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Scalia dies; US high court now split

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WASHINGTON — Antonin Scalia, the influential conservative and most provocative member of the Supreme Court, has died, leaving the high court without its conservative majority and setting up an ideological confrontation over his successor in the maelstrom of a presidential election year. Scalia was 79.

Scalia was found dead Saturday morning at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas after he'd gone to his room the night before and did not appear for breakfast, said Donna Sellers, speaking for the U.S. Marshals Service in Washington. The cause of death was not immediately known.

A gray hearse was seen at the entrance to the Cibolo Creek Ranch, near Shafter, on Satur-

day, accompanied by an SUV.

President Barack Obama made clear Saturday night he would nominate a successor to Scalia, despite calls from Republicans to leave that choice — and the certain political struggle over it — to the next president. He promised to do so “in due time” while paying tribute to Scalia as “one of the towering legal figures of our time.”

Scalia's death most immediately means that the justices could be split 4-4 in cases going to the heart of the some of the most divisive issues in the nation — over abortion, affirmative action, immigration policy and more.

Scalia was part of a 5-4 conservative majority — with one of the five, Anthony Kennedy, sometimes voting with liberals on the court. In a tie vote, the

lower court opinion prevails.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., as well as Republican presidential candidates Sen. Ted Cruz, of Texas, and Sen. Marco Rubio, of Florida, said the nomination should fall to the next president.

Democrats were outraged at that idea, with Sen. Harry Reid, of Nevada, the chamber's top Democrat, saying it would be “unprecedented in recent history” for the court to have a vacancy for a year.

Leaders in both parties were likely to use the high court vacancy to implore voters to nominate candidates with the best chance of winning in the November general election.

Scalia used his keen intellect and missionary zeal in an unyielding attempt to move the court farther to the right after

his 1986 selection by President Ronald Reagan. He also advocated tirelessly in favor of originalism, the method of constitutional interpretation that looks to the meaning of words and concepts as they were understood by the Founding Fathers.

He could be a strong supporter of privacy in cases involving police searches and defendants' rights. Indeed, Scalia often said he should be the “poster child” for the criminal defense bar.

But he also voted consistently to let states outlaw abortions, to allow a closer relationship between government and religion, to permit executions and to limit lawsuits.

A smoker of cigarettes and pipes, Scalia enjoyed baseball, poker, hunting and the piano.

Breedlove: NATO to eye warships' role in Aegean

By JOHN VANDIVER
Stars and Stripes

MUNICH — NATO will examine how its warships in the Aegean Sea should respond if confronted with suspected Islamic State militants plying the waterways, NATO's military chief said Saturday. That raises the prospect of alliance firepower being injected into a mission now focused on intelligence and surveillance.

On Thursday, NATO agreed that it would send a maritime group under German command into the Aegean to help stop human smugglers preying on the desperation of refugees, mostly from Syria, trying to cross from Turkey to Greece. The decision was in response

to a request from Turkey, Greece and Germany, all nations strained by the flood of refugees. But questions remain about rules of engagement and how allies should act if confronted with a threat.

“Now what we owe back [to NATO leaders] is a concept of operation that will lay out in much more detail how we will react in the future,” Gen. Philip Breedlove, NATO supreme allied commander in Europe, said Saturday.

Breedlove, speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the annual Munich Security Conference, said five NATO ships are now in the Aegean Sea, having arrived late Friday to take up a mission aimed at curbing illegal trafficking of migrants.

“This area is hard to survey, hard to understand and characterize where these criminal flows, where these trafficking of migrants is happening.”

While the mission is now one of reconnaissance and surveillance — NATO's primary role is to provide intelligence to Turkish and Greek coast guard units policing the Aegean — there are fears that militants also could mingle into heavily trafficked points of transit.

NATO hasn't spelled out its specific concerns, but as the Islamic State group comes under financial pressure, the business of human trafficking could prove lucrative. It also could be a means for delivering fighters to Europe.

“If tomorrow or the day after

Daesh does smuggling activities itself, what will then be our response? How will we react if this is the case?” French Defense Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said at the conference Friday, using an alternative name for the Islamic State group. “This is a completely new threat. It is a very sensitive issue indeed.”

