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Green Beret killed in Afghanistan ID'd

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Green Beret Sgt. Maj. James G. Sartor, who served multiple tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, died Saturday from injuries sustained from enemy fire in northern Afghanistan, the Pentagon said in a statement Sunday.

Sartor, 40, of Teague, Texas, was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Carson, Colo., and was supporting Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

The incident, which is still under investigation, occurred in Faryab province, the Pentagon said.

"We're incredibly saddened to learn of Sgt. Maj. James

"Ryan" Sartor's passing in Afghanistan. Ryan was a beloved warrior who epitomized the quiet professional," Col. Brian R. Rauhen, group commander, said in a statement issued by the Army's Special Operations Command. "He led his soldiers from the front and his presence will be terribly missed."

Sartor joined the Army in June 2001 and was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division as an infantryman. He completed the Special Forces qualification course and was assigned to the 10th SFG in 2005.

He deployed to Iraq as an infantryman in 2002, and as a Green Beret assigned to the 10th's 2nd Battalion in 2006, 2007, 2009 and 2010. He also deployed to Afghanistan with the unit in 2017.

U.S.-backed Afghan forces

have been fighting the Taliban in Faryab, which has seen an uptick in insurgent activity in recent years. In addition to providing advice and training, American troops accompany Afghan special forces on certain operations.

The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Scott Miller, visited Faryab earlier in the week to speak with local officials about the security situation there, NATO's Resolute Support mission said.

Sartor's death comes less than a month after two American troops were killed by small-arms fire in southern Uruzgan province and brings to 12 the number of U.S. servicemembers killed in Afghanistan this year. All but two were combat-related.

More than 2,400 American military personnel have been killed since the war began and more than 20,000 others have been wounded.

The U.S. war in Afghanistan is now in its 18th year. Some 14,000 American troops are deployed there and engaged in counterterrorism operations against al-Qaida and Islamic State fighters and training and advising Afghan security forces.

Sartor's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

His posthumous awards include the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Allies conduct naval drills with Russia in mind

BY SCOTT WYLAND

Stars and Stripes

The United States and its allies are conducting a large naval exercise in the Black Sea and a separate anti-submarine drill in the North Atlantic Ocean, two regions where Russia has reportedly been holding war games of its own.

A total of 32 ships, 24 aircraft and 3,000 personnel from 19 countries are participating this year in Sea Breeze, an exercise co-hosted by the U.S. and Ukraine to improve teamwork in the Black Sea. Meanwhile, nine countries are taking part in NATO's Dynamic Mongoose in the Norwegian Sea to practice anti-submarine warfare.

The two-week exercises in different parts of Europe are each in their final phases, but the overlap is a coincidence in scheduling by the separate commands, the Navy said. Russian naval exercises in the Black Sea and Norwegian Sea are happening at roughly the same time as the allied exercises, continuing what has become a

common practice by Moscow to mirror allied drills.

In the Norwegian Sea, Russia used two of its newest warships, the corvettes Boiky and Stoiky, to practice detecting and destroying enemy submarines, Norway's The Barents Observer reported. Meanwhile, the Black Sea Fleet practiced interacting with reconnaissance planes and fighters to defend coastal areas against enemy navies, the Tass news agency reported.

The Norwegian Sea is about 425,000 square miles, and the Black Sea totals about 168,000 square miles, so there is ample room for each exercise to operate. Russian surveillance of NATO exercises isn't unusual, and allies generally do not raise the issue unless they deem actions unsafe or outside the norms of international law.

The Russian navy is monitoring Sea Breeze but has done nothing to affect the exercise, a 6th Fleet spokesman said.

It's unclear what Moscow thinks of Sea Breeze or Dynamic Mongoose, "but when NATO, a defensive alliance, conducts ex-

ercises, Moscow often interprets them as aggressive or nefarious," said Michael Petersen, a Naval War College expert in Russia maritime studies.

Sea Breeze provides training on maritime interdiction, air defense, anti-submarine warfare, damage control, search and rescue, and amphibious operations.

"These areas of focus provide all participants with opportunities to increase their warfighting capability," 6th Fleet commander Vice. Adm. Lisa Franchetti said in a statement.

This year, almost all drills use scenarios that require participants to react quickly and improvise, Capt. Matthew Lehman, who's leading the U.S. Navy contingent in the exercise, said in an email.

In the Norwegian Sea, Dynamic Mongoose is training allies to combine tactical skills to counter submarines. Russia has increased its undersea activity in the High North, U.S. officials have said.

Australian PM visits US supercarrier

By CAITLIN DOORNBOS

Stars and Stripes

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia — Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison on Friday flew to visit the USS Ronald Reagan in the Coral Sea, the U.S. Navy said Saturday.

Aboard the ship, he spoke to a crowd of U.S. and Royal Australian Navy sailors participating in the eighth iteration of the two nations' Talisman Sabre exercise this month. Held every other year, the exercise is designed to "strengthen and illustrate Australia-U.S. combat readiness" and their ability to work together, the U.S. Navy statement said.

"Our two countries have always understood each other and stood by each other," Morrison said, according to a transcript of his speech. "Australia and the United States see the world through the same eyes."

