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Navy ships' schedules gone in no time

Glenn bribery scandal shows how easy it was to steal military secrets

The Washington Post

For the foreign defense contractor, stealing U.S. Navy secrets turned out to be a breeze. All it took was a little cash, a few cheap gifts — and a willing sailor.

Daniel Layug, an enlisted sailor with a weakness for electronic bling, was an easy mark. Over a three-year period, he repeatedly downloaded classified documents and other sensitive information about Navy operations in Asia, and handed it over for a low, low price, according to federal court records.

On Thursday, in U.S. District Court in San Diego, Layug became the first person to be sentenced in an epic corruption investigation that has paralyzed the Navy since 2013. He had previously pleaded guilty to accepting bribes from Glenn Defense Marine Asia, a Singapore-based firm that did a rich business with the Pentagon for a quarter-century by supplying hundreds of Navy ships during port visits in the Pacific and Indian oceans.

Seven other defendants who have also pleaded guilty will receive their punishment in the coming months. In addition, corruption charges are pending against a Navy commander, a senior Pentagon civilian and a former Navy contracting official living in Singapore.

U.S. prosecutors have accused Glenn Defense Marine Asia of bilking the Navy out of at least \$20 million. They have said their investigation is far from finished and that they are targeting other suspects. Court records show the criminal investigation has spanned eight states and eight Asian coun-

tries, with more than 100 law enforcement agents involved.

In the scheme of things, Layug was a small fish — a petty officer first class assigned to the supply corps at a Navy base in Japan. He hasn't drawn the same public attention as higher-ranking Navy personnel who have admitted to taking bribes in the form of prostitutes, fancy vacations, extravagant meals and envelopes stuffed with cash.

Nor has he earned the notoriety of Leonard Glenn Francis, the heavyweight boss of Glenn Defense Marine Asia who charmed his way through the ranks of the Navy's 7th Fleet. Widely known among Navy officers as Fat Leonard, Francis pleaded guilty in January 2015 and is cooperating with federal investigators.

But evidence gathered in Layug's case exposes the simple and audacious nature of the bribery racket, including how easy it was for him to pilfer secrets, and how nobody noticed for years.

"He put the U.S. Navy at risk of embarrassment, exploitation, attack, or worse; and in doing so he made a fool of every senior sailor who had promoted him to a position of responsibility," Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark W. Pletcher wrote in a court brief in advance of Layug's sentencing.

In 2010, Layug was assigned to the USS Blue Ridge, the command flagship for the Navy's 7th Fleet, based in Japan. The next year, he was transferred to the Navy's Fleet Logistics Center in Yokosuka, Japan, where he helped to provide logistical support to Navy vessels throughout the Pacific.

In those positions, Layug

had easy access to two things Glenn Defense Marine dearly wanted: classified information about Navy ship movements, including which ports they intended to visit; and trade secrets about what the competition was charging to supply those vessels.

According to federal investigators, it didn't take much to buy off the sailor. First, a Glenn Defense Marine executive gave him an unlocked cellphone.

Over time, as Layug proved cooperative, the defense contractor fed his appetite for consumer electronics, bribing him with an iPad 3, a Wii video game console, a Blackberry phone, a Sony VAIO laptop, and a Nikon D5200 digital camera, documents filed by prosecutors show.

They also indulged his desire for a good time, providing him and his Navy buddies with free luxury hotel rooms during their visits to ports in Hong Kong, Thailand, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, according to the documents.

Starting in May 2012, Layug also received an "allowance" of \$1,000 per month from Glenn Defense Marine, usually in envelopes of cash, the document show.

In exchange, on at least five occasions, Layug handed over classified information about Navy ship schedules.

To gather the material, the sailor simply entered a secure room aboard the USS Blue Ridge, logged onto a classified computer terminal and printed out the schedules. All documents in the secure room had to be printed on pink paper, to signify that the material was classified. But Layug just added a blank cover sheet, walked off the ship and took the

documents home, according to investigators.

Layug's attorneys did not respond to emails seeking comment. He has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bribery and has not disputed the evidence laid out by prosecutors.

In a court brief filed this month, defense attorneys Ezekiel Cortez and Joshi Valentine said the sailor felt "deep shame" and remorse. They said he came from an impoverished background as a child and succumbed to the bribery temptations out of a "need to prove his success to his family by acquiring the trapping of financial success."

