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Obama OKs wider US role in Afghanistan

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has approved expanded authorities that will allow U.S. troops to accompany and conduct offensive operations with Afghan forces under certain conditions, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced Friday.

The expanded authorities, proposed by Gen. John Nicholson, the new top commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, will allow troops to now accompany Afghan conventional forces on missions and to conduct offensive strikes against the Taliban or other threats when the strike would have a “strategic effect on the battlefield,” a senior defense official said on the condition he not be named.

Previously, U.S. advisers were limited to working with Afghan special forces. U.S. firepower was limited to specific strikes in defense of their own troops or in the defense of the Afghan forces they were advising, in circumstances of counterterrorism operations against al-Qaida and the Islamic State group or in situations “in extremis” — in which there was a specific threat that warranted a response from U.S. forces.

The expanded role for U.S. forces in Afghanistan will also apply to the use of close air support and surveillance drones in offensive strikes, the official said. While U.S. forces will be accompanying conventional Afghan forces, they will not be on the front lines, the official said.

“The president made a decision to enable the commander

there to have some additional authority to act proactively — that is to anticipate situations in which the Afghan security forces would benefit from our support ... rather than be simply reactive,” Carter said Friday during a technology summit speech in Washington.

Another defense official told Stars and Stripes that the Pentagon was in the process of drafting orders that would lay out guidelines for the new authorities, including the rules of engagement and whether U.S. forces will be inserted to accompany the Afghan forces in brigade or smaller-sized units.

Obama announced the end of combat operations in Afghanistan in 2014 and transitioned the remaining U.S. forces there to train and advise Afghan security forces. However, in the past 18 months, a resurgence of Tal-

iban violence and the arrival of Islamic State group affiliates in Afghanistan has kept the United States from withdrawing its remaining 9,800 forces.

Nicholson arrived in Afghanistan three months ago as a replacement for former U.S. Commander Gen. John Campbell. Nicholson has spent that time reviewing U.S. plans and strategies for Afghanistan, including whether the United States will cut the number of troops in Afghanistan to 5,500 by the end of the year.

Nicholson’s recommendation on the number of U.S. forces in Afghanistan is expected to be announced soon, given the time required to draw down forces, if he concludes fewer troops are needed there. It was not part of Friday’s announcement.

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Admiral guilty in ‘Fat Leonard’ scandal

The Washington Post

A one-star Navy admiral pleaded guilty Thursday to a felony charge of lying to federal investigators in the wide-ranging “Fat Leonard” corruption scandal, marking an exceptionally rare instance of a flag officer being criminally prosecuted for actions while in uniform.

In a plea deal with prosecutors, Rear Adm. Robert Gilbeau, a special assistant to the chief of the Navy Supply Corps, admitted to concealing the duration and extent of his relationship with Leonard Glenn Francis, a Singapore-based defense contractor who showered Navy brass with prostitutes, cash and epicurean meals over a decade until his arrest in

2013.

Court papers show Gilbeau destroyed papers and computer files after Francis was arrested in an international sting operation and repeatedly minimized his contacts with the contractor when confronted by federal agents.

In the modern history of the Navy, only a handful of admirals have faced criminal prosecution. Just one admiral has been court-martialed since the end of World War II. A few others have been charged with crimes by civilian authorities shortly after they retired from the service.

Gilbeau is scheduled to be sentenced on Aug. 26 and faces a maximum of five years in prison, though federal guidelines dictate that he is likely to

receive little, if any, time behind bars.

The admiral appeared in U.S. District Court in San Diego on Thursday dressed in civilian clothes.

Gilbeau is a 1983 graduate of the Naval Academy in Annapolis. He was awarded a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for his service in Iraq in 2007. He also deployed to Afghanistan in 2012 and 2013.

He is the highest-ranking officer to be charged so far for his ties to Francis, a larger-than-life figure known in maritime circles as “Fat Leonard.” Francis has admitted to bribing “scores” of Navy officials with millions of dollars in a case that has mushroomed into the worst corruption scandal in the Navy’s history.

Historic Pearl Harbor home is demolished

HONOLULU — The National Park Service said Thursday it demolished a historic home at Pearl Harbor without consulting historic preservation authorities.