Meanwhile, Breedlove said he expects more ships soon to be added to the NATO maritime mission. The general also lauded the fast movement of naval forces now conducting operations, saying it is a sign of NATO's ability to make rapid operational decisions.

“We have made great improvements in our militaries' speed of response,” Breedlove said.

UN: Record casualties among Afghan civilians

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Escalating combat between Afghan government troops and insurgents in 2015, particularly the fighting in Kunduz, claimed a record number of civilian casualties, with a heavy toll among women and children, according to an annual U.N. report released Sunday.

The total number of 11,002 civilian casualties — 3,545 deaths and 7,457 wounded — in 2015 was 4 percent higher overall than the previous record set in 2014, according to the report by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan. The number of deaths was down 4 percent and the number of wounded was up 9 percent.

Insurgents were responsible for 62 percent of all civilian casualties in 2015, a 10 percent decrease from 2014. But the number of casualties attributed to pro-government forces, 17

percent, increased by 28 percent, the report said. 2015 was the first year that Afghan forces were primarily responsible for security across the entire country after the international coalition formally ended its combat role the previous year, and insurgents prosecuted offensives across the country.

However, international forces continued to be engaged and the U.N. attributed 179 casualties — 106 deaths and 73 injured — to them. All but nine were the result of airstrikes — in particular, the U.S. attack on a Doctors Without Borders hospital in Kunduz in October in which 42 people were killed and 43 injured. A U.S. probe into the attack attributed it to “human error.”

“We join [the UN] in expressing our contempt for the unnecessary harm to civilians,” said Col. Michael T. Lawhorn, spokesman for the U.S.-led international coalition.

Pacific Pathways kicks off; 3 missions this year

Stars and Stripes

Elements of several brigades will deploy for a dozen exercises across the Pacific this year as part of a program designed to boost the Army’s engagement in the region.

Pacific Pathways 2016 kicked off this month with the arrival from Washington state of soldiers from Joint Base Lewis-McChord’s 1-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team for a three-month deployment starting with the multinational Cobra Gold exercises in Thailand, said Col. Rumi Nielson-Green, a U.S. Army Pacific spokeswoman. In March, they will head to South Korea for Foal Eagle, then to the Philippines in April and May for Balikatan.

This is the fifth Pacific Path-

ways mission since the program launched in 2014. There will be two more deployments this year, each involving an infantry task force of 600 to 1,100 troops, Nielson-Green said.

The exercises encompassed by Pacific Pathways have been going on for years. The difference is that troops participating in them spend more time in the region and bring heavy equipment such as Stryker armored personnel carriers and helicopters, she said. The cost of the deployments, over and above what’s spent on the exercises, will be \$39 million this year. The funds pay for air movement of personnel and strategic sealift of their equipment, Nielson-Green said.

Echoes of Cold War roil Munich summit

BY JOHN VANDIVER
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MUNICH — Polish Foreign Minister Witold Waszczykowski, warning of a new Russian threat, issued a controversial challenge to the U.S.-led NATO alliance and the hundreds of policymakers gathered here for a conference on global security.

Why have so many troops, garrisons and firepower in Western Europe when the threat NATO faces is in the east, Waszczykowski asked during a panel discussion Saturday at the three-day Munich Security Conference.

“I think that lack of deployment, lack of troops, lack of defense installations means weakness — and weakness leads to confrontation and to incidents and provocations,” Waszczykowski said.

Inside the swanky Bayerischer Hof hotel, where heads of state, foreign and defense ministers and experts gathered to frankly discuss security challenges, a Russian diplomat got angry at the talk of NATO’s buildup and from the audience

seized a microphone and offered a rebuttal.

“You understand there are no real threats!” shouted Aleksandr Grushko, Russia’s ambassador to NATO. “Russia is not interested in any confrontation with NATO, but we will make an assessment of this military planning (by NATO) and take all necessary steps to ensure our security.”

If the civil war in Syria, a refugee crisis and the international battle against the Islamic State group dominated the formal agenda of the annual conference that ended Sunday, the gulf between the West and Russia provided the fury.

With relations between Moscow and Washington at their worst since the end of the Cold War, heightened tensions also raised questions about whether the two sides can come together to solve crises such as the one unfolding in Syria. U.S. and Russian diplomats have attempted to negotiate a cessation to fighting there, but key differences over the plan have raised doubts such an agreement can hold.

