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## New grenade expands lethal range

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WASHINGTON — Enemy fighters ducking behind walls or trees might soon wish they hadn't.

The U.S. military is creating a high-tech grenade programmed to detect a barrier and explode just after passing it, inflicting at least some damage on a concealed enemy.

With the Small Arms Grenade Munition, U.S. troops could take out fighters behind a wall or trench — or a natural obstacle — who, in military parlance, are “in defilade.”

The SAGM is being developed by the Joint Service Small Arms Program at the U.S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering

Center, in Picatinny, N.J.

The technology “provides the small unit grenadier with a higher probability of achieving a first-shot kill against enemy personnel ... in defilade positions,” SAGM project officer Steven Gilbert said in a Picatinny Arsenal news release.

Another advantage the SAGM could offer over conventional 40mm grenades is greater accuracy over longer distances.

“Warfighters currently lack the ability to achieve desired accuracy and incapacitating effects against personnel targets in defilade at ranges from 51 to 500 meters,” Gilbert said.

Despite its high-tech components, the SAGM is a relatively simple system to use, developers say. The 40mm, low-velocity round is designed to be fired

from M203 or M320 rifle-mounted grenade launchers, which are currently in service.

“All the soldier would need to do is aim the weapon and fire it,” Gilbert said in the Army news release.

However, the munition still needs to be headed in the right direction to detect the defilade.

“You have to have some sort of accuracy,” Gilbert said.

The SAGM has been under development since 2012.

“The biggest challenge has been maturing the SAGM sensor’s robustness to ensure proper functionality against the plethora of available defilade structures in a battlefield environment,” Gilbert said in the Army release.

During testing in 2013, the sensor technology was able to

detect defilades and airburst the fuse over the target.

The engineering team is now working on improving the sensors and integrating them with a live warhead.

Officials hope to demonstrate the system’s effectiveness in July.

If the full-system demonstration is successful this summer, officials plan to integrate SAGM into an official Army program of record by the end of fiscal 2015, a critical step in the acquisition process which must be reached before a weapon system can be fully funded and go into mass production.

Officials did not say when the SAGM is expected to become available to warfighters.

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## Report: AF drone operations at breaking point

*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON — The head of Air Combat Command recently warned the Air Force Chief of Staff that troops who conduct unmanned air operations are overstretched and can't meet the Pentagon's growing demand for drones indefinitely, according to a report this week.

In a memo obtained by the Daily Beast, Gen. Herbert “Hawk” Carlisle reportedly told Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark Welsh that the Air Force's manning woes — a result of fewer airmen coming in and more leaving the program — require it to ask the Pentagon to ease off on a proposal for 65 unmanned combat air patrols, or CAPs. Each CAP generally includes four Predator or Reaper aircraft.

“ACC believes we are about to

see a perfect storm of increased COCOM [Combatant Commander] demand, accession reductions, and outflow increases that will damage the readiness and combat capability of the MQ-1/9 enterprise for years to come,” Carlisle wrote. “I am extremely concerned.”

Remotely piloted aircraft, as the Air Force calls them, are at the center of the fight against Islamic State militants in the Middle East, and are important surveillance and strike platforms in battles against extremists in Africa, Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Despite the Air Force's proposal to cut the number of CAPs to 62, planners in the Pentagon's Joint Staff continue to want to “circumvent normal processes” and supply 65 patrols, Carlisle wrote.

“This simply is not an option for ACC to source indeterminately,” he wrote.

The Air Force aims for 10 crewmembers per combat air patrol, but operational demands have forced the ratio to less than 8-to-1, violating a “red line” for manning, Carlisle said.

To help fill the crews, the Air Force has been pulling instructors out of schools where drone operators and crews are trained, narrowing the pipeline supplying new operators.

As a result, said an official quoted anonymously in the Daily Beast, the drone force is “at the breaking point, and it has been for a long time. What's different now is that the Band-Aid fixes are no longer working.”

Air Force officials at Air Combat Command and at the Pentagon told Stars and Stripes they

could not comment on leaked documents. But a spokesman said the strain of providing enough drones to meet the high demand has long been an issue.

“In order to meet combatant commander requirements, and in response to SECDEF direction, the Air Force surged MQ-1/9 CAPs nine times in the last eight years, and has successfully sustained those operations to date,” Air Force spokesman Lt. Col. Chris Karns said in an email to Stars and Stripes.

