got better balance and production out of an offense that still struggled at times with penalties and short-yardage situations. The defense and running game came up with big plays in the fourth quarter.

The biggest change for the Packers this week was McCarthy taking back play-calling responsibility from associate head coach Tom Clements. He called it a tough personal decision to make with a long-time assistant.

"But professionally it was what I felt I needed to do," McCarthy said.

Instead of suggesting plays to Clements, as he had the past four weeks, it was now Clements suggesting plays to McCarthy.

So there was McCarthy again, communicating the final calls to quarterback Aaron Rodgers, a combination that had

worked so well for so many years.

"But I don't think it's been about the play-calling," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "It's been about the execution. We haven't executed really well. Today was a little better."

In case you missed it, here are the other top topics after the NFL season's 14th Sunday:

**Make 'em count:** Panthers wideout Tedd Ginn Jr. is known for two traits: blazing speed and dropping catchable passes. This time around, he hauled in two balls from Cam Newton — and both went for TDs. Ginn's scores went for 74 and 46 yards in a 38-0 victory over the Atlanta Falcons (remember their 5-0 start?) that put the Panthers at 13-0 and clinched a first-round bye in the NFC playoffs.

**Big Mack:** Maybe it's a good thing

for 39-year-old, fragile Peyton Manning that he was not the Broncos' quarterback against the Raiders. That's because Oakland's Khalil Mack produced five sacks in the second half of a 15-12 win against Denver and Brock Osweiler, who called the defender's performance "phenomenal" and "tremendous."

**Going south:** The NFC East — led by the Redskins and Eagles at 6-7; the Giants can pull even Monday night — is not the only terrible division in the NFL. The AFC South is right there with it, with the Colts and Texans tied on top at 6-7, too. Plus, next week, Houston is at Indianapolis, and given the injuries to Andrew Luck, Matt Hasselbeck and Brian Hoyer, there is a chance of a Charlie Whitehurst vs. T.J. Yates showdown with control of the division at stake. Avert your eyes.

# Panthers shutout Falcons, improve to 13-0

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina — Cam Newton added to his MVP resume, completing 15 of 21 passes for 265 yards and three touchdowns, and the unbeaten Carolina Panthers defeated the Atlanta Falcons 38-0 on Sunday to clinch a first-round bye in the NFC playoffs.

Newton connected on scoring strikes of 74 and 46 yards to Ted Ginn Jr., and Jonathan Stewart ran for a touchdown as the Panthers (13-0) scored on their first three possessions.

Newton also threw a 4-yard TD pass to Ed Dickson in the final seconds of the first half before leaving for good at the end of the third quarter with Carolina up 38. He finished with a career-high quarterback rating of 153.3, and the Panthers won their 17th straight regular-season game.

Carolina's defense forced four turnovers and had five sacks, while limiting struggling Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan to 224 yards passing. Atlanta is 6-7 and has dropped six in a row.

**Patriots 27, Texans 6:** Tom Brady threw for 226 yards and two touchdowns and visiting New England snapped a two-game skid to clinch a playoff spot.

Brady threw TD passes to Keshawn Martin and Rob Gronkowski in the first half to help New England build a 17-6 lead.

The Patriots (11-2) didn't move the ball as well in the second half, but the defense harassed Brian Hoyer into multiple mistakes. Hoyer was sacked five times and left the game to be evaluated for a concussion with about 9 minutes remaining for the Texans (6-7). The quarterback already missed a game this season after getting a concussion on Nov. 16.

**Steelers 33, Bengals 20:** Andy Dalton broke his right thumb while making a tackle on an interception, and visiting Pittsburgh roughed up Cincinnati backup AJ McCarron while pulling away to a victory that left the AFC North up for grabs.

The Steelers (8-5) rumbled with the Bengals during pregame warmups and then led the whole way, sending Cincinnati (10-3) to its first lopsided loss

of the season.

William Gay returned one of McCarron's passes 23 yards for a touchdown, and Ben Roethlisberger had another good day as Pittsburgh's resurgent offense kept rolling. Pittsburgh has scored 30 points in five straight games, a franchise record.

The game — and potentially Cincinnati's season — turned on one interception. Stephon Tuitt picked off Dalton's shovel pass in the first quarter, and the quarterback broke his right thumb while making the tackle. It's unclear how many weeks he'll miss.

**Raiders 15, Broncos 12:** At Denver, Khalil Mack had five sacks of Brock Osweiler, including one in the end zone for a safety, and Derek Carr bounced back from an awful first half.

Carr threw two touchdown passes and the Raiders (6-7) beat the Broncos for the first time since Sept. 12, 2011, despite being held to minus-12 yards in the first half — the worst performance by a team heading into halftime in nearly a quarter-century.

