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Air operations resume at Incirlik base

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STUTTGART, Germany — Turkey allowed the U.S. to resume air operations against the Islamic State group from Incirlik Air Base after the Turkish base commander was detained in connection with this past weekend's coup attempt.

Turkey had closed the airspace around Incirlik on Saturday as the government said it had gotten the upper hand over a group within the Turkish military that had attempted a coup on Friday night. Throughout Saturday and Sunday, Turkish authorities were rounding up members of the military and the justice system who are suspected of involvement in the failed coup attempt.

"After close coordination with our Turkish allies, they have reopened their airspace to military aircraft," Pentagon spokesman Peter Cook said Sunday. "As a result, counter-ISIL coalition air operations at all air bases in Turkey have resumed," he said, using an acronym for the Islamic State group.

The agreement with Turkey came on the same day that authorities took into custody the top Turkish general in charge and 10 other troops for their alleged role in the coup attempt. Incirlik Air Base not only plays a key role in the U.S. campaign against the Islamic State group, but also houses U.S. nuclear weapons.

The first military flights resumed Sunday about 2:30 p.m., several hours after Turkey authorized the reopening of the airspace, defense officials said.

U.S. facilities at Incirlik were still operating on internal power sources Sunday afternoon, but Cook said the hope was that commercial power soon would be restored. "Base operations have not been affected," Cook said.

On Saturday at about 7:30 a.m., Turkish authorities cut off commercial power to the base, which Turkey owns and operates.

The airspace was closed by 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Some officials said the move was intended to ensure that no Turkish air as-

sets loyal to the rebels were able to operate from the base. But the sudden closure of airspace sparked fears among some analysts that the move was intended to pressure the U.S.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Saturday asked the U.S. to extradite Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen, whom Erdogan describes as the mastermind behind the failed overthrow. Gulen, who lives in exile in Pennsylvania and is an advocate for democracy and interfaith dialogue, denied any involvement.

Secretary of State John Kerry said the U.S. would review any request that included "legitimate evidence."

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said on Saturday that any nation supporting Gulen would be regarded as an "enemy" of Turkey.

Kerry, in a call with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu, cautioned that "insinuations" of American complicity in the attempted coup would have damaging political ramifications.

"[Kerry] made clear that the United States would be willing to provide assistance to Turkish authorities conducting this investigation, but that public insinuations or claims about any role by the United States in the failed coup attempt are utterly false and harmful to our bilateral relations," State Department spokesman John Kirby said in a statement.

The dispute over Gulen threatens to further rock an already troubled relationship between Washington and Ankara, and potentially puts operations at Incirlik in the political balance.

U.S. fighters, drones and refueling aircraft flying out of Incirlik have played a crucial role in the battle against the Islamic State group. Since August, A-10 Warthogs and other aircraft have been a constant presence at Incirlik, expanding the U.S. coalition's reach into Iraq and Syria. Prior to being able to fly out of Incirlik, the U.S. had relied solely on bases in the Middle East and carriers in the Persian Gulf to conduct operations.

Official: 3 police officers shot dead in Baton Rouge

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Three officers are confirmed dead and three others wounded after a shooting in Baton Rouge, a sheriff's office spokeswoman said Sunday. One suspect is dead, and law enforcement officials believe two others are still at large, the spokeswoman said.

Casey Rayborn Hicks, a spokeswoman for the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office, said in a statement that the public should call 911 immediately if they see anything suspicious.

Police said they were using a specialized robot to check for explosives near the body of the slain suspect.

Baton Rouge Police Cpl. L'Jean Mckneely Jr. said authorities did not have an immediate indication that explosives were present.

The shooting — which happened just before 9 a.m. less than 1 mile from police headquarters — comes amid spiraling tensions across the city — and the country — between the black community and police. The races of the suspect or

suspects and the officers were not immediately known.

Baton Rouge Police Sgt. Don Coppola told The Associated Press earlier that the officers were rushed to a local hospital. Coppola said authorities are asking people to stay away from the area.