Morrison said it was an honor to visit the Japan-based air-

craft carrier that serves as an "extraordinary symbol not only of American power but of the United States' commitment to the many nations of this region and their security," according to the transcript.

"We are in awe of the strength and power of the United States, which this ship so ably represents, but at the heart of our friendship are the values and beliefs that knit our two countries together," he added.

Morrison also watched flight operations from the deck and met with the ship's top leadership, the U.S. Navy's statement said.

The visit by Australia's head of government came a day before President Donald Trump invited him to Washington for an official visit and state dinner, marking the first time an Australian prime minister received such an invitation in more than a decade, according to a Saturday report by the Australian Associated Press.

Morrison and Trump briefly met last month during the Group of 20 summit in Osaka, Japan, where the two affirmed their countries' alliance.

The U.S. and Australian navies are increasingly focused on freedom of navigation and trade in the Indo-Pacific. Since 2012, China has been illegally claiming and militarizing reefs and islands in the South China Sea. International law does not recognize their claims to the land features.

A Chinese Auxiliary General Intelligence vessel was detected just outside Australia's territorial waters last week and is suspected of spying on the Talisman Sabre drills, according to a Friday report by Australia's ABC News.

In May, U.S. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson said navies are "meant to get underway" when asked on a press call if he thought Australia should boost its presence in the region.

"I think every nation is going to have to assess the situation and their own approach, but at some point, navies are meant to get underway and be present and provide options to their leadership," he told reporters.

This year marks the largest Talisman Sabre exercise to date, with more than 34,000 military personnel participating and the addition of forces from Japan, Canada, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Delegations from India and South Korea will also observe the exercise.

Talisman Sabre continues through early August, with most of the events happening in the northeastern Australian state of Queensland.

Before leaving the carrier Friday, Morrison told sailors he appreciated their commitment to the "grueling field-training exercises" of Talisman Sabre, according to the transcript of his speech.

3 charged with invading US family's home in Germany

By MARCUS KLOECKNER

Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Three men who stormed into the Landstuhl, Germany, home of an American family have been charged with attempted robbery in connection with the violent home invasion, which left a fourth assailant dead, German prosecutors said.

The Zweibruecken prosecutor's office also charged the suspects with failing to provide assistance to the fourth home invader, who was fatally stabbed by the American father during the Feb. 10 break-in.

The suspects, who were charged Thursday, targeted the American family after learning from an employee of a moving company that the family had high-value items in the house, prosecutors said.

Two of the suspects have appealed a decision by the Zweibruecken prosecutor in May not to prosecute the American father, a U.S. Army civilian, for use of excessive

force during the home invasion, said a statement received from the prosecutor's office.

On the evening of Feb. 10, the American father was reading a bedtime story to his young children when the suspects rang the doorbell of the family's house. When the former Air Force major opened the door, the masked burglars forced their way into the residence.

One of the home invaders ran upstairs, where he assaulted the American mother who was putting the family's infant to sleep.

The father, 41, described in an interview with Stars and Stripes how he heard his wife screaming while he fought with the other three home invaders downstairs.

"She is screaming bloody murder. She's screaming 'My baby, my baby!'" he said.

"The whole time, I am swinging," he said. "I am pounding on anybody and everything that comes near me. I just fought like hell."

"I don't know how I got the three guys

back out the door."

The father then grabbed a knife from the kitchen and ran upstairs, where he scuffled with the fourth home invader.

After the father stabbed the would-be burglar three times, the wounded invader ran down the stairs and out the front door.

The four suspects fled in a getaway car. The individual who was stabbed, 43, was taken out of the car and left on the sidewalk in a village about 10 miles from Landstuhl.

One of the other home invaders, his brother, remained with him and called for medical assistance, but the man died of blood loss.

The prosecutor's office in May ruled that the American father had acted in self-defense and was cleared in the stabbing death of the home invader.

German police arrested a third suspect a day after the home invasion, and on March 19, they detained a French citizen, 33, in Darmstadt in connection with the attempted burglary.

No sign of large-scale immigrant roundup

The Washington Post

Immigrants and advocacy groups braced for enforcement raids that President Donald Trump said would start Sunday, but by late morning, there was little evidence that any large-scale operation was underway.

Trump said Friday that Sunday would mark the start of the mass arrests, which his administration said would target

families that are in the country illegally.

He repeatedly had promised the arrests as a means of deterring more families from crossing the border.

But as many undocumented families stayed indoors and activists fanned out in predominantly immigrant neighborhoods to serve as witnesses and protesters in the event of arrests, there was little evi-

dence that the promised raids were underway.

"I won't speak to specifically anything that's going on from an operational perspective," U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement acting director Matthew Albence said Sunday on Fox News Channel when asked "what is happening this morning, at this moment?"

"We are doing targeted enforcement actions against spe-

cific individuals," Albence told the anchor on "Fox & Friends," taking issue with the use of the term "raids."

ICE is targeting people who are in the country illegally and have received removal orders, he said.

Others failed to heed letters from ICE that offered them the opportunity to present themselves to immigration authorities for orderly deportation.

