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Hospitals, school hit by airstrikes in Syria

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BEIRUT — Airstrikes hit two hospitals and a school in northern Syria, killing and wounding dozens of people Monday, according to opposition activists who said the strikes were carried out by Russian warplanes supporting a major advance by government troops.

According to the United Nations, nearly 50 civilians were killed in the attacks.

An airstrike in the province of Idlib destroyed a makeshift clinic supported by the international aid group Doctors Without Borders, while in neighboring Aleppo province, a missile struck a children's hospital in the town of Azaz, killing at least five people and wounding dozens. A third air raid hit a school in a nearby village, killing seven and wounding others.

Doctors Without Borders — also known by its French acronym MSF — said in a statement that the hospital in the town of Maaret al-Numan was hit four times in at least two attacks that were minutes apart. It said at least seven people were killed

and at least eight others were “missing, presumed dead.”

“This appears to be a deliberate attack on a health structure, and we condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms,” said Massimiliano Rebaudengo, MSF’s mission chief. “The destruction of the hospital leaves the local population of around 40,000 people without access to medical services in an active zone of conflict.”

The aid group said the hospital had 30 beds, 54 staff members, two operating theaters, an outpatient department and an emergency room. MSF has been supporting the hospital since September and covered all its needs, including providing medical supplies and running costs, it said.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said Russian warplanes targeted the makeshift hospital, destroying it and killing nine people.

The opposition group, which tracks both sides of the conflict through sources on the ground, said dozens were wounded in the attack.

Syrian troops have been ad-

vancing in the north under the cover of Russian airstrikes in recent weeks. The offensive has been focused on Aleppo province, where troops are trying to cut rebel supply lines to Turkey and surround rebel-held parts of Aleppo city, once Syria’s largest.

On Monday, Syrian state TV reported that pro-government gunmen have entered western parts of the northern town of Tel Rifaat, where they were fighting “fierce battles” against insurgents. Tel Rifaat is a major stronghold of militants fighting to overthrow President Bashar Assad.

Opposition activist Yahya al-Sobeih, speaking by phone from Maaret al-Numan, said “the entire building has collapsed on the ground. He said five people were killed near the MSF clinic and “all members of the medical team inside are believed to be dead.”

Paramedics and volunteers were working on removing the rubble, he added. The four-story building was once a cement company but had served as a makeshift clinic during the war, al-Sobeih said.

The missile attack in Azaz, near the Turkish border, killed five people at the hospital, including three children and a pregnant woman, and wounded more than 30, the Observatory said. Activist Bahaa al-Halaby, who is based in the northern city of Aleppo, said the hospital was struck by a missile and that 10 people were killed.

Abdulrahman al-Hassan, chief liaison officer at the Syrian Civil Defense, a group of first responders known as the “White Helmets,” said the women’s hospital in Azaz was hit by two surface-to-surface missiles. He added that some 10 people were killed and many were wounded.

“We think it is Russia because the photos of the missiles have Russian language (and) because we haven’t seen this kind (of missile) before the Russian intervention,” he said.

In Turkey, the private Dogan news agency reported that more than 30 of those wounded in Russian airstrikes in Azaz, primarily children, were transferred to a hospital in southern Turkey.

Navy considers electric gun for new destroyer

Associated Press

BATH, Maine — Development of a futuristic weapon depicted in video games and science fiction is going well enough that a Navy admiral wants to skip an at-sea prototype in favor of installing an operational unit aboard a destroyer planned to go into service in 2018.

The Navy has been testing an electromagnetic railgun and could have an operational unit ready to go on one of the new Zumwalt-class destroyers

under construction at Bath Iron Works.

Adm. Pete Fanta, the Navy’s director of surface warfare, has floated the idea of foregoing the current plan to put a prototype on another vessel this year and instead to put it directly on the future USS Lyndon B. Johnson, though no final decision has been made.

“The Zumwalt-class is one of a number of options being explored for the electromagnetic railgun,” said Lt. Cmdr. Hayley

Sims, a Navy spokeswoman. “Due to the size, weight and power requirements, some platforms will be better suited for the technology than others.”