“We're mindful of the toll this has had on the force and recognize Airmen remain the service's most vital resource. Continued sustainment of surge operations will have potential long-term impacts on training, safety, retention, manning, sustainment, and combat capability.”

# Captain says tech groped her after surgery

*San Antonio Express-News*

An Air Force captain Monday accused an enlistee of groping her while she was coming out of anesthesia at a San Antonio military hospital — a claim that two other women have made as well.

The woman said a medical technician at Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center grabbed her breasts after an outpatient procedure. Not long after that, she said, Airman 1st Class Michael Lightsey assaulted her sexually with his fingers,

prompting her to twist away from him on the gurney.

At one point, she wanted to scream.

“I was very upset and shocked and angered,” said the captain, a 14-year veteran who was a day patient at Wilford Hall.

Lightsey is accused of improperly touching three patients in June 2013 while with the 59th Medical Wing at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland. A medical technician, he faces four specifications of causing bodily harm for what the Air Force called

“self-sexual gratification stemming from incidents that occurred in the summer of 2013.”

Lightsey could be given 28 years in prison by the military judge, Lt. Col. Marvin Tubbs II, who will decide the case.

Prosecutors say Lightsey abused the women by groping their breasts and in some cases forcing them to make contact with his private parts. The captain was the only one of the women who testified Monday.

A pair of defense attorneys led by a civilian, Jeffery King,

countered that the captain didn't positively identify their client as the perpetrator. They suggested that she hallucinated the experience and noted that she was unable to positively identify Lightsey as her attacker.

So far, no one has confirmed her account, and much of the battle Monday centered on efforts to either debunk the captain's testimony or show that she recalled events well enough to be a reliable witness — despite having been under general anesthesia.

## GOP crafts agenda as Congress convenes

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Republicans assumed full control of Congress on Tuesday for the first time in eight years in a day of pomp, circumstance and raw politics beneath the Capitol Dome. “We will get to work right away,” pledged House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif.

As required by the Constitution, Congress convened at noon. On the Senate floor, newcomers mixed with veterans as, with Vice President Joe Biden presiding, Mitch McConnell, of Kentucky, automatically ascended to majority leader following the approval of rank-

and-file Republicans last year.

Across the Capitol in the House, a similar scene unfolded as familiar faces and new ones crowded the aisles and lawmakers of both parties recited the Pledge of Allegiance. In the House, there was an element of slight suspense as Speaker John Boehner, of Ohio, faced a tea party-backed effort to unseat him though it looked certain to fall short.

Seeking unity despite the internal party dissension, the GOP moved swiftly toward a veto showdown with President Barack Obama over the long-stalled Keystone XL pipeline, a taste of things to come in divided government.

At the White House, Obama planned to meet with the new congressional leadership next week as both sides positioned themselves for two years of clashes and, perhaps, occasional cooperation that will help shape the outcomes of the 2016 presidential and congressional elections.

McConnell replaces Democrat Harry Reid, of Nevada, who was a surprise no-show from the day's proceedings after he injured himself exercising. Reid, who broke several ribs and bones in his face when a piece of equipment snapped last week, said his doctor had ordered him to work from home Tuesday.

## SpaceX calls off launch at last minute

*The Associated Press*

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — SpaceX called off its planned flight to the International Space Station on Tuesday because of rocket trouble.

The unmanned Falcon rocket was supposed to blast off before sunrise but the countdown was halted with just over a minute remaining. The soonest SpaceX can try again is Friday morning, provided it can fix the problem by then.

SpaceX officials said one of two motors needed for rocket thrust steering of the second stage failed to operate as expected. If controllers had not aborted the launch, computers likely would have done so closer to flight time, officials said.

The Dragon capsule aboard the rocket contains more than 5,000 pounds of supplies and experiments ordered up by NASA. That's the primary objective for SpaceX. But the California-based company plans to attempt an even more extraordinary feat once the Dragon is on its way: flying the booster rocket to a platform in the Atlantic.

## US military vet charged in failed Gambia coup

*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — Two American citizens — including one who had served in the U.S. Air Force and the Army — have been charged with taking part in a failed coup last month to overthrow the Gambian government, federal prosecutors announced Monday.