Gulf Coast keeps guard up as Barry saturates

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Weakened but still potent, Barry inundated the Gulf Coast as it continued its slow advance Sunday morning, bringing fresh fears of flash flooding to Mississippi's capital city even as it appeared unlikely to deluge New Orleans.

In Mississippi, up to 3 inches of rain had already fallen in the Jackson area before dawn Sunday — and more was on the way. That prompted the National Weather Service to issue a flash flood warning for the city and some of its suburbs.

President Donald Trump asked people across the region

to keep their guard up, saying on Twitter: "A big risk of major flooding in large parts of Louisiana and all across the Gulf Coast. Please be very careful!"

Forecasters warned of a continued threat of storm surge and heavy rains as the center of the storm slowly trudged inland and rain bands along its back half moved onshore.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said Sunday parts of south-central Louisiana could still have rainfall totals of up to 12 inches, with isolated pockets of up to 20 inches. "This rainfall is expected to lead to dangerous, life-threatening flooding," forecasters wrote in an advisory Sunday morning.

Still, the storm's first wave had not inundated New Orleans as feared, with the city experiencing moderate rain Saturday. Forecasters downgraded rainfall estimates for the city through Sunday to between 2 and 4 inches.

Earlier forecasts of quadruple that amount had raised concerns that water pumps strengthened after Hurricane Katrina would be overwhelmed.

National Weather Service forecaster Robert Ricks cautioned that it was too early to say for certain that New Orleans was in the clear.

Late Saturday night, authorities were trying to rescue a

family of five who were trapped by high water in the south Louisiana town of Franklin, according to KTBS-TV.

The National Guard had to halt its initial rescue mission because waters were too high to safely reach the family's home. Franklin is about 40 miles southeast of Lafayette.

In other parts of Louisiana on Saturday, Barry flooded highways, forced people to scramble to rooftops and dumped heavy rain as it made landfall near Intracoastal City, about 160 miles west of New Orleans. Downpours also lashed coastal Alabama and Mississippi.

Thousands left in the dark during NYC power outage

Associated Press

NEW YORK — On the anniversary of a 1977 blackout that left most of New York City without power, a massive power outage on a hot Saturday night in Manhattan preemptively brought the curtain down on Broadway shows and packed streets with people wielding cellphones as flashlights amid a cacophony of sirens and horns from stalled traffic.

Underground, the scene was similarly in disarray as the blackout affecting 73,000 customers for more than three

hours hit the subway system. Con Edison CEO John McAvoy said a problem at a substation caused the 6:47 p.m. power failure, which stretched 30 blocks from Times Square to 72nd Street and Broadway and spread to Rockefeller Center. Electricity was restored to customers and businesses in midtown Manhattan and the Upper West Side by around midnight, according to a statement from the utility.

McAvoy said the exact cause of the blackout would not be known until an investigation is completed.

The outage affected the entire subway system, closing four Manhattan stations to the public — Columbus Circle, Rockefeller Center, Hudson Yards and Fifth Avenue at 53rd Street. But Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman Maxwell Young said train operators were able to manually change the signals and bring at least one car into stations so passengers could disembark.

New York City's Emergency Management Department said the A, C, D, E, F, M, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 trains had resumed running in both directions by

around 2 a.m. Sunday following service disruptions from the blackout. Multiple street lanes between the Hudson River and Fifth Avenue had also reopened by 1:30 a.m.

The temperature was in the low 80s as the sun set just before 8:30 p.m., treating those who had streamed into the street to one of the city's famed "Manhattanhenge" sunsets. While hot, the temperature didn't reach the highs of Manhattan in July, which often challenges the city's power grid.

UK: Trump axed Iran deal to spite Obama

Associated Press

LONDON — A U.K. newspaper published more leaked memos from Britain's ambassador in Washington on Sunday, despite a police warning that doing so might be a crime.

In one 2018 cable published by the Mail on Sunday, U.K. ambassador Kim Darroch says President Donald Trump pulled out of an international nuclear deal with Iran as an act of "diplomatic vandalism" to spite his predecessor, Barack Obama.

The memo was written after then-Foreign Secretary Boris

Johnson visited Washington in a failed attempt to persuade the U.S. not to abandon the Iran nuclear agreement.

"The outcome illustrated the paradox of this White House: you got exceptional access, seeing everyone short of the president; but on the substance, the administration is set upon an act of diplomatic vandalism, seemingly for ideological and personality reasons — it was Obama's deal," Darroch wrote.

Darroch announced his resignation last week after the newspaper published cables in which he'd branded the Trump administration dysfunctional

and inept. The White House responded by refusing to deal with him, and Trump branded the ambassador a "pompous fool" in a Twitter fusillade.

U.K. police are hunting the culprits behind the leak — and, contentiously, have warned journalists that publishing the documents "could also constitute a criminal offence."

Yet both Johnson and Jeremy Hunt, the two contenders to become Britain's next prime minister, have defended the media's right to publish.

"We have to make sure that we defend the right of journalists to publish leaks when they

are in the national interest," Hunt said.

