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Midwest floods force evacuations

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ST. LOUIS — Surging Midwestern rivers forced hundreds of evacuations, threatened dozens of levees and brought transportation by car, boat or train to a virtual standstill Thursday in the St. Louis area.

Swollen rivers and streams, already high from a wet fall, were pushed to heights not seen in nearly a quarter-century after more than 10 inches of rain fell this week from central Illinois through southwest Missouri.

While St. Louis itself was not flooded, hundreds of homes in its southwestern suburbs were damaged, and residents in hundreds of others had to leave as water approached the tops of levees.

The good news Thursday: The Missouri, Meramec and Mississippi rivers were cresting throughout the region. It seems that the Mississippi

River would be about 7½ feet below the 1993 record in St. Louis, where a floodwall offered solid protection, but as the waters flow south, points in southern Missouri and Illinois were awaiting the crest.

The Meramec River to the southwest of St. Louis reached record levels — 4 feet above the previous record in the suburb of Valley Park — but was starting to recede Thursday. However, hundreds of homes were damaged in Eureka, an estimated 100 homes in Arnold were damaged, as well as dozens more in nearby Pacific.

A 24-mile stretch of Interstate 44 was closed southwest of St. Louis on Wednesday, and the Missouri Department of Transportation was forced to close a 3-mile stretch of Interstate 55 in both directions on early Thursday due to flooding.

“There’s still water out there

— there’s water everywhere,” MoDOT spokeswoman Marie Elliott said. “We were out there all night sandbagging trying to hold it back as much as we could, but it was just so much.”

Other forms of transportation were equally problematic. Amtrak officials halted the St. Louis-to-Kansas City train on Thursday, and a 5-mile stretch of the Mississippi River that was closed at St. Louis halted barge traffic.

At least 20 deaths in Missouri and Illinois were blamed on flooding, mostly involving vehicles that drove onto swamped roadways, and at least two people were still missing in central Illinois on Thursday.

Nine levees, some on the Mississippi River and others on the Missouri River, had been topped by water, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said. Most of those earthen barriers were meant to protect farmland.

Belgium investigates attack plot

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Belgian officials say six more people have been brought in for questioning and seven searches have been carried out in connection with a suspected plot to stage extremist attacks over the holidays.

The Federal Prosecutor’s Office said Thursday the police searches were executed in the morning in various Brussels-area locations. It said a magistrate will decide whether arrest warrants should be issued against six people brought in for questioning.

Two men, both members of a motorcycle club, have already been arrested in connection with the suspected plot. On Thursday, a judge ordered them held for another month.

Marine Corps sends robodogs to the pound

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In the end, the big robotic dog being tested by U.S. Marines to assist infantrymen on patrol proved too much like the loud-barking real thing.

The lumbering machine known as BigDog, designed to carry heavy loads of ammo and other supplies, was just too noisy to bring to a fight. A quieter alternative that was sub-

sequently created proved to be limited in its capabilities.

The Marines are reportedly shelving plans to field either of the four-legged squadron support systems, which were developed by Google-owned Boston Dynamics.

“As Marines were using (BigDog), there was the challenge of seeing the potential possibility because of the limitations of the robot itself,” Kyle Olson, a spokesman for the Marines’ Warfighting Lab, told Military.com. “They took it as it was: a loud robot that’s going to give away their position.”

The rough-terrain, 240-pound robot, which can carry loads of 400 pounds, has been under development for about

five years and was originally funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

It can walk, run and climb up 35-degree slopes. Its computer system and sensors allow it to respond to commands while operating in mud, water and snow.

However, at military exercises, the limitations of the machine, which has cost more than \$42 million to develop, became apparent.

For light infantrymen, who move in tight formations and often require the element of surprise, the buzzing, gasoline-powered robot was like a huge metallic bull’s-eye.

An alternative known as Spot

was also developed by Boston Dynamics to make up for those shortcomings. Powered by electricity, the smaller, quieter and more nimble robot had the advantage of preserving a unit’s need for stealth.

But Capt. James Pineiro, the branch head for Marine Corps Warfighting Lab, told Military.com that Spot lacked the autonomy needed to work as a “ground reconnaissance asset” because it is “controller-driven.”

