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Obama to pitch tax plans in address

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is turning to his biggest television audience of the year to pitch tax increases on the wealthiest Americans and put the new Republican Congress in the position of defending top income earners over the middle class.

As Obama continues to signal what he will propose during Tuesday's State of the Union address, senior administration officials said Saturday that he will call for raising the capital gains rate on top income earners and eliminating a tax break on inheritances. The revenue generated by those changes would fund new tax credits and other cost-saving measures for middle-class taxpayers, officials said.

Tax increases are rarely welcomed by congressional Republicans, who now hold majorities in the House and the Senate for the first time in Obama's presidency. Obama's tax proposals will likely be dismissed, if not outright ignored, by lawmakers

Proposed measures to help middle class

Raising the capital gains rate, ending the inheritance loophole and tacking a fee on financial firms would generate \$320 billion in revenue over a decade, according to administration estimates.

President Barack Obama wants to put the bulk of that money into a series of measures aimed at helping middle-class Americans. Among them:

- Creating a credit of up to \$500 for families in which both spouses work. The administration says 24 million couples would benefit from the proposal, which would

apply to families with annual income up to \$210,000.

- Expanding the child care tax credit to up to \$3,000 per child under age 5. The administration says the proposal would help more than 5 million families with the cost of child care.

- Overhauling the education tax system by consolidating six provisions into two, a move that could cut taxes for 8.5 million families. Republicans have been open to the idea of consolidating education tax breaks.

— The Associated Press

outside the Democratic Party's liberal base.

Obama also is expected to call for lawmakers to make community college free for many students, increase paid leave for workers and enact broad cyber-

security rules. Administration officials disclosed details on the tax proposals on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the proposals by name ahead of the president.

The centerpiece of the president's tax proposal is an increase in the capital gains rate on couples making more than \$500,000 per year to 28 percent, the same level as under President Ronald Reagan. The top capital gains rate has already been raised from 15 percent to 23.8 percent during Obama's presidency.

Obama also wants to close what the administration is calling the "Trust Fund Loophole," a change that would require estates to pay capital gains taxes on securities at the time they're inherited. Officials said the overwhelming impact of the change would be on the top 1 percent of income earners.

While GOP leaders have said they share Obama's desire to reform the nation's complicated tax code, the party has long been opposed to many of the proposals the president will outline Tuesday. For example, most Republicans want to lower or eliminate the capital gains tax and similarly want to end taxes on estates, not expand them.

'Sea of Blue' marchers support nation's police in DC rally

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Demonstrators carrying signs saying "Blue Lives Matter" marched to the U.S. Capitol on Saturday in a show of support for police officers across the country who organizers say are not thanked enough for the danger they face in the line of duty.

"They feel unsupported," said Kelly Wince, 52, a District police officer's wife who organized the march with two other officers' wives. "When they walk out the door, we don't know whether they are coming home. We wanted to let them

know we care."

The Washington march comes weeks after several other "Sea of Blue" rallies were staged across the country as a counter to months of demonstrations against alleged police brutality. Those protests followed the fatal shooting in August of an unarmed black teenager, Michael Brown, in Ferguson, Mo., and a grand jury's decision not to indict a New York police officer in the July chokehold death of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man whom police suspected of illegally selling single cigarettes on the street. (A New York medical examiner deter-

mined Garner's death to be a homicide.)

More concern followed the November police shooting in Cleveland of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, who had a toy gun in a park.

The deaths of Garner, Brown and Rice prompted a social media movement with slogans including "Black Lives Matter" and "I can't breathe," the latter being Garner's final words on a sidewalk in Staten Island.

The Sea of Blue organizers began planning the Washington march after the fatal shootings of New York police officers Rafael "Ralph" Ramos, 40, and

Wenjian Liu, 32, as they sat in their patrol car in Brooklyn.

Wince, who organized the Washington rally with Bobbie Padgett and Rachel Bowman, posted the idea for the march on Twitter and Facebook. "I thought, 'Do I really want to do this? No one knows me. Will anyone come?'" she recalled. "Then people just started calling. And emailing."