British officials have said they have no evidence that hacking was involved in the documents' release and that the culprit is likely to be found among politicians or civil servants in London.

Police are investigating the leak as a potential breach of the Official Secrets Act, which bars public servants from making "damaging" disclosures of classified material. Breaking the act carries a maximum sentence of two years in prison, though prosecutions are rare.

UK top diplomat: Britain may aid in release of seized Iranian oil tanker

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Britain will facilitate the release of a seized Iranian tanker if Iran can provide guarantees the vessel would not breach European sanctions on oil shipments to Syria, Britain's top diplomat said late Saturday.

The comments by Jeremy Hunt could help deescalate tensions that have spiked in recent days. In apparent retaliation for the seized tanker, Iranian paramilitary vessels tried to impede the passage of a British oil tanker through the Strait of Hormuz, turning away only after receiving "verbal warnings" from a British navy vessel accompanying the ship, the British government said.

Hunt said he held a "constructive call" with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammed Javad Zarif and reassured him "our concern was the destination, not the origin, of the oil." Hunt wrote that Zarif told him Iran is not seeking to escalate.

The Foreign Office elaborated in a statement, saying: "This was about the enforcement of EU Syria sanctions: action was taken because of where the oil was going — a sanctioned Syrian entity — not because it was from Iran."

Ali Rabiei, an Iranian government spokesman, said British authorities would release the ship because "the tanker's destination was not what the British announced," according to state TV. Iranian officials had earlier denied the ship was bound for Syria.

A day earlier, Iran had reiterated its demands that the British navy release the

tanker, accusing London of playing a "dangerous game" and threatening retribution.

The tanker's interception came on the heels of already high tensions in the Persian Gulf as the Trump administration continues its campaign of maximum pressure on Iran.

President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of Iran's nuclear deal with world powers a year ago and has since re-imposed tough sanctions on Tehran's oil exports, exacerbating an economic crisis that has sent its currency plummeting.

The Iranian supertanker, carrying 2.1 million barrels of light crude oil, was seized with the help of British Royal Marines earlier this month off Gibraltar, a British overseas territory near the southern coast of Spain.

Hunt told reporters on Saturday that he told Zarif if the U.K. could receive sufficient guarantees that that tanker was not headed for Syria "then we would be able to resolve the situation following, of course, due process in the Gibraltar courts."

In recent days, Hunt has called for "cool heads" to prevail to ensure there is no "unintended escalation."

The U.K., meanwhile, is accelerating the dispatch of the HMS Duncan to relieve the HMS Montrose, the frigate operating in the Persian Gulf that warned away the Iranian vessels. The HMS Duncan, a destroyer, is larger than the HMS Montrose.

Police in Gibraltar said Friday they arrested four crewmen of the Iranian ship, including its captain and chief officer. All are Indian nationals.

France trumpets European defense on Bastille Day

Associated Press

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron has overseen France's annual Bastille Day celebration, which this year showcased European defense cooperation.

Flags of the 10 countries of the European Intervention Initiative, a joint military pact created last year, led Sunday's military parade down the Avenue des Champs-Élysées in Paris.

Although the display included more than 4,000 armed forces members, 69 planes and 39 helicopters, its biggest crowd-pleaser was a man rocketing through the air on a flyboard device — the invention of French former jet-skiing champion Franky Zapata.

Tensions in the street remain high in Paris following months of demonstrations by the anti-Macron yellow-vest protesters who want more help for French workers.

On Sunday, television images showed police grabbing one of the movement's leaders, Eric Drouet, as he stood on the sidelines of the parade. They escorted him away.

At France's 2017 Bastille Day events, President Donald Trump, as guest of honor, was so impressed he ordered a military parade in Washington for America's July 4 celebrations.

Macron will later host a lunch at the Elysee Palace with other European leaders, including German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Steam clock whistling again after 7 years

IN INDIANAPOLIS — A steam-fueled clock that sat silent for years outside the Indiana State Museum is whistling a tune again following repairs.

The Indiana Steam Clock is linked to an Indianapolis steam line and designed to whistle the song “Back Home Again in Indiana” at the top of every hour, with shorter verses played every quarter-hour. The electric device fell silent in 2012 after corrosion and rust accumulated on its metal parts.

Chief museum curator Susanah Koerber told WISH-TV that Smith’s Bell and Clock in Camby, Ind., repaired the clock, cleaned it and moved its electronics away from the source of its steam power.

Combat veteran motorcyclists to rally

VT NEWPORT — Hundreds of combat veteran motorcyclists are expected in northern Vermont later this month for their annual rally.

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association said the rally in Newport of riders from 10 states will be on July 24-28.

Member Michael Gilhooly said the rally will include ceremonies honoring the sacrifice of veterans and their families. It is expected to include a moment of silence and a prayer from the association’s chaplains for the seven motorcyclists who belonged to the Marine Jarheads motorcycle club who were killed last month in a New Hampshire crash.

The highlight will be a Saturday morning motorcycle parade from Newport to nearby Derby.