Artillery unit with MLRS arrives for S. Korea duty

BY SETH ROBSON
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An artillery battalion equipped with Multiple Launch Rocket Systems has arrived in South Korea to support the Army’s 2nd Infantry Division amid rising tensions after North Korea tested an atomic bomb last month and fired a long-range rocket last week.

Three hundred “Red Dragons” from the 3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery Regiment, 75th Fires Brigade at Fort Sill, Okla., began their nine-month

deployment Thursday during a ceremony at Camp Casey, a 2nd ID statement said.

The Red Dragons arrived ready to fight if needed, Lt. Col. Will Freds, the 3rd Battalion commander, said in the statement.

The MLRS can fire up to 12 short-, medium- and long-range missiles in quick succession to suppress enemy air defenses so helicopters can move into an area and provide counterfire against enemy artillery units or go after other targets.

LaVine wins All-Star dunk contest

Associated Press

TORONTO — Aaron Gordon soared over his mascot, but nobody flies higher than Zach LaVine in the slam dunk contest.

LaVine was perfect just a little longer than Gordon and won a thrilling final event to cap off an entertaining NBA All-Star Saturday. LaVine captured his second straight dunk title — and a second trophy in two nights.

"I had to bring my A-plus-plus-plus game," LaVine said.

"He did two dunks that were just crazy with the mascots, jumping over them. We just kept pushing each other until the last dunk."

The three-point crown stayed by the Bay — though with the other 'Splash Brother.' Klay Thompson pulled off a smooth-shooting surprise by beating Stephen Curry.

"Back-to-back years for Splash Brothers, it's pretty cool," Thompson said.

All-Star weekend so far has belonged to LaVine and the Minnesota Timberwolves, as rookie Karl-Anthony Towns showed big guys have skills, too.

The night — and the first two nights of

this first All-Star weekend held outside the U.S. — ended with a celebration for LaVine, who won the MVP award Friday night in the Rising Stars Challenge for rookies and second-year players.

He outlasted Gordon in a duel that needed two overtimes and ended only when there was literally no ball to use. Curry batted it down to other end of the court after he and the other NBA stars who were as captivated as the fans and celebrities sitting courtside charged onto the court when LaVine leaped from just inside the free throw line, put the ball between his legs in midair and slammed it down.

He and Gordon traded perfect scores of 50 for the previous few rounds after advancing to the final, but the Orlando Magic rookie mustered only a 47 in his last attempt.

But he may have had the most memorable dunks of the night with some help from the Magic's mascot — aptly named Stuff the Magic Dragon.

On Stuff's first assist, Gordon took the ball with one hand from the mascot, who was spinning around on a hoverboard, and did a 360-degree dunk. He got another

assist from Stuff on the next one, leaping high to take the ball, putting it under his legs — nearly in a sitting position in mid-air — and slamming it down with his left hand.

"Me and him are now like best friends, me and Stuff," Gordon said.

The only boos went to the judges, with the crowd thinking Shaquille O'Neal was a little stingy with a couple of 9s instead of perfect 10s.

"We were kind of mind-boggled a couple times because we got 49s and they were 50s," LaVine said.

A night that included an appearance by boxing ring announcer Michael Buffer ended with a couple heavyweight matchups. LaVine became the first repeat dunk champion since Nate Robinson, but Curry wasn't even the best on his own team after setting a final-round record last year.

This time, Thompson was so good he had clinched it even before the final ball on his final rack. He started to walk away after making the first four — then turned and made that one, anyway.

"He definitely shot well tonight," Curry said. "I still think I can hold my own in the

competition, but the way that he finished off that second round was amazing. So trust me, the pressure of knowing what number he had to hit and making five out of five was fun to watch."

Towns beat Boston Celtics point guard Isaiah Thomas to win the Skills Challenge, further validating the evolution of the big man from a plodding post player to a play-making force.

In the first year that frontcourt players were allowed to compete against the guards in the event that combines dribbling, passing and perimeter shooting, Towns beat Golden State's Draymond Green and Sacramento's DeMarcus Cousins in the big men side of the bracket before edging Thomas in the finals.

"I'm glad I was able to help the bigs come out with this trophy," said Towns, the No. 1 overall pick in the June draft. "This is bigger than me. This is for all the bigs out there, with the game changing the way it is, to show that bigs can stand up with guards and skillwise."