Spot was also unable to carry the heavy loads of BigDog — it could handle only about 40 pounds — and it did not possess the same autonomous navigation capabilities.

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Note to readers

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Consent amid wine, pills to be a key question in Cosby case

Associated Press

ELKINS PARK, Pa. — Entertainer Bill Cosby has long maintained that his extramarital conquests over the years were all consensual.

A jury may ultimately decide if that's true after the 78-year-old actor was arrested Wednesday on felony assault charges in suburban Philadelphia stemming from a 2004 encounter with a former Temple University employee less than half his age.

The case marks the first time Cosby has been charged with sexual misconduct despite years of lurid allegations, and it sets the stage for perhaps the biggest Hollywood celebrity trial of the mobile-news era.

Prosecutors armed with new evidence this year believe his accuser, Andrea Constand, was too impaired by the pills and wine Cosby gave her to consent to the sexual activity that followed at his home.

Cosby gave a deposition after the woman sued him in 2005. He said she never told him to stop. But police now say that's because she was "frozen," "paralyzed," and "in and out of consciousness."

"On the evening in question, Mr. Cosby urged her to take pills that he provided, and to drink wine, the effect of which rendered her unable to move or to respond to his advances," incoming Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin

R. Steele said at a news conference Wednesday morning.

Hours later, Cosby arrived at a small courthouse to be arraigned.

Holding a cane, Cosby walked slowly and unsteadily into court on the arms of his lawyers to answer the charges against him. He had no comment as he was released on \$1 million bail.

"Make no mistake: We intend to mount a vigorous defense against this unjustified charge, and we expect that Mr. Cosby will be exonerated by a court of law," his attorney Monique Pressley said in a statement.

The decision to prosecute came just days before Pennsylvania's 12-year statute of limitations for bringing charges was set to run out. It represents an about-face by the district attorney's office, which under a previous DA declined to charge Cosby in 2005 when Constand first told police that the comic put his hands down her pants.

Prosecutors said Cosby gave Constand pills and wine, then penetrated her with his fingers without her consent while she was impaired, unable to resist or cry out.

In court papers, they said Constand was given the cold medicine Benadryl or some other, unidentified substance. Steele noted that Cosby has admitted giving quaaludes to women he wanted to have sex with.

University issues list of overused, misused words

Associated Press

DETROIT — So a university has decided, without holding a presser, that about a dozen words and phrases are problematic and should be banned from everyday use — and there are no plans to walk it back even if the announcement breaks the Internet.

Still, everyone can be a stakeholder and join the conversation.

Northern Michigan's Lake Superior State University on Thursday released its 41st annual List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Misuse, Overuse and General Uselessness.

The tongue-in-cheek wish-list of sorts includes starting an answer with the word "So," "presser" instead of press conference, "problematic," "walk it back" and "break the Internet." Others are "stakeholder," "join the conversation," "physicality," "price point," "manspreading," "giving me life" and "vape," describing the act of "smoking" e-cigarettes.

There's no "secret sauce" — that rounds out this year's list — for inclusion: It's based on nominations submitted by stakeholders, er, members of the public to the Sault Ste. Marie school.

"(It's) usually used in a sentence explaining the 'secret' in excruciating public detail," John Beckett of Ann Arbor, Michigan, wrote in his nomination to ban "secret sauce." "Is this a metaphor for business based on the fast-food industry?"

As for "So," it has the distinction of getting the most nominations and making the Banished Words list twice — but for different reasons. This year, people find starting a reply with it to be overused, meaningless and affected. In 1999, those nominating it griped about its incessant use as a modifier, as in, "I am so down with this list."

Mom of 'affluenza' teen in US after deportation

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The mother of fugitive Texas teen Ethan Couch, known for using an "affluenza" defense in a fatal drunken-driving accident, has been returned to the U.S. from Mexico minus her son, whose own deportation was delayed by a Mexican judge.

Tonya Couch arrived at Los Angeles International Airport on a flight from Mexico in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service and was taken in handcuffs through the terminal to an unmarked Dodge Charger early Thursday morning. She was wearing blue street clothes and looked away from cameras as she walked, flanked by two marshals.