His attorneys argued that he should be sentenced to probation without any prison time, noting that he is cooperating with investigators and has a family to support. He is still in the Navy, though his lawyers indicated that he faces court-martial and that his military "career will soon be over."

In contrast, prosecutors sought a 27-month prison term for Layug, contending that he put national security at risk by selling the classified ship schedules, which reveal the planned movement of Navy warships up to a year in advance.

"As seems abundantly obvious, in the wrong hands, this information would provide a substantial advantage to those intent on doing our Sailors, our Navy, and our Nation harm, essentially allowing them to know when and where to plan an attack," wrote Pletcher, the federal prosecutor overseeing the case.

The prosecution's argument won out. On Thursday, U.S. District Judge Janis Sammartino sentenced Layug to 27 months' imprisonment.

Navy looks into Naples cancer

BY STEVEN BEARDSLEY
Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Navy officials are looking into a report by Italy's national health institute that confirms elevated cancer rates in an area of Naples that is home to hundreds of U.S. military families.

"The Land of Fires," a zone of 55 communities in an agricultural area north of Naples, is known for large trash fires and toxic-waste dumping by organized crime groups — activities that independent researchers and local advocates have linked to rising cancer rates in children in recent years.

The U.S. Navy, whose European command is headquartered in Naples, has housed military families on a base in one of the communities, Gricignano, since 2001, and maintains off-base leases in the area.

The report by the Italian Institute of Health found an unusually high number of cases of leukemia and brain tumors in infants living in the area and higher instances of stomach, liver and lung tumors in adults.

The study, the first of its kind by the Italian government, was mandated in 2014, soon after Italy deployed its military to stop the fires.

Base officials are having the study translated into English

and plan to meet with one of its authors, said a spokesman, Lt. j.g. Alexander Perrien. The Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center in Portsmouth, Va., will also review the translated study.

"We continue to be committed to keeping our Navy personnel and their families informed of credible information with complete transparency," Perrien said.

The Navy conducted a health study of American housing on and off base from 2008 to 2011 which tested local air, soil and water and showed no adverse health effects among Americans living on base or in the nearby communities.

DOD: Strikes in July killed 2 civilians

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
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WASHINGTON — U.S. airstrikes against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria last July killed two civilians and injured four more, a military spokesman said Friday.

The casualties occurred in five separate strikes between July 4 and July 17, said Air Force Col. Pat Ryder, a spokesman for U.S. Central Command, which oversees the U.S.-led operations against Islamic State militants.

"We, of course, deeply regret the unintentional loss of life and injuries resulting from these strikes and express our deepest sympathies to the victims' families and those affected," Ryder said.

The announcement Friday came just one week after the Pentagon confirmed eight civilians were killed and four more were hurt in five other airstrikes between April 12 and July 4.

The Pentagon has acknowledged American airstrikes have killed 16 civilians and have injured nine in Syria and Iraq since it began targeting the Islamic State in August 2014. The coalition has conducted more than 9,830 strikes and has released about 35,000 bombs during that time, according to Operation Inherent Resolve statistics.

Ryder called the U.S.-led air war against the Islamic State group "the most precise air campaign in history," citing its exclusive use of precision-guided weapons and its few unintended casualties.

"The low numbers (of civilian casualties) here are a testament to our aviators and the mission planners, and the incredible amount of effort from the intelligence analysts (and) the pre-mission coordination to ensure that when we conduct these strikes they're against the intended targets."

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Trove of Marine Corps footage preserved

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Never-before-seen films of Marines ramming artillery shells into large guns on the beaches of Iwo Jima in 1945 and standing amid sandbags during the 1968 siege of Khe Sanh in Vietnam are part of a vast collection of silent, color footage being repaired, preserved and eventually placed online for all to see.

The Marine Corps is sending the rare stockpile of films to specialists in South Carolina. Some of the images have been in storage for 70 years and offer viewers a gritty, "you-were-

there" view of military life. Most films were not even seen by the combat photographers who shot them with handheld cameras from the late 1930s through World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

Marine Corps historian Thomas Baughn, who manages the film repository at the Marine Corps University at Quantico, Va., said it's important the unique "Leatherneck legacy" not crumble away.

Understanding the history and tradition of the Marine Corps is an important part of each Marine's ethos, the historian said.