The men, Cherno Njie, 57, of Austin, Texas, and Papa Faal, 46, of Brooklyn Center, Minn., were part of a ring of approximately a dozen co-conspirators

who agreed to participate in the coup, according to a criminal complaint. The botched effort ended with some of the attackers being killed and others fleeing the small West African country.

In an interview with the FBI, Faal admitted playing a role in the coup and identified Njie, a businessman, as one of the leaders and main financiers of the plot, the complaint alleges. Faal told the FBI that Njie intended to serve as the interim leader of the country after they deposed

of Yahya Jammeh, 49, the president of Gambia.

Jammeh seized power in the country in 1994 after a military coup and has gained attention for a series of eccentric claims, including that he has discovered the cure for AIDS.

The criminal complaint said that Faal was invited to join the group of conspirators in August. He agreed because he was disenchanted with the way “the president was rigging elections” and was worried about the “plight of the Gambian people.”

## Sharks win with late goal

The Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Marc-Edouard Vlasic needed only 3 seconds to give the San Jose Sharks a win over the Winnipeg Jets in a game that seemed destined for overtime.

With 8 seconds remaining in the third period of a tied game, Joe Pavelski won an offensive zone faceoff to Logan Couture, who set up Vlasic for the decisive goal with 4.5 seconds to go that gave the Sharks a 3-2 victory on Monday night.

The shot got past Jets goalie Michael Hutchinson just in time.

"To finish it off before overtime is big. It worked out for us," said Vlasic, whose goal denied at least one point to a team the Sharks are battling for playoff positioning. "We won the draw, and Couture made a nice pass.

"There was a little bit of room, and I was able to pick a little spot up there."

Brent Burns and Melker Karlsson also scored for the Sharks. Andrew Ladd and Jay Harrison had goals for Winnipeg.

## Toronto fires Carlyle after tough road trip

TORONTO — Randy Carlyle was fired as coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs on Tuesday following a road trip in which the team lost five of seven games and showed few signs it would regain the promise from earlier in the season.

The dismissal comes after 40 games, with Toronto 21-16-3, fourth in the Atlantic Division and holding one of the two wildcard spots in the Eastern Conference. The Maple Leafs have struggled on defense and played erratically.

Carlyle, who was informed of management's decision Monday night, went 91-78-19 in 188 games over parts of four seasons. He won the Stanley Cup as coach of the Anaheim Ducks in 2007. He is the fourth NHL coach fired this season.

## US team skiers killed in Austrian avalanche

Two young American ski racers were killed Monday in an avalanche in the Austrian ski resort of Soelden, the U.S. Ski Team said.

Ronnie Berlack, 20 and Bryce Astle, 19, were skiing with a group of four others on the 3,056-metre Gaislachkogel mountain near the team's Alpine training base. The group appeared to have set off the avalanche when they skied off the prepared slope. The four other athletes skied clear.

"Ronnie and Bryce were both outstanding ski racers who were passionate about their sport — both on the race course and skiing the mountain," said US Ski and Snowboard Association president and chief executive Tiger Shaw.

Berlack was named to the Park City, Utah-based U.S. Ski Team's Development Team in 2013. Astle was new to the team this season.

From The Associated Press

# Sooners embarrass No. 10 Texas

The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Baffled. Embarrassed. Panic.

Texas coach Rick Barnes and his players searched Monday night for the right words to describe a humiliating rout at the hands of rival No. 16 Oklahoma. All will explain part of what happened in a 70-49 loss. None will sit well in figuring out where the No. 10 Longhorns go from here.

Buddy Hield scored 13 points, four other Sooners scored in double figures, and Oklahoma forced Texas into a school-record low for points in a half in a Big 12 game. Oklahoma led 33-14 at halftime and the game was effectively over.

"That was embarrassing, they came in here and took us out of everything," Texas forward Jonathan Holmes said. "Tonight was about toughness and having some pride ... They really punched us in the mouth."

Barnes may have to nurse his team back into believing they can still challenge for the league title after a lethargic performance and one of the worst home losses in a years.

"I don't think we showed any kind of toughness. I don't think we showed any kind of fight," Barnes said.

Texas fans stuck around for a while hoping for rally, but only a few thousand were left by the time the Sooners had put the finishing touches on humiliating the Longhorns on their home court.