Support swelled as more than 300 people dressed in blue marched through the streets of the city, starting at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

GIs cut back on social media posts

By **SETH ROBSON**

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Overseas servicemembers say they're curtailing military postings on social media in the wake of the Paris terrorist attacks and recent computer hacks, although the founder of a military-focused social network believes that scrubbing online accounts would be a victory for terrorists.

Yokota-based Air Force spouse Buffy Santos said Friday that social media is an important way for people stationed overseas to keep in touch with family and friends back home, but she's more careful about what she posts these days.

"In the past you would post military stuff, but not anymore," she said.

The FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, in a joint intelligence bulletin, recently urged those who serve in uniform to scrub social media accounts of anything that might bring unwanted attention from "violent extremists" or help the extremists learn individual servicemembers' identities.

The concerns were heightened by last week's hacking of the U.S. Central Command's Twitter account by someone who posted a warning to American soldiers, allegedly from the Islamic State.

Another Yokota military spouse, Casey Higgins, said

news about terrorist attacks in France made people more worried about being tracked down online.

"With the Charlie Hebdo [attacks] your freedom of speech is gone, so people are more worried," she said. "If you say the wrong thing, will someone come to your house and shoot you?"

Army Sgt. 1st Class William Gonzalez, 37, of Hartford, Conn., said troops get regular warnings about the risks of posting on social media but that many still share photographs of themselves in uniform.

Gonzalez said he didn't think it was a big risk but added that a photo in uniform "shouldn't be your main picture," on

Facebook.

"If they (terrorists) want to do harm, they are going to do it anyway," he said.

Yinon Weiss, a former Army Special Forces officer who in 2012 co-founded RallyPoint, a military-focused social network, said it would be a victory for terrorism if servicemembers believed they had to hide their identities on social media.

"This is not a time to hide that somebody is in the military," he said. "My opinion and that of many servicemembers is that they are not going to hide what they are. They are not going to pretend they are not in the military."

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Extremists release 200 Yazidis

The Associated Press

ALTON KUPRI, Iraq — The Islamic State group released about 200 Yazidis held for five months in Iraq, mostly elderly, infirm captives who likely slowed the extremists down, Kurdish military officials said Sunday.

Almost all of the freed prisoners are in poor health and bore signs of abuse and neglect. Three were young children. The former captives were being questioned and receiving medical treatment Sunday in the town of Alton Kupri.

Gen. Shirko Fatih, command-

er of Kurdish peshmerga forces in Kirkuk, said it appears the militants released the prisoners because they were too much of a burden. Tens of thousands of Yazidis fled in August when the Islamic State captured the northern Iraqi town of Sinjar, near the Syrian border. But hundreds were taken captive by the group, according to international rights groups and Iraqi officials.

The U.S. launched airstrikes and humanitarian aid drops in Iraq on Aug. 8, partly in response to the crisis on Sinjar mountain.

Electric Boat seeks RI's help on workforce

WARWICK, R.I. — The president of U.S. Navy contractor Electric Boat asked Rhode Island officials on Thursday to help ensure there are enough qualified state residents to fill thousands of jobs needed to build submarines in the coming years.

The Groton, Conn.-based company employs about 12,800 people, mainly in Connecticut

and Rhode Island. President Jeffrey Geiger said it has been difficult to find people with basic science, math and mechanical skills to hire.

Gov. Gina Raimondo said there needs to be closer collaboration between Electric Boat and local high schools and colleges and the state needs to make an aggressive commitment to outcome-oriented workforce training.

From The Associated Press

Crime-spree suspects held

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla. — Two teenage sweethearts suspected in a crime spree of stolen vehicles and pilfered checks across the South have been taken into custody in Florida, Kentucky authorities said Sunday.

Grayson County Sheriff officials said in a statement that Dalton Hayes, 18, and his girlfriend, Cheyenne Phillips, 13, were arrested without incident about 12:10 a.m. Sunday in Panama City Beach. The two had eluded police in multiple states while raising concern about their increasingly bold behavior.