Railguns use electricity instead of gunpowder to accelerate a projectile at six or seven times the speed of sound — creating enough kinetic energy to destroy targets.

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pared with smart bombs and missiles.

There has been talk since the inception of the Zumwalt program that the massive destroyers would be likely candidates for the weapon because of its power plant. The USS Johnson will be the third and final destroyer in the Zumwalt class.

The 600-foot-long warship uses marine turbines similar to those that propel the Boeing 777 to help produce up to 78 megawatts of electricity.

Army to seek more women, adapt testing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Beginning this summer, a visit to a local Army recruiting office will include a new set of gymnastic tests to help determine what military jobs a recruit is physically capable of performing.

Prospective soldiers will be asked to run, jump, lift a weight and throw a heavy ball — all to help the Army figure out if the recruit can handle a job with high physical demands or should be directed to a more sedentary assignment.

The new tests come as the Pentagon is opening all combat posts to women, a process that involves setting physical standards for every job that both men and women will have to meet.

As part of the effort, the Army will increase the number of female recruiters to better target women. The goal will be to add 1 percent each year for the next three years to get at least one woman at each of the

Army's more than 780 larger recruiting centers across the country.

Right now, only about 750 of the 8,800 Army and Army Reserve recruiters are women.

The head of U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Maj. Gen. Jeff Snow, told The Associated Press that adding more women as recruiters will give female recruits someone more credible to talk to about options for women in the military and how an Army career could affect married or family life.

But he said getting that increase will be tough because other commands across the Army are also competing to get more women in their units.

As women move into combat roles, Army commanders want to have women in leadership positions across the force to serve as mentors and role models. In particular, Army leaders want more women as drill sergeants and platoon sergeants as recruits go through basic and advanced training.

MIT students are seeking solutions to curb suicides

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — After seven suicides in two years, students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are looking for their own solutions to prevent more deaths.

The school unveiled a sweeping plan to bolster mental health last fall, adding staff psychologists and expanding counseling hours, among other measures. But students have added their own ingenuity in recent months, starting a wave of grassroots projects intended to defuse the stress of campus life before it leads to a crisis.

One group of students launched a texting hotline called Lean On Me this month, letting students chat anonymously

with trained student volunteers about anything that's troubling them. Other students plan to install artificial light boxes on campus, meant to treat depression that can take hold during dreary months.

By her count, sophomore Izzy Lloyd has handed out more than 4,000 specially made wristbands that say TMAYD. It's short for "tell me about your day," a message that aims to get students talking with one another. Lloyd started the project last year after two freshman classmates took their own lives in the same week.

Other projects take a lighter tone, like the new MIT Puppy Lab, which will bring therapy dogs to campus this semester.

US: Mobile N. Korea missile a top threat

Bloomberg

North Korea continues to develop a mobile intercontinental ballistic missile that "would likely be capable of reaching much of the continental United States," the Pentagon said in a new report to Congress on the secretive regime's military capabilities.

The KN-08 missile would have an estimated range of more than 3,400 miles, and North Korea already has six "road-mobile" launchers for it, according to the annual report delivered to congressional committees Friday and obtained by Bloomberg News. A mobile missile can be harder to track than a silo-based weapon, although the threat from the KN-08 depends on whether it's "successfully designed and developed," the Defense Department cautioned.

The new report, reaffirming a judgment about the KN-08 made by the Pentagon in 2013, arrives amid rising tensions after North Korea conducted a nuclear test on Jan. 6 and launched a long-range rocket on Feb. 7. South Korea and the United States have

said they will begin talks about deploying an American ballistic missile interceptor system known as Thaad on the Korean peninsula.

In the U.S., the House sent legislation to President Barack Obama on Friday authorizing new sanctions against North Korea. The measure, H.R. 757, would impose sanctions against individuals, companies and foreign governments that contribute to North Korea's nuclear program and ballistic missile development. It also would penalize those who send luxury goods enjoyed by the regime's elite or aid in its censorship or human rights abuses.

Other sections of the Defense Department report said that North Korea:

- Is pursuing the capability to launch ballistic missiles from submarines.