Mickelson eyes first win since '13 British Open

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Far away from the commotion of the celebrities Saturday at Pebble Beach, the most accomplished star among golfers quietly went about his business.

That won't be the case for Phil Mickelson on Sunday.

Mickelson efficiently pieced together a 6-under 66 in the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, though it only looked easy on the card. He made birdie on all but one of the par 3s, scrambled for par on half of his holes and wound up with his first 54-hole lead since the 2013 U.S. Open.

It's a chance to end the longest victory drought of his career — 52 events worldwide since he last won at Muirfield in the 2013 British Open. He was two shots clear of Hiroshi Iwata, a 35-year-old with two victories on the Japan Golf Tour. And he was poised to join Mark O'Meara with his fifth victory at the Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

"I was very pleased to shoot that round, obviously, but there were a lot of holes I just had to fight for pars," Mickelson said. "It wasn't a pushover by any means."

He planned on bringing in Andrew Getson, his new swing coach, to sharpen his game ahead of the final round.

Mickelson was at 16-under 199.

Iwata, who tied a major championship record with a 63 at Whistling Straits in the PGA Championship last year, had six birdies in his round of 69 at Spyglass Hill.

Freddie Jacobson had a 68 at Monterey Peninsula, which for the first time this week played the toughest of the three courses because of the brisk wind. He

was three shots behind, along with Sung Kang, who had a 70 at Pebble Beach.

Jordan Spieth, the world's No. 1 player, was happy to have a tee time on Sunday.

Spieth struggled on the par 5s for the third straight round, playing them at 1 over at Pebble Beach. He had to get up-and-down for par on the par-5 18th for a 74 to make the cut on the number. He has played the par 5s in even par for the week.

LPGA: Unfazed by an earthquake just before she teed off, top-ranked Lydia Ko won the New Zealand Women's Open for the third time in four years Sunday.

The magnitude 5.7 quake rattled the Christchurch area about 10 minutes before Ko began play. She started the round on time and play wasn't interrupted by the quake.

Ko closed with a 2-under 70 for a two-stroke victory. The 18-year-old South Korean-born New Zealander finished at 10-under 206 at Clearwater Golf Club. She also won the national championship in 2013 and 2015.

European Tour: Charl Schwartzel raced away from the rest of the field to win the European Tour's Tshwane Open by eight shots on Sunday as he closed with a 7-under 63 to finish 16 under par in Pretoria, South Africa.

Schwartzel, who held a one-shot lead heading into the final round, had seven birdies and an eagle to cruise to victory and his second tour title this season.

Lloyd's late goal boots US women past Mexico

Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Carli Lloyd sent the U.S. women into the CONCACAF Olympic qualifying semifinals.

Lloyd scored off a rebound on her penalty kick to give the United States a 1-0 victory over Mexico on Saturday.

Her penalty shot followed a Mexico hand ball in the penalty area called against substitute Karla Nieto by referee Melissa Borjas of Honduras. The shot went to the middle of the net and was blocked by goalkeeper Cecilia Santiago. Lloyd then buried the rebound, with Santiago still on the ground, for her 84th career goal.

"I guess you can't make all of them all of the time," Lloyd said. "Luckily, the rebound came right back to me and there was no hesitation and just put it in the back of the net."

The ball struck Nieto after a U.S. cross was trapped by Alex Morgan.

"You have to live with those things," Mexico coach Leonardo Cuellar said. "The referees have a very short time to make a decision."

Morgan said she didn't see the infraction.

"I was looking more at getting the ball from my chest and taking the shot," she said. "I was a little confused when she called the PK."

The winners of the semifinals — set for Houston on Feb. 19 — will qualify for the Rio Olympics.

The Americans will conclude group play Monday night against Puerto Rico trying to win Group A. The other match Monday between Mexico and Costa Rica will de-

termine the group's other semifinalist. Costa Rica won the opener Saturday at Toyota Stadium, beating Puerto Rico 9-0.

"That's the No. 1 priority, to get three points and finish top of the group," U.S. coach Jill Ellis said, "but at the same time, knowing that we're in the semis, is making sure we're smart with certain players' loads."

The United States remained unbeaten in CONCACAF qualifying play at 15-0-1, having scored 81 goals and allowing four.