The Broncos (10-3) failed to hold onto a 12-0 halftime lead or several on-target throws from Osweiler, including two big drops by Demaryius Thomas, one for a touchdown and another for a late first down.

**Packers 28, Cowboys 7:** At Green Bay, Wis., Eddie Lacy ran for 124 yards and a touchdown, while fellow running back James Starks added two scores.

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The Cowboys (4-9) suffered a setback to their chances of winning the mediocre NFC East.

**Seahawks 35, Ravens 6:** Russell Wilson threw five touchdown passes, three to Doug Baldwin, against injury-depleted host Baltimore.

Wilson went 23 for 32 for 292 yards. The five TD throws matched a career high — set earlier this season against Pittsburgh — and gave him 16 over his last four games.

Seattle's second-ranked defense backed Wilson by keeping the Ravens (4-9) out of the end zone, forcing two turnovers and allowing only 28 yards rushing.

The Seahawks (8-5) have won six of seven to move into position for an NFC wild card.

**Eagles 23, Bills 20:** At Philadelphia, Caleb Sturgis kicked a 30-yard field goal with 3:26 left, then Ed Reynolds intercepted Tyrod Taylor's pass in the final minutes.

LeSean McCoy had 74 yards rushing and 35 receiving in his return to Philadelphia. He kissed the Eagles logo at midfield before the coin toss, but ran off the field immediately after the game.

The Eagles (6-7) and Redskins (6-7) are tied atop the NFC East standings.

The Bills (6-7) fell two games behind in the AFC wild-card race.

**Redskins 24, Bears 21:** Kirk Cousins threw for 300 yards and a touchdown and Washington hung on to beat host Chicago after Bears kicker Robbie Gould missed yet another late field goal.

Washington, which came in tied with Philadelphia and the Giants for the NFC East lead, went ahead early in the fourth quarter on Dustin Hopkins' 47-yard field goal. The Redskins (6-7) broke a nine-game road losing streak dating to last season.

The Bears (5-8) were in position to score after Jay Cutler hit Alshon Jeffery with a 50-yard pass that put the ball on the Washington 35. The usually reliable Gould, who missed the potential winner at the end of regulation in last week's overtime loss to San Francisco, got a chance to redeem himself.

His 50-yard attempt wasn't even close as it sailed wide right.

**Jaguars 51, Colts 16:** Blake Bortles threw for three touchdowns and ran for a score — all in the second half — and host Jacksonville ended Indianapolis' 16-game winning streak in the AFC South.

The Jaguars (5-8) scored on offense, defense and special teams in the same game for the first time since 2011, the franchise's most complete game under third-year coach Gus Bradley.

It helped Jacksonville gain ground in the muddled division, at least on the Colts (6-7).

**Chiefs 10, Chargers 3:** Kansas City kept visiting San Diego out of the end zone twice in the final seconds for their sev-

enth consecutive win.

Alex Smith threw for 191 yards and a touchdown, along with his first interception after a franchise-record 312 attempts. But it was a banged-up defense that held San Diego without a touchdown for the second time this season that allowed the Chiefs (8-5) to escape.

**Jets 30, Titans 8:** Ryan Fitzpatrick threw three touchdown passes and New York's stingy defense stifled Marcus Mariota and the visiting Tennessee offense for most of the game.

Brandon Marshall, Eric Decker and Bilal Powell each caught TD passes for the Jets (8-5), who stayed on track in the AFC playoff race with their first three-game winning streak since 2011.

Fitzpatrick, who has set a single-season career high with 25 touchdown throws, finished 21 of 36 for 263 yards.

**Saints 24, Buccaneers 17:** Drew Brees threw a pair of touchdown passes to Marques Colston and visiting New Orleans stopped a four-game losing streak.

Brees completed 31 of 41 passes for 312 yards without an interception. Colston scored on receptions of 1 and 3 yards in the first half, and Tim Hightower added a 3-yard TD run in the third quarter for the Saints (5-8).

The loss was the second in three games for the Bucs (6-7), whose hopes to make a run at a NFC wild card took a hit.

**Browns 24, 49ers 10:** Johnny Manziel shook off a first-half interception and sideline meltdown by throwing a touchdown pass in his first start since being benched for off-field antics.

Cleveland snapped a seven-game losing streak as Manziel passed for 270 yards, delivering a quality performance the Browns (3-10) desperately needed.

**Rams 21, Lions 14:** Todd Gurley ran for 140 yards and two second-half touchdowns, and host St. Louis ended a five-game losing streak.

Golden Tate caught two touchdown passes for Detroit (4-9), which didn't have much to show for extra days off to regroup from a game-ending desperation TD pass by the Packers on Dec. 3.



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# Manfred won't lift Rose's lifetime ban

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred rejected Pete Rose's plea for reinstatement on Monday, citing his continued gambling and evidence that he bet on games when he was playing for the Cincinnati Reds.