The White House said President Barack Obama has been briefed on the shooting and has asked to be updated throughout the day as more details become available.

Multiple police units were stationed at Our Lady of the

Lake Regional Medical Center, where stricken officers were believed to be undergoing treatment at a trauma center. A police officer with a long gun was blocking the parking lot at the emergency room.

Police-community relations in Baton Rouge have been especially tense since the killing of Alton Sterling, 37, a black man, by white officers earlier this month after a scuffle at a convenience store. The killing was captured on cellphone video and inspired protests.

China criticizes US support of UNCLOS ruling

BY ERIK SLAVIN
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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The United States is telling a defiant China that it must follow an international court ruling that rebuked its illegal actions in the South China Sea.

The Obama administration does so knowing the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague can't hold Washington to the same standards.

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea makes it clear that its member states are bound by decisions at the PCA, which found Tuesday that China's perceived "historic right" to 90 percent of the South China Sea was both inaccurate and legally meaningless.

The ruling found against China on at least 14 other main contentions, ranging from environmental destruction to illegally building artificial, militarized islands in the Philippines' exclusive economic zone.

With its legal arguments largely discredited by the court, Beijing has continued to make a moral argument. It accuses Washington of hypocrisy.

"The US is always selective when it comes to the application of international law: citing international law when it sees fit and discarding international law when it sees otherwise," China Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said Wednesday. "It keeps urging others to abide by the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea while refusing to ratify the convention

to this day."

Some in Washington say China has a point. Leaders in Congress and the U.S. military want the U.S. to finally ratify UNCLOS, citing it as a necessary step for the nation to provide global leadership. Some in the business community see the treaty as a step toward economic gains, particularly in the Arctic.

However, others view ratifying the treaty as entangling the country in a global bureaucracy, where gains from undersea resources could be used to fund Washington's enemies.

Former President Ronald Reagan rejected the 1982 treaty largely because of concerns about rights to deep seabed mining, according to reports by the Heritage Foundation, a con-

servative think tank.

Some of those provisions were revised in 1994. President Bill Clinton supported the agreement and sent it to the Senate, where it stalled.

Since then, each president and most of the military's top officials have publicly supported passage. However, the treaty has never gained the two-thirds majority support needed from the Senate for ratification.

"I think that in the 21st century, our moral standing is affected by the fact that we are not a signatory to UNCLOS," Adm. Harry Harris, head of Pacific Command, said during congressional testimony in February.

The Navy still follows the treaty's navigational rules and concepts.

USAREUR moving to Germany base

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STUTTGART, Germany — U.S. Army Europe will occupy a base in northwestern Germany to store tanks and other combat-ready equipment, which is flowing into Europe as part of a Pentagon plan to position more firepower on the continent.

In October, USAREUR will move into the Tower Barracks facility in Duermen, where for years a small British unit

was stationed. With the United Kingdom's plan to vacate the post this year, USAREUR requested access to the facility from the German government, which obliged.

"The site at Duermen is well suited to meet our immediate equipment storage needs, with large warehouses, a fully functioning railhead and well-maintained equipment maintenance shops," said Don Wrenn, a USAREUR spokesman.

Since Russia's annexation

of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula in 2014, U.S. European Command has sought ways to enhance its presence around Europe, launching more large-scale training exercises and positioning rotational forces along NATO's eastern flank. Now EUCOM is moving toward a posture more oriented toward deterrence, and USAREUR's plans for a brigade's worth of combat ready gear is a linchpin to that push.

Okinawan wants death for daughter's killer

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — An Okinawan father wants the death penalty for a U.S. civilian base worker charged in his daughter's slaying.

Kenneth Franklin Gadson, a former Marine who works as a contractor at Kadena Air Base, was charged June 30 with murder and rape resulting in death in the death of Rina Shimabukuro, 20.