Mexico nearly tied the score in the 87th minute when Monica Ocampo's left-footed shot from outside the 18-yard box was batted over the crossbar by Hope Solo to preserve her 93rd career shutout.

The tournament is the Americans' first competitive play since winning last summer's World Cup in Canada. They have won three straight Olympic titles and four of the five in women's soccer.

This U.S. roster features only 13 of the 20 players who were on the World Cup team. Christie Rampone and Megan Rapinoe are injured, and Amy Rodriguez and Sydney Leroux are pregnant and will miss the Olympics.

The Mexican team played five defenders across the back line for most of the match to frustrate the Americans.

The United States had two second-half opportunities strike the post — Christen Press in the 52nd minute and Lindsey Horan in the 76th minute.

Morgan had two scoring chances from close range that went over the crossbar midway through the second half with a left-footed shot in the 67th minute and a header two minutes later.



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Jayhawks take down No. 3 OU

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Kansas' Devonte' Graham stole the show from Buddy Hield. Graham scored a career-high 27 points and did a tenacious job defending the nation's No. 2 scorer to help the sixth-ranked Jayhawks defeat No. 3 Oklahoma 76-72 on Saturday.

"I just tried to make every shot tough on him," Graham, a sophomore guard, said of defending Hield. "He still knocked down five trey balls. He still got his shots off. He had a good game. I just tried to lock up and play the best defense I could."

It was only the third time in Graham's career that he scored at least 20 points. He made 6 of 9 three-point attempts for the Jayhawks (21-4, 9-3 Big 12).

"All the stuff he did was big-time," Kansas forward Landen Lucas said. "He was a man today. He carried the team. We all just tried to do our part, and he finished it for us."

Kansas won the first meeting 109-106 in triple overtime on Jan. 4, despite Hield's 46 points. This time, Hield scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half, but he went without a field goal in the first half and made 5 of 15 field goals overall.

"I had good shots in the first half, and I wasn't able to put them down," Hield said. "They guarded me really well and threw a lot of bodies at me."

Graham scored 17 points in the second half to help Kansas keep pace.

"He was great," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "He made big plays when they needed them, especially when we had a little bit of a lead, and we couldn't get a stop — he probably scored two or three of those. Good player. Talented guy. Stepped up there and made key buckets for them."

Kansas notched its fifth straight win and snapped Oklahoma's 19-game home winning streak. The Jayhawks were coming off a victory over No. 10 West Virginia on Tuesday.

Isaiah Cousins added 21 points for the Sooners (20-4, 8-4), who fell out of a tie for the conference lead. Oklahoma matched a season-low by shooting 33.3 percent from the field. The Sooners, who entered the game leading the nation in three-point percentage, were just 10-for-32 from beyond the arc.

"That's about as good as we can play defensively," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

Even with that, it almost got away from the Jayhawks.

Oklahoma trailed 73-71 and called a timeout with 32.1 seconds remaining. Hield made the first of two free throws with 25.3 seconds to go, and Kansas rebounded the miss.

Graham made two free throws with 19 seconds to play to put Kansas up three.

Oklahoma's Cousins shot a quick three-point attempt that missed, and Kansas' Jamari Traylor made the second of two free throws with 10 seconds remaining to put it out of reach.

Kansas ran out to a 20-6 lead as the Sooners made just two of their first 19 shots. Hield didn't score until 9:04 remained in the first half.

Perry Ellis committed his second foul with 4:51 left in the first half and went to the bench with the Jayhawks leading 32-19. Oklahoma closed the half on a 14-6 run to make it 38-33.

The Sooners shot just 26.7 percent from the field in the first half and made 2 of 13 three-point attempts, but they made 15 of 18 free throws. Kansas shot 53.6 percent in the first half but committed eight turnovers.

Hield's first field goal, a three-pointer with 18:28 remaining, put the Sooners up 39-38. Consecutive three-pointers by Hield put the Sooners ahead 52-48.

Kansas rallied to take a 59-57 lead on a three-pointer by Wayne Selden Jr. with just over 7 minutes to play, and the game was close the rest of the way.

"Our guys kept working, kept clawing to get within reach, then made a good run there in the second half to get the lead," Kruger said. "But with the lead, we couldn't get a stop or two."