"It's some pretty powerful footage," Baughn said in a telephone interview.

The films depict storied events such as Marines wading through the tide at Guadalcanal, the wounded being evacuated from Iwo Jima and Marines tramping single-file through the hillsides after the Chinese tried to wipe out the 1st Marine Division at the Chosin Reservoir during the Korean War.

It is a large stockpile, about 16,000 reels of 16 mm and 35 mm films, which amounts to about 2,000 hours.

Snowed-in East Coast begins digging out

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Millions of Americans began digging themselves out Sunday after a mammoth blizzard with hurricane-force winds and record-setting snowfall brought much of the U.S. East Coast to an icy standstill.

The travel ban that barred

nonemergency vehicles from the roads of New York City was lifted at 7 a.m. Sunday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. In Baltimore, a travel ban was also lifted, but some restrictions remain in place.

Meanwhile, mass transit systems that had been partially suspended during the storm were to be restored gradually.

The massive snowstorm brought both the nation's capital and its largest city to a stop, dumping as much as 3 feet of snow and stranding tens of thousands of travelers.

At least 18 deaths were blamed on the weather, resulting from car crashes, shoveling snow and hypothermia.

Cavs open Lue era with loss

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Tyronn Lue didn't make much of a difference in his coaching debut for Cleveland as Pau Gasol scored 25 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to a 96-83 win over the Cavaliers on Saturday night.

Lue was promoted Friday, when the Cavaliers fired David Blatt despite him taking the team to the NBA Finals last season and currently leading the Eastern Conference. The coaching swap didn't have any immediate impact on the Bulls, who outlasted the Cavs to loose balls and won for just the third time in nine games.

Jimmy Butler scored 20 points, Nikola Mirotic added 17 and Taj Gibson 15 for Chicago, which opened a 17-point lead in the third quarter and never let the Cavs get closer than eight in the fourth.

LeBron James just missed his first triple-double this season, finishing with 26 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists. J.R. Smith added 18 points.

Kings 108, Pacers 97: DeMarcus Cousins had a career-high 48 points along with 13 rebounds to help host Sacramento beat Indiana for its season-high fifth

straight win.

Rajon Rondo had 11 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his second straight triple-double and sixth of the season for Sacramento.

The Kings, winners of eight of 11 in January, used a strong third quarter to build an 11-point lead and never relinquished it in the fourth. Sacramento has beaten Indiana four straight times, sweeping the season series the last two years.

Suns 98, Hawks 95: Archie Goodwin hit a three-pointer from atop the arc with 0.1 seconds left and Phoenix beat visiting Atlanta to end a six-game losing streak.

Goodwin led the Suns with 24 points, and Phoenix won for the second time in 17 games.

Tyson Chandler tied a Suns record with 27 rebounds, including 17 in the first half, and also had 13 points and a season-high five assists.

Timberwolves 106, Grizzlies 101: Shabazz Muhammad scored 25 points and host Minnesota snapped Memphis' four-game winning streak.

Ricky Rubio had 15 points, 12 assists and six rebounds and Andrew Wiggins scored 19 points for the Timberwolves, who beat

a team with a winning record for the first time since Nov. 25. Minnesota improved to just 7-17 at home this season.

Nuggets 104, Pistons 101: Danilo Gallinari scored 30 points, including the go-ahead jumper with 23.8 seconds remaining, and Denver rallied to beat visiting Detroit.

Marcus Morris had 20 points to lead the Pistons, who have lost five of their last seven games.

Trail Blazers 121, Lakers 103: Damian Lillard had 36 points and the Trail Blazers beat Los Angeles for Kobe Bryant's last game in Portland.

All eyes were on Bryant, a Portland nemesis dating back to the 2000 Western Conference finals, who finished with 10 points. The Lakers dropped their sixth straight game.

Hornets 97, Knicks 84: Jeremy Lin and Kemba Walker scored 26 points each and host Charlotte beat New York for its third win in the past four games.

Pelicans 116, Bucks 99: Ryan Anderson scored 23 points and tied a season-high with six three-pointers, leading hot-shooting New Orleans to a win over visiting Milwaukee.

Duncan no match for Leonard's stoicism

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — On a team that prides itself on humility, efficiency and selflessness, Kawhi Leonard is the most Spur-like of them all.