"July 18 is our daughter's 21st birthday, but her smiling face is gone forever," Yasuhide Shimabukuro said in a statement released to the media last week.

"We hope that the assailant receives a death sentence and experiences the pains, agonies and fear that our daughter had gone through. We are still struggling to find closure, but we will continue to pray for her soul to rest in peace," he said.

The statement marks only the second time Shimabukuro's family has commented on the death of their daughter, who disappeared in April.

From staff reports

Officials detain 2 more in Nice truck attack

Associated Press

NICE, France — French authorities detained two more people Sunday and released from custody the estranged wife of the slain Nice truck attacker as they tried to determine whether he had been an Islamic extremist or just a very angry man.

The Bastille Day carnage wrought by Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlej on the seafont

of this southern Mediterranean city claimed the lives of at least 84 people and wounded 202, including many tourists from other countries.

About 85 people remained hospitalized Sunday, and of those, 18 — including a child — were still in life-threatening condition, Health Minister Marisol Touraine told reporters on a visit to the city.

The Paris prosecutor's office said only 35 bodies have been

definitively identified so far, carried out by specialists with a judicial official present. That left 49 bodies still without identification. Touraine also said one of the hospitalized wounded still has not been identified.

A man and a woman were detained Sunday morning in Nice, according to an official with the Paris prosecutor's office, which oversees national terrorism investigations. That raises the total number detained to six.

Torre: Managers need to stop arguing

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Major League Baseball is telling managers to cool it on arguing balls and strikes, and warning them not to rely on replay help to bolster their beefs.

MLB executive Joe Torre sent a memo Friday to managers, general managers and assistant general managers that said: "This highly inappropriate conduct is detrimental to the game and must stop immediately."

The memo was obtained Saturday by The Associated Press.

"I'm still going to react to what I see in front of me," Detroit Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said Saturday night.

Torre, a Hall of Fame manager and former NL MVP, said skippers are increasingly relying on technology from the clubhouse or video room to argue from the dugout. Every pitch and play is monitored by teams in case they want to challenge for a replay review.

He called that "an express violation of the Replay Regulations, which state that 'on-field personnel in the dugout may not discuss any issue with individuals in their video review room using the dugout phone other than whether to challenge a play subject to video replay review.'"

Although disagreements over ball and strike calls are natural, the prevalence of manager ejections simply cannot contin-

ue," Torre wrote. "This conduct not only delays the game, but it also has the propensity to undermine the integrity of the umpires on the field."

Ausmus was ejected for arguing balls and strikes and covered home plate with a sweat shirt earlier this season, and Boston manager John Farrell was tossed during an animated dispute alongside Red Sox slugger David Ortiz.

Earlier this month, Cubs manager Joe Maddon was ejected while arguing from the dugout.

And as recently as Friday night, Oakland manager Bob Melvin and San Francisco skipper Bruce Bochy got tossed for arguing balls and strikes along with players on

their respective teams.

Torre concluded by advising that any manager or coach ejected for arguing balls and strikes "hereafter will be disciplined, including at least a fine."

"Joe's the boss, so I guess we'd better cool it," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "There's just some days you can't stand over there and not say something. They're always making additions, and I get speeding the game up and sometimes that sort of thing slows it down, so it'll take a little while to walk through that and see exactly how to play it. But you can't take the emotion out of the game. Joe knows that as well as everybody, but I understand where he's coming from."

Hammel, Cubs ruin ace Darvish's return

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Cubs manager Joe Maddon had a plan for facing Yu Darvish in the Texas star's return from the disabled list: load up on lefties and wait him out.

It worked, neutralizing Darvish's nasty slider and his nine strikeouts.

Darvish couldn't get through the fifth inning and the lefty-hitting Anthony Rizzo's two-run double helped lead Chicago past the Rangers 3-1 on Saturday.

"A guy like that, if you just let him have his way, he'll be sitting on 70 (pitches) in the sixth inning, he's going to beat you up," Maddon said. "His stuff is that good."