It was unclear why she was brought to Los Angeles instead

of Texas, where she and her son live and where he was on probation for the 2013 drunken-driving crash. U.S. Marshals Service spokesman Eugene Hwang said he could not reveal any details about her trip through California or say how long she might remain here, citing security concerns in transporting someone in custody.

Authorities believe the 18-year-old Ethan Couch, who was sentenced only to probation for the 2013 wreck in Texas, fled to Mexico with his mother in November as prosecutors investigated whether he had violated his probation. Both were taken into custody Monday after authorities said a phone call for pizza led to their capture in the resort city of Puerto Vallarta.

During the sentencing phase of Ethan Couch's trial, a de-

fense expert argued that his wealthy parents coddled him into a sense of irresponsibility — a condition the expert termed "affluenza." The condition is not recognized as a medical diagnosis by the American Psychiatric Association, and its invocation during the legal proceedings drew ridicule.

Richard Hunter, chief deputy for the U.S. Marshals Service in South Texas, said during a news conference in Houston on Wednesday that a three-day court injunction granted in Mexico to Ethan Couch will likely take at least two weeks to resolve.

But the injunction did not apply to Tonya Couch, who was deported immediately and put on a plane, an official with Mexico's National Immigration Institute told The Associated Press.

Prescott leads Mississippi St. to Belk Bowl win over NC State

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dak Prescott closed out his college career in impressive fashion, throwing for a Belk Bowl-record 380 yards and four touchdowns in Mississippi State's 51-28 victory over North Carolina State on Wednesday.

Selected the game MVP, Prescott completed 25 of 42 passes and ran for 47 yards to become the fourth player in FBS history to throw for 9,000 yards and run for 2,500 yards.

Prescott threw two touchdown passes to Brandon Holloway in the second half to break it open for the Bulldogs (9-4).

Wide receiver Fred Ross had seven catches for 74 yards and a touchdown and scored on a 33-yard reverse. De'Runya Wilson added five catches for 96 yards and a touchdown to help the Bulldogs break the Belk Bowl scoring record.

Jacoby Brissett threw for one score and ran for another for North Carolina State (7-6), but had two early interceptions that led to Mississippi State's first 14 points.

Music City Bowl

Louisville 27, Texas A&M 21: At Nashville, Tenn., Lamar Jackson ran for a career-high and Music City Bowl-record

226 yards and two touchdowns and threw for two more scores to help Louisville beat Texas A&M.

The freshman, making his first start since Oct. 30, finished with a bowl-record 453 total yards, and set the Louisville career rushing mark before the end of the first quarter in giving the Cardinals a 20-7 lead they never lost. Jackson ran for 126 yards in the first 15 minutes, including a 61-yard scoring run.

Louisville (8-5) won for the eighth time in 10 games. Texas A&M (8-5) became the first Southeastern Conference team to lose this bowl season.

The Aggies made it interesting in the final minutes with third-string quarterback Josh Hubenak making his first career start.

Birmingham Bowl

Auburn 31, Memphis 10: At Birmingham, Ala., Jeremy Johnson came off the bench to run and pass for touchdowns, lifting Auburn to a 31-10 victory over Memphis in the Birmingham Bowl.

Johnson led three touchdown drives in a 5-minute span starting late in the third quarter. Auburn (7-6) avoided the first losing season of coach Gus Malzahn's 11-year college career.

A defense without a coordinator didn't allow an offensive touchdown for Memphis (9-4) and star quarterback Paxton Lynch.

Johnson gave Auburn a 17-10 lead with an 11-yard touchdown pass to Jason Smith. He ran 17 yards on his second play from scrimmage and opened the fourth quarter with a 5-yard touchdown run on his third. Marcus Davis set up two of the touchdowns with punt returns of 28 and 56 yards.

Holiday Bowl

No. 23 Wisconsin 23, Southern Cal 21: At San Diego, Rafael Gaglianone kicked a 29-yard field goal with 2:27 left to lift the No. 23 Badgers to a victory over the Trojans.

Gaglianone's third field goal gave Wisconsin (10-3) its first win in seven tries against USC (8-6). The teams hadn't met since 1966, and two of USC's wins in the series were in the Rose Bowl, in 1953 and 1963.