"We were just telling each other don't let them come back. Stay focused, stay humble," said Sooners forward TaShawn Thomas, who had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Two years ago, the Sooners let Texas

rally from 22 points down in the second half to win in overtime. That rally was sparked after an Oklahoma player flashed and upside-down "Hook'em Horns" hand sign after an emphatic dunk.

Oklahoma was much more methodical in putting away the Longhorns this year, giving them no chance at a comeback.

Oklahoma (11-3, 2-0) beat a top 10 team on the road for the first time since 1993 and could get a huge confidence boost at the start of the Big 12 schedule. The Sooners also tied their largest margin of victory over Texas on the road in the history of the rivalry, matching a 21-point win in 2001.

"We haven't been playing well for the past couple weeks," Texas guard Demarcus Holland said. "We have to start figuring out who we are, get back to the basic of how we started: playing defense and outrebounding teams."

**No. 13 Notre Dame 71, No. 18 North Carolina 70:** Zach Auguste scored off a rebound with 1:07 left to help the visiting Irish hold off the Tar Heels.

Auguste got the lead back for Notre Dame (15-1, 3-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which had led by 11 points in the second half only to see the Tar Heels (11-4, 1-1) briefly push ahead. Then Notre Dame survived two shots by pre-season All-American Marcus Paige in the final seconds, the last a desperate three-point heave that wasn't close as the horn sounded.

Now Notre Dame is 3-0 in league play for the first time — Big East or ACC — and off to its best start in 15 seasons under Mike Brey.

**No. 14 West Virginia 78,**

**Texas Tech 67:** Juwan Staten scored 16 points and Devin Williams added 14 to lead West Virginia past host Texas Tech.

Staten scored all but three of his points in the second half. The Mountaineers (14-1, 2-0 Big 12) dominated inside, getting 36 points in the paint to 18 for the Red Raiders (10-5, 0-2).

**Michigan State 70, Indiana 50:** Denzel Valentine and Branden Dawson bounced back after subpar games and helped host Michigan State explode past Indiana.

Valentine scored 15 points, 11 more than in a double-overtime loss to Maryland last Tuesday, and Dawson added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Spartans (10-5, 1-1 Big Ten).

Michigan State raced to a 19-4 lead, went up 32-13 late in the first half and built a 30-point cushion with 13:13 to play. The Spartans were quicker at both ends of the court and had a 50-28 edge on the boards.

**Iowa 70, Nebraska 59:** Aaron White had 23 points, Gabe Olaseni scored a career-high 18 and host Iowa beat Nebraska for its first 2-0 start in the Big Ten in 12 years.

Jarrod Uthoff had 15 for the Hawkeyes (11-4, 2-0 Big Ten), who prevailed thanks largely to a 31-13 edge on made free throws.

Nebraska's Shavon Shields led all scorers with 25 points. But the Cornhuskers (8-6, 0-2) had just two points in the final 2:43, and Iowa held Cornhuskers star Terran Petteway to just 11 points.

Iowa holds the rare distinction of two road wins over ranked opponents after winning at Ohio State last week.

## Ducks learned key lesson from lone loss

The Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — When the Oregon Ducks look back at their lone loss of the season, sure there's lingering disappointment, but not a lot of second-guessing.

Instead, some players have pointed to the Arizona loss as the turning point of their season, when they woke up and revived for their march to the national championship game.

"I think we learned a lot in terms of having that loss early in the year and kind of experiencing failure a little bit," quarterback Marcus Mariota said a few games afterward. "Now that we have had our backs against the wall, guys feel the need to fight, play loose and play with high intensity."

Lesson learned, Oregon will play for the national title next Monday night against Ohio State in Arlington, Texas. The second-seeded Ducks (13-1) defeated Florida State in college football's first playoffs to advance, while the fourth-seeded Buckeyes (13-1) upset Alabama.

Back in early October, Oregon was undefeated and ranked second in The Associated Press poll. The Ducks were boosted by a key victory earlier in the season over Michigan State and looking

to avoid the pitfalls that had thwarted them the season before, when late-season losses against Arizona and Stanford took them out of a BCS bowl game for the first time since 2008.