In his first start since June 8 because of shoulder pain, Darvish (2-1) reached 98 mph and allowed only two runs and two hits. But the Japanese right-hander lasted just 4¹/₃ innings thanks to four walks and shoddy defense.

"I was throwing the ball well," Darvish said through an interpreter while declaring himself pain-free. "It was a little different feeling from the last rehab outing in a good way."

Jason Hammel (8-5) struck out seven in six innings for the Cubs, who won their second straight in the interleague matchup of division leaders.

Hector Rondon pitched a perfect ninth to complete the three-hitter for his 15th save.

Darvish, a three-time All-Star, was making his fourth start since missing all of 2015 following Tommy John surgery.

Darvish was lifted after 90 pitches when second baseman Rougned Odor dropped what could have been an inning-ending double play.

Darvish hurt himself when he walked Miguel Montero, who entered hitting .201, to lead off the third. Then Rizzo's two-out double to right extended his hitting streak to 11 games and put the Cubs ahead to stay.

"I threw that slider where I wanted it to be and I struck him out on the previous at-bat," Darvish said. "Got to tip my hat to him."

Hammel allowed three hits in his first victory since June 4. Matt Szczur pinch-hit for the right-hander in the sixth and hit an RBI single off Shawn Tolleson. It was Szczur's 10th pinch hit and second for an RBI in as many days.

Texas' lone run in the game — and the series — came in odd fashion in the second.

Ryan Rua singled and scored from second on Elvis Andrus' infield single after the first baseman Rizzo threw wildly to the plate.

Texas has dropped a season high-tying four straight and nine of 11.

"We've got to find a way of putting a good combination of a solid start and solid offense on the board," Texas manager Jeff Banister said, "and play good defense."

Hammel, who had to leave his last start early with cramping in his thumb, had no issues this time. The rea-

son: potato chips.

"[The doctor] said if cramps are a chronic thing, potato chips, because they have a lot of potassium. And obviously the sea salt helps retain water," said Hammel, who said he ate some between innings.

"Potato chip prescription or PCP is what I'm going to go with," he added.

Darvish batted for the first time since 2014 and went up left-handed. He didn't swing while striking out on three pitches in the third. Darvish batted right-handed in the past.

"Hitting right-handed put more stress on my right shoulder, right elbow," Darvish said.

Angels 1, White Sox 0: Matt Shoemaker pitched a six-hitter and struck out a career-high 13 in his first complete game in the majors, and host Los Angeles beat the Chicago.

James Shields threw a two-hitter but was outdueled by Shoemaker, who walked none. Shoemaker (5-9) has allowed only four earned runs in his last five home starts.

Adam Eaton doubled to lead off the ninth and Melky Cabrera singled with one out to put runners on the corners, but Shoemaker struck out Todd Frazier and Justin Morneau to end the game.

Shields (4-11) allowed a leadoff triple to Yunel Escobar in the first inning but wouldn't allow another hit until the eighth. He walked two, struck out two and threw just 91 pitches.

Twins 5, Indians 4 (11): Joe Mauer raced home with the winning run when Max Kepler's comebacker ricocheted off pitcher Joe Colon's glove in the 11th inning to give host Minnesota a rain-delayed win.

The game was delayed by rain in the top of the 11th for 2 hours, 5 minutes.

Orioles 2, Rays 1: Chris Tillman became the American League's second 13-game winner as J.J. Hardy's two-run homer led Baltimore past host Tampa Bay.

Tillman (13-2) gave up one run and four hits, walked three and struck out three in seven innings. Only Chris Sale of the Chicago White Sox has more wins (14) among AL pitchers.

Cardinals 5, Marlins 0: Adam Wainwright threw a three-hit shutout to keep rolling in July, and host St. Louis snapped Miami's four-game winning streak.

Jhonny Peralta homered and Stephen Piscotty had two hits, a walk and two RBIs.