Tim Duncan's stoicism has been spoofed in commercials and memes, but Leonard makes the veteran seem positively animated in comparison. A big dunk or key play? Leonard might give a small fist pump, maybe a slight clap of his hands.

"It's very rare for him," guard Tony Parker said, "even less than Timmy."

The soft-spoken Leonard is a lot like Duncan on the court, too, quietly putting together a season that has him in the early MVP discussion. The Spurs are right there near the top of the Western Conference standings, right behind the defending champion Golden State Warriors, and the teams will play each other for the first time this season on Monday night in Oakland.

If everyone else is excited about it, that will have to do. You won't hear much buzz from Leonard. His focus is singular.

"Just wanting to win, really," Leonard said. "That's it. That's all I think about."

The 6-foot-7 forward is clearly the best player on a team with a trio of future Hall of Famers in Duncan, Parker and Manu Ginobili, and the offseason's biggest free-agent acquisition in LaMarcus Aldridge. The Spurs were hopeful, if uncertain of Leonard's potential when they traded away team favorite George Hill to Indiana in 2011 for the dynamic, raw talent out of San Diego State. Leonard has rewarded San Antonio's forward thinking by meticulously becoming one of the game's elite players, staying late and coming early to hone his game.

"He's a young player and he's just trying to be the best basketball player he can be," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "That encompasses playing both ends of the floor and everything that entails."

It's a drive that led Popovich to proclaim in 2012 that Leonard was "going to be a star" and "the face of the Spurs." As usual, he was right.

From stripping the sure-handed Stephen Curry of his dribble at midcourt last April to holding Indiana All-Star Paul George to a career-worst seven points last month, Leonard continues to prove himself an elite defender. A 7-3 wingspan helps, but there's more to it.

George called his matchup with Leonard "a game with a game" that he enjoys. Added LeBron James: "Kawhi has some of the best hands, he's a great defender. I love going against him."

Leonard's defense is no surprise. He won Defensive Player of the Year last season. But he's doing more on the offensive end, too — averaging career bests in scoring, rebounds and assists — all while guarding the team's best perimeter player, regardless of size and position.

Spartans stop skid by topping Terps

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Bryn Forbes pump-faked, put the ball on the floor and lofted a shot through the hoop.

The slumping shooting guard bounced back and No. 11 Michigan State did, too.

Forbes scored 25 points and Denzel Valentine had 19 points, 14 rebounds and eight assists to lead the Spartans in a 74-65 win over No. 7 Maryland on Saturday.

"I felt like I was flowing," he said. "It felt great to do that again."

Forbes, who is averaging 13 points a game, had scored a total of five points in the past two home games, both losses, on 1-for-14 shooting combined. The senior swished his second shot, a mid-range jumper from the right wing, early in the game and finished with eight field goals, including four three-pointers.

Michigan State (17-4, 4-4 Big Ten) had lost three straight games, including its last two at home.

The Terrapins (17-3, 6-2) have lost just two of their last 13 games and both setbacks were in the state of Michigan. They fell to the Wolverines on the road earlier this month.

"They were eager to come get us," said Maryland's Melo Trimble, who scored 24 points.

No. 1 Oklahoma 82, No. 13 Baylor 72: Buddy Hield scored 14 of his 19 points after halftime, including consecutive three-pointers that put the visiting Sooners ahead to stay in a victory over Baylor.

The Sooners reached No. 1 for the first time since 1990 this week, then lost 82-77

at No. 19 Iowa State on Monday night. But they rebounded big by ending Baylor's 15-game home winning streak to match the Bears (15-4, 5-2) for the Big 12 lead.

No. 3 Kansas 76, Texas 67: Perry Ellis had 26 points, Wayne Selden Jr. added 19 and Kansas won its 34th straight home game.

The Jayhawks (16-3, 4-3 Big 12) had played poorly in a two-week stretch since beating No. 1 Oklahoma. Along with losses to West Virginia and Oklahoma State, they struggled to beat TCU.

No. 5 Xavier 84, Seton Hall 76: At Cincinnati, James Farr scored a career-high 24 points as part of his fourth double-double of the season for Xavier.

Farr had 15 rebounds, three blocks, two steals and a career-high four assists to lead the Musketeers (17-2, 5-2 Big East).