The Wildcats were also undefeated, but unranked and 24-point underdogs. And the game was at Autzen Stadium, where the Ducks hadn't lost since 2012.

Oregon led 7-3 at halftime before Arizona freshman Nick Wilson ran for a pair of touchdowns and caught another to build a 24-14 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The Ducks rallied with a field goal and Mariota's touchdown pass to Keanon Lowe to tie the game with 8:21 left.

With Arizona driving downfield, Tony Washington was called for unsportsmanlike conduct to give the Wildcats a first down. Then a pass interference call paved the way for Terris Jones-Grigsby's go-ahead 1-yard touchdown. On Oregon's ensuing series, Mariota was sacked and stripped of the ball by Scooby Wright, giving the Wildcats the 31-24 win.

Afterward, senior cornerback Ifo Ekpre-Olomu, who decided to stay in part to give a national championship one more shot, was the voice of reason.

"Every loss is a test of our character to

see how we respond. Not every team in college football is going to go undefeated so everyone has to learn from their losses and get better," he said.

There was talk that Mariota hadn't been 100 percent in the loss, which he shrugged off as "typical football stuff." In the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback's typical even-keel style, a week afterward he — and the rest of the Ducks — had refocused.

"There's no sense of panic or anything like that," Mariota said at the time. "I think guys are understanding we've just got to take it one game at a time."

On Monday, the Ducks held a media day back home in Eugene, where they'll practice before heading to the Dallas area on Friday in preparation for the title game.

Coach Mark Helfrich was asked about the Arizona loss, and how the Ducks overcame that disappointment. He chalked it up to the process.

"Our guys believe very much in what we're doing and how we're doing it," Helfrich said. "There's always — from the media's perspective or the fans' perspective — second-guessing. In our world that's evaluation."

"You go back and evaluate why something happened. And you fix it."



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## Cavs trade Waiters, but add depth in 3-team deal

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cavaliers tried to make it work with Dion Waiters. They couldn't wait any longer.

Cleveland traded the shooting guard to Oklahoma City on Monday night and acquired guards J.R. Smith and Iman Shumpert from the New York Knicks in a three-team deal.

A disappointing 19-16 after losing at Philadelphia, the Cavs dealt Waiters to the Thunder in exchange for Oklahoma City's protected 2015 first-round pick. Also, the Cavs sent reserves Lou Amundson and Alex Kirk and their 2019 second-round pick to the Knicks, who are 5-32 and desperate to clear salary-cap space.

New York also received forward Lance Thomas from Oklahoma City.

The Cavs have been ravaged by injuries in superstar LeBron James' first season back in Cleveland and needed to shake things up. The team had discussed moving Waiters, the No. 4 overall pick, over the past two years and finally struck a deal. Both James and All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving sat out against the Sixers because of injuries.

Waiters was pulled from the starting lineup in Philadelphia — his hometown — shortly before the Cavs lost to the lowly 76ers, who got their first home win. The 6-foot-4 Waiters began the season in Cleveland's starting lineup, but was removed after three games. He made some defensive strides, but too often Waiters seemed mostly concerned about scoring.

"Dion is a talented player with potential ahead of him," Cavs general manager David Griffin said. "Trades like this are always difficult to make because there are relationships and bonds built and that was the case with Dion. At the same time,

we're very excited to welcome Iman and J.R. to Cleveland. With their size and versatility, we think both Iman and J.R. can help our team on both ends of the court and we look forward to them joining us."

The mercurial Smith, who has never been afraid to shoot, could give Cleveland's bench the offensive boost first-year coach David Blatt has been looking for all season.

Shumpert, who has been sidelined with a dislocated shoulder, is regarded as a solid perimeter defender. He had been starting before his injury, averaging 9.3 points, and will probably start for Cleveland.

Cleveland remains in the market for a big man and has assets remaining to pull off another deal. The Cavs are entering a tough part of their schedule with a home game on Wednesday against Houston before a five-game West Coast trip.

The Thunder, who have had their own injury issues, believe Waiters can bring immediate help. Waiters is versatile, can score and should add some firepower to Oklahoma City's second unit.

"Dion Waiters is a player that we've tracked and liked since his time at Syracuse, in the NBA, and with USA Basketball," general manager Sam Presti said.