A contractor hired by the park service tore down the home as part of a project to preserve and restore six bungalows the Navy built in the 1920s and ’30s. A building similar in style to the original now stands in its place.

Jacqueline Ashwell, superintendent of the national park that includes Pearl Harbor historic sites, said in an interview the park service failed to provide appropriate oversight.

She said work on the other bungalows has been put on hold while a team reviews why the demolition occurred and recommends actions so it doesn’t happen again.

From The Associated Press

Navy names top NCO

BY CHRIS CHURCH
Stars and Stripes

MANAMA, Bahrain — The Navy has picked Fleet Master Chief Steven S. Giordano as its next master chief petty officer of the Navy.

Adm. John M. Richardson, chief of naval operations, said in an All Hands call in Newport, R.I., that Giordano will take over from MCPON Michael D. Stevens on Sept. 2.

Giordano, currently the U.S. Naval Forces Europe/U.S. Naval Forces Africa fleet master chief, enlisted in the Navy in 1989 and began his career as a cryptologic technician. He completed numerous operational deployments aboard surface ships and submarines in the Pacific and European areas

of responsibility, a Navy statement said.

Giordano also served a tour as the force master chief for Navy Information Dominance Forces.

“As we encounter increased competition around the globe, the nation needs a capable and ready Navy today more than ever,” Richardson said at the All Hands call. “Master Chief Giordano will play a central role in leading our team through the challenges and opportunities of today and tomorrow.”

The MCPON is the senior enlisted person in the Navy, serving as an adviser to the chief of naval operations and chief of naval personnel on matters concerning enlisted personnel and their families.

US man who left to join militants faces charges

The Washington Post

Mohamed Khweis never stood out in any particular way. The Alexandria, Va., man graduated from Fairfax County's Edison High School, earned a degree from Northern Virginia Community College and worked as a teller at an area bank.

He racked up more than a dozen traffic citations and other petty charges, but in nearly every case, he quietly paid his fine or performed his court-ordered community service. He told a Kurdish broadcast outlet that he left the United States in December, as any American might, to travel to London.

Then, over a few months, Khweis joined and then quickly fled the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL, after which Kurdish peshmerga forces captured him. Late Wednesday, he was flown back to the United States, where he was charged with providing and conspiring to provide material support to terrorists, according

to U.S. officials familiar with the case and court records.

During his first appearance in federal court in Alexandria on Thursday, Khweis, 26, appeared thinner than he had in past photos, and his head was shaved. He did not speak at the arraignment but waved to his family with a slight smile as he left the courtroom.

“It was just good to see him,” his father, Jamal Khweis, said later.

In an 11-page affidavit, FBI Special Agent Victoria I. Martinez said Khweis was “inspired to join ISIL because he saw that they had established an Islamic caliphate and were in the process of expanding it.”

Martinez alleged that Khweis moved to various Islamic State safehouses during his time abroad and admitted in an interview that he told another member of the group that he wanted to be a suicide bomber in response to a question that he thought was meant to test his loyalty.

Congress' signals on women, draft mixed

BY TRAVIS J. TRITTEN
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WASHINGTON — Despite key votes in Congress, it remained unclear Friday whether the United States is closer to a historic move requiring women to register for the military draft.

The Senate was wrapping up an annual defense bill that calls for opening the Selective Service to women despite opposition from some conservative lawmakers. Meanwhile, the House reached an opposite outcome in May when Republicans successfully blocked a measure integrating the draft.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle cried foul, claiming the issue did not get adequate debate. Now, as Congress pushes ahead with its annual defense budget, the House and the Senate face brokering a compromise between lawmakers who are deeply divided over requiring women between the ages of 18 and 25 to register with Selective Service — and potentially forcing them to the front lines of future wars.

“I am the father of two daughters. Women can do anything they put their minds to. ... But the idea that we should forcibly conscript young girls into combat, to my mind, makes little to no sense,” said Sen. Ted Cruz,

R-Texas. “I could not vote for a bill that did so, particularly a bill that did so without public debate.”

Cruz was among conservatives who rallied around a proposal by Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, to strip the draft language from the National Defense Authorization Act in the Senate.

But lawmakers never got to weigh in.