Authorities said the U.S. Marshal's Service and local law enforcement in Panama City Beach discovered Hayes and Phillips asleep in a 2001 Toyota Tundra that was stolen in Henry County, Ga. The vehicle was surrounded by law enforcement, and both Hayes and Phillips were taken into custody. Authorities plan to extradite Hayes and Phillips back to Kentucky, where they are expected to face felony charges.

Hayes and Phillips began their run from the law and their families earlier this month when they vanished from their small hometown in western Kentucky. Authorities believe their travels took them to South Carolina and Georgia.

Hayes' mother, Tammy Martin, had urged her son and his companion to surrender and "face the consequences."

Martin said the couple had been dating for about three months. She said the girl portrayed herself as being 19, and the family, including Hayes, believed her.

Hayes faces burglary and theft charges in his home county stemming from an arrest late last year, according to Grayson County, Ky., court records.

Norman Chaffins, sheriff in Grayson County, where the pair disappeared 14 days ago, said the couple's behavior had become "increasingly brazen and dangerous." Twice, the teens were able to evade law officers in Kentucky, the sheriff said. They crashed the first truck they stole and hid in the woods. Then they later stole another truck nearby, Chaffins said.

Coach looks to put Army back on the map

The Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Zach Spiker wined at the score after the most intense game of the season: Navy 75, Army 66.

That it came in front of a home crowd of 5,291 last Saturday, largest in the history of West Point's Christl Arena, made it that much more difficult for Army's head coach.

"We're working hard to develop a culture of winning, an attitude of believing you can win any and every game," said Spiker, in his sixth year at Army. "We're getting close to turning that corner. We did a few years ago. We've got to get back to that point."

Reminders of past glory hang all around the 30-year-old home court: six NIT banners from the 1960s, when the tournament was as tough as any and Army basketball made headlines with Bob Knight as head coach and Mike Krzyzewski his stalwart captain.

Knight departed with a 102-50 record in six seasons after his only losing campaign in 1970-71. Krzyzewski, who graduated from

West Point in 1969, succeeded Dan Dougherty as head coach in 1975 and posted three winning seasons and a 73-59 record in five years before leaving for Duke. from back page

Since Coach K left in 1980, Army has had only two winning seasons: in 1984-85 with its all-time leading scorer Kevin Houston and two years ago under Spiker, when it finished 16-15.

Now, Army is 6-2 on the road and sits 11-6 overall, though only 2-4 in the Patriot League as key contributors have been injured.

The Black Knights opened the season with five straight wins before Krzyzewski and his then-No. 2 Duke Blue Devils halted the streak. Army was within single digits in the second half before fading and losing by 20.

Beating the program that helped shape him into Coach K was both bittersweet and an eye-opener.

"I think Army could play anybody that we played and have a chance to beat them," said Krzyzewski, whose 1976-77 Army team won its first seven games.

The Black Knights soon proved their old coach right, defeating Southern California

85-77 in overtime in Los Angeles.

"We can play with any team on our schedule. I think we've proven that in our non-conference schedule," said Spiker, only the second Army coach to win at least 10 games in five consecutive seasons. Knight had a six-season run from 1965-71. "I have tremendous confidence in these guys and have to make sure they have confidence in themselves."

They do. Kyle Wilson, a 6-foot-4 swingman, leads the league with 19.8 points per game. Center Kevin Ferguson has a school-record 136 career blocks. Forward Tanner Plomb averages 14.4 points per game. These Black Knights are a determined bunch.

"Any time you can score you've got a pretty good team," Navy coach Ed DeChellis said. "And they defend. They're physical guys. I like their team."

Spiker's starting lineup consists of five juniors — Wilson, Plomb, Ferguson, guard Dylan Cox, and forward Larry Toomey. And when they need a break, Spiker has another five guys to throw in there, often changing

lines en masse.

"It's how conditioned we are," Wilson said. "I think we're able to run other teams into the ground."

Army has 10 players averaging at least five points, though two are out for the season, including guard Max Lennox, who led the team in assists (96) and steals (38) as a freshman, with an injured Achilles.

Spiker's recruiting prowess has been key, helped in no small part by the academy's history. Wilson, from Mission Viejo, Calif., said he never heard of West Point until he was recruited, and Plomb's first visit to the academy from his home outside Milwaukee made it an easy sell in spite of the rigors of military life.