- Views offensive cyberoperations as a tool "it can employ with little risk from reprisal attacks, in part because its networks are largely separated from the Internet."

- May consider the use of chemical and biological weapons.

Judge says Justice Scalia died of natural causes

WASHINGTON — U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia died of natural causes and no autopsy was necessary, a judge has told The Associated Press.

Scalia's family didn't think a private autopsy was necessary and requested that the jurist's body be returned to Washington as soon as possible, said Chris Lujan, a manager for Sunset Funeral Homes in Texas. The body was returned to Virginia late Sunday.

Presidio County Judge Cinderela Guevara told the AP on Sunday that she consulted with

Scalia's personal physician and sheriff's investigators, who said there were no signs of foul play before concluding that he had died of natural causes. Scalia, 79, was found dead in his room at a West Texas resort ranch Saturday morning.

The owner of Cibolo Creek Ranch said the justice seemed his usual self at dinner the night before he was found "in complete repose" in his room.

John Poindexter told reporters that Scalia was part of a group of about 35 weekend guests. The group had dinner Friday night, and Scalia was his "usual, personable self," Poindexter said.

From The Associated Press

Bryant leaves as All-Star winner

Associated Press

TORONTO — Kobe Bryant exited the All-Star Game for the final time to watch Russell Westbrook and Stephen Curry wrap things up with three-pointers.

Bryant's gone, and these young guys are good.

Bryant said his All-Star Game goodbye and the next generation of the West's best sent him off a winner, rolling to a record-setting 196-173 victory over the East on Sunday night.

"It was fun," Bryant said. "I had a blast playing with those guys, laughing and joking with them on the bench."

The first All-Star Game outside the U.S. was the highest-scoring ever. Bryant didn't provide much of the offense but many of the memories.

"To see him now, it's like the passing of a generation," West coach Gregg Popovich said. "He's been such an iconic figure for so long, and he passes it on to that other group of young guys that you saw out there tonight."

Bryant finished with 10 points, so few that he lost his career lead in All-Star scoring to LeBron James.

But Westbrook scored 31 points in his second straight All-Star MVP performance and Curry added 26 — the final

three on a 42-footer. Anthony Davis had 24 on 12-for-13 shooting and Kevin Durant chipped in 23.

Paul George finished with 41 for the East, tying Westbrook's total from last year in New York that was one off Wilt Chamberlain's record. John Wall added 22 points.

James finished with 13 points, just enough to move ahead of Bryant for most ever in the All-Star Game. James has 291, while Bryant, who is retiring after this season, leaves with 290.

He checked out with 1:06 left to cheers and hugs from his fellow All-Stars who now put up points in bunches the way Bryant did for so long.

Bryant had seven assists and six rebounds, but shot 4-for-11 in a game where there isn't really much defense and had never been less. The 369 combined points were 48 more than last year's record, and both clubs blew away the previous individual team record of 163.

But people just wanted to see Bryant play, not necessarily play well.

"We all at one point in our life wanted to be Kobe in our driveways somewhere," the East's Dwyane Wade said. "We watched him growing up and we wanted to pay respect to him."

The pregame was a celebration first of Canada, then of Bryant.

A video message from Dr. James Naismith, the Canadian who invented basketball in the early 1890s, was followed by player introductions by two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash and Grammy winner Drake. Canadian Nelly Furtado sang her country's national anthem.

Then it was time for two video tributes for Bryant, whose 18 All-Star selections are second only to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Bryant thanked his millions of fans as the other All-Stars lined up in the background to salute him.

"I know it's been overwhelming for him over this year, but our fans across the world and here in the States and here in Toronto, as well, has just been paying so much respect," James said. "It's all well-deserved."

Toronto hosted the very first NBA game on Nov. 1, 1946. Neither Naismith nor anyone who saw that game would recognize the way it looked Sunday.

Curry and Durant launched shots from spots where only buzzer-beating heaves were once attempted, and Westbrook put together another combination of speed and force that turned it into a rare All-Star blowout in the second half.