Stars hold off Capitals

Associated Press

DALLAS — A week has made a big difference for the Dallas Stars.

Tyler Seguin scored twice during a four-goal second period and Dallas took over first place in the Western Conference by holding off the Eastern Conference-leading Washington Capitals 4-3 Saturday night.

The victory moved the Stars ahead of Chicago seven days after a 5-1 home loss to the Blackhawks dropped Dallas five points behind them.

"That was a tough loss for us," captain Jamie Benn said. "We got embarrassed. It wasn't fun at the time, which was probably the game of the year for us. We regrouped."

And how. The Stars won in overtime at Minnesota. They then took 4-0 leads at Chicago and against Washington before allowing two third-period goals against the Blackhawks and three against the Capitals. Chicago went 0-2-1 during the week. Each team has 77 points, but with three games in hand, the Stars have a higher points percentage.

Alex Ovechkin scored his league-leading 35th goal on the power play, and Justin Williams and Andre Burakovsky scored to pull the Capitals within 4-3.

The Capitals had a chance to tie the game with 36 seconds to play, but Tom Wilson's shot from the slot hit the left post.

Washington goalie Braden Holtby lost in regulation for just the second time since Nov. 12. Philipp Grubauer replaced Holtby in the third period and made 10 saves. Holtby had 21.

Bruins 4, Wild 2: David Krejci broke a tie in the second period and Jonas Gustavsson made 31 saves to help Boston beat host Minnesota.

The Wild fired coach Mike Yeo after the game and promoted John Torchetti from their Iowa affiliate in the American Hockey League as interim coach.

The Wild have lost seven in a row and 13 of 14. They tied the longest home winless streak in franchise history at eight games (0-5-3).

Ducks 3, Blackhawks 2 (OT): Ryan Getzlaf scored a power-play goal at 2:16 of overtime, lifting Anaheim over host Chicago.

Predators 5, Panthers 0: Backup goaltender Carter Hutton made 22 saves and Calle Jarnkrok scored twice to lead Nashville over host Florida.

Sharks 4, Coyotes 1: Matt Tennyson and Chris Tierney scored in the first period and host San Jose hung on to beat Arizona.

Devils 2, Flyers 1 (OT): Adam Henrique scored on a power play 2:58 into overtime to lift New Jersey past host Philadelphia.

Hurricanes 6, Islanders 3: Victor Rask scored twice to cap Carolina's five-goal second period and the Hurricanes beat visiting New York.

Maple Leafs 5, Canucks 2: Mark Arcobello scored his first two goals of the season 17 seconds apart. Brendan Leipsic got his first NHL goal in his first game and Toronto beat host Vancouver to end a three-game skid.

Jets 2, Oilers 1 (SO): Andrew Ladd scored the winner in the shootout to lift visiting Winnipeg over Edmonton.

Blue Jackets 4, Senators 2: Boone Jenner scored twice, Cam Atkinson and Brandon Saad each had goals and Columbus beat visiting Ottawa.

Wisconsin routs No. 2 Maryland

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Wisconsin shut down Maryland in the decisive first half and held on, ending the No. 2 Terrapins' 27-game home winning streak and knocking them out of a tie atop the Big Ten standings with a 70-57 victory.

Vitto Brown scored a career-high 21 points. Bronson Koenig had 16 and Nigel Hayes added 14 for the Badgers (16-9, 8-4), who have won seven straight.

After using a 28-5 run to go up 35-19, Wisconsin let the lead dwindle to six points with 10:48 remaining before pushing back. A three-pointer by Koenig and a layup by Brown made it 53-41, and the Terrapins never threatened again.

Rasheed Sulaimon scored 17 for Maryland (22-4, 10-3), which went 20 for 50 from the field and 12 for 22 at the foul line.

The Terrapins' home winning streak was the longest in school history.

No. 1 Villanova 73, St. John's 63: Daniel Ochefu had a career-high 25 points, Ryan Arcidiacono scored 13 and No. 1 Villanova beat St. John's 73-63 Saturday night.

Amar Alibegovic led the Red Storm (7-19, 0-13 Big East) with a career-best 18 points. St. John's has lost 16 in a row, the longest streak in Division I.

For a half, Villanova (22-3, 12-1) hardly looked like the nation's top team. The Wildcats, who were 27-point favorites, only led 28-27 at halftime.