New York's season is as good as over, and moving Smith and Shumpert will give Knicks President Phil Jackson some future flexibility, maybe quiet the booing in Madison Square Garden and relieve some of the pressure on rookie coach Derek Fisher. The moves will allow him to trim more millions off the salary cap, which will allow them to pursue free agents this summer. The team released center Samuel Dalembert and is expected to do the same with Amundson and Kirk.

## Biggio, 3 aces are headed to the Hall

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez, John Smoltz and Craig Biggio were elected to baseball's Hall of Fame on Tuesday, the first time since 1955 writers selected four players in one year.

The Big Unit, Martinez and Smoltz earned induction on their first tries, and Biggio made it on the third attempt after falling two votes shy last year. Steroids-tainted stars Roger Clemens, Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa remained far from election.

Johnson, a five-time Cy Young Award winner with 303 victories and 4,875 strikeouts, was selected on 534 of 549 ballots by veteran members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. His 97.3 percentage was the eighth-highest in the history of voting.

Martinez, a three-time Cy Young winner, appeared on 500 ballots (91.1 percent). Martinez was 219-100, struck out 3,154, led the major leagues in ERA five times and in 2004 helped the Boston Red Sox to their first World Series title in 86 years.

Smoltz was picked on 455 ballots (82.9 percent) and will join former Atlanta teammates Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine, who were inducted last summer along with Chicago White Sox slugger Frank Thomas. Smoltz, the 1996 NL Cy Young winner, was 213-155 with 154 saves, the only pitcher with 200 wins and 150 saves. He went 15-4 in the postseason.

Biggio appeared on 454 ballots, 42 more than the 75 percent needed and up from 68.2 percent in his first appearance and

74.8 percent last year. He had 3,060 hits in 20 big league seasons, all with the Houston Astros.

The quartet will be inducted in Cooperstown on July 26. The BBWAA had not voted in four players in a single year since selecting Joe DiMaggio, Gabby Hartnett, Ted Lyons and Dazzy Vance 60 years earlier.

Mike Piazza fell 28 votes short but increased his percentage to 69.9 from 57.8 in 2013 and 62.2 last year.

Clemens received 37.5 percent and Bonds 36.8 percent. Clemens, the only seven-time Cy Young winner, started at 37.6 percent in 2013 and dropped to 35.4 last year; Bonds, the only seven-time MVP, began at 36.2 and fell to 34.7.

McGwire, in his ninth and next-to-last year of eligibility, received 10 percent, down from 11 last year and less than half his peak of 23.6 percent in 2008. Sosa was on 6.6 percent of the ballots, above the 5 percent threshold for remaining on next year's list.

Jeff Bagwell was at 55.7 percent, followed by Tim Lincecum at 55 percent and Curt Schilling at 39.2 percent. Other players included Lee Smith (30.2), Edgar Martinez (27), Alan Trammell (25.1) and Mike Mussina (24.6).

Don Mattingly received 9.1 percent in his 15th and final appearance on the ballot. Under a change made by the Hall's board last summer, players' eligibility was cut from 15 years to 10 but the 11-15 group was grandfathered. Gary Sheffield (11.7 percent) and Nomar Garciaparra (5.5) will remain on the ballot.

## Mavs top Nets for 6th straight win; Nowitzki passes Moses

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dirk Nowitzki made a clinching three-pointer in overtime that moved him into seventh place on the NBA's career scoring list, and the Dallas Mavericks beat the Brooklyn Nets 96-88 on Monday night to match their season high with a sixth straight victory.

Monta Ellis scored 19 points and made a pair of jumpers early in overtime before consecutive three-pointers by Chandler Parsons and Nowitzki made it 96-88 with 34 seconds to play. That gave Nowitzki 15 points for the game and 27,412 in his career, moving him past Moses Malone into the No. 7 spot.

"I'm proud of it but more proud that we got the win," he said.

Rajon Rondo shot 1-for-13 for two points but had 14 assists and 10 rebounds for the Mavericks, who have the longest current winning streak in the NBA. Tyson Chandler finished with 14 points and 13 boards.

Brook Lopez had 22 points and 13 rebounds for the Nets but faded after an 18-point first quarter. Jarrett Jack had 20 points and 10 assists.

The Nets were without Deron Williams (sore left side) and Kevin Garnett, who rested on the second night of back-to-back games, and dropped their second straight after winning three in a row.