The West has won five of the last six even without longtime mainstay Bryant, who hadn't played since 2013 because of injuries. But players like Westbrook,

Durant and Curry are more than ready to shoulder the load.

At 37, Bryant has trouble keeping up with the youngsters — especially the real young ones. Chris Paul's son stole the ball from him as Bryant warmed up for the second half.

But he was the star without playing a starring role. He had said he didn't want players forcing him the ball in an effort to make him the MVP — he's already got four of them in this game — but he was never far from the center of attention.

The West led 92-90 at the break, both teams surpassing the previous record of 89 points in a half.

The game goes back to the U.S. next year, and for the first time since 1997 won't have Bryant. He made his All-Star debut in New York in 1998, a game also remembered for Michael Jordan's last with the Chicago Bulls.

Jordan, now chairman of the Hornets, was on hand Sunday for a ceremonial passing of the All-Star torch from Toronto to Charlotte, the 2017 host.

Paul finished with 14 points and 16 assists and is the leader in All-Star assists per game. DeMar DeRozan scored 18 points for the East and Kyle Lowry had 14 points and 10 assists as both Raptors played well in front of their home crowd.

Elliott youngest to land Daytona's top spot

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Chase Elliott was too young to really remember celebrating in victory lane with his father, dressed in a shirt that matched Bill Elliott's firesuit and a little finger pointed toward the sky because daddy was No. 1.

But here's a father-son snapshot Chase can savor forever: "Awesome Bill" waiting with a big embrace Sunday at Daytona International Speedway for the son who proved he's capable of following in some Hall of Fame footsteps.

Elliott kept the No. 24 Chevrolet on the pole for the second straight Daytona 500, with the rookie becoming the youngest driver to land the top spot in NASCAR's biggest race.

"I don't know if this opportunity has sunk in yet, much less sitting on the pole for the Daytona 500," Elliott said.

The 20-year-old has the ride of a lifetime, taking the seat from retired four-time champion Jeff Gordon at Hendrick Motorsports. Gordon was in the broadcast booth at Daytona, calling the shots as the No. 24 went around the track without him for the first time since 1992.

Elliott has some practice following the great ones: His father, Bill, is a two-time Daytona 500 champion.

"The manner which (he) went about his business, I think is really special," Chase said.

NASCAR disallows qualifying times for Harvick, Vickers

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — NASCAR has disallowed Daytona 500 qualifying runs by Stewart-Haas Racing teammates Kevin Harvick and Brian Vickers.

During post-qualifying inspections Sunday, officials determined that the track bars on the cars were not in compliance with specifications. Harvick's No. 4 Chevrolet and Vickers' No. 14 Chevy will have to start at the rear in their qualifying races Thursday. Vickers is filling in Tony Stewart while the three-time NASCAR champion recovers from a broken vertebra.

Martin Truex Jr., who like Harvick was one of four drivers racing for the championship in last year's finale, did not make a qualifying attempt because a roof flap of his No. 78 Toyota was out of compliance, and the team could not

fix it within a designated five-minute window. He also will start one of the qualifying races from the back.

"They didn't like the way it was landing when it went down," crew chief Cole Pearn said. "I don't know, it was that way the whole way down pit road. I'm not sure what the problem was, it could have been easily fixed but either way they decided to put it on the five-minute clock when we were down there at the end. I don't know why we had to run it back here because there was no way we were going to get back here and get back out in time."

NASCAR said the violations "will be discussed further," meaning penalties and fines could be handed down.

— Associated Press

Without showing the pressure on the track that comes with the ride, Elliott's top speed was 196.314 mph and he outran 43 others in front-row qualifying Sunday. He also showed that Hendrick cars could be contenders again after taking a back-

seat to Joe Gibbs Racing and Team Penske in 2015.

Nonetheless, the Gibbs cars continued their strong opening to Speedweeks by putting Matt Kenseth on the front row for the Daytona 500. It came on the heels

of Denny Hamlin's victory in Saturday night's exhibition race and showed that the team hasn't lost a step since Kyle Busch claimed the Sprint Cup title in November.