Mariners 1, Astros 0: Hisashi Iwakuma limited Houston to two hits in seven innings, Robinson Cano provided the only scoring with an RBI single in the sixth and Seattle beat the visiting Astros.

Iwakuma (10-6) won his fourth straight start to become the first Seattle pitcher to reach double-digit wins. He struck out eight and walked one.

Red Sox 5, Yankees 2: Sandy Leon homered and drove in four runs, Eduardo Rodriguez again dominat-

ed the Yankees in his return from Triple-A and visiting Boston won its season-high sixth straight.

Leon hit his second homer this season and the third of his career in the sixth inning — a three-run shot off CC Sabathia for a 5-1 lead. The Venezuelan has 13 RBIs in 20 games this season after getting eight in 75 games for his career prior to that.

Padres 7, Giants 6 (10): Adam Rosales singled in the tying run before Santiago Casilla balked home the winning run, and host San Diego rallied to beat San Francisco.

The Padres started the decisive rally when Alex Dickerson and Derek Norris singled to open the 10th against Casilla (1-3). Norris stole second before Rosales bounced a single past shortstop Brandon Crawford to tie the score.

Diamondbacks 2, Dodgers 1 (12): Jake Lamb drove in the tying run with an RBI double in the ninth inning, and then scored the winner on Brandon Drury's single in the bottom of the 12th to snap host Arizona's five-game losing streak.

Lamb opened the 12th inning with a triple into the right-field corner. After two intentional walks loaded the bases, Drury laced a single through the drawn-in infield off Casey Fien (0-1).

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 4: Khris Davis homered twice, Ryon Healy hit his first career home run, and Sonny Gray snapped a 12-game winless streak as Oakland beat visiting Toronto.

Davis was 2-for-4 in his ninth career multi-homer game, three of which came this season. The A's have homered six times in two games, three of them by Davis.

Rockies 4, Braves 3: Trevor Story led off the ninth inning with a single, advanced to third on two wild pitches and scored the go-ahead run on a throwing error as visiting Colorado beat stumbling Atlanta.

Brewers 9, Reds 1: Jonathan Lucroy's two-run homer started Milwaukee's big third inning, and the Brewers rolled past host Cincinnati.

Royals 8, Tigers 4: Salvador Perez singled, doubled, scored a run and drew two of Kansas City's seven walks as the Royals eased past host Detroit.

Kansas City scored four runs in the first inning off Mike Pelfrey, who didn't make it out of the second.

Phillies 4, Mets 2: Ryan Howard homered and Maikel Franco singled home the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning to lead host Philadelphia.

Nationals 6, Pirates 0: Tanner Roark pitched eight-plus innings of five-hit ball and had an RBI single during a three-run fourth as host Washington won its fifth straight.

Roark (9-5) allowed five singles with one walk and five strikeouts in his longest start of the season. He started the ninth but left after allowing a single and hitting a batter before the sellout crowd.



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Stenson outduels Mickelson to claim Open's claret jug

Associated Press

TROON, Scotland — Henrik Stenson kept hitting the best shots of his life, one after another, because there was no other way to beat Phil Mickelson in a British Open duel that ranked among the best in golf.

All he wanted was the silver claret jug. Stenson wound up with so much more Sunday.

Stenson's final stroke of this major masterpiece was a 20-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole at Royal Troon that tumbled into the cup on the last turn for an 8-under 63, matching Johnny Miller for the lowest closing round by a major champion.

It also gave him a 20-under 264, the lowest 72-hole score in major championship

history.

Stenson won by three shots over Mickelson, who played bogey-free for a 65 and posted a score that would have won all but two Opens over more than a century on the links.

Just not this one.

It was reminiscent of the "Duel in the Sun" just down the Ayrshire coastline at Turnberry in 1977, when Tom Watson beat Jack Nicklaus by one shot after a week-end of punches and counterpunches.

Until that final birdie, Stenson and Mickelson were never separated by more than two shots over 40 consecutive holes. Stenson pulled ahead with an 18-foot birdie putt on the par-3 14th hole, and he seized control for the first time all day

with a 50-foot putt across the 15th green.