Driver had uranium, whiskey, rattlesnake

OK GUTHRIE — Police said they found a rattlesnake, a canister of radioactive powdered uranium and an open bottle of Kentucky Deluxe whiskey during a traffic stop of a vehicle that had been reported stolen.

The traffic stop happened June 26 in Guthrie, about 30 miles north of Oklahoma City.

Guthrie police Sgt. Anthony Gibbs told Oklahoma City TV station KFOR that police don’t know why the uranium was in the vehicle or how it was obtained. Gibbs said police also found a gun in the console and a terrarium in the backseat containing a pet Timber rattlesnake.

Gibbs said the driver, Stephen Jennings, was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, transporting an open container of liquor and driving with a suspended license.

Man pleads guilty to trafficking sharks

NY LAGRANGEVILLE — The state Department of Environmental Conservation and the attorney general’s office said Friday that Joshua Segune, 38, of Lagrangeville, pleaded guilty to illegal commercialization of wildlife. He’ll be sentenced in September.

Segune was stopped by authorities in Georgia in July 2017 when he was transporting five live sharks in the back of his truck.

Investigators searched Segune’s home and found an 18-foot-diameter pool containing seven 2- to 4-foot-long sandbar sharks, a protected species. They also found three dead sharks.

Iguana reunited with owner after incident

OH PAINESVILLE — An iguana that a man allegedly used as a weapon has been reunited with its rightful owner.

Painesville police said the iguana rejoined Jordan Piert and her family Friday. The iguana had gotten away from the family last year while they were moving to Virginia.

The lizard was in the news in April after a man was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and animal cruelty after pulling it from under his shirt and throwing the animal at a restaurant manager in northeast Ohio.

WJW-TV in Cleveland reported that Piert read a story about the charges and contacted the Lake Humane Society, which used photos and other records to confirm her claim.

Police: 2 injured by muzzleloader barrel

NH EPPING — WMUR-TV reported that a man was trying to clean the loaded device made from a barrel of a muzzleloader rifle when it went off July 6 at an Epping home.

The man and a friend suffered foot injuries from the blast.

Police said the incident is under investigation.

Fair nixes doughnuts with filling syringes

MN MINNEAPOLIS — Doughnuts with a side of syringes have been nixed from the Minnesota State Fair after the offering was roundly criticized.

Last month fair officials announced the new foods that

would be available at this year’s event, including doughnut holes that came with three syringes of do-it-yourself fillings — Bavarian cream, chocolate custard and lingonberry jam.

But, the optics of drug-like syringes littering the fair grounds and the impact of single-use plastics drew complaints.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune said an online petition against the syringes has generated over 3,000 signatures.

Charges expected after police dog dies

IN LARWILL — Authorities said a carjacking suspect is expected to face charges after a fiery collision involving a northern Indiana officer’s cruiser that killed a police dog.

State police said a Whitley County sheriff’s deputy was sitting in his cruiser after setting up stop sticks along an U.S. 30 intersection Wednesday when the suspect’s car collided broadside with his cruiser.

Police said Clarence Shearer, 31, of Fort Wayne, was booked Thursday at the Allen County Jail after he was treated for minor injuries.

Tugboat converted into an artificial reef

SC GEORGETOWN — A retired tugboat is the state’s latest artificial reef.

The state Department of Natural Resources sank the tugboat Susan Richards about 30 miles off the coast from Georgetown last month.

The tugboat will end up 120 feet underwater as part of the Vermilion Reef. The reef also includes a New York City subway car and a U.S. Navy troop transport ship.

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Djokovic bests Federer at Wimbledon

Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Novak Djokovic became the first man in 71 years to win Wimbledon after facing match points in the final, coming back to beat Roger Federer in an unprecedented fifth-set tiebreaker Sunday.

By barely emerging to win 7-6 (5), 1-6, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 13-12 (3) after nearly five tight, tense and terrific hours, Djokovic claimed his fifth championship at the All England Club and second in a row.

“Unfortunately in these kinds of matches,” Djokovic said, “one of the players has to lose.”

This triumph also earned Djokovic his 16th Grand Slam trophy, moving him closer to

the only men ahead of him in tennis history: Federer with 20, and Rafael Nadal with 18.

Federer has ruled grass courts since the early 2000s; he has won Wimbledon eight times dating to 2003, and this was his record 12th appearance in the title match. But Djokovic is now 3-0 against Federer in finals at the place and 4-0 against him in five-setters.

This one was unlike any other, though.

That’s because, while it was reminiscent of Federer’s 16-14 fifth-set victory over Andy Roddick in the 2009 Wimbledon final, that score is no longer possible: The All England Club altered its rule this year to do away with never-ending matches and institute a tiebreaker at

12-all in a deciding set.

At one point during the final set Sunday, Djokovic asked chair umpire Damian Steiner whether the change called for the tiebreaker at 10-10. Later, when Djokovic held for an 11-10 lead, it was Steiner who got confused, beginning to call out the score as 11-9, before catching himself.

Federer and Djokovic pushed each other to the limit in what became as much a test of focus and stamina as it was about skill. It is destined to be discussed for years.

“I’ll try to forget,” joked Federer, who is less than a month shy of his 38th birthday and would have been the oldest man to win a Grand Slam title in the professional era.