Busch was fourth fastest in Sunday's time trials, with Carl Edwards ninth and Hamlin 10th. JGR was the only multicar team to put all of its cars in the top 10.

But Gibbs cares little about the buildup to the Feb. 21 season opener. Year after year, his drivers prove to be the best of the bunch during Speedweeks but come up empty in the main event. He reminded Hamlin of that in victory lane Saturday night.

"I said, 'Try and get us a 500, will you?'" Gibbs said. "It's been 23 years since we were able to win one."

JGR won its only Daytona 500 in 1993 with Dale Jarrett, and Gibbs doesn't miss an opportunity to remind his current drivers of the drought.

"I've got to tell you, the 500 is just hard to win," Gibbs said. "That's where we come at it. So many things can happen. You can have really good cars, and we feel like we have had those, but it's a tough race to win. I'd love to get another one."

The rest of the Daytona 500 field will be set in Thursday's two qualifying races.

Elliott won the pole at 20 years, 2 months and 17 days, besting 2014 pole-sitter Austin Dillon's mark of 23 years, 9 months and 27 days.



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Arizona tops Pac-12 with win

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona finds itself in a familiar spot — at the top of the Pac-12 standings.

Gabe York scored 17 points and the No. 17 Wildcats moved into a share of the conference lead with an 86-78 victory over No. 23 Southern California on Sunday.

Allonzo Trier scored 12 of his 14 in the second half as the Wildcats (21-5, 9-4) held off a rally by the Trojans (18-7, 7-5), who were swept over the weekend in the desert.

Bennie Boatwright, scoreless in Friday night's loss at Arizona State, had 18 points for USC.

Arizona led by as many as 19 in the first half and was up 16 at halftime. USC rallied to cut it to 70-68 with 6:40 to play, but the Trojans missed their next nine shots and the Wildcats pulled away.

Ryan Anderson added 14 points for Arizona, and Mark Tollefsen scored 11 of his 13 in the first half. Jordan McLaughlin had 15 for USC.

Arizona began the weekend two games behind first-place Oregon, but the Ducks were swept at California and Stanford, and the Wildcats beat both Los Angeles schools.

"We expect ourselves to be at the top and competing for the title," Anderson said. "This is what we have done the last couple of years, this is what we plan to do this year."

Arizona has won five in a row since losing at home to Oregon, a game that broke the Wildcats' 49-game winning streak at McKale Center.

But coach Sean Miller was not pleased with the way his team played in the second half. Putting together a complete game, he said, has been a problem all season.

"Our first half was excellent basketball," Miller said, "but we're trying to put both halves together and we have just not been that team this season. We have to eventually become that team because when we get in those elimination moments — you lose and you go home — we're going to go home."

Arizona never trailed but had to weath-

er a furious USC rally.

Trailing 46-30 at halftime, the Trojans outscored Arizona 23-9 to cut the lead to 70-68 on McLaughlin's three-pointer with 6:40 to play.

Dusan Ristic and Kaleb Tarczewski each sank a pair of free throws, Trier hit a three-pointer as the shot clock wound down and Kadeem Allen made a driving floater in a 9-1 spurt that put the Wildcats back in control 79-69 with 3:36 to play.

The Trojans went 6:07 without a field goal before Boatwright's three with 33 seconds left.

"I thought the difference in the game down the stretch was that we missed a lot of easy shots and they made a couple of tough ones," USC coach Andy Enfield said. "To win on the road, especially a place as tough as McKale Center, against a top 15 team in the country, you need to make those shots in the last 5 minutes."

It looked like a blowout in the first half. The Wildcats, who lost 103-101 in four overtimes at USC on Jan. 9, took apart the Trojans' zone defense, shooting 54 percent to lead 46-30 at the break.

Leading just 22-18 eight minutes into the game, the Wildcats outscored the Trojans 21-6 over the next 10½ minutes. Tollefsen scored 11 in the run, capped by his tip-in that put Arizona up 43-24 with 1:39 left in the half.

Boatwright sank a pair of jumpers to cut the lead to 43-28, then York — under severe duress at the top of the key — hit a falling-away three-pointer as the shot clock expired. A 10-footer by McLaughlin at the halftime buzzer made it a 16-point lead at the break.