"It was just amazing," Plomb said. "They were talking about making history, kind of building it back up to what it used to be under Coach Knight and Coach K."

And taking it a step further. Also hanging from a wall at Christl Arena are banners from the four appearances the Army women have made in the NCAA tournament. The men have never qualified.

Iowa State holds off Kansas

The Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — Naz Long scored 20 points and Iowa State held off Kansas, recording back-to-back wins over the Jayhawks for the first time in 14 years.

Georges Niang had 15 points for the Cyclones (13-3, 3-1 Big 12), who shot 9 of 20 on 3s in snapping Kansas' five-game winning streak.

Long followed a long 3 with a layup to give Iowa State a 71-57 lead with 6:26 left. Kansas pulled to 82-79 with 29 seconds to go, but Niang sealed the win by drawing a crucial charge with 14 seconds left.

No. 1 Kentucky 70, Alabama 48: Devin Booker scored 13 points and visiting Kentucky coasted to its second straight lopsided Southeastern Conference victory.

The Wildcats (17-0, 4-0) withstood an early second-half rally by Alabama (12-5, 2-2) before brushing off the potential challenge.

No. 2 Virginia 66, Boston College 51: Malcolm Brogdon scored 20 points, Anthony Gill had 11 points and 10 rebounds and visiting Virginia pulled away.

No. 3 Gonzaga 72, Loyola Marymount 55: Gary Bell Jr. scored 17 points and Gonzaga pulled away in the second half to beat host Loyola Marymount for its 11th straight win over the Lions.

Kevin Pangos added 16 points and six assists, Bryon Wesley had 14 points and Kyle Wiltjer 12 points for the Zags (18-1, 7-0 West Coast).

No. 4, Duke 63, No. 6 Louisville 52: Jahliil Okafor scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half, Amile Jefferson added 19 and visiting Duke

dominated Louisville inside.

Staggered by a 16-point loss to Miami on Tuesday night that ended their 41-game home winning streak, the Blue Devils (15-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) gave coach Mike Krzyzewski his 998th victory.

No. 5 Villanova 62, Penn 47: Daniel Ochefu had 21 points and 10 rebounds for visiting Villanova.

The Wildcats (17-1) only led by one midway through the second half until a 21-6 run finally clinched their fourth straight victory.

No. 10 Arizona 69, No. 8 Utah 51: Stanley Johnson scored all 18 of his points in the second half, T.J. McConnell added 16 points in a rare display of offensive aggression and host Arizona rolled over Utah.

McConnell had six assists, and Brandon Ashley added 14 points and eight rebounds.

No. 12 Notre Dame 75, Miami 70: Jerian Grant scored 23 points and host Notre Dame overcame a 12-point deficit in the second half.

After making just two of their first 16 three-point tries, the Irish hit seven of their next nine. Grant's three broke a tie with 6:19 left, and he made a layup and blocked a shot in the last minute.

No. 13 Wichita State 61, Evansville 41: Darius Carter and Ron Baker scored 18 points apiece to lead Wichita State past host Evansville.

The Shockers (16-2, 6-0 Missouri Valley) held the Aces to their season-low points total and a season-low 30 percent from the field.

No. 14 Maryland 75, Michigan State 59: Freshman Melo Trimble scored 21 of his 24 points in the first half and host Maryland breezed

past Michigan State to take sole possession of first place in the Big Ten.

No. 20 Texas 77, No. 16 West Virginia 50: Cam Ridley scored 19 points and set the tone with a thunderous early dunk as Texas snapped a two-game skid with a bruising victory over visiting West Virginia.

No. 17 VCU 70, Duquesne 64: At Pittsburgh, JeQuan Lewis scored a season-high 16 points and Virginia Commonwealth beat Duquesne for its 10th straight victory.

No. 18 Oklahoma 82, No. 24 Oklahoma St. 65: Buddy Hield scored 27 points on 10-for-10 shooting to help host Oklahoma beat Oklahoma State.

Mississippi 96, No. 19 Arkansas 82: Stefan Moody had 18 points and visiting Mississippi shot a season-high 56.4 percent.