Senators agreed Friday to move forward on the massive, \$602 billion military policy bill without considering Lee's change. His staff said there was virtually no chance it would receive a vote.

The defense policy bill was expected to be passed by the Senate as early as Tuesday.

The chamber's push to open the draft to women is backed by many Democrats as well as Republicans.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, cited wide support within the military for the change and said female senators on his committee believe it would be a step toward equality.

“The fact is that every single military leader in this country, both men and women members of the uniformed military leadership of this country, believe that it is simply fair,” McCain said.

Small plane crashes into car in Houston, killing 3

HOUSTON — A small plane crashed into a car Thursday in a parking lot near a Houston airport, killing three people aboard the aircraft, fire officials said.

Houston Fire Department spokesman Jay Evans said the Cirrus SR-20 crashed shortly after 1 p.m. into a car that was parked at a hardware store near Hobby Airport in the southeastern part of the city.

Fire Capt. Ruy Lozano said officials believe the three people killed in the accident were on the plane.

No one was in the parked car that was hit by the plane, Lozano said. “It didn't strike the building. No fire. No fuel spill,” he said.

Evans said no other injuries were reported. The National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the cause of the crash, did not immediately release the victims' names.

From The Associated Press

Hockey great Howe dead at 88

Associated Press

DETROIT — Gordie Howe, the rough-and-tumble Canadian farm boy whose boundless blend of talent and toughness made him the NHL's quintessential star during a career that lasted into his 50s, has died. The man forever known as "Mr. Hockey" was 88.

Murray Howe, one of his sons, confirmed the death Friday, texting to The Associated Press: "Mr. Hockey left peacefully, beautifully, and with no regrets." Howe died in Sylvania, Ohio, at the home of Murray Howe, according to Detroit Red Wings executive Rob Mattina.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman lauded "the incomparable" Howe as a "remarkable athlete whose mastery of our sport was reflected by the longevity of his career and by his nickname, 'Mr. Hockey.'"

"Gordie's commitment to winning was matched only by his commitment to his teammates, to his friends, to the Red Wings, to the city of Detroit and — above all — to his family."

Howe shattered records, threw elbows and helped the Detroit Red Wings win four Stanley Cups, becoming an idol to Wayne Gretzky and countless other Canadians while also helping the sport attract American fans.

His final NHL season came at age 52 when Gretzky was a rookie — a fitting symmetry since Howe was the league's most prolific scorer until the "Great One" broke his career marks for goals and points.

Red Wings general manager Ken Holland called Howe "one of the greatest players, if not the greatest," in NHL history and the "greatest Red Wing of all time." Speaking

to the AP by phone, Holland said Howe had "as much skill and toughness as anybody who ever played."

"As a human being, he was incredible," Holland added. "He loved to be around people and to make them laugh. He was an incredible ambassador for the sport."

With finesse and a heavy dose of grit, the Hockey Hall of Famer set NHL marks with 801 goals and 1,850 points — mostly with the Red Wings — that held up until Gretzky came along. Howe was also so famously fierce that a "Gordie Howe Hat Trick" became synonymous with the combination of having a goal, an assist and a fight in one game.

Howe suffered a stroke in late October 2014 while at his daughter's home in Lubbock, Texas, losing some function on the right side of his body. He suffered another stroke a short time later and family members said chronic back pain, advanced stages of dementia and high blood pressure were taking a toll. The body Howe relied on as an athlete stayed relatively strong, but memory loss became a problem that family members noticed before the death of their mother, Colleen, in 2009.

Exactly one year before his death, Murray Howe said his father was "comfortable and happy" after having another round of stem cell therapy in Mexico. Howe participated in a clinical trial, which the family credited with helping him walk and do some of things he enjoyed, including making people laugh. Howe got one injection of donor stem cells into his spinal column and another intravenously.

The previous year before starting stem cell therapy, Howe told his family he wanted to die.

"He was saying, 'Take me out back and

shoot me,'" Murray Howe, a diagnostic radiologist, recalled in 2015. "He was serious. It wasn't like a joke. I said, 'Dad, let's just see if we can help you first.'"

Murray Howe has said the full two-injection treatment is not available in the U.S.