No. 4 Iowa 75, Minnesota 71: Jarrod Uthoff was held scoreless for nearly 17 minutes to open the game, but finished with 24 points, 15 rebounds and six blocked shots to help host Iowa hold off skidding Minnesota.

Peter Jok scored 27 points to lead the Hawkeyes (20-5, 11-2), who rebounded from Thursday's loss at Indiana to regain sole possession of first place in the Big Ten.

Nate Mason had 14 points for Minnesota,

which has lost 14 straight games. The Gophers (6-19, 0-13) extended their worst start ever in conference play.

No. 8 Michigan State 88, Indiana 69: Denzel Valentine had 30 points and 13 assists, and Matt Costello scored a career-high 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in host Michigan State's victory over Indiana.

The Spartans (21-5, 8-5 Big Ten) closed the first half with a 9-0 run to take a one-point lead. They had a 24-3 run to go ahead by 17 midway through the second half.

Indiana's Yogi Ferrell was limited to nine points, eight below his scoring average and one more than his season low.

Max Bielfeldt scored 10 of his 15 points in the first half for the Hoosiers (20-6, 10-3).

No. 9 North Carolina 85, Pittsburgh 64: Brice Johnson scored 19 points to lead a dominating offensive performance for host North Carolina.

Marcus Paige added 15 points for the Tar Heels (21-4, 10-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), who shot 59 percent.

UNC used a 13-0 second-half burst to blow the game open. UNC finished with 26 assists on 32 baskets, 24 points off turnovers and scored 16 fast-break points after managing a combined five in the past two games.

Michael Young and James Robinson each scored 15 points to lead Pitt (17-7, 6-6), which shot 37 percent and committed 19 turnovers.

No. 12 Miami 67, Florida State 65: Sheldon McClellan scored 20 points and Miami fought off a second-half rally from host Florida State.

The Hurricanes led by four with less than a minute remaining when Dwayne Bacon's three-pointer brought the Seminoles to 66-65. After Davon Reed missed a three, Florida State had a chance to go ahead but Devon Bookert was short on a three-pointer from the corner.

Ja'Quan Newton hit one of two free throws for Miami, leaving Florida State one last chance, but Malik Beasley missed a 30-footer that would have won it.

Taylor rallies to Pebble win

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — The celebrity portion of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am was supposed to end on Saturday. And then came a script right out of Hollywood, starring Vaughn Taylor as himself.

His victory over Phil Mickelson — also playing himself in this drama by the sea — sounds like pure fiction.

Taylor is a 39-year-old who had gone just more than 10 years since his last victory and had not held a full PGA Tour card for the last three years. He once played in a Ryder Cup. Now he was trying to find his way back on the Web.com Tour, which included trips to Panama and Colombia the last two weeks, where he packed a golf bag with a kickstand because it was lighter and would spare him excess baggage fees.

Yes, that's life in the other world of golf. Taylor was so sick last week in Colombia from something he ate that he was throwing up in his hotel room, praying for it to stop. He withdrew the next day and flew to Pebble Beach — it was cheaper than going home to Augusta, Georgia — to see if he could get in the tournament as an alternate.

He did. And he played well. Starting the final round, he was six shots behind Mickelson and hopeful of a top 10 so he could get into the next PGA Tour event in Los Angeles without having to rush down there and try to qualify Monday.

Taylor ran off four straight birdies starting on the 13th hole, the last one a 30-foot putt on the tough 16th green that sent Taylor running around the green and high-fiving whoever was in his way. It was the first time he had the lead.

Taylor closed with a 7-under 65 after missing birdie chances of 12 feet and 10 feet on the final two holes. He had a feeling it would cost him, especially when Mickelson birdied the 17th with a clutch putt and was just short of the green on the par-5 18th in two, 60 feet from the hole.

He chipped to 5 feet and needed that birdie putt to force a playoff.

Taylor was listening for the cheers of Mickelson's birdie. He was expecting the cheers. Instead, he heard groans when Mickelson's short putt spun out on the left edge of the cup.