**Hawks 107, Clippers 98:** Paul Millsap scored 23 points, Jeff Teague added 20 and Atlanta pulled away from host Los Angeles in the fourth quarter to earn its seventh straight road victory.

DeMarre Carroll had 17 points and eight

rebounds, and Al Horford scored 16 for the East-leading Hawks, who won their fifth in a row and 19th in 21 games.

Blake Griffin had 26 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Clippers, whose biggest lead of nine came at the start of the game.

**Warriors 117, Thunder 91:** Harrison Barnes scored a season-high 23 points and grabbed seven rebounds, and Golden State used a smothering defensive effort to rout visiting Oklahoma City.

Klay Thompson and Stephen Curry scored 19 points each as the NBA-best Warriors (27-5) bottled up Kevin Durant, Russell Westbrook and the Thunder. Golden State held Oklahoma City to 30.6 percent shooting.

The Thunder acquired shooting guard Dion Waiters from Cleveland in a three-team trade that was announced during the game. Oklahoma City sent the Cavaliers a protected 2015 first-round draft pick and moved reserve Lance Thomas to the New York Knicks.

**Bulls 114, Rockets 105:** Pau Gasol had 27 points and 14 rebounds, Jimmy Butler scored 22 and host Chicago rallied for its 13th win in 15 games.

Derrick Rose added 19 points, Nikola Mirotic had 17 and the Bulls outscored the Rockets 19-5 over the final 3:19.

Josh Smith led Houston with 21 points. James Harden scored 20, but the Rockets lost for the fourth time in six games.

**76ers 95, Cavaliers 92:** Tony Wroten scored 20 points and hit the go-ahead layup with 9.1 seconds left to lift

host Philadelphia over short-handed Cleveland.

Kevin Love had 28 points and 19 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who didn't have LeBron James and Kyrie Irving because of injuries. They lost Dion Waiters and two reserves shortly before tipoff because of a three-team trade with New York and Oklahoma City.

**Grizzlies 105, Knicks 83:** Mike Conley scored 14 of his 22 points in the third quarter, and host Memphis sent depleted New York to its record-tying 12th straight loss.

New York played without injured starters Carmelo Anthony and Amare Stoudemire. The Knicks were also missing J.R. Smith and Iman Shumpert, who were traded to Cleveland.

**Trail Blazers 98, Lakers 94:** Damian Lillard scored 39 points and made the go-ahead basket with 36 seconds remaining as host Portland rallied from a 10-point deficit in the second half to beat Los Angeles.

Lillard hit four three-pointers, and scored 16 points during the fourth quarter to lead the Trail Blazers (27-8). He has scored at least 39 points in three of his past nine games.

**Wizards 92, Pelicans 85:** John Wall had 15 points and 12 assists, and Washington ended its longest skid of the season at three games with a victory over host New Orleans.

Paul Pierce scored 14 points on 6-for-8 shooting for the Wizards, who had five players in double figures. Andre Miller

added 12 points, and Marcin Gortat and Kris Humphries each had 10.

**Hornets 104, Celtics 95:** Kemba Walker scored 20 of his 33 points in the second half and Cody Zeller finished with a career-high 20 on a perfect shooting night, carrying visiting Charlotte over Boston.

It was just the second win in seven games for the Hornets, who learned last week that leading scorer Al Jefferson will be sidelined for about three more weeks with a left groin injury.

**Nuggets 110, Timberwolves 101:** Arron Afflalo scored 34 points to help Denver hand host Minnesota its 12th straight loss.

J.J. Hickson had 16 points and 11 rebounds and the Nuggets shot 55 percent to cruise past the Timberwolves (5-28), by far the worst team in the Western Conference.

**Pacers 105, Jazz 101:** Roy Hibbert scored 22 points to help Indiana outlast host Utah.

Hibbert, who got into a skirmish with the Lakers' Carlos Boozer in a one-point loss at Los Angeles on Sunday, again played with a fiery edge and repeatedly went over 7-foot-1 Rudy Gobert for inside baskets before fouling out in the final minute.

Derrick Favors had 27 points and 11 rebounds and Gordon Hayward scored 24 for the Jazz, who were missing starting point guard Trey Burke (strep throat) and center Enes Kanter (sprained ankle).