No. 6 West Virginia 80, Texas Tech 76: Tarik Phillip scored the final eight points in a closing surge for the visiting Mountaineers (16-3, 5-2 Big 12), who ended the game on a 10-2 run.

No. 10 Texas A&M 66, Missouri 53: Jalen Jones scored 17 of his 20 points in the second half to lead the host Aggies to their 10th win in a row, their longest victory string since a 13-game run ended in January 2011.

California 74, No. 12 Arizona 73: California held on when Arizona's Gabe York dribbled off his foot, then drove to the basket and missed a contested shot in the waning seconds.

Jordan Mathews scored 28 points for the Golden Bears (14-6, 4-3 Pac-12). Jaylen Brown hit the second of two free throws with 18.4 seconds for the final point.

No. 15 Miami 77, Wake Forest 63: Reserve Ja'Quan Newton scored 18 points and host Miami overcame poor shooting in the paint.

No. 17 Louisville 75, Georgia Tech 71: At Atlanta, Damion Lee scored 17 points, Anas Mahmoud added 15 and Louisville held on for its third straight victory.

Creighton 72, No. 18 Butler 64: Maurice Watson scored 20 points as host Creighton stopped an 11-game losing streak against Top 25 opponents.

No. 19 Iowa State 73, TCU 60: Monte Morris had 18 points and six assists to lead the visiting Cyclones (15-4, 4-3 Big 12), who started slowly five days after knocking off No. 1 Oklahoma. Morris' steal and layup key an 11-0 run late in the first half.

No. 20 Duke 88, North Carolina State 78: Grayson Allen scored 28 points and visiting Duke took control with a second-half flurry to end a three-game losing streak.

The reigning national champs stopped their longest skid since 2006-07.

No. 23 Kentucky 76, Vanderbilt 57: Tyler Ulis scored 21 points, Jamal Murray added 18 and host Kentucky shot 55 percent from the field.

Tennessee 78, No. 24 South Carolina 69: Kevin Punter Jr. scored a career-high 36 points to boost the host Volunteers, who made their first seven three-point shots in the second half.

No. 25 Indiana 89, Northwestern 57: Kevin "Yogi" Ferrell scored 17 points as the host Hoosiers (17-3, 7-0 Big Ten) won their 12th straight, matching the longest winning streak since coach Tom Crean was hired in 2008.



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Djokovic survives in five sets

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — In the shadows of a sporting shrine where centuries are usually celebrated, Novak Djokovic reached an unprecedented 100 that took a touch of the glow off his streak of reaching the quarterfinals at a 27th consecutive major.

That's rarified territory for the five-time and defending champion, equalling Jimmy Connors' career mark of consecutive quarterfinals — only Roger Federer has more with his 36.

"These are the tournaments that we value the most and to be able to always come up with the best performance in the Grand Slams, of course I'm very proud of it and hopefully I can keep going," Djokovic said after holding off Gilles Simon 6-3, 6-7 (1), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 on Sunday at the Australian Open. He will next meet No. 7 Kei Nishikori, who beat No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

Five-time champion Federer won the last match of the night, beating No. 15-seeded David Goffin 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 to secure a quarterfinal against No. 6 Tomas Berdych, a 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 winner over Roberto Bautista Agut.

Djokovic's 100 unforced errors were the most startling statistic of the day. He said he expected it to be tough against Simon, who is relentless in long rallies, but couldn't remember such a high number of errors. At the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the home of Australian cricket across the train tracks from Melbourne Park, 100 is a cherished number for runs scored by a batsman. That's not the case for the unforced errors columns at the national tennis center.

"No, I don't think I've had any number close to 100," he said. "In terms of the level that I've played, it's the match to forget for me."

The drama kept building after a routine start to Day 7, when six-time champion Serena Williams and Maria Sharapova confirmed a quarterfinal date with straight-set wins, ensuring a rematch between last year's finalists.

Djokovic followed them on court, and needed 4 hours, 32 minutes, enduring relentless and long rallies before beating 31-year-old Simon.

And then No. 4 Agnieszka Radwanska rallied from 5-2 down in the third set to win 6-7 (6), 6-1, 7-5 against Anna-Lena Friedsam, who finished the last two games hobbling and in tears, and also conceded a point penalty on her last serve, after taking a medical timeout for what appeared to be cramps. Radwanska next plays No. 10 Carla

Suarez Navarro, who had an 0-6, 6-3, 6-2 win over Russian-born Australian Daria Gavrilova.