Wisconsin's Sojourn Shelton intercepted Cody Kessler with 1:44 left. Kessler was hit from behind by Jack Cichy, who sacked Kessler on three straight plays in the third quarter. The Trojans got to the 50 in the final seconds before Kessler threw four straight incompletions.

Boykin out after assault charge

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin was arrested early Thursday and charged with felony assault of a police officer after fans at a bar were allegedly heckling the one-time Heisman Trophy contender. He was swiftly suspended for the Alamo Bowl in an abrupt and inglorious end to a brilliant college career.

The game Saturday against No. 15 Oregon would have been the last for Boykin, a senior who shattered school passing records once held by Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton and was hoping to give NFL scouts one final look as the 11th-ranked Horned Frogs wrapped up their season.

Boykin was arrested shortly before 2 a.m. outside a bar near San Antonio's famous downtown River Walk. Police say an altercation inside spilled into the street and ended when Boykin took a swing and made contact with a police officer on bike patrol. Police Chief William McManus said it was not clear whether Boykin was swinging at the officer or someone else.

The skirmish was set off by Boykin, 22, being heckled in the bar about the upcoming game, McManus said.

"His teammates had tried to take him back to the hotel, and he broke away from them and came back and he got into it with officer," McManus said. "Mr. Boykin was finally subdued after being threatened with a Taser."

Boykin was released on \$5,000 bond. He left the Bexar County jail with a coat over his head and did not answer questions from reporters. TCU wide receiver Preston Miller was also suspended for bowl game for what coach Gary Patterson said was an unspecified violation of team rules.

"We are disappointed in their actions and apologize to the TCU Horned Frogs Nation, Valero Alamo Bowl and city of San Antonio," Patterson said.

According to a police report, Boykin had been fighting with employees at the bar, but people with the star quarterback told officers they would take him back to his hotel. Boykin then charged at responding officers and swung at one before he was taken to the ground, authorities said.

McManus said the officer allegedly struck by Boykin was treated for a swollen face and bruised but was otherwise OK.

Boykin finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting as a junior in 2014 and went into this season considered one of the front-runners for the award. The dual-threat quarterback is second nationally with 381 total yards per game.

Boykin threw for 3,575 yards with 31 touchdowns and ran for 612 yards and 10 more scores this season. He leaves with career school records for total yards (12,777), passing yards (10,728), passing touchdowns (86) and touchdowns responsible for (114).

Cardinals' Palmer on verge of records

Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Three days past his 36th birthday, Carson Palmer is preparing to put the wraps on the most prolific regular season of his long career.

He and the rest of the Arizona Cardinals (13-2) roll into Sunday's home game against Seattle (9-6) on a nine-game winning streak, Palmer at the controls of a big-play offense that ranks first in the NFL.

He needs 74 yards to break the franchise single-season passing record of 4,614 yards set by Neil Lomax 31 years ago. The Arizona offense needs 45 yards to break the Cardinals record of 6,345, also set in 1984.

They are numbers Kurt Warner never matched in his Arizona heyday.

Coach Bruce Arians said Palmer's season is "one of the top" any of his quarterbacks have accomplished — and Arians has coached Peyton Manning, Ben Roethlisberger and Andrew Luck.

"When you talk about franchise records, especially one that's been around as long as this one," Arians said. "I've been around a couple guys who have been involved in franchise records and they're very special seasons."

Palmer already has the Cardinals record for passing touchdowns at 34 and counting, having long since eclipsed the mark of 30 set by Warner in Arizona's 2008

Super Bowl season.

They are personal records, too.

Palmer has shattered his previous best in yards passing (4,274 yards), set two years ago in his first season with Arians. The 34 touchdown passes eclipse the 32 he threw for the Cincinnati Bengals a decade ago, in his second season as an NFL starter.

Not surprisingly, Palmer deflects credit for the big numbers.

"It says everything about the team," he said after practice on Wednesday. "Any record or personal achievement any one player has is a direct reflection of the guys around him."

Naturally, with those kinds of passing numbers the receivers are racking them up, too.