Stenson started walking when the putt was halfway there, stopping to pump his fist, rare emotion for a 40-year-old Swede with ice blue eyes.

Mickelson narrowly missed an eagle putt on the 16th hole, and Stenson kept his two-shot lead with an up-and-down for birdie from deep rough.

J.B. Holmes finished third. He was 14 shots behind.

Stenson held a one-stroke lead heading into the final round after he and Mickelson went toe-to-toe for four hours Saturday, trading pivotal par saves and four lead changes in the cold wind and occasional rain.

Kyle Busch nabs another Xfinity win

Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — Kyle Busch had an expected result in his unexpected NASCAR start.

Busch led all but a handful of laps and simply dominated in his latest Xfinity Series victory Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Busch raced to his sixth Xfinity victory of the season and record-extending 82nd of his career.

The 2015 Sprint Cup champion also won the last race at Kentucky Speedway and his six wins have come in just 10 races.

Busch has 164 career wins across all three of NASCAR's national series, and is 36 wins shy of matching Richard Petty's total of 200. Petty, of course, won all 200 in the Cup series to go with seven championships and a spot in the Hall of Fame.

Busch topped the 17,000 laps-lead mark in his career and was never seriously challenged, pulling away off every restart and he eventually took his traditional victory bow.

"I guess they're big numbers," Busch said. "Running in this series is something fun for me to do, cool for me to do and it also helps me out and gets me a little more experience."

Busch was not scheduled to drive this season at New Hampshire in the No. 18 Toyota. But he was pulled into duty when Joe Gibbs Racing developmental driver Matt Tifft was forced out following surgery last month to have a tumor removed.

"He's going through some rehab right now, so can't wait to see him come back," Busch said.

Erik Jones was second, followed by Brad Keselowski, Daniel Suarez and Austin Dillon. Jones, who clinched a spot in Xfinity's version of the Chase, said he bought a car with the \$100,000 earned in the series' "Dash 4 Cash" promotion for winning at Dover.

"I bought a car, but I can't talk about it," he said.

Alex Bowman finished eighth, a day before he was to subs for Dale Earnhardt Jr. in the Cup race. Earnhardt was sitting out because he suffers from symptoms of a concussion.

Busch continued to roll at New Hampshire, a track that served as one of his turning points last season.

He crashed into a concrete wall the day before the Daytona 500 and broke his right leg and left foot. Busch rebounded from his injuries to win his first career Sprint Cup championship.

But he had missed the first 11 races and was left needing a midsummer hot streak to even think about racing his way into the Chase.

He got one.

Busch sat 35th in the points standings when he won the New Hampshire Cup race last July, the second of three straight victories that propelled him into the Chase. He started the streak with a win at Kentucky Speedway and capped it by kissing the bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"That was awesome. That was just something really, really special that actually gave me some confidence going to Indy," Busch said. "I was like, 'Man, you know how cool it's going to be to win three in a row? But you know how cool it's going to be to win the Brickyard 400?' There was certainly some thoughts that we had going into that week, and we just set our mind to it and we were able to capitalize and that was good."

Wilder retains heavyweight title

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Despite fighting mostly one-armed for half the fight, Deontay Wilder remained in control in the ring before quickly heading to the hospital.

Wilder retained his WBC heavyweight title with a technical knockout when Chris Arreola's corner stopped the fight after the eighth round Saturday night at Legacy Arena.

Arreola's left eye appeared swollen shut. An injured Wilder (37-0, 36 knockouts) knocked down Arreola in the fourth and peppered him with left jabs and hooks after landing hard rights early.

Promoter Lou DiBella said Wilder was taken to nearby UAB Hospital after a doctor confirmed he had a broken right hand and a probable distal tear in that biceps. Both injuries happened early in the fight.

Wilder showed reporters his injured biceps as he headed to the locker room and

said he was already certain the hand was broken. He threw the right, his biggest weapon, sparingly after the fourth round.