Djokovic only lost one match in a Grand Slam last year — the French Open final — and for the sixth straight major hadn't dropped a set in reaching the fourth round. Despite all that, he was ready to take tips from the public after his error-strewn performance.

A man in the crowd yelled out during the post-match interview that Djokovic should give up on the drop shots — some of which were incredibly ill-advised and poorly executed.

"OK, thanks buddy," Djokovic deadpanned. "I hate to say, but you are absolutely right."

Simon entered the match with a 1-9 win-loss record against Djokovic, but thought he'd worked out a way to beat the Serbian star by consistently and desperately keeping the rallies alive.

"I know a lot of players wanted me to win this match," the 31-year-old Frenchman said. "A lot of players will feel better with Novak out of the draw."

That is Williams' status on the women's side. The 21-time major winner had a 55-minute, 6-2, 6-1 win over Margarita Gasparyan to set up a big match against Sharapova, a player she has beaten in 18 of their 20 matches.

Fifth-seeded Sharapova had a career-high 21 aces and hit 58 winners in her 7-5, 7-5 win over Belinda Bencic.

Williams won 26 matches in a row at the majors last season, capturing the Australian, French and Wimbledon titles and reaching the semifinals at the U.S. Open before a stunning loss to Roberta Vinci ended her run for the season slam.

That's the driving factor here.

"For my whole career I have been motivated by losses. So that's just been my thing," she said. "So each time I take a loss, I feel like I get better."

Sharapova won consecutive matches against Williams in 2004, but has lost all 17 meetings since. It's a statistic she tries to block from her mind.

"I got myself into the quarterfinal of a Grand Slam," the 2008 Australian Open champion said. "There's no reason I shouldn't be looking to improve and to getting my game in a better position than any other previous round. It's only going to be tougher, especially against Serena."

Gold wins US title

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Gracie Gold started her free skate needing a near-perfect performance to overcome her shaky short program.

She did just that with a sizzling rendition of "The Firebird" on Saturday night to win her second U.S. title.

"It was almost better going in that way knowing I couldn't miss anything," Gold said. "I needed every single point. Every ounce of firebird I had needed to be left out there."

"And I did it."

Gold had trailed Polina Edmunds by 7.69 points, but she landed seven triple jumps cleanly and earned high artistic marks to overtake the teenager.

Gold scored 147.96 points for a total of 210.46. The 17-year-old Edmunds had 137.32 points in her free skate for 207.51 total.

Three-time U.S. champion Ashley Wagner was cruising through her program with just one more jump to land when she did only one rotation of a planned triple lutz. In the end, those lost points didn't matter — she would have finished third behind Gold and Edmunds even with them.

Earlier, new champions were crowned in ice dance and pairs, with siblings Maia and Alex Shibutani and Tarah Kayne and Danny O'Shea each winning their first national title.

Fowler wins Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates — Rickie Fowler won the Abu Dhabi Championship for his fourth worldwide victory in nine months, shooting a 3-under 69 in his final round Sunday to win by one stroke from playing partner Thomas Pieters.

Fast-finishing Rory McIlroy (68) and Henrik Stenson (67) tied for third.

Pieters emerged from a congested pack to chase Fowler all the way. Fowler holed from just off the 17th green for a birdie to take a two-shot cushion down the last, but Pieters made a birdie — he missed his eagle putt by an inch — to leave Fowler two putts to win from 12 feet. He needed both of them.

Jordan Spieth also played in Abu Dhabi this week — as part of his grueling global tour — and was tied for fifth, five shots behind Fowler.

Vonn sets record

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Another day in Cortina, another record for Lindsey Vonn.

The American won a World Cup super-G Sunday for her 11th career victory in Cortina, breaking the resort record of retired Austrian standout Renate Goetschl.

By winning a downhill on Saturday, Vonn eclipsed Annemarie Moser-Proell's mark of 36 career wins in skiing's marquee event.

With another near-perfect run down the Olympia delle Tofane course, Vonn beat Tina Weirather of Liechtenstein by 0.69 seconds, with Viktoria Rebensburg of Germany third, 1.15 back.

Garcia claims title

LOS ANGELES — Danny Garcia won the vacant WBC welterweight belt Saturday night with a resourceful performance in a unanimous-decision victory over Robert Guerrero.