The Rebels (11-6, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) were playing their first road game since a crushing overtime loss at Kentucky.

Kansas State 63, No. 22 Baylor 61: Nino Williams had 18 points to lead a big second-half rally, and host Kansas State forced Baylor's Kenny Chery to miss a layup at the buzzer.

No. 25 Wyoming 70, Fresno State (30T): Larry Nance Jr. scored 21 points and Josh Adams added 16 to help Wyoming survive a triple-overtime thriller against host Fresno State.

Nance missed two free throws with a second left in the second overtime for the Cowboys (16-3, 5-1 Mountain West), but recovered to hit the basket that gave Wyoming the lead for good in the third overtime.

Wilder wins crown from Stiverne

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Deontay Wilder became the first American to win a piece of the heavyweight title in nearly a decade Saturday night, staggering Bernane Stiverne early on his way to a 12-round unanimous decision that kept him unbeaten in 33 fights.

The 2008 Olympic bronze medalist had to go the distance in this one. But the payoff was the WBC heavyweight title and a chance to be a big man on a big stage.

One ringside judge gave Wilder every round, scoring it 120-107, and he won 119-108 and 118-109 on the other two.

Stiverne was defending the title he won last May when he stopped Chris Arreola in the sixth round.

UFC fines champion \$25K for cocaine test

LAS VEGAS — UFC light heavyweight champion Jon Jones has been fined \$25,000 by the mixed martial arts promotion for violating its code of conduct by failing a drug test.

The UFC announced the fine Saturday. Jones tested positive for the main metabolite of cocaine one month before his fight against Daniel Cormier on Jan. 3. He was allowed to fight because cocaine is not a banned out-of-competition substance under World Anti-Doping Agency rules.

The UFC's athlete code allows the promotion to fine a fighter for conduct detrimental to the UFC.



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Hot Hawks win 12th straight

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Atlanta Hawks are looking down at the rest of the Eastern Conference heading into the second half of the season.

With their efficient offense and stingy defense, Kyle Korver and company could be on top for a while.

Korver made a season-high seven three-pointers on his way to 24 points, and the Hawks beat the Chicago Bulls 107-99 Saturday night for their 12th straight victory.

"I think we're gaining confidence by the game," Korver said.

Al Horford added 22 points and nine rebounds as the Hawks matched the second-longest win streak in franchise history. Paul Millsap scored 16, and Jeff Teague had 17 points and 11 assists.

The Hawks (33-8) have won 26 of 28 since a 7-6 start, surging to the top of the East with a balanced offense and sound defense. They closed out the first half of the season with impressive road wins over Toronto and Chicago on consecutive nights.

"I think they enjoy sharing the ball. They enjoy playing with each other," Atlanta coach Mike Budenholzer said, "and they know that they'll all reap the benefits of it if everybody plays unselfishly."

Derrick Rose had 23 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds for Chicago (27-15), which has dropped five of seven. Pau Gasol had 22 points and 15 rebounds, and Jimmy Butler scored 15.

"There were lapses. It seemed like we were down and chasing them the entire game," Rose said. "I don't know when we are going to learn, but we have to learn quickly."

Atlanta and Chicago also played on Dec. 15, with the Hawks winning 93-86 at home. It looks as if the gap between the division leaders has only increased since the first

meeting of the season.

Korver had 12 points on 4-for-4 shooting from three-point range as Atlanta led by as many as 14 on its way to a 48-39 advantage at the break. The Hawks jumped into passing lanes and used their active hands to disrupt Chicago's offense, with the Bulls committing seven turnovers in the first quarter after they totaled seven during Friday night's win at Boston.

It was more of the same in the second half. Each time Chicago made a run, Atlanta responded.

Korver had a four-point play that made it 80-69 with 11:09 to go. After Rose had a slick layup on the break that got Chicago within five, Horford buried a face-up jumper and Millsap made two foul shots to run the lead back out to 97-88 with 3:29 remaining.

"We're a confident group," Teague said. "We just know if we play the right way and play great defense and be aggressive defensively that we've got a chance to be in any ballgame. We're just playing in a really good groove right now."