Even hurting, Wilder didn't lose his bravado. Before leaving the ring, he was talking about wanting to fight the winner of the upcoming Wladimir Klitschko-Tyson Fury fight or Anthony Joshua.

"My goal is to unify the division," said Wilder, who didn't hold a post-fight news conference. "I'm one of the baddest, hardest-hitting heavyweights in the business. Right here from Alabama, baby. I came a long way. So whoever's got those belts, that's who I want. It don't matter if I got a broke hand, got a torn muscle, I'm going to fight like heavyweight champions do. I don't play boxing. Of course I want the Furys, of course I want the Joshuas but the question is, do they want me?"

It was Wilder's fourth title defense and third in Birmingham, about an hour from his hometown of Tuscaloosa.

Arreola (36-5-1) took the fight on short

notice after Wilder's mandatory defense against Russian Alexander Povetkin was called off in May. Povetkin failed a drug test.

Arreola said he never realized Wilder was injured.

"I just thought he didn't throw the right hand because I was just waiting for it," he said. "That was the last thing on my mind, whether he hurt his arm or not."

Wilder wobbled Arreola with a right hand then knocked him down with a barrage late in the fourth. He had Arreola off-balance on the ropes when the round ended.

"I wanted to give you guys a knockout, but I broke my hand and I tore a muscle in my right hand," Wilder told the crowd of nearly 12,000. "I couldn't show it, because Chris is a tough, tough man. I had to fight like a champion, like a champion (does) and use my jab all night."

NBA Hall of Famer Thurmond dies at 74

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Nate Thurmond, the tenacious defensive center who played with Wilt Chamberlain and was an iconic figure in two cities, died Saturday at 74 after a short battle with leukemia.

The Golden State Warriors announced the death of one of the team's most respected players less than a month after they lost the NBA Finals to the Cleveland Cavaliers in seven games. Both franchises previously retired the Akron, Ohio, native's No. 42.

Thurmond played 11 of his 14 seasons with the Warriors and retired after the 1976-1977 season, one year after leading the "Miracle" Cavaliers to an improbable trip to the Eastern Conference finals.

"Without a doubt, he is one of the most beloved figures to ever wear a Warriors uniform," Golden State owner Joe Lacob said.

Current Cavalier and Akron native LeBron James said on Twitter: "Knowing u played

in the same rec league as me growing up gave me hope of making it out! Thanks!"

The 6-foot-11 Thurmond was voted as one of the best 50 players in NBA history and is considered among the most dominating centers in the game. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1985.

"Nate Thurmond was a giant of his era and one of the greatest players in the history of our game," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said in a statement.

Thurmond's play and numbers weren't flashy, but he earned the respect of his peers and knowledgeable basketball fans for his consistency, defense and strength.

"Looking back, he was as ferocious as any player in the history of the game on the court, but one of the kindest and nicest souls in his everyday life," former teammate and coach Al Attles said.

Thurmond recorded the first official quadruple-double in NBA history as a Chicago Bull when he had 22 points, 14 rebounds, 13 assists and 12 blocked shots against

the Atlanta Hawks in 1974. He is one of only four players to grab more than 40 rebounds in a game.

Thurmond apprenticed under Hall of Fame center Wilt Chamberlain until the Warriors traded Chamberlain to the Philadelphia 76ers in the middle of the 1964-65 season. Thurmond went on to average 15 points and 15 rebounds during his career and still holds the Warriors franchise records for career rebounds and minutes.

The Warriors traded Thurmond to the Bulls prior to the 1974-75 season. The Bulls dealt him after 13 games the next season to his hometown Cavaliers, where he closed out his career in style.

He played a key role in the Cavaliers' most memorable season before James. They beat the Washington Bullets in seven games to get to the 1976 Eastern Conference finals, where they lost to the Boston Celtics in six games, but Thurmond's leadership that season made him a local legend.