Mr. Hockey was a giant of the game and no list of the NHL's greatest players has him anywhere but near the top alongside players like Bobby Orr, Maurice Richard, Mario Lemieux, Guy Lafleur, Bobby Hull and Gretzky. Like few others, Howe's impact on the game stretched over decades.

Besides the four Cups, the talented right winger won six Hart Trophies as NHL MVP and six Ross Trophies as the league's top scorer. Howe began playing for the Red Wings in 1946, leading them to seven straight first-place finishes in the regular season. He was a part of what was known as "The Production Line" with fellow future Hall of Famers Ted Lindsay and Sid Abel during his 25-year run with the franchise.

"When Gordie came into the NHL, hockey was a Canadian game. He converted it into a North American game," former NHL President Clarence Campbell said when Howe retired the first time in 1971 because he was playing with arthritis in his left wrist and for a last-place team.

Howe's wife orchestrated a plan to get "Mr. Hockey" back on the ice two years later. She helped him live his dream of playing professional hockey with sons Mark and Marty in the World Hockey Association. And at age 45, Howe still had it. He scored 31 goals and had 69 assists, was named MVP of the NHL's rival league and led the Aeros to the 1973 WHA title — a run that was the focus of a movie: "Mr. Hockey: The Gordie Howe Story."

Trainer finally in spotlight

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While he always says he's thankful just for being able to train horses, Keith Desormeaux stops short of characterizing his newfound success as a dream come true.

"I guess it would be if I didn't think we could accomplish it," Desormeaux said as he stood near the finish line at Belmont Park, where his Preakness winner Exaggerator is set to take on 12 challengers Saturday in the \$1.5 million Belmont Stakes. "It's a realization of many years of trying to get the best out of a horse so that we could reach this goal."

It took a while. More than a quarter-century, in fact, of toiling light-years away from the spotlight shared by trainers such as Bob Baffert, D. Wayne Lukas and Todd Pletcher and at racetracks such as Delta Downs, Evangeline Downs and Retama Park, finally settling in Southern California.

"This is a culmination of a lifetime of applying myself to horsemanship and finding value," he said, "and to not only get there but to win one in my first evolution in the Triple Crown series is pretty gratifying."

For his brother, too. The more famous one — Hall of Famer Kent Desormeaux, the jockey with over 5,700 wins, including three in the Kentucky Derby, in a career sidetracked at times by alcohol problems. Kent said he's always admired Keith and is glad his brother has finally moved into the racing spotlight and that he's aboard for the ride.

"Now we get to hear from him because his horses are beating everyone else's horses," Kent said. "I'm glad he can now have a voice because he can really train, obviously."

Keith has never really had owners with deep pockets, so it was not easy to get into top races with less than first-class stock. However, he knew it could be done. Real Quiet cost \$17,000 and came within a nose of a Triple Crown in 1998; Funny Cide, purchased for \$22,000, won the 2003 Derby and Preakness; and Mine That Bird, who went for \$9,500, won the 2009 Derby.

"I just saw time and again the horses that make it to that level aren't always the blue bloods," he said, "and I had to figure out a way to do it myself."

He did it, he said, because he "survived by learning how to identify nice horses for cheap prices."

Then he met Matt Bryan. The Texas businessman who heads up Big Chief Racing, an owner of Exaggerator, first met Keith at a horse sale in 2012. A year later, they had become good friends, and pulled off an astonishing upset in the Risen Star at the Fair Grounds, winning with I've Struck a Nerve at odds of 135-1.

"I watched him. His work was there, his eye was there and it was just getting money behind him that was needed," Bryan said. "You can see his love of the game, and his horsemanship. He's a breath of fresh air."

Sharks down Penguins, force Game 6

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — There's very little flash to Martin Jones. The San Jose Sharks goaltender speaks in a polite monotone, only too eager to deflect attention elsewhere. Call it a reflex action honed from years spent wearing a mask while intentionally standing in the way of a puck often fired at high speed.

Only this time he couldn't get out of the spotlight. Not after spoiling Pittsburgh's long-awaited house party with 60 minutes of the best hockey of his life.

The Sharks and the understated guy in net are heading back west for Game 6. So are the Penguins. The Stanley Cup, too. Blame Jones, who turned aside 44 shots in a 4-2 victory in Game 5 on Thursday night.