Warriors 131, Rockets 106: Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson scored 27 points each, and Golden State used a huge third quarter to roll past host Houston.

Golden State bounced back from a loss to Oklahoma City on Friday night that snapped an eight-game winning streak.

Grizzlies 102, Trail Blazers 98: Zach Randolph had 20 points and 15 rebounds, and Beno Udrih made two key baskets in the final minute to help host Memphis earn its fourth straight victory.

The Grizzlies were up by as many as 20 in the second half, but the lead dwindled to 95-93 when Damian Lillard connected on a three-pointer with 1:06 left. Udrih's 20-footer as the shot clock expired on the next possession helped Memphis maintain the lead.

Wizards 99, Nets 90: Nene scored 20 points, three other Washington big men

were in double figures, and the Wizards beat Brooklyn to split their home-and-home series.

Overpowered by Brook Lopez on Friday in Washington, the Wizards bounced back behind 10 points and 16 rebounds from Marcin Gortat, and strong bench efforts from Kris Humphries (13 points) and Kevin Seraphin (12).

Bradley Beal finished with 17 points, nine rebounds and eight assists for the Wizards.

Clippers 117, Kings 108: Blake Griffin scored 18 of his 30 points in the second half, Matt Barnes had 26 points and Los Angeles pulled away in the third quarter to beat host Sacramento.

Chris Paul added 12 points and nine assists, J.J. Redick had 18 points and Jamal Crawford scored 13 off the bench for the Clippers, who bounced back from a sluggish first half to win for the fourth straight time at Sleep Train Arena.

Pistons 107, 76ers 89: Kyle Singler scored 20 points, Greg Monroe had a double-double and host Detroit routed Philadelphia.

Singler shot 6-for-8 on three-pointers and Monroe finished with 12 points and 13 rebounds as the Pistons won for the ninth time in 11 games and improved to 6-15 at home. Six players scored in double figures for Detroit, and Andre Drummond grabbed 15 rebounds.

Hornets 80, Pacers 71 (OT): Gerald Henderson had 20 points and host Charlotte defeated Indiana in overtime despite playing without its top two scorers.

The Hornets outscored the Pacers 12-3 in the extra period to hand Indiana its fourth straight loss. Charlotte was missing injured Kemba Walker and Al Jefferson.

Timberwolves 113, Nuggets 105: Andrew Wiggins scored a career-high 31 points and Robbie Hummel had two big tip-in baskets in the fourth quarter, helping Minnesota hold off host Denver.

Vonn ties Cup mark

The Associated Press

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Lindsey Vonn never thought she'd make it this far.

Perhaps that's why, after matching the World Cup's all-time record for wins Sunday, she rated it "right below" her Olympic gold medal on her lengthy list of career achievements.

"It's hard to really compare the two," Vonn said. "It's one race over the span of my career. [Olympic gold] means a lot to me because it was a childhood dream. I never thought that I would make it this far as far as World Cup wins. This is kind of uncharted territory for me."

Vonn skied through thick fog to win a demanding downhill and tie Annemarie Moser-Proell's 35-year-old record of 62 World Cup victories, capping a comeback from two knee surgeries that kept her out of last year's Olympic Games.

"Lindsey made history today," said Patrick Riml, the U.S. Alpine director who has worked with Vonn since she was a junior racer. "She's the greatest skier in the world and she will be for a long time."

Vonn was on track to smash the record two years ago before she crashed at the world championships and tore up her right knee. She attempted to return for Sochi but re-injured her knee two months before the Games.

"The last two years have been pretty tough and a lot of people counted me out and thought I would never reach this record," Vonn said. "A lot of people thought that I would never win again. I never stopped believing in myself and I think I proved everyone wrong."

Vonn clocked a time of 1 minute, 39.61 seconds to finish 0.32 ahead of Elisabeth Goergl of Austria. Daniela Merighetti of Italy was third, 0.54 back.

Ducks hold off in-state rival Kings in shootout

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Freeway Faceoff rivalry has a particular spark this season after the Los Angeles Kings' first playoff meeting with the Anaheim Ducks last summer, and the rivals traded hard hits and big goals in another remarkably even game Saturday night.