Garcia (32-0, 18 KOs) recovered from a slow start and largely controlled the later rounds to win a world title in just his second welterweight bout. The Philadelphia fighter took charge with a dominant right hand, and punishing Guerrero (33-4-1) before surviving a frantic 12th round.

Garcia won 116-112 on all three judges' scorecards to claim the WBC title left vacant by the retirement of Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Panthers end Lightning's streak

Associated Press

SUNRISE, Fla. — The Florida Panthers are proving they are one of the elite teams in the NHL.

Jonathan Huberdeau had a goal and an assist, sending the Panthers to a 5-2 victory over Tampa Bay that ended the Lightning's seven-game winning streak Saturday night.

After drubbing the defending champion Chicago Blackhawks 4-0 on Friday, the Panthers have beaten both of last season's Stanley Cup finalists on successive nights.

Decisively, too.

"We knew it was going to be two tough games," Panthers coach Gerard Gallant said. "It was a good challenge for our team."

The Panthers won their second straight after a four-game skid and increased their lead in the Atlantic Division to five points.

"We know we can beat any team in the league," Huberdeau said. "We know what we're capable of and we showed it this weekend."

Brian Campbell, Vincent Trocheck, Reilly Smith and Nick Bjugstad also scored for Florida. Roberto Luongo stopped 38 shots.

Luongo gave up two goals late in the third, halting a scoreless streak of 127 minutes, 9 seconds. The Lightning took 22 shots in the period.

"I need a lot of rest after tonight," Luongo said.

Victor Hedman and J.T. Brown scored for

the Lightning. Ben Bishop, who allowed four goals in his previous four starts, gave up four on 30 shots. He was replaced by Andrei Vasilevskiy at the start of the third period.

"We got away [from] what's made us successful the past couple games," Lightning captain Steven Stamkos said.

Avalanche 3, Stars 1: Carl Soderberg and Gabriel Landeskog each scored a short-handed goal, and Colorado beat host Dallas for its fourth consecutive victory.

Semyon Varlamov made 42 saves for the Avalanche, outshot 43-15. Mikhail Grigorenko added Colorado's final goal with 5:51 remaining.

Sharks 4, Wild 3: Joe Pavelski scored the tiebreaking goal with 1:28 to go, leading host San Jose to its seventh win in eight games.

Tomas Hertl, Joonas Donskoi and Joel Ward also scored to help the Sharks extend their season-high point streak to eight games. Martin Jones made 25 saves.

Penguins 5, Canucks 4: Evgeni Malkin scored three times to help host Pittsburgh rally for the win.

It was Malkin's 10th career hat trick and first since Feb. 25, 2012. Malkin, who leads the team with 23 goals and 47 points, has 19 points in his last 15 games.

Ducks 4, Red Wings 3: Corey Perry and Ryan Kesler each scored twice to lift visiting Anaheim to the victory.

The Ducks have won four straight games on the road against the Red Wings and have not lost a regulation game in

Detroit since Nov. 5, 2011.

Anaheim was snowed out of its game against the Capitals in Washington on Friday night.

Bruins 3, Blue Jackets 2 (SO): Ryan Spooner and Torey Krug scored in the shootout, leading the host Bruins.

Brad Marchand had a goal in his fourth straight game for Boston, which has won four of five overall. David Pastrnak also scored for the Bruins.

Canadiens 3, Maple Leafs 2 (SO): Max Pacioretty and Lars Eller scored in the shootout, and visiting Montreal stopped a five-game winless streak.

David Desharnais and Tomas Fleischmann scored for the Canadiens in regulation. Mike Condon finished with 17 saves.

Devils 3, Jets 1: Lee Stempniak scored twice and Corey Schneider made 22 saves, helping New Jersey to the road win.

Stempniak got his 13th goal of the season in the first period and then added another on a redirected shot in the third. Jacob Josefson also scored for the Devils.

Coyotes 3, Kings 2: Jordan Martinook scored 22 seconds into the third period to snap a tie, Shane Doan had a goal and an assist, and host Arizona overcame a bizarre goal by Los Angeles.

Oliver Ekman-Larsson also scored and Louis Domingue stopped 21 shots as the Coyotes snapped a four-game skid and handed the Pacific Division leaders their second consecutive loss