Outplayed but not outscored, San Jose heads home with a chance to even the best-of-seven series at 3-3 on Sunday.

"Jones bailed us out tonight," said San Jose defenseman Justin Braun.

Repeatedly. Their breakthrough season on the line after spending the better part of four games chasing — but not quite catching — the relentless Penguins,

the Sharks responded by jumping on Pittsburgh rookie goaltender Matt Murray early then relying on Jones late.

Not that he wanted to talk about it, not even after becoming the first goaltender in the expansion era to win two games in the Final while making at least 40 saves.

"I don't know, I felt good tonight," Jones said. "I thought our (defense) did a good job in front of the net and we got a few bounces tonight."

His teammates knew better. San Jose still has a chance to become the second team in NHL history to claw out of a 3-1 deficit in the Final because Jones refused to serve as doorman for a coronation for Sidney Crosby and company.

"He was unbelievable," Braun said. "He was calm. He doesn't flinch. He doesn't go after guys. He doesn't lose his cool. He's tapping us on the pads saying we did a good job and usually he bails us out. We need to give him a little more help."

The Sharks, particularly their stars, gave him enough in the first period and Jones had all the wiggle room he would need.

Logan Couture had a goal and two assists while Brent Burns, Melker Karlsson

and captain Joe Pavelski also scored for San Jose, which was outshot 46-22 but held firm after surviving a chaotic opening five minutes and playing capably after getting the lead in regulation for the first time in the series.

Evgeni Malkin and Carl Hagelin scored for Pittsburgh but the 22-year-old Murray, whose postseason play helped fuel Pittsburgh's return to the Final after a seven-year break, faltered early and his high-profile teammates struggled to get the puck by Jones.

"We were right there," Crosby said. "We hit a few posts. We were in around the net. Guys were working hard."

Just not enough to finish off the Sharks.

The Penguins stressed the final step in the long slog from the tumult of December — when Mike Johnston was fired and replaced with Mike Sullivan with the team languishing on the fringe of the playoff picture — would be the most difficult. Yet the prospect of celebrating the first title captured within the city limits in 56 years sent thousands into the streets around Consol Energy Center and ticket were going for well over \$1,000.



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Yanks sweep Angels, get to .500

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Getting back to .500 for only the second time since mid-April was costly for the New York Yankees.

A night after homering twice in his first Yankees start, Chris Parmelee hit a tying single, then hurt his right hamstring and needed to be assisted off the field. After New York beat the Los Angeles Angels 6-3 Thursday to complete a four-game sweep, manager Joe Girardi said Parmelee will become the Yankees' fourth first baseman on the disabled list, joining Mark Teixeira, Greg Bird and Dustin Ackley.

"I would be completely shocked if he's a player for us," Girardi said.

Parmelee was celebrated in New York on Thursday: The Daily News ran a headline: "PARM HERO!"

He tied the score with an opposite-field single to left in the fifth, then two innings later got hurt while stretching into a split to grab shortstop Didi Gregorius' throw on an inning-ending groundout.

Parmelee could not put any weight on the leg and had his arms wrapped around the shoulders of Girardi and assistant athletic trainer Tim Lentych when he was helped back to the dugout.

Girardi said an MRI will determine the extent of the injury. Rookie Rob Refsnyder, hitting .208 in 24 at-bats, is likely to be the everyday first baseman.

"He's done a good job over there," Girardi said. "The plays that he's had to make, he's made them."

Carlos Beltran hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the five-run fifth, and Ivan Nova (5-3) won his second straight start, allowing three runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings. Dellin Betances, Andrew Miller and Aroldis Chapman combined for two-hit relief, with Chapman getting three outs for his 11th save in 12 chances. The Yankees are 8-0 when all three pitch.

Beltran is hitting .351 in his past 20 games and became the first Yankees player with at least two RBIs in every game of a four-game series since Chris Chambliss against the Angels in August 1977, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Brett Gardner had his second straight three-hit night, and New York swept a four-game series from the Angels for the first time since July 1994.

Orioles 6, Blue Jays 5: Chris Davis homered and hit a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the ninth inning and Pedro Alvarez also connected as visiting Baltimore beat Toronto for its fifth consecutive victory.