First, it was Federer who kept falling behind, then coming back. He twice trailed by a set. He was down a break early in the crucible of the fifth. And, then, after seemingly gaining the upper hand, standing a single point from winning while serving for the victory at 8-7, 40-15, he faltered.

He sent a forehand wide on the first championship point, and Djokovic produced a cross-court forehand winner on the next. Soon enough, the 32-year-old Djokovic had broken back and on they would play.

Djokovic has done this to Federer before. In the semifinals of the 2010 and 2011 U.S. Opens, Djokovic erased two match points before coming back to win each time.

Briefly

Daryl Impey wins 9th stage of Tour de France

Associated Press

BRIOUDE, France — On days at the Tour de France when the top racers decide to take it easy, that’s the signal for other riders not chasing the overall title to seize the opportunity to shine.

On Sunday, Daryl Impey was that man.

Profiting from what amounted to a go-slow among top contenders on Stage 9, who decided to chill on the hilly trek across the Massif Central mountains, Impey made sure that he was in the breakaway group of riders who scooted away after the start in Saint-Etienne. He then beat Belgian rider Tiesj Benoot in a two-man sprint at the finish in the agricultural town of Brioude.

“It’s such a lottery trying to make the break,” Impey said. “Luck was on my side.”

Favorites for the Tour title in Paris on July 28 cruised into Brioude more than 16 minutes later, so casually that some chatted and drank from water bottles. French rider Julian Alaphilippe, who’d been cheered on by roadside fans celebrating France’s Bastille Day holiday, kept the race lead and there were no changes of note in the positions of other top contenders, including defending champion Geraint Thomas. He is still fifth overall, 72 seconds behind Alaphilippe.

“It’s just amazing, the support from the public,” Alaphilippe said. “It’s a day I will never forget.”

After a harrowing and exhausting Stage 8, and with tough climbs to come in the Pyrenees and, later, in the Alps, top contenders took a breather on the 106 miles stage of undulating hills peppered with three climbs of note.

Impey is only the second South African stage winner at the Tour — Robert Hunter also won a stage in 2007.

“Magical,” he said. “A beautiful day.”

Impey pointed to the South African flag printed on his jersey as he crossed the line.

He was part of a 14-man group — later joined by a 15th rider — that rode away shortly after the stage start. Because none of the breakaway riders were contenders for the Tour title, Alaphilippe and other top riders allowed them to get away and build up the biggest lead of any breakaway at this Tour.

The stage victory was Impey’s first in seven Tours. He also held the race lead for two days at the Tour of 2013.

Tringale, Landry tied for lead

SILVIS, Illinois — Cameron Tringale and Andrew Landry topped the John Deere

Classic leaderboard Saturday, with a half-dozen guys right behind them.

Winless on the PGA Tour, Tringale shot a 6-under 65 to match Landy at 16-under 197 at TPC Deere Run. Landry had a 67. He won the Valero Texas Open last year for his lone tour title.

Bill Haas, the 2011 FedEx Cup champion, and Adam Schenk were a stroke back. Haas shot a 64, tying the best round of the day. Schenk had a 66.

In other golf news:

■ Scott Parel took advantage of Retief Goosen’s problems Saturday to take the third-round lead in the Bridgestone Senior Players Championship, the fourth of the PGA Tour Champions’ five major tournaments.

Seven strokes behind Goosen at the start of the day, Parel birdied two of the last three holes — holing a 30-footer on the par-4 18th — for 3-under 67 and a one-stroke lead over Goosen at Firestone Country Club.

Goosen followed his opening rounds of 69 and 62 with a 75.

Parel had a 5-under 205 total.

■ Sei Young Kim shot a 5-under 66 on Saturday in the Marathon Classic to take a one-stroke lead over Lexi Thompson into the final round. Kim was 16-under 197.

Kurt Busch tops little brother in OT

Associated Press

SPARTA, Ky. — Kurt Busch finally beat his little brother in a head-to-head NASCAR finish and took his new team to victory lane a week after it coughed away its first win.

The downside of Busch's big win Saturday night at Kentucky Speedway?

Kyle Busch didn't stick around to give his older brother a promised ride home.

"I was supposed to fly home with him and now I'm looking for a plane ride," Kurt Busch laughed. "That's Kyle. He won't even wait."

Kurt Busch certainly wanted to flaunt his trophy after beating his brother in a door-to-door overtime battle. Kurt Busch was the victor — the first time in three 1-2 finishes for the Busch Brothers that Kyle did not win — and earned a playoff spot with his first win for Chip Ganassi Racing.

"My little brother gave me just enough room. It was like 'You gonna lift? I ain't gonna lift. You gonna lift? I ain't gonna lift.' And we had a duel," Busch said. "We had a duel going down through (turns) 3 and 4, and I didn't know who was going to come out on top."

Kyle Busch settled for second after a dramatic ending in which the brothers banged their cars and both nearly lost control as they hurtled toward the checkered flag.