No. 5 Xavier 74, Butler 57: J.P. Macura scored 13 points while Remy Abell and Edmond Sumner had 12 each to lead visiting Xavier.

The Musketeers (22-3, 10-3) won for the sixth time in seven games and retained sole possession of second place in the Big East.

Duke 63, No. 7 Virginia 62: Grayson Allen banked in a shot at the buzzer to give host Duke the win and snap Virginia's seven-game winning streak.

Malcolm Brogdon had 18 points for Virginia (20-5, 9-4 Atlantic Coast Conference), and his reverse flip layup with 9.9 seconds left put

the Cavaliers up 62-61.

No. 10 West Virginia 73, TCU 42: Jonathan Holton returned from a suspension to lead four West Virginia players in double figures as the host Mountaineers assured themselves of at least a tie for first place in the Big 12.

Holton, who served a four-game suspension for a violation of team rules, had 14 points and seven rebounds for the Mountaineers (20-5, 9-3).

Stanford 76, No. 11 Oregon 72: Michael Humphrey blocked a shot with 4 seconds remaining to give host Stanford the upset win.

Marcus Allen hit two free throws with 3 seconds to seal the win for the Cardinal (12-11, 5-7), who ended a season-worst four-game losing streak.

Notre Dame 71, No. 13 Louisville 66: Demetrius Jackson matched his career high with 27 points and Steve Vasturia added 20 as host Notre Dame (18-7, 9-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) rallied from 11 points down in the second half.

No. 14 Iowa State 85, No. 24 Texas 75: Georges Niang and Monte Morris each scored 24 points as host Iowa State beat Texas in Jameel McKay's return from a two-game suspension.

LSU 76, No. 15 Texas A&M 71: Ben Simmons had 16 points, 11 rebounds, and seven assists, as LSU handed visiting Texas A&M its fourth straight loss.

No. 16 SMU 69, Gonzaga 60: Nic Moore had 25 points and 11 assists to lead host SMU, snapping the Zags' six-game winning streak in a non-conference matchup of league leaders.

Michigan 61, No. 18 Purdue 56: Zak Irvin scored 22 points, and visiting Michigan scored the game's final 11 points.

The Wolverines (19-7, 9-4 Big Ten) overcame an awful stretch of shooting in the second half.

No. 20 Providence 75, Georgetown 72: Rodney Bullock had 23 points and 10 rebounds as host Providence (19-7, 7-6 Big East) held off a furious rally by

Georgetown.

Texas Tech 84, No. 21 Baylor 66: Keenan Evans scored a career-high 21 points and had two steals in Texas Tech's go-ahead run as the Red Raiders upset host Baylor, giving them their second consecutive win over a Top 25 team.

No. 22 Kentucky 89, South Carolina 62: Tyler Ulis had career highs of 27 points and 12 assists, Jamal Murray scored 26 points and visiting Kentucky won despite coach John Calipari being ejected less than 3 minutes into the game.

Northern Iowa 53, No. 25 Wichita St. 50: Klint Carlson scored 12 points, Wyatt Lohaus had 11 and Northern Iowa (16-11, 8-6 Missouri Valley) ended Wichita State's nation-leading 43-game home winning streak.

Saint Mary's 68, Loyola Marymount 62: Calvin Hermanson scored 16 and Saint Mary's (20-4, 11-3 West Coast Conference) notched its ninth straight 20-win season.

VCU 85, Saint Louis 52: Corey Billbury scored 18 of his 20 points in the first half and host VCU (18-7, 10-2 Atlantic 10) routed Saint Louis to snap a two-game skid.

UConn 75, Tulsa 73: Omar Calhoun tied a season high with 14 points and host Connecticut held off Tulsa after leading by 20 points in the second half.

San Diego St. 70, Air Force 61: Trey Kell made two three-pointers in the final 3:20 and finished with 16 points for host San Diego State (19-7, 12-1), which bounced back from its first Mountain West Conference loss to beat Air Force (12-14, 3-10).

Navy 74, Lafayette 68: Tilman Dunbar scored 21 points and visiting Navy (18-9, 9-5 Patriot) topped Lafayette.

Army 65, American 59: Kevin Ferguson notched a fourth-consecutive double-double with 20 points and 14 rebounds for visiting Army (15-11, 6-8 Patriot).