"Just absolutely amazing," Taylor said of his one-shot victory over Mickelson, a five-time major champion already in the World Golf Hall of Fame. "Didn't know if it would ever happen again, to be honest. And I can't believe it actually happened today."

The 45-year-old Mickelson closed with a 72. Winless since the 2013 British Open, he missed a chance to match Mark O'Meara's record of five victories in the event.

Champions Tour: At Naples, Fla., Bernhard Langer won the Chubb Classic for his 26th PGA Champions Tour title, closing with a 1-over 73 for a three-stroke victory.

Seven strokes ahead after opening with rounds of 62 and 66, the 58-year-old German star finished at 15 under 201 at TwinEagles. Fred Couples had a 66 to finish second.

European Tour: South Africa's Charl Schwartzel ran away with the Tshwane Open, shooting a 7-under 63 for an eight-stroke victory in Pretoria, South Africa.

Schwartzel finished at 16-under 264 in the European Tour event at Pretoria Country Club. Denmark's Jeff Winther was second after a 64.

Datsyuk leads Red Wings past Bruins

Associated Press

DETROIT — The way both teams were scoring, Pavel Datsyuk couldn't help reaching this milestone.

Needing one point to make it to 900 in his NHL career, Datsyuk had two goals and an assist Sunday to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 6-5 victory over the Boston Bruins. Henrik Zetterberg and Darren Helm also scored twice each for the Red Wings in a game that felt like a throwback to a more high-scoring era.

"It looked like 1986," Detroit coach Jeff Blashill said.

Both teams blew two-goal leads before Danny DeKeyser's shot from the point deflected past goalie Jonas Gustavsson at 7:37 of the third period. Zetterberg was credited with the goal, and the Red Wings held on to their 6-5 lead the rest of the way.

Boston's Brad Marchand set a franchise record for fastest goal by scoring 8 seconds into the game, and Zach Trotman, Loui Eriksson, Dennis Seidenberg and Joonas Kemppainen also scored for the Bruins.

Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask was pulled after allowing five goals on 24 shots. It

was the second time in three games he allowed five goals.

Marchand opened the scoring with a wrist shot after the Bruins won a faceoff in the Detroit zone. Boston's previous team record for fastest goal at the beginning of a game was 9 seconds, by Fleming Mackell in 1953.

Marchand's goal was the fastest in the NHL since Alexandre Burrows scored 6 seconds in for Vancouver on March 16, 2013, against Detroit, according to STATS.

Zetterberg tied the game less than three minutes later, and his goal stood after a review to see if the Red Wings were off-side. The Bruins needed only 14 seconds to take the lead again when Trotman's shot from the blue line beat Petr Mrazek.

Eriksson scored to make it 3-1, but Datsyuk reached the 900-point milestone when he scored during a scramble in front with 5:14 left in the period.

Rangers 3, Flyers 1: Derek Stepan scored twice in the third period to lead host New York past Philadelphia.

Derick Brassard scored early and Henrik Lundqvist stopped 21 shots to help the Rangers improve to 5-0-1 in their last six games.

Brayden Schenn spoiled Lundqvist's

shutout with 9.7 seconds left with his 16th goal of the season, but the Flyers lost for the fifth time in six games. Steve Mason finished with 27 saves.

Devils 1, Kings 0: Keith Kinkaid made 25 saves for his first NHL shutout, and David Schlemko scored in New Jersey's victory over visiting Los Angeles.

New Jersey won its third straight to pass the idle New York Islanders for third place in the Metropolitan Division.

Blues 2, Lightning 1: Robby Fabbri and Patrik Berglund scored on breakaways and Brian Elliott stopped 37 shots in St. Louis's victory over host Tampa Bay.

Elliott allowed only Nikita Kucherov's goal in the final minute.

Sabres 4, Avalanche 1: Sam Reinhart had a goal and an assist as part of a three-goal first period, leading host Buffalo past Colorado.

Jack Eichel, Evander Kane and Marcus Foligno also scored and Robin Lehner made 34 saves to help Buffalo snap an 0-6-4 skid against Colorado.