"I'm glad it was a thriller, just unfortu-

nately we were on the wrong end of the deal," Kyle Busch said. "It's obviously cool to put on great races and great finishes, and been a part of a lot of them ... none with my brother like that, so that was a first."

"You know, no hard feelings, and we move on."

The showdown came a week after Kurt Busch lost at Daytona because he pitted from the lead moments before weather stopped the race. That pit call haunted Busch and his crew chief all week, but a late call for four tires gave the No. 1 team a shot at redemption.

Joey Logano had the victory in hand until a spin by Bubba Wallace with six laps remaining sent the race into overtime.

Logano and Kyle Busch lined up side-by-side on the restart for what was expected to be a race for the victory, but both Erik Jones and Kurt Busch shoved their cars into the mix for an intense final two laps. Kurt Busch and Kyle Busch touched as they raced for the lead, both cars wiggled, and it appeared Kurt Busch was headed into the wall.

But he recovered to squeeze past his brother right before the checkered flag.

"He could have clobbered us against the wall, and third place probably would have got it," Kurt Busch said of the contact with Kyle Busch. "What an awesome run."

Team owner Chip Ganassi called into victory lane from Toronto, where he's with

his IndyCar team. The victory is the third straight of the season for Chevrolet and first in nine races at Kentucky. It ended a two-race Kentucky winning streak for Martin Truex Jr. and Toyota.

Jones was third in a Toyota and Ganassi driver Kyle Larson was fourth. Denny Hamlin was fifth as JGR had three cars in the top five.

The finish was fitting considering the first two stages belonged to the Busch brothers. Kurt won the first 80-lap segment while Kyle Busch won the second.

In the end, Kurt Busch claimed the most important stage and bragging rights with a dogged run on the top side to spark a wild celebration and burnout on the frontstretch. His Ganassi crew, maligned all week for the horrible Daytona pit call, rushed to greet him and he dove into their arms. The crew then rode on his Chevrolet to victory lane, one lone member waving the checkered flag.

Busch led four times for 41 laps after starting fourth.

Clint Bowyer, Logano, pole sitter Daniel Suarez and Ryan Newman led four Fords in the second five with Chris Buescher 10th in a Chevy.

Suarez led 52 laps on what a rollercoaster night for him. A bad pit call for four tires dropped him to 14th and he was penalized for speeding on pit road.

Roundup

Hamilton wins record 6th British Grand Prix

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SILVERSTONE, England — Formula One championship leader Lewis Hamilton won a record sixth British Grand Prix on Sunday after jumping ahead of Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas by taking advantage of the safety car being deployed.

In front of his home fans, Hamilton made the decisive move to the front in the 20th of the 52 laps by pitting to get new tires. With the safety car still out after Antonio Giovinazzi spun off in his Alfa Romeo, Hamilton rejoined ahead of pole-sitter Bottas.

"The safety car came out and it was perfect timing," Hamilton said.

Hamilton had initially attacked Bottas on the fourth lap, overtaking but failing to keep position.

"It was maybe not my luckiest day," Bottas said after falling 39 points behind Hamilton in the championship standings.

"But that's life."

After finally moving into the lead, Hamilton avoided pitting again so stayed on hard tires while Bottas was on fresher soft ones but the world champion still set a lap record on the final lap.

By beating Bottas by almost 25 seconds, Hamilton extended his championship lead over the Finn to 39 points and moved ahead of Jim Clark and Alain Prost to take the record for British GP victories.

"I love you Silverstone," Hamilton said over the team radio in the week when the track's future for the race was secured until at least 2024.

It was an 80th career win for Hamilton, of which seven have come in the 10 races this season.

"Today was one of the best days I can remember having," Hamilton said. "I have done so many races you would think

I would get used to it or the feeling would numb down but it feels as amazing as the first win (at Silverstone in 2008)."

Pagnaud wins pole for Toronto Indy Car race

TORONTO — Indianapolis 500 winner Simon Pagnaud will start from the pole for the IndyCar race through the streets of Toronto.

Pagnaud has been on a tear around Exhibition Place all weekend as his Team Penske Chevrolet has been consistently fast and he paced Saturday morning's final practice on the 11-Turn, 1.786-mile street course. Then he took pole in qualifying, edging out Scott Dixon.

"This is the best you can feel in racing, when you achieve what you expect," said Pagnaud.

Roundup

Dodgers crush Red Sox, end four-game skid

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BOSTON — Justin Turner had three extra-base hits, two of them off Chris Sale, to continue the Red Sox left-hander's struggles at Fenway Park, and the Los Angeles Dodgers snapped a four-game losing streak with an 11-2 victory over Boston in a rematch of last year's World Series.

Cody Bellinger moved into a tie for the major league lead with his 31st homer — one of four hit by the Dodgers, who had lost seven straight at Fenway (including Games 1 and 2 of the Series) after dropping the series opener on Friday night.

Sale (3-9) allowed five runs for the third straight outing — a career first — giving up seven hits, a walk and a hit batter to drop his record to 0-3 in 13 Fenway starts since his last win there on July 11, 2018.