Larry Fitzgerald needs one catch to break the single-season franchise record of 103 set in 2005 and matched in Arizona's 38-8 rout of Green Bay on Sunday. Fitzgerald already has surpassed 1,000 yards receiving for the seventh time in his 12 NFL seasons but first since 2011.

Speedy second-year receiver John Brown, taken under Palmer's wing from practically the moment the receiver was drafted, needs 42 yards to reach 1,000. Michael Floyd probably would have given Arizona a third 1,000-yard receiver had he not dislocated three fingers in training camp and gotten off to a slow start. Floyd has topped 100 yards receiving in five of

his last seven games and is averaging a team-best 16.3 yards per catch.

Rookie running back David Johnson is a threat as a receiver as well as a rusher. He has 33 catches for 423 yards and four touchdowns to go with his 556 yards on the ground, nearly all of it in the last four games when he took over for injured Chris Johnson.

It adds up to an offense that leads the NFL at 420.1 yards per game. The Cardinals' 483 points also rank first in the league, and are a franchise record.

Arizona, with the fifth-ranked defense in the league, has outscored its opponents by a whopping 206 points.

The way things are going, Palmer wanted nothing to do with any thought of sitting out Sunday's Seahawks game to prepare for the playoffs. The Cardinals already have secured a first-round bye but could take the No. 1 seed if they beat the Seahawks and Carolina loses to Tampa Bay.

"When momentum is on your side, you don't want to lose it, no doubt," Palmer said. The Cardinals are 25-4 in Palmer's last 29 starts.

Oh, and one more statistic to ponder: Arizona has more touchdowns this season (57) than punts (55).

"Yeah, that's the craziest stat I think I've ever heard," Arians said. "All the stats that are out there right now, that's the one that I'm probably the most proud of."



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Mavs hand Warriors 2nd loss

Associated Press

DALLAS — Even if Klay Thompson had been making shots with Stephen Curry sidelined by a leg injury, the other half of the Splash Brothers knew Golden State would have a hard time winning.

With Thompson not hitting, the Warriors got blown out in just their second loss of the season.

J.J. Barea scored 23 points in another big game filling in for injured point guard Deron Williams, and the Dallas Mavericks rolled to a 114-91 victory over a Golden State team missing the NBA's leading scorer and reigning MVP.

"That's 30 points and a lot of playmaking, so we've just got to collectively try and chip in," said Thompson, who had 10 points while matching Draymond Green with 4-of-15 shooting, with Green scoring 11. "We had great looks. It was just one of those nights."

Curry has a bruised lower left leg and might sit again Thursday at Houston. But the Warriors (29-2) still have the best 31-game start in NBA history — a game better than four teams — after their record 24-0 start.

"They were a little short-handed tonight. Might have made a little difference," Dallas guard Devin Harris said. "The attention that he brings in shotmaking and the way the offense flows with him out there, obviously was a little bit different tonight."

Zaza Pachulia had 14 points and 15 rebounds for the Mavericks, who won their fourth straight game without Williams. Dirk Nowitzki added 18 points and eight boards.

The Warriors looked out of sorts almost from the beginning with their sharpshooting star watching from the bench in jeans and a black sport coat.

Marreese Speights threw a pass into the first row in the first half, drawing a re-

buke from Ian Clark, the intended target who led Golden State with 21 points.

And Brandon Rush didn't play much defense against Nowitzki. First, he let the 7-foot, 37-year-old German go by him for a rare two-handed dunk, and soon after left him alone at the three-point line for a 75-49 Dallas lead midway through the third quarter.

The 23-point margin was Golden State's worst defeat since a 31-point loss to Houston in 2013, according to STATS. The worst loss during the title run last season was 15.

The Mavericks went up by 30 at 83-53 on a three-pointer by Wesley Matthews, who had 13 points. The Warriors, who fell behind for good with 8 minutes left in the first quarter, didn't get closer than 17 after that.

Thompson didn't play in the fourth quarter, and interim coach Luke Walton went with reserves for the last five minutes in Golden State's third straight loss without Curry. The first two were last season.

"He's one of those rare players in this league that affects the entire game just by being on the court," Walton said. "Obviously without him the spacing won't be as good."