Manfred said in a letter sent to Rose and made public Monday that baseball's hits king hasn't been completely honest about his gambling on games. Manfred also noted that Rose continues to bet on baseball legally, even though his gambling got him into trouble.

After he accepted a lifetime ban in 1989, Rose saw a counselor who concluded he had a gambling problem and shouldn't make any bets. Rose continues to bet on sports including baseball, and it would be an "unacceptable risk" to let him back into the game, Manfred said.

The career hits leader agreed to the lifetime ban after an investigation commissioned by MLB concluded Rose bet on games involving the Reds while he managed and

played for the team. The ban has prevented him from appearing on the Hall of Fame ballot.

Rose applied for reinstatement in September 1997 and met with Commissioner Bud Selig in November 2002, but Selig never ruled on Rose's application. Manfred succeeded Selig in January, and Rose again applied to end the ban. He met with Manfred on Sept. 24.

Now 74, Rose repeatedly denied betting on baseball until in his 2004 autobiography, "Pete Rose: My Prison Without Bars." He reversed his stand and acknowledged he bet on the Reds while managing Cincinnati.

At the time the ban agreement was announced, then-Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti said: "The burden is entirely on Mr. Rose to reconfigure his life in a way he deems appropriate."

Manfred said in his letter to Rose that the hits king has failed to meet that burden.

"In short, Mr. Rose has not presented credible evidence of a reconfigured life either by an honest acceptance

by him of his wrongdoing, so clearly established in the Dowd Report, or by a rigorous, self-aware and sustained program of avoidance by him of all the circumstances that led to his permanent ineligibility in 1989," Manfred wrote.

The Hall of Fame's board of directors voted in 1991 to ban those on the permanently ineligible list from the Baseball Writers' Association of America ballot. Manfred said that's a separate issue. He also said he will consider allowing Rose to continue participating in on-field events related to baseball, as he did during the All-Star Game in Cincinnati in July.

A 17-time All-Star, Rose was the 1963 NL Rookie of the Year, 1973 MVP and 1975 World Series MVP. A three-time NL batting champion, he had 4,256 hits from 1963-86, topping the mark of 4,191 set by Ty Cobb from 1905-28.

## Durant, Westbrook pace OKC

Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — After the lowest-scoring half of his career and the lowest-scoring half of Oklahoma City's season, Kevin Durant and the Thunder made a collective decision at halftime Sunday night to play more aggressively.

Durant and running mate Russell Westbrook provided much of the fuel as the Thunder rallied from a 16-point deficit to beat Utah 104-98 in overtime, the Thunder's second win over the Jazz in a three-day span.

Durant scored 31 points — all but two after halftime — and Westbrook added 25 points, 11 rebounds and five assists for the Thunder, who have won nine straight home games against Utah dating to the 2010-11 season. Oklahoma City extended its longest winning streak of the season to five games, but not before a mid-game shift.

"I was getting a little frustrated with myself and I just had to calm down," Durant said about his first-half struggles. "At halftime, I just told myself to calm down and go get the ball and try to score. It's as simple as that — try to score and then that's what opened it up for my teammates."

Rodney Hood had 23 points, Gordon Hayward scored 22 and Alec Burks added 21 for the Jazz, who fell five games behind first-place Oklahoma City in the Northwest Division.

Westbrook scored two baskets in the first 36 seconds of overtime to give the Thunder the lead, and Utah missed its first nine field-goal attempts in the extra period. The Jazz avoided an OT shutout on Hayward's basket with 8.6 seconds left.

"It hurts," Utah coach Quin Snyder said. "We were really, really good and we got really tired. It really came down, if we could have gotten a couple of defensive rebounds at the end of the game. We were clearly fatigued in overtime. We'd been able to attack most of the game and just ran out of steam."

The Jazz controlled the first half, building a lead that peaked at 51-35 on a three-pointer by Hood in the final minute. Oklahoma City rallied in the final seconds, with Westbrook throwing an inbound pass off Hood's back, grabbing the carom and hitting a 15-foot jumper at the buzzer to make it 51-38.

Westbrook and Durant combined to score Oklahoma City's first 20 points of the second half.

**Heat 100, Grizzlies 97:** Dwyane Wade's jumper with 21.9 seconds left gave Miami its first and only lead of the second half and the Heat rallied from 16 points down to end a three-game slide.

Chris Bosh scored 22 points, Gerald Green added 16 and Luol Deng scored 15 for Miami. Wade's jumper put the Heat up one, and Justise Winslow closed it out with two free throws in the final second. Wade finished with 14 points.

Jeff Green scored a season-high 26 points for Memphis, while surprise starter Matt Barnes finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Former Heat guard Mario Chalmers had 12 for Memphis, which was outscored 11-0 in the final 2:34.