Korea's Hyun Soo Kim doubled against Roberto Osuna (2-1) to begin the ninth for Baltimore and was replaced by pinch runner Joey Rickard. After Manny Machado's groundout advanced Rickard to third, Davis followed with a sacrifice fly to center, with Rickard sliding home easily as Kevin Pillar's throw was wide.

Davis went 1-for-3 with three RBIs for the AL East leaders. Machado remained in the lineup, hours after being suspended four games by Major League Baseball for charging the mound and punching Kansas City pitcher Yordano Ventura after being hit by a fastball this week. Ventura was penalized nine games — both players have appealed, and remain eligible until the process is complete.

Dylan Bundy (2-1) pitched 2 1/3 innings for the win and Zach Britton finished for his AL-leading 19th save.

Rangers 5, Astros 3: Prince Fielder homered for the first time since briefly getting benched and Jurickson Profar got two more hits as host Texas beat Houston.

Astros shortstop Carlos Correa sprained his left ankle when he stumbled over the first base bag running out a grounder in the fifth inning.

Rougned Odor also homered as the Rangers clinched a franchise-record 10th consecutive home series victory. They took the finale of a four-game set a day after the Astros snapped a 12-game losing streak in Arlington with their first victory of the season against their in-state rivals.

Martin Perez (5-4) won his fourth successive start as AL West-leading Texas finished 6-1 on a homestand against its top two challengers in the division. Matt Bush struck out the side in the eighth. Lefty Jake Diekmann coaxed a double play for his first career save.

Fielder led off the fourth inning with a line drive down the line in right off Collin McHugh (5-5).

Cardinals 3, Reds 2: Yadier Molina's bases-loaded single snapped an eighth-inning tie, and visiting St. Louis reached a season high by beating Cincinnati, taking yet another series in their lopsided NL Central rivalry.

Molina's third hit of the game sent St. Louis to its fourth victory in five games. The Cardinals (32-28) are a season-high four games over .500, tied with the Pirates for second place, 10 games behind the Cubs.

St. Louis took two of three and has won 18 of its past 22 series with Cincinnati.

Molina, the Cardinal who gets booed the loudest in Cincinnati, inspired another comeback. His one-out single off Ross Ohlendorf (4-5) put St. Louis up 3-2 and drew jeers. Molina has been booed regularly at Great American Ball Park since a brawl that started between him and Brandon Phillips in 2010.

Seung Hwan Oh (2-0) pitched one inning in relief of Adam Wainwright, who allowed only two hits over the first six. Trevor Rosenthal retired the side in the ninth for his 11th save in 12 chances.

White Sox 3, Nationals 1: Melky Cabrera doubled twice and drove in two runs, Miguel Gonzalez pitched six strong innings after securing a rotation spot and host Chicago beat Washington to snap a five-game skid.

Gonzalez (1-1) won his first game with Chicago after losing seven straight decisions dating to last season

with Baltimore. The right-hander retired the first 12 batters he faced, giving up three hits and a run.

The White Sox gave Gonzalez the No. 5 starting spot after designating Mat Latos for assignment before the game.

Brett Lawrie added an RBI double in a three-run first off Gio Gonzalez (3-5), who struck out 10 in 6 2/3 innings. Daniel Murphy hit a solo homer in the fifth for the Nationals, whose three-game winning streak was snapped.

Mets 5, Brewers 2: Bartolo Colon pitched seven strong innings and Curtis Granderson homered as New York defeated host Milwaukee.

Colon (5-3) allowed eight hits and one run. Granderson led off the game with a homer off Milwaukee's Jimmy Nelson (5-5). Granderson doubled leading off the third and scored on a single by Yoenis Cespedes.

Jeury Familia earned his 20th save in 20 opportunities.

Marlins 10, Twins 3: Marcell Ozuna had four hits and three RBIs, and visiting Miami broke open the game with a seven-run seventh inning to beat Minnesota.

Chris Johnson hit a pinch-hit, two-run homer in the seventh as the Marlins bounced back after dropping the first two games of the series to the Twins. Tom Koehler (4-6) gave up two runs and four hits and struck out six in six innings.