Lakers 112, Celtics 104: Kobe Bryant had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and visiting Los Angeles beat Boston.

Bryant played 33 minutes and recorded his first double-double of what he says is his final season. Jordan Clarkson scored 24 points and Lou Williams had 19 as Los Angeles stopped a four-game slide.

The 37-year-old Bryant played in the NBA Finals against Boston in 2008 and 2010. The first one ended with a blowout win by the Celtics in TD Garden. Los Angeles captured the second at Staples Center in a seventh game.

Isaiah Thomas had 24 points and Evan Turner scored 20 for Boston, which had won four in a row.

Bulls 102, Pacers 100 (OT): Jimmy Butler tipped in a basket with 1.2 seconds left in overtime and host Chicago beat Indiana despite playing without Derrick Rose.

On the final play, Butler tipped in Pau Gasol's lob from atop the key. Butler then defended Paul George on a lob to preserve the win.

Spurs 112, Suns 79: LaMarcus Aldridge had 21 points and 12 rebounds and San Antonio routed Phoenix for its 19th straight home win to start the season.

The Spurs also extended their franchise-record home winning streak to 28 straight games dating to last season by holding the Suns to several season lows. Phoenix, which has lost six straight, had season lows for total points, first-half points (33) and points in the opening quarter (12).

76ers 110, Kings 105: Ish Smith scored five of his 18 points over the final 3½ minutes and Jerami Grant made three late free throws to in Philadelphia's victory over Sacramento.

Raptors 94, Wizards 91: DeMar DeRozan had 34 points, six rebounds and five assists in Toronto's victory over visiting Washington.

Clippers 122, Hornets 117: J.J. Redick scored 26 points, Austin Rivers added a season-best 22 and Los Angeles beat host Charlotte.

Trail Blazers 110, Nuggets 103: C.J. McCollum scored 29 points, Allen Crabbe had 20 and Portland beat visiting Denver for its third consecutive victory.

Magic 100, Nets 93: Nik Vucevic had 20 points and nine rebounds in Orlando's comeback victory over visiting New York.

Timberwolves 94, Jazz 80: Karl-Anthony Towns had 25 points and 10 rebounds and host Minnesota outlasted Utah.

Caps run win streak to 9 games

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Alex Ovechkin scored twice during a four-goal rally in the third period and the Washington Capitals beat the Buffalo Sabres 5-2 on Wednesday night to extend their winning streak to nine games and overtake the Dallas Stars for the NHL points lead.

Marcus Johansson put Washington ahead 8:32 into the final period, and Andre Burakovsky scored 1:24 later. Evgeny Kuznetsov had two assists during the third period. Justin Williams had the Capitals' other goal.

The Capitals moved ahead of Dallas with 58 points.

Braden Holtby finished with 25 saves and improved to 16-0-1 in his last 17 games. He has not lost in regulation since Nov. 10.

Sharks 4, Flyers 2: Joe Pavelski scored twice in the third period to help San Jose end a four-game home losing streak.

Rangers 5, Lightning 2: Dominic Moore put New York ahead early in the third period, Dan Boyle had a goal and an assist and the Rangers ended an eight-game road losing streak.

Henrik Lundqvist made 20 saves and moved past Rogie Vachon for 17th place on the NHL's career wins list with 356.

Maple Leafs 3, Penguins 2 (SO): P.A. Parenteau and Peter Holland scored in the shootout to help Toronto beat host Pittsburgh.

Devils 3, Senators 0: Mike Cammalleri scored twice, Cory Schneider made 36 saves and New Jersey beat host Ottawa. Andrew Hammond made 18 saves.

Freshman helps No. 4 Maryland avoid upset

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Diamond Stone had several thunderous dunks, made key free throws and was an all-around force on his way to a record-setting performance.

Stone scored 39 points, the most by a Maryland freshman, and had 12 rebounds, leading the fourth-ranked Terrapins to a 70-64 victory over Penn State in their Big Ten opener Wednesday night. Stone also set a program-record with 19 free throws on 25 attempts.

"I don't pay too much mind to it," Stone said about the records. "I knew I was in the zone, but I wasn't aware of any points or records. We're trying to win the Big Ten and this is the first game. It means a lot to get this first win."