In extra time, the Ducks had all the poise that the Kings have lacked all season long.

Jakob Silfverberg scored in the second round of the shootout, and Frederik Andersen stopped all three Los Angeles attempts in the Ducks' 3-2 victory over the Kings on Saturday night.

"This is a tough building to play in, and it's a tough team to play," said Silfverberg, who banked his goal off Jonathan Quick's post in the second round. "They play hard, so coming out of here with a win is huge for the team, and it brings a lot of confidence."

The Kings retired defenseman Rob Blake's number in a pregame ceremony, but the Ducks came up bigger down the stretch in a late-starting game.

Sami Vatanen tied it for Anaheim with 7:08 to play in the third Southern California rivalry meeting of the season. All three have gone to overtime, and two went to shootouts.

Ryan Getzlaf scored his 14th goal for the Ducks, who reclaimed sole possession of the overall NHL lead after Nashville lost. Anaheim has won six of its last seven games.

Anaheim also has won six of its last seven regular-season meetings with Los Angeles, but the Kings eliminated the Ducks from the postseason last spring in seven thrilling games.

"This was as heated a game against these guys as we've had in a while," Getzlaf said. "It was great. I thought both teams responded well coming out. There

were good hard, clean body checks."

Lightning 3, Avalanche 2 (SO): Ryan Callahan scored in regulation and got the decisive goal in the shootout to lift Tampa Bay back into first place in the Eastern Conference.

Anton Stralman also scored in regulation and Ben Bishop finished with 40 saves as Tampa Bay moved one point ahead of the Metropolitan Division-leading New York Islanders atop the East.

Blues 3, Maple Leafs 0: Brian Elliott stopped 27 shots for his third shutout of the season and 28th of his career as host St. Louis topped slumping Toronto.

Alexander Steen extended his scoring streak to a career-high nine games with a goal and an assist, and Kevin Shattenkirk and T.J. Oshie also had goals for St. Louis. The win was No. 685 for Blues coach Ken Hitchcock, who passed former Maple Leafs coach Pat Quinn and moved into sole possession of fifth place on the career victories list.

Red Wings 5, Predators 2: Tomas Tatar scored twice, and Henrik Zetterberg added a clever tally from behind the goal line to help host Detroit snap Nashville's five-game winning streak.

Hutton was making his second start since the Predators lost Pekka Rinne to a knee injury.

The Red Wings are without their top goalie, too, but Petr Mrazek made 34 saves in place of an injured Jimmy Howard.

Flyers 4, Sabres 3: Chris VandeVelde scored a third-period breakaway goal to help Philadelphia snap a six-game road losing streak and send Buffalo to its 10th straight regulation defeat.

The skid is two shy of Buffalo's worst, set in 1991 and matched in 2002.

Blue Jackets 3, Bruins 1: Matt Calvert scored the

go-ahead goal with 3:03 left in the third and added an empty-netter in the final minute as visiting Columbus ended a four-game losing streak.

Curtis McElhinney had 34 saves in his first start since Jan. 4.

Canadiens 6, Islanders 4: Tomas Plekanec scored two goals and added two assists to lead host Montreal.

Oilers 3, Panthers 2 (SO): Nail Yakupov scored the winning goal in the shootout to lift Edmonton past host Florida.

Matt Hendricks and Jordan Eberle scored in regulation for Edmonton. Fasth made 35 saves for his third win this season.

The Oilers won for the first time in four games and snapped a franchise record 14-game, road-losing streak.

Hurricanes 3, Senators 2: Nathan Gerbe and Justin Faulk each had a goal and an assist to lead visiting Carolina.

Stars 5, Capitals 4: Antoine Roussel and Jamie Benn scored 16 seconds apart in the third period, and host Dallas recovered for the win after losing a 3-0 lead.

Wild 3, Coyotes 1: Devan Dubnyk stopped 25 shots against his former team, and Jason Zucker and Zach Parise both scored their 16th goal of the season to lead host Minnesota.

Dubnyk faced 26 shots three days after being traded to Minnesota.

Flames 4, Sharks 3 (OT): Sean Monahan scored 24 seconds into overtime to help Calgary win its fourth straight road game.