Ervin Santana (1-6) gave up five runs and nine hits in 6 1/3 innings and Minnesota's bullpen struggled in the seventh.

Rockies 11, Pirates 5: DJ LeMahieu homered, doubled and drove in three runs, while reliever Jorge De La Rosa settled down a slugfest with four perfect innings to help Colorado beat visiting Pittsburgh.

The game was a makeup of the April 28 contest that was postponed by weather.

Ryan Raburn, Charlie Blackmon and Nolan Arenado each drove in two runs as Colorado snapped an eight-game skid to the Pirates at Coors Field.

De La Rosa (2-4) retired all 12 batters he faced after starter Chad Bettis struggled. De La Rosa also brought in a run with a bunt.

Jeff Locke (5-4) had his four-game winning streak halted. He surrendered 11 runs and saw his ERA soar from 4.28 to 5.38.

Indians 5, Mariners 3: Tyler Naquin golfed a two-run home run off reliever Joaquin Benoit in the eighth inning to lift Cleveland over host Seattle.

Naquin coaxed just enough carry out of a changeup low and out of the strike zone from Benoit to carry the wall in right field and give the Indians a 4-2 lead.

Dan Otero (1-0) picked up the victory in relief of starter Josh Tomlin. Cody Allen worked out of two jams to earn his 13th save of the season.

Phillies take OF Moniak at No. 1 in draft

Associated Press

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Mickey Moniak made his mark in the Major League Baseball Draft — and his buddy could soon be getting a permanent reminder.

Moniak, a high school outfielder from California, was selected first overall by the Philadelphia Phillies on Thursday night.

Long before the draft, he bet La Costa Canyon High School teammate Ethan Abrams that he'd go in the top 10.

At stake: Moniak's signature tattooed on Abrams' rear end.

Just a few minutes after Commissioner Rob Manfred announced at MLB Network studios that the Phillies were on the clock, Moniak didn't have to wait long for his friend's fresh-ink fate to be sealed.

"That is very true," a smiling Moniak said in an interview on MLB Network. "I'm

holding him to that, too."

Abrams, a freshman pitcher at Columbia this season, can return the favor by getting picked in the first 20 rounds someday, Moniak said.

Moniak became the first prep outfielder chosen No. 1 since Tampa Bay drafted Delmon Young in 2003. The selection marked the first time the Phillies led off the draft since they took Miami slugger Pat Burrell in 1998.

"I definitely wouldn't say there's pressure," the 6-foot-2, 190-pound Moniak said. "I'm excited to hopefully prove the Phillies right."

With no consensus No. 1 talent this year, there was plenty of suspense right up until the pick was announced. At least five players were considered in the mix for the top spot.

Tennessee third baseman Nick Senzel went second to Cincinnati, giving the

Reds a slugger who might someday provide pop in the middle of their lineup.

With the third pick, Atlanta took high school right-hander Ian Anderson. At No. 4, Colorado went with fireballing Kansas high school righty Riley Pint. Milwaukee selected Louisville outfielder Corey Ray to cap the first five picks.

Two prospects were in attendance at the draft site: Anderson and Georgia high school outfielder Will Benson, who went 14th to Cleveland.

Anderson, from Shenendehowa High School in upstate New York, slipped on a Braves home jersey and cap, and his mother, sitting with his father in a makeshift dugout in the studio, wiped away tears as her son shook hands with Manfred and placed his own name on the draft board.

The 6-6, 220-pound Benson, who was also with his parents, was a standout

in both baseball and basketball at the Westminster Schools in Georgia.

Two players who were mentioned as possibilities for the No. 1 pick dropped out of the top 10.

Mercer outfielder Kyle Lewis went to Seattle with the 11th overall pick, and New Jersey high school left-hander Jason Groome was selected by Boston, his favorite team growing up, at No. 12.

Stanford right-hander Cal Quantrill, the son of former big league pitcher Paul Quantrill, was taken at No. 8 by San Diego despite missing this season after having Tommy John surgery last year. He still easily got family bragging rights: his father was a sixth-rounder by Boston in 1989.

Detroit also picked a player with pro bloodlines, selecting California high school righty Matt Manning, the son of former NBA forward Rich Manning.