Ross Stripling (4-3) allowed one run — Xander Bogaerts' 19th homer — on four hits, striking out seven to snap Boston's five-game winning streak. Bellinger and A.J. Pollock hit back-to-back homers off knuckleballer Steven Wright in the seventh for the Dodgers.

Angels 9, Mariners 2: Mike Trout hit a two-run home run, Albert Pujols had four RBIs and host Los Angeles followed up a no-hitter with a win over Seattle.

Kole Calhoun also homered and David Fletcher added two RBIs for the Angels, who have won their first two home games since the death of pitcher Tyler Skaggs, who would have turned 28 Saturday.

Before the game, the Angels placed the ball from the final out of their combined no-hitter on Friday in Skaggs' locker.

Angels reliever Noe Ramirez used his hat to catch Trout's 30th home run of the season, a 409-foot shot into the bullpen. Trout broke his own team record for fewest

games needed to hit 30 homers, reaching the mark in 93 games, compared to the 98 games he needed in 2015.

Orioles 2-4, Rays 1-12: Michael Brosseau and Nate Lowe each hit two of Tampa Bay's season-high six home runs, and the Rays earned a doubleheader split at Baltimore.

Brosseau hit a two-run drive in the second inning and a solo shot in the ninth. Lowe went deep with a man on in the sixth and the ninth. It was the first career multi-homer game for both players.

Yandy Diaz and Tommy Pham also homered for the Rays, who have won four of five.

Blue Jays 2, Yankees 1: Center fielder Randal Grichuk made a diving catch with the bases loaded and hit a two-run single as Toronto won at New York.

The AL East-leading Yankees, who have not been shut out in more than a year, scored with two outs in the ninth inning on Aaron Judge's fourth hit of the game, a single off third baseman Brandon Drury's glove.

Athletics 13, White Sox 2: Franklin Barreto's three-run homer capped a seven-run first inning, and host Oakland routed Chicago.

Matt Chapman had three hits and scored twice for the A's, who have won nine of 11. Marcus Semien added two hits and Robbie Grossman drove in three runs.

Cubs 10, Pirates 4: Jon Lester homered, tied a career high with three RBIs and pitched into the seventh in host Chicago's win over Pittsburgh.

Willson Contreras had a three-run homer and Lester added a two-run single in the Cubs' seven-run first inning.

Mets 4, Marlins 2: Robinson Cano hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the

eighth inning to send New York to a win at Miami.

Noah Syndergaard (7-4) won his fourth consecutive decision. He pitched seven innings, allowing two runs and five hits. He struck out nine without walking a batter and retired the final 11 batters he faced.

Royals 4, Tigers 1: Hometown boy Bubba Starling delivered his first career hit and RBI for host Kansas City and Brad Keller outdueled Matthew Boyd.

Cardinals 4, Diamondbacks 2: Tyler O'Neill homered and tied a career high with four RBIs, Dakota Hudson pitched six effective innings, and host St. Louis beat Arizona.

Twins 6, Indians 2: Max Kepler hit two more home runs off Trevor Bauer, Jake Cave drove in three runs and Minnesota tightened its grip on the AL Central with a win at Cleveland.

Brewers 5, Giants 4: Ben Gamel's pinch-hit double in the bottom of the ninth drove in Ryan Braun with the winning run and host Milwaukee beat San Francisco.

Astros 7, Rangers 6 (11): George Springer scored the go-ahead run from first base on Jose Altuve's two-out double in the 11th inning and AL West-leading Houston won at Texas after dropping the first two games in the series.

Braves 7, Padres 5 (10): Josh Donaldson hit a two-run homer in the first inning and then scored the go-ahead run on Ozzie Albies' single with one out in the 10th, and Atlanta held on to win at San Diego.

Reds 17, Rockies 9: Derek Dietrich, Yasiel Puig, and Curt Casale homered and Cincinnati rallied to a win at Colorado in a game delayed more than three hours at the start because of lightning and rain.

Soto's home run lifts Nationals over Phillies

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PHILADELPHIA — Juan Soto walked up to the plate expecting to see a splitter and he hammered the first one he saw.

Soto hit a go-ahead two-run homer off closer Hector Neris with two outs in the ninth and the Washington Nationals rallied for a 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday

night. "I was looking for it and he hung it," Soto said. "It felt amazing."

Soto crushed a three-run homer in the 10th inning in Philadelphia on April 9 to lead the Nationals to a 10-6 win.

"I can't say enough about him, being 20," Nationals manager Dave Martinez said. "He doesn't shy away from big moments. He's a good hitter. He

has a plan when he's in the batter's box."

Neris (1-4) retired the first two batters before Anthony Rendon hit a single. Soto blasted the next pitch out to left-center for his 16th homer, capping a comeback from a 3-0 deficit against Aaron Nola.

Wander Suero (2-4) got two outs to earn the win and Sean Doolittle finished for his 20th save in 24 tries.

The second-place Nationals have won 17 of 21 and moved 2½ games ahead of the struggling Phillies, who are 14-23 since leading the NL East by 3½ games on May 29.

"It's a tough stretch," Phillies manager Gabe Kapler said. "We understand this isn't the level of baseball we can play to reach the postseason and go deep, but we're resilient."