**Raptors 96, 76ers 76:** DeMar DeRozan had 25 points, Luis Scola added 22 and host Toronto beat Philadelphia for its fourth straight win.

DeRozan came into the night averaging 21.7 points per game, and this was his third straight outing with at least 20 points. Scola matched his season-high point total from a game in November.

Toronto started slowly, trailing 16-8 at the midpoint of the first quarter. But the Raptors then took charge to hand the 76ers their sixth straight loss.

Jahlil Okafor led Philadelphia with 23 points and 14 rebounds while Robert Covington added 15 points and nine rebounds.

**Suns 108, Timberwolves 101:** Brandon Knight rebounded from a one-point outing in his last game to make seven three-pointers and score 25 points, helping Phoenix beat visiting Minnesota.

Knight scored nine of his points in the fourth quarter, all on threes.

The Timberwolves committed 24 turnovers, including nine in the third quarter, which helped the Suns get out in transition and take control of the game for good. Phoenix scored 43 points off turnovers for the game.

## Arizona rolls over Missouri

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Mark Tollefsen scored 17 points, Gabe York added 16 and No. 13 Arizona jumped on Missouri early in an 88-52 rout Sunday.

Arizona (9-1) raced to an 11-point lead in the opening minutes and pushed it to 19 by halftime.

Even with 7-foot center Kaleb Tarczewski (foot) out for a fifth straight game, the Wildcats dominated the smaller Tigers (5-4) inside. Arizona outmuscled Missouri in the paint and had a 44-27 rebounding advantage to win its 44th consecutive home game, the longest streak in the nation.

Ryan Anderson had 14 points and nine rebounds, Allonzo Trier added 15 points and Arizona shot 56 percent.

Freshmen Kevin Puryear and Terrence Phillips, Missouri's leading scorers, combined for 11 points on 4-for-19 shooting.

**No. 4 Iowa State 78, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 64:** At Ames, Iowa, Jameel McKay scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds as the Cyclones improved to 9-0.

Matt Thomas had 17 points in his first start of the season for Iowa State. The Cyclones rested guard Naz Mitrou-Long, who is working his way back from off-season surgery to repair both hips.

Ghiavonni Robinson scored 15 points for the Golden Lions (2-8).

**No. 9 Villanova 76, La Salle 47:** At Villanova, Pa., Josh Hart scored 18 points and Ryan Arcidiacono added 14 to lead the Wildcats past the Explorers.

Villanova (8-1) bounced back from its first loss of the season, 78-55 to No. 7 Oklahoma on Monday. The Wildcats hit 13 three-pointers.

The Wildcats have won 12 consecutive games in the Big 5, round-robin play among five city Division I teams that dates to 1955.

Jordan Price, who entered third in the nation in scoring at 25.9 points per game, led the Explorers (4-4) with 16.

**No. 14 West Virginia 100, Louisiana-Monroe 58:** At Morgantown, W.Va., Jevon Carter scored 21 points and the Mountaineers rebounded from their first loss by reaching triple digits for the third time in nine games.

## Kane extends points streak to 26 games

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago's Patrick Kane extended his points streak to 26 games as the Blackhawks beat the Vancouver Canucks 4-0 on Sunday to move into a share of second place in the Central Division.

Kane, the NHL's leading scorer with 46 points, had the second assist on Duncan Keith's power-play goal midway through the first period.

He surpassed Sidney Crosby's 25-game streak, set in 2010-11, for the longest in the league since 1992-93. The Blackhawks right wing has 16 goals and 24 assists during his run, and a point in 29 of Chicago's 31 games.

Corey Crawford made 30 saves while Dennis Rasmussen, Andrew Shaw and Brandon Mashinter also scored for Chicago.

**Avalanche 3, Blues 1:** Jack Skille and John Mitchell scored in the first period and Semyon Varlamov made a season-high 42 saves to lead Colorado to victory at St. Louis.

Carl Soderberg added an empty-net goal with 22 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

Varlamov stopped the first 36 shots until Vladimir Tarasenko spoiled his shut-out bid with a power-play goal with 7:05 remaining.

**Islanders 4, Devils 0:** Marek Zidlicky scored twice and Thomas Greiss made 27

saves for his first shutout of the season to help New York extend its streak without a regulation loss to 10 games.

John Tavares and Matt Martin also scored for the Islanders, who are on an 8-0-2 stretch and moved into second place in the Metropolitan Division — one point ahead of the crosstown-rival Rangers. The Islanders trailed the Rangers by 11 points entering play on Nov. 25.

The Islanders improved to 11-4-2 at home in their first season at Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

The Devils were again without Travis Zajac (upper body injury) and Adam Henrique (lower body).