Robert Carter had another dominant performance and finished with 11 points for Maryland (12-1). Melo Trimble, the Big Ten Preseason Player of the Year, shook off a slow start and had 10 points for the Terrapins, who extended their winning streak to six games.

Shep Garner scored 12 of his 17 points in the first half for Penn State (9-5). Brandon Taylor added 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Payton Banks finished with 12 points for the Nittany Lions, who have lost two of their past three games.

After Maryland trailed by 8 at the half, a pair of dunks by Stone capped a 10-2 run and tied the game at 33. The Terrapins, though, continued to struggle with their

shooting and Penn State took advantage.

A pair of free throws by Josh Reaves and a dunk by Donovan Jack gave the Nittany Lions a 55-45 lead with 7:58 left.

Maryland pulled to within 60-55 on a three-pointer by Trimble and free throw by Stone with 5:18 remaining. The Terps got a stop and another dunk by Stone cut the margin to 3, forcing Penn State to call a timeout.

"I think Diamond likes the bright lights, the stage, he likes to be challenged," Maryland coach Mark Turgeon said. "We were extremely challenged today. He had 39 points and 12 rebounds, but when I watch the tape, I will probably be most pleased with his defense."

Another three-pointer by Trimble tied the game again at 60 with 3:49 remaining and gave the Terps the momentum. Stone made four straight free throws for a 66-62 cushion with just over a minute left. A three-pointer by Carter with 31 seconds remaining sealed the victory.

No. 5 Virginia 71, Oakland 58: Anthony Gill and London Perrantes scored eight points each during a 24-7 run to open the second half and host Virginia pulled away for its 10th consecutive victory.

Gill led the Cavaliers (11-1) with 17 points, Mike Tobey had 16, and Malcolm Brogdon 12.

Kay Felder, the nation's No. 3 scorer with a 26.6 average, had 30 on 10-for-22 shooting to lead the Golden Grizzlies (8-5).

No. 7 North Carolina 80, Clemson 69: Marcus Paige scored 18 points to help North Carolina beat visiting Clemson in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.

Joel Berry II added 16 points for the Tar Heels (12-2).

North Carolina improved to 58-0 against Clemson at home, an NCAA record for most consecutive home wins against one opponent. Jaron Blossomgame scored 15 points for the Tigers (7-6).

No. 11 Iowa State 104, Coppin State 84: Abdel Nader scored 21 points to lead host Iowa State past Coppin State.

Deonte Burton scored 17 points for the Cyclones (11-1), who open the Big 12 schedule at No. 3 Oklahoma on Saturday.

No. 15 Duke 103, Long Beach State 81: Grayson Allen scored 24 of his career-high 33 points in the second half for host Duke.

Matt Jones added 21 points, Derryck Thornton had 18 and Brandon Ingram 14 in the final nonconference game for the Blue Devils (11-2).

No. 19 West Virginia 88, Virginia Tech 63: Jevon Carter scored 18 points to lead visiting West Virginia past Virginia Tech.

Carter made his first eight shots from

the floor for the Mountaineers (11-1). They never trailed and won their fourth straight since a 70-54 loss to Virginia on Dec. 8.

No. 24 South Carolina 78, Francis Marion 56: Freshman Chris Silva scored a season-best 13 points to help host South Carolina beat Division II Francis Marion.

Mindaugas Kacinas added 12 points, and Duane Notice had 10 points for the Gamecocks (12-0).

Army 88, Lehigh 82: Tanner Plomb scored 22 points, Kyle Wilson added 17 with five three-pointers, and Army held off a late run by host Lehigh to win in its Patriot League season opener.

Kevin Ferguson scored 15 points, Adam Roe added a career-high 11, and Larry Toomey grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds for the Black Knights (10-3, 1-0), who made 12 of 26 three-pointers (46 percent).

Bucknell 88, Navy 58: Chris Hass scored 22 points and host Bucknell snapped a seven-game losing streak by defeating Navy in a Patriot League opener.

Navy's Shawn Anderson was 7 of 9 from the floor for 19 points.

Navy got within 11 points early in the second half but a 15-3 run left Bucknell up 69-46 